

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

June 28, 2007



FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday in the 11:00 am worship hour, in our prayer for the people and nation, we had just pleaded with God that we need the showers of blessings and it began to rain. Thank you Lord! We have been praying for rain for many weeks now and we continue to pray for the refreshing rain as we are still in a drought. There is another kind of drought that many are experiencing, a spiritual drought.

Sometimes we all experience a spiritual drought and feel that we are not being refreshed and renewed in our times of prayers and readings. Some experts call it a spiritual "burn-out" or "exhaustion", and they may be correct. I have to admit that I feel it and I am hoping that my sabbatical will aid in my renewal and refresh me to return energized, positive, powerful and excited for our future. I cannot say thank you enough to the Session for giving me this opportunity. The Session is ministering to Mary Ann and me in a powerful and spiritual way. I do not want to end up like some ministers who work so long and hard that they become depressed, have a heart attack, or a stroke. They, too needed to get away and recharge themselves and take care of their body, mind and spirit. There are occasions when the Session has to be the one to make that happen. Why? Well, many of our senior pastors grew up in a time when they were taught that you hit the pavement running, you do not ask for time off (except in an emergency) and you do not ask for a raise in salary. So what did they do? They blow out, they have heart attacks, they have strokes, they have problems at home and church.

Let me also say, that lay people of the church also find themselves in the same situation. They feel drained, out of focus, depressed, and not very spiritual. I want to invite you to take some time off, and explore what God has for you. I also want to invite you to a special class forming for this coming Sunday School year entitled "Spiritual Formation", which will be led by our very own, Dr. Joe Hames. This class will be for those who are seeking to recharge their spiritual batteries, and drink deep from the well of knowledge and wisdom, and seek out the ancient Christian Fathers' writings of the Church and our spiritual formations with Christ our Lord.

I am happy that all of us will have this opportunity to seek renewal spiritually and physically.

—See you later, Tony and Mary Ann

Prayer for Liberty

"Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life, hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make me free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived.

Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Make us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right."

--Peter Marshall, before the U. S. Senate

(The Wednesday morning Prayer Group will not meet this week on July 4th, but they request that everyone take a few minutes to pray for our country, as well as our church and everyone on the prayer list.)

Church League Co-Ed Softball

The church league softball games have begun. We played Twin City Community Church on Thursday, June 21 and won both games. We play First Baptist Church - McKenzie Team 2 on June 28th. The games are played at Edwards Park in Huntingdon and at Mulberry Park in McKenzie. Come out and join the team or cheer them on. Listed below is the schedule:

- July 3 - 8:30 pm - vs Marlboro Church of Christ - Field 2
- July 10 - 6:30 pm - vs Huntingdon Missionary Baptist - Field 1
- July 17 - 6:30 pm - vs McKenzie Church of Christ - Mulberry
- 7:30 pm - vs McKenzie Church of Christ - Mulberry
- July 19 - 8 : 30 pm - vs 1st Baptist Huntingdon - Field 2
- July 24 - 6:30 pm - vs Huntingdon Missionary Baptist - Field 1
- July 31 - 8:30 pm - vs Marlboro Church of Christ - McKenzie
- Aug. 2 - 7:30 pm - vs 1st Baptist Huntingdon - Field 1
- Aug. 7 - 6:30 pm - vs 1st Baptist McKenzie Team 1 - Field 2
- 7:30 pm - vs 1st Baptist McKenzie Team 1 - Field 2

The fee to play in this league is \$175 to pay for umpires, softballs, using the ballpark etc. We have enough people on the team for everyone to pay only \$10 each to cover the fee. If you have not already paid your \$10, please get it to the church office designated as softball fee or to Dean Brush as soon as possible. Thanks.

Memorials & Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Martha Bennett (Anne Hames' mother)

by Fellowship Sunday School Class

In Memory of Dr. William Ramsay

by Fellowship Sunday School Class

Reba, Lute, Tara, Andrew & Kim Foster

Sanctuary

In Honor of Tracy Lunn

by Tommy, Carolyn & Taylor Patterson

A Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to help Mrs. Betty Scott celebrate her 75th Birthday! On Saturday, July 14 at 2:30 pm, her children and family members are hosting a birthday celebration for her at the Lodge at Camp Clark Williamson.

Seekers

The Seekers will meet at the church at **1:15 on Saturday, July 14** to go to Camp Clark Williamson to help Betty Scott celebrate her birthday. We will go in the van, so please call or put your name on a list in the church office to reserve your seat. Call 352-7556 or 352-2440.

Thank You

The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank Traci Lunn and all the teachers, helpers and staff for Vacation Bible School, 2007. It was a wonderful experience for the children who participated. We appreciate all of our volunteers.

