

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

November 29, 2007



Pastor's Desk

My last article on war disturbed some and it definitely promoted dialogue, for which I am grateful. It is time for the church to have such dialogue. However, this morning I am going to look at the one thing Christ gives to each person who comes to him and accepts him as the Lord of his or her life. That one important thing is, Shalom (Peace). The one thing we all seek in our lives is a sense of Peace. In the writings of Julian of Norwich, known to us primarily through her writing on God, Dr. Judy Yates Siker, shares this one sentence, "And all will be well and all will be well and every kind of thing will be well" (From Showing 13).ⁱ

This sense of wellness, of wholeness, is the root of the Hebrew word "Shalom." This word is not only used in Jewish worship but in Christian worship as well. For most of us this word is simply another way to say "Peace" or to offer warm greetings or farewells. It is, however, more than this.

Scholars argued that shalom was a social concept, not a reference to a personal peace; in other words, shalom was a *relationship* not a state. John I. Durham, in his 1970 essay, "Shalom and the Presences of God," offers us three basic meanings for "Shalom". They are: greetings and partings (Gen. 29:6); absence of conflict (1 Kings 2:5); or fulfillment (Ps 85:10).ⁱⁱ

I hope that during this Christmas season you have the opportunity to explore and experience all three. First, I greet you in the Peace of Christ and with his unending love. Secondly, I pray that you and your loved ones will experience life absent from conflict, and that Peace will reign in our world. Thirdly, I pray that you will experience the Peace that Julian of Norwich experienced, "And all will be well and all will be well and every kind of thing will be well."

Shalom---Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah ---*Tony*

ⁱ Siker, Yates, Judy: The Living Pulpit, Oct.-Dec. 2006 p.6-8.

ⁱⁱ Durham, John I. : The Oxford Journals, 1970. www.oxfordjournals.com.

Chrismon Service - December 2 - 11 am - (ONE SERVICE ONLY)

The Traditional Chrismon Service will take place on Sunday, December 2, the first Sunday in the season of Advent, at 11 am. The worship service is centered around decorating the Chrismon Tree. The congregation participates in placing the Christian symbols of our faith on the evergreen tree. The youth of the church will lead the worship service sharing scripture and the significance of each Chrismon, along with many of your favorite Christmas carols. The session voted last January to have a joint worship service on this special day.

Congregational Meeting - December 2

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2 following the 11 am Chrismon Service to receive the resignation of Betty Scott and to elect new elders. The session will nominate Ruth Carroll, Dewayne Ervin, Bill Kreuter, and Cindy Owen to serve three-year terms on the session. The session will also nominate Victor Clark to serve as elder for a two-year term (filling the unexpired term of Betty Scott). Nominations can be made from the floor provided you have permission from the person you wish to nominate and the person has been a member of this church in good standing for at least one year, also cannot be employed by the church.

Elders Jean Garrett, Tim Nanney, Tom Smith and Tommy Surber will finish their three-year terms December 31, 2007. We appreciate their dedication and willingness to serve their church as active elders on the Session.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. James (Bonnie) Baxter as new members of our church. They came to the altar on Sunday, November 25 expressing their desire to transfer their letter of membership to our church. Their address is P. O. Box 220, Trezevant, TN 38258 and phone is 669-4525. They come from the Trezevant Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Christmas Committee invites you to place a poinsettia in the Worship and Family Life Center to remember or honor a family member or friend this year. We will be purchasing silk poinsettias this year (due to the growing number of allergy problems.) The poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Please return the form below and your payment to the church office before December 12. You may also choose to give to the Nehemiah Building Fund in lieu of placing poinsettias in the church. A list of those who are honored and remembered and by whom will be printed in the Sunday, December 16 church bulletin.

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

POINSETTIAS or a gift to the NEHEMIAH BUILDING FUND (Circle one) given in MEMORY

and/or in HONOR (circle one) _____

given by _____

Decorating the Church

The Christmas Committee invites the congregation to join in decorating the church on **Thursday, December 6** beginning at 6 pm. They will be hanging wreaths, putting up garland and lights, as well as Christmas trees. Come join the fun!

