

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

December 28, 2007



Pastor's Desk

I want to thank everyone who sent cards and also thank you to the congregation for the monetary gift given not only to my family, but the staff's family as well. Your kindness is a blessing from God and it is appreciated.

Well, before you can say, "Jack Robertson" the New Year is here, 2008. That sounds like a good year. The American people will elect a new President and for many we will be happy to hear the politicians' voices come to silence. This has to be the longest run for office of President in the history of this nation. This year the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will make history, by having our first General Assembly meeting overseas in Japan. The Japanese Cumberland Presbyterians will greet our delegates with open arms and Christian hospitality. It will be for many the most memorable time of their life, and hopefully we will hear stories of a united body of Christ.

I hope you are setting plans to be more active in the life of the Church, to find your place in ministry in this congregation and that the General Assembly and Presbytery level of government. God may call you to be on a board or agency within our denomination, or a committee in the Presbytery. Maybe you will feel more comfortable teaching a Sunday school class, or helping in the WOW program, or in one of our many choirs. Not every congregation can say that they have such outstanding teaching, playing, and singing talent that we have here at First Cumberland. Maybe you have been sitting on the sideline waiting for an opportunity. Here it is! Now is as good as ever to become involved in the life of your church. Come join us and make this year a great year.

--Tony

Communion Worship Service

We have been having joint worship services during the months that have five worship services. On the fifth Sunday of **December, the 30th**, we will be having **one** Worship Service at **9 am**. We will celebrate Holy Communion.

Ordination and Installation Service

On Sunday, December 30 as a part of the joint worship service at 9 am, the Ordination and Installation of the newly elected elders will take place. Ruth Carroll, Dewayne Ervin, and Victor Clark will be ordained and installed as ruling elders. Bill Kreuter and Cindy Owen will be installed as ruling elders, having previously been ordained