Camp Clark Williamson - Summer Church Camp Dates

Applications for camp are on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. Some deadlines have past. Check the date you wish to attend and send in your applications on time.

Grades 3-6*	Junior Camp #2	July 23-28	\$140	Registration Deadline-July 9
Grades 6-8*	Junior Hi Camp #1	July 9-14	\$140	Registration Deadline-June 25
Grades 6-8*	Junior Hi Camp #2	July 16-21	\$140	Registration Deadline-July 2

*Children having completed this grade

The church will pay half of the camper's fee for members and regular attenders.

Senior High Conferences

Grades 9-12	CPYC	July 7-12	\$300	Registration Deadline-June 20
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CPYC (Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference) is at NaCoMe Conference Center near Centerville, TN.

Victoria Motheral, Stephen O'Neill, and Dylan Quigg are attending Senior High Church Camp at Camp Clark Williamson this week.

Children & Youth

Springs:

Michael Keenan has been asked to perform two songs at the Dizie in Huntingdon on Saturday, July 7th. The performance will begin at 6 pm and admission is free.

Congratulations to Braden Nanney and Jack Surber for making the All Stars Team this season!

Our next *Springs* meeting will be July 15th at 4 pm in the yard beside the pavilion. We will be participating in the Backyards Olympics, better known as the Scipmyla. We will need several water balloons and a bag of flour if any one would like to donate these items to Springs. We will be talking about change and will base the lesson on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 so don't forget to bring Bibles! Students should wear clothes that can get dirty and shoes they can run in.

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...fewleftstanding... is missing paint supplies (rollers, brushes, paint pans...) If you borrowed them or know where they are, please let the church office know.

For the next two Sunday nights we will be venturing into what it means to have a godly family. On July 1st, we will start looking at family conflicts and on the 8th, we will talk about the distractions of family and how to return to a spiritual family life. Be sure to bring your Bibles and an open heart. We will resume working on the *Case of the Mysterious Benefactor* on Sunday, July 15th. Be prepared and remember your scriptures.

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July 7-12

July 9-14

July 15

July 23-28 -

Senior High Camp at CCW

CPYC

Junior High Camp At CCW

Springs

Junior Camp at CCW

Remember to keep it holy!

Jennifer

E-Mail Addresses

If you prefer to read our newsletter online go to <http://www.mckenziecpc.org/newsletter/>. If you give us your e-mail address, we will send a notice each time our newsletter is published (twice monthly).

Ladies Night Out

All the ladies of the church are invited to go out together for a fun night of fellowship and good food. Meet at the church parking lot at 6 pm to go to Paris to the Mexican Restaurant. (If there's enough interest, maybe go to a movie, too).

There is a sign-up sheet on the table under the bulletin board in the church hallway. Please be sure to sign-up Sunday.

Acolytes

Jay Wafford - 352-3789
Alex Wafford - 352-3789
Supervisor - Marge Matlock

Ushers

9:00 am Service

Tommy Surber - Chairperson
Kelly Weatherford - Co-Chairperson
Kerry Warman
Larry Watkins

11:00 am Service

James Hamilton - Chairperson
Duane Perritt - Co-Chairperson
John Baumgardner
Cindy Owen

Both sets of Ushers are needed for July 29 when we have one service on 5th Sunday at 9 am

Nursery Helpers

9:00 am Service

July 1 - Jill Warren – B
Carol Hill – T
Melanie Burke
July 8 -Gretchen Whitlow - B
Linda Meek – T
Carol Belong
July 15 - Clara Weatherford - B
Linda Smith – T
Stacie Warman
July 22 - Letha Basford – B
Martha Peters – T
Audra Henderson
July 29 - Reba Foster - B
Lunette Hines - T
Carolyn Patterson

Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be here in the Family Life Center on **Thursday, July 19** from noon until 6 pm. Please mark your calendars. Give the gift of life to those in need.

July Birthdays

2 - JoAnn Motheral
David Lewis
4 - Rebecca Pate
5 - Zach Renfro
6 - Kamryn Toombs
8 - Karen Jeffrey
11- Pat Ridley
12 - Hannah Garvey
14 - Julia Hinton
Drew Basford
16 - George Howton
17 - Angela Birmingham
Molly Watkins
Laura Warren
19 - Mitchell Lunn
Becky Allen
21- Grace Reed
22 - John Craig Howell
24 - Christy Lankford
26 - Paul Long
30 - John Turner
31- Ramona Reed

July Anniversaries

3- Kenneth & Debbie Medlock
4 - Zach & Jill Renfro
8 - Craig and Traci Lunn
13 - Tracy and Marcia Webb
20 - Allen & Tonya Brown
22 - Harold & Linda Kelly
24 - Pat & April Corbin
25 - Joe & Linda Hearn

Want Something Meaningful and Interesting to Listen to on Those Long Car Trips This Summer?