Angel Tree

You will have the opportunity to take an angel (gift request) and buy a Christmas gift for a child who lives in McKenzie who might not otherwise receive any gifts this Christmas. The angels will be available at the December 2 worship service. The paper angel has a number on the back along with information as to the age, gender, clothing sizes, etc. If you participate in this program, please return your gift unwrapped with the paper angel attached to the bag by **Sunday, December 16**.

Memorials & Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Memory of Katherine Thompson

by Jean Garrett
J. T. & Robye Lindsey
Duane & June Perritt
Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

In Memory of J. C. True

by Jean Garrett	Reba, Lute, Tara, Andrew
Joe & Linda Hearn	& Kim Foster
Paul & Suzie Long	Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge
John & Katrina Holancin	Virginia Walker
J. T. & Robye Lindsey	Duane & June Perritt
Mary Ella Gilbert	Alice Atwood
Fellowship SS Class	Ron & Julia Hinton

In Memory of Peter Jeffrey's grandmother

by Jean Garrett
Joe & Linda Hearn

In Memory of Raydell & Connie Bartmess (Charro Keenan's grandmother and mother)

by Jean Garrett

In Memory of John Arnold

by Jean Garrett

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of J. C. Ture

by Tim, Carol, Braden and Nathan Nanney
Charles & Linda Kemp

In Memory of Katherine Thompson

by Tim, Carol, Braden & Nathan Nanney

Loaves and Fishes

The Loaves and Fishes special offering sponsored by the Board of Missions was received last Sunday. If you forgot your Loaves and Fishes Bank, you may bring it this Sunday. Last week's offering was \$294.79. The Board of Missions for the CP denomination will send one-half of the money collected to World Vision to Danfar, use one-fourth of the money for denominational mission work and one-fourth will be used for local hunger needs.

Renaissance - Home Town Christmas

Bethel Renaissance will perform their Third Annual Christmas with Renaissance during the Hometown Christmas weekend, November 30 - December 2 and again the following weekend December 7 & 8. Friday performances are at 7 pm and Saturday performances are 2 pm and 7 pm. There will be a performance on Sunday, December 2 at 2 pm also. Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for children.

Call Karen Jeffrey at 352-6445 to reserve your tickets.

"The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever"

"The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever" will be performed at the Dixie on November 29 and December 1. Performance times for both dates are 7 pm.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for senior adults and \$5 for children. Some of the performers include our very own Nathan Brown, Michael Keenan and Bekka Watkins.

Thank You Notes

Dear Church,

Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, visits and meal during Doug's recent illness. It means a great deal more than you will ever know.

In Christ, Doug, Vicki & Hayden Long

Dear 1st CP church,

Thank you for the gift of money. Your obedience to God is a true testimony. Please continue to lift me and my family up in prayer. Thanks for making a difference.

Sincerely, The Nolen Family

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and every act of kindness shown to our family during J.C.'s illness and death. We enjoyed the beauty of the flowers you sent to the funeral. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. J.C. loved his church and church family very much. God bless you all.

Lil True

Susan Castleberry & Family

United Neighbors

United Neighbors will have work days on Saturday, December 2 and December 9 from 10 am to noon each day to organize Christmas donations, work on toys for Christmas, etc. Anyone who can volunteer to help is welcome to come.

United Neighbors needs plastic grocery bags also.

Please bring donations between 8:30 - noon and 1-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Friday. Please note that the thrift store is only open from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday and 1:00-3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We are closed Saturday and Sunday. United Neighbors partners with United Way and local churches and individuals. We are located at 2455 Cedar Street or you may call 352-0547.

Springs

Lines and music need to be memorized for the *Backward Christmas Pageant*. The performance will be on **December 16th**. Costume suggestions are in your child's book. If your child does not have a speaking part, they should wear nice, Christmas clothes. Practice will be from **4-6 pm** until the performance.

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fewleftstanding... is back to their normal meeting time on **Sunday from 6-7 pm**.

Signed forms and \$75 for our Gatlinburg trip are due no later than this **Sunday, December 2nd**. This trip is open to 5th graders-adults. Any one who plans on attending but did not help in our last fundraiser will have to pay the full amount of \$150 to attend. There will be a student-parent meeting in January to answer any questions about the trip. If you have questions before then, please e-mail or call me and I will be happy to answer them. Additional forms are in my office.

December 15th from 5:30-10 pm, the youth will be sponsoring a Parents Night Out. This is a fundraiser purely based on donations. We will have pizza, popcorn, movies, and gift exchange. Please send a wrapped gift that cost no more than \$5.

Lo0kInG aHeAd: **December 2 Gatlinburg forms and money due**
December 15 Parent's Night Out
December 16 Christmas Program

Remember to keep it holy!
Jennifer

WOW

WOW stands for Worship on Wednesday. At 5:30 pm a light meal is served by an elder team. The team consists of two elders and their shepherd groups. Donations are taken for the meal.

Classes beginning at 6:10 pm are available for all ages, as well as a nursery for infants and toddlers. *What Cumberland Presbyterians Believe*, an adult class taught by Amanda Boaz meets in the Worship and Family Life Center. Two adult study groups meet. One led by Tom & Debby Aljancic, the other by Karen Jeffrey and Sarah Bradberry. They have a different topic each week. They use devotionals by Charles Stanley and Adrian Rogers. The children are studying Bible lessons which continues to emphasize the same scripture and story from Sunday School through music, games, crafts, etc.

Many thanks to Team 5 with Elders Joe McKinnie & Tom Smith for the Chili and hot dogs.

Dec. 4 - Team 6 - Elders Brent Bradberry and Tommy Surber with team members: Aljancics; B. Allen; Brushes; Clarks; P. Espey; E. Forester; Hintons; Jeffreys; Lawrences; Matlocks; Medlocks; Owens; Perkins; Renfros; Rosses; Thomas'; V. Walker; J Walkers; Weatherfords

December 4 is the last WOW for this semester. The WOW meals and Bible classes will resume in January.

Dr. Joseph and the Reverend Anne Hames request at the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Katherine Elizabeth

to

Mr. Corey Ray Cummings on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of December

In the year of our Lord two thousand and seven at Four O'Clock in the afternoon First United Methodist Church 16 McTyeire Street McKenzie, Tennessee

The reception following the wedding will be at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church 16835 Highland Drive

Attendance and Giving Report

November 18, 2007	Total Attendance-192
General Fund Offering -	\$2,624.26
Nehemiah Building Fund -	335.00
Sanctuary Fund -	45.00
Youth Dinner Theater -	698.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,702.26
November 25, 2007	Total Attendance - 169
General Fund Offering -	\$6,377.37
Nehemiah Building Fund -	85.00
Sanctuary -	90.00
Loaves & Fishes Offering -	2.94.79
TOTAL -	\$ 6,847.16
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,182)	

Gift to the King Offering

The Gift to the King Offering will be received on Sunday December 9 at both services. The Board of Missions for the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination will use your gifts to plant new churches all over the world. Since 1990 new churches have been planted in Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Mongolia, Kyrgystan, Laso, Colombia, USA and Brazil. Cauca Valley Presbytery now has 52 organized churches, doubling its size in the last ten years.

Your gift will be opening doors for people to accept Christ in some of the most receptive parts of the world.

Bethel College - Campus Crusade for Christ

The Campus Crusade Leadership Team is planning a attend a conference in Greensboro, North Carolina sponsored by the National Campus Crusade for Christ. In addition to excellent speakers and activities, they will have an opportunity to serve the needy and homeless of Greensboro. If you would be interested in helping sponsor this trip, please make checks to Campus Crusade for Christ and mail in care of Amanda Holland, 565 Chapel Hill Rd., Huntingdon, TN 38344.

Women's Ministry

Sharing Sisters will meet on Monday, **December 3 at 6 pm** at the home of Marlene Kreuter (30 David Court) for an Add-a-dish meal and devotional.

Glory Bee Circle will meet on Monday, **December 3 at 6 pm** at the home of Linda Meek (21500 Highway 22) for an add-a-dish meal and devotional.

Jubilee Circle will meet on Monday, **December 10 at 6 pm** at the home of Robye Lindsey (554 Cherry Ave.) For an add-a-dish meal and devotional.