Christian topic CD's featuring Charles Stanley, Adrian Rogers and Focus on the Family are available in our Church Library. Topics such as: "Message in the Storm – Praying in a Crisis" by Charles Stanley, "Putting Off Procrastination" -Charles Stanley, Six Principles to Fortify Faith - Adrian Rogers, "Our Nation's Spiritual Heritage" - Focus on the Family, etc. There are 46 CDs available.

We, the People ...

"We, the people ..." Those are the opening words of one of the greatest documents ever written, the Constitution of the United States. What responsibility do we, the people, have to history? The Bible, that book whose wisdom is endless, puts it to each of us in words that have never been equaled: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." (Luke 10:27). If each of us will just do his or her best to live up to that majestic utterance, our responsibility to history will be fulfilled and our nation will prosper.

–Norman Vincent Peale

LOOKING AHEAD

JULY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

(During Rev. Janner's Sabbatical)

July 1 - Rev. Merlyn Alexander - Guest Minister

July 8 - 9 am Service - Corey Cummings

11 am Service - Dr. Clinton Buck

July 15 - Peter Jeffrey - Guest speaker

July 22 - Jennifer Wilkinson - Guest speaker

July 29 - 9 am - Rev. Anne Hames - Guest Minister

Fifth Sunday - one service - Communion followed by Brunch

July 7-12 - CPYC

July 9 - 6 pm - Ladies Night Out

July 9-14 - Junior High Camp #1 at CCW

July 14 - 2:30 pm - Betty Scott's Birthday Celebration
(Seekers leave at 1:15pm to attend)

July 16-21 - Junior High Camp #2 at CCW

July 17-22 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

July 19 - Noon - 6 pm - Bloodmobile - Here

July 23-28 - Junior Camp #2 at CCW

August 5 - Ice Cream Social

August 9 - Carroll County Schools begin

August 19 - 6 pm - Men's Bible Class

August 29 - 5:30 pm - WOW Kickoff Picnic and Games

Sept. 5 - 5:30 pm - WOW (Classes begin)

(See softball games listed in this newsletter)

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Remember in Your Prayers

Faye Headden; J. C. True; Dave Peter & family at the death of his mother, Ruth Peters; David Thompson; Betty Marshall (Alan Cross's mother); Kari Chadwick; Sympathy to the family & friends of Ruth Brashear;

McKenzie Health Care Center: Jo Pinson; Joe McKinnie, Sr.; Christine Pinson; Jessie Killebrew- Room 108; Ranny Brogdon- Room 308; Margaret Mebane; Katherine Thompson- Room 208; Louise Mebane; Frances Ridley Room 416; Bonnie Bayless (Clara Weatherford's grandmother, Susan Bouldin's mother)

Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes:

Lil True; Roy Travillian (Lynda Lankford's father); Marie Bobo; Ruth Peters; Berneal McKennie; Mary Margaret Williams; William & Evora Bryant; Kathryn Gazley; Christine Fitzgerald (Tom Smith's aunt); Evelyn Buck; Joyce Lovelace

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy

Jacob Rogers; Harold Kelly; Carla Waddle; Belinda Popplewell; Becky Stair; Tim Smith; J. D. Scott; Neil Giles; Marvin Shipero; Trinity Bright; Sandra Mattox; Debbie Sanders; John Adams (Dawn Ervin's father); Cindy Bobo; Mary Jane Creyssels; Bill Scott; Faye Stewart; Bradley Wheat; Barbara Elinor; Tom Swindle; Joyce McDaniel; Kathy Hollomon; Terry Fauth; Evan Lownsbery; Bobby Flippin; Ryan Kirk; Tim Hacker; David Stamp; Shelba McCaslin; Rhonda Powell; Lois Sheick; Paul Fauth

MILITARY: A. J. Walker (Kirks' grandson); Ken Powell; Justin Townsend; Keith Stanley Jr. (Linda McClure's nephew); Mark Boaz; Brian & Lindsey (Damesworth) Brickles; William Hardy; Andrew Wilson; Rosendo Pena; and all military

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Zia McKennie-Organist; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director; Music-Peter Jeffrey, Diann Olson

Jennifer Wilkinson-Youth/Children's Coordinator; Patrick Wilkerson; June Perritt-Sec.

Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm

Praise Worship Service - 9 am; Sunday School - 10 am; Morning Worship - 11 am

Sunday Evening - Children's Choir and Youth Fellowship

Prayer and Bible Study Groups - Sundays and Wednesdays

School of Discovery-Tuesday/Thursday 8:15am-11:15 am

WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:30 pm-Classes for all ages; Praise Choir

"A Family of Faith with Open Minds and Loving Hearts"