Acolytes

Bridget Bradberry
Emma Renfro
Supervisor - Sarah Bradberry

Nursery Helpers

2- Krista Brush- B
June Perritt- T
Becky Allen
9- Linda Kemp- B
Hannah Garvey- T
Sarah Bradberry
16- Pat Ridley- B
Rachel Carroll - T
Johnna Toombs
23-Heather Garrett-B
Debby Aljancic-T
Marge Matlock
30- Liz Stambaugh - B
Lunette Hines - T

Ushers

9 am Service

Brent Bradberry - Chairperson
Kevin Hill - Co-Chairperson
Sandra Spires
Jimmy Stambaugh

11 am - Service

Ron Hinton - Chairperson
Jean Garrett - Co-Chairperson
Frank Claytor
John Motheral

Dec. 2 is ONE service at 11 am
Dec. 31 is ONE service at 9 am

ADDRESSES for Mailing Cards

At McKenzie Health Care Center (175 Hospital Dr.):

Jessie "Gaga" Killebrew	Jo Pinson
Ranny Brogdon	Christine Pinson
William Bryant	Bonnie Bayless
Louise Mebane	Frances Ridley

At Lakeside Retirement Village (390 Dr. Smith Ln.)

Roy Travillian	Robert Thedford
June Nanney	

At Magnolia Manor (242 Magnolia Ave.): Berneal McKennie

At Oak Manor (150 Oak Manor Rd.) : Faye Headden

Carla Wadde - 1609 Stonewall St., McKenzie, TN 38201
Evora Bryant - 9225 Highway 436, McKenzie, TN 38201
Evelyn Buck - 4986 Warwick Ave., Memphis, TN 38117
Lil True-504 Indian Hills Mound, Goodlettsville, TN 37072
Mary Margaret Williams - Morningside of Paris,
350 Volunteer Dr., Paris, TN 38242
Sarah Dailey - 656 Grand Point Blvd., Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

December Birthdays

1 - Paul Carroll
2 - Joseph Keenan
3 - Leslie McNeil
4- Blake H. Baker
6 - Dan Kreuter
Jimmy Stambaugh
8 - June Perritt
9 - Jimmy Carroll
10 - Susie Motheral
11 - Carol Nanney
Carla Waddle
Howard Spires
12 - Cathey Stambaugh
Zia McKennie
13 - Marlene Kreuter
15 - Kristin Bradberry
17 - Obra Sims
18 - Lydia Warren
19 - Steve Matlock
21 - Rachel Carroll
24 -Jessie "Gaga" Killibrew
Mary Ann Janner
Alan Cross
25 - Clara Weatherford
Mary Wyatt
27 - Brett Toombs
28 - Teresa Washburn
29 - Meredith Surber
Olivia Olson
30 - Alex Wafford

Anniversaries

5 - Obra & Joyce Sims
13 - Jimmy & Ruth Carroll
14 - John & Janet Baumgardner
18 - Joe & Anne Hames
20 - Steve & Melanie Burke
22 - George & Linda Howton
Ed & Demetra Perkins
23 - Gary & Linda Meek
24 - Rick & Charlotte Wilson
30-Dave & Martha Sue Peters

(Please call the church office 352-2440 if your birthday or anniversary is not on our list.)

Advent Candle Lighting

Christmas Committee has contacted families to participate in the Advent Candle Lighting.

Dec. 2 - Gene & Cindy Owen

Dec. 9 - 9 am - Matlock Family
11 am - Motheral Family

Dec. 16 - 9 am - Garrett Family
11 am - Keenan Family

Dec. 23 - 9 am - Hill Family
11 am - Reed Family

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - Eric Corbin Family

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day - McKennie Family

Christmas Card Exchange

The Christmas Card Exchange Trees & Bell will be in place after December 6,(with alphabetically listed names of church families and individuals) is hung in the hallway for everyone wishing to exchange Christmas cards. If we've accidentally left off any names, please let us know.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 - Hometown Christmas
Nov. 30 - 7 pm - 3rd Annual Christmas with Renaissance
Dec. 1-2 pm & 7 pm -3rd Annual Christmas with Renaissance
Dec. 2 - 11 am - Chrismon Worship (One Service only)
2-3:30 pm - Kate Hames Bridal Tea
2 pm - 3rd Annual Christmas with Renaissance
Dec. 3 - 6 pm - Glory Bee Circle
6 pm- Sharing Sisters Circle
Dec. 5 - 5:30 pm - Team 6 (Bradberry/Surber)
Dec. 6 - 6 pm - Decorating the church
Dec. 7- 7pm - 3rd Annual Christmas with Renaissance
Dec. 8-2 pm & 7 pm - 3rd Annual Christmas with Renaissance
Bethel Nursing Pining Ceremony
Dec. 9 - Bethel College Commencement
Dec. 10 - 6 pm - Jubilee Circle
Dec. 12 - 6 pm Session Meeting & Dinner
Dec. 14 - "The Nativity Story" - movie in FLC
Dec. 15 - Faithweaver's Adult SS Class Christmas
Progressive Dinner
Youth will have Child Care available as fund-raiser
Dec. 16 - 5 pm - Youth and Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 18 - School of Discovery Christmas Program
Dec. 19 - 5:15 pm - Christmas Caroling
Dec. 24 - 7 pm - Christmas Eve Communion Service
Dec. 25 - 9 am - Christmas Day Service
Dec. 29 - 4 pm - Hames/Cummings Wedding & Reception
Dec. 30 - 9 am - Fifth Sunday Worship - Communion

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).

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Remember in Your Prayers

Sympathy to: Lenore Surber at the death of her brother, Kelly Patterson; Kelly Kelley at the death of her mother; the Winkler family; the family of Lou Jones
Carla Waddle spent a few days in the hospital last week; Keith Herris-will have back surgery Dec. 11; Daniel Barkley; Doug Akins; Tex Watson; Paula Gary
McKenzie Health Care Center: William Bryant; Jo Pinson; Christine Pinson; Jessie Killebrew; Ranny Brogdon; Louise Mebane; Frances Ridley; Bonnie Bayless; Kenneth Mebane
Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes:
June Nanney; Faye Headden (Oak Manor); Roy Travillian (Lynda Lankford's father); Marie Bobo; Berneal McKennie; Mary Margaret Williams; Evora Bryant; Kathryn Gazley; Christine Fitzgerald (Tom Smith's aunt); Evelyn Buck; Joyce Lovelace; Pauline Toney (Jill Renfro's grandmother);
Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy: Jen Nolen; Bill Smith; Amy Hall; Kathy Hollomon; Crystal Plentovich; Anita Bring (Victor Clark's sister); Belinda Popplewell; Neal Giles; Sandra Mattox; Debbie Sanders; Barbara Elinor; Tom Swindle; Joyce McDaniel; Terry Fauth; Ryan Kirk; Tim Hacker; David Stamp; Shelba McCaslin; Rhonda Powell; Lois Sheick; Paul Fauth
MILITARY: Jon Erik Gam (Julia Hinton's nephew); Joey Smiley; Howard Spires; Justin Townsend; Keith Stanley Jr. (Linda McClure's nephew); Mark Boaz; Rosendo Pena; and all military
OTHERS: Colombia, South America churches; our church; the Session and committees, our nation's leaders, missionaries

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REMINDER:

**December 2 - ONE SERVICE
11 am - Chrismon Worship Service**

Rev. Dr. R. Tony Janner, Pastor Phone-352-9566 Cell 225-8055
Church Office -(731) 352-2440; Information Line - 352-2440-Voice Mail; Fax- (731) 352-3101; E-Mail: church@mckenziecpc.org
Zia McKennie-Organist; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director; Music-Peter Jeffrey, Diann Olson
Jennifer Wilkinson-Youth/Children's Coordinator; June Perritt-Sec.
Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm
Contemporary Worship Service - 9 am; Sunday School - 10:10 am; Traditional Worship - 11 am
Sunday Evening - Children's Choir and Youth Fellowship
Prayer and Bible Study Groups - Sundays and Wednesdays
School of Discovery-Tuesday/Thursday 8:30am-1:30 pm
WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:30 pm-Classes for all ages
"A Family of Faith with Open Minds and Loving Hearts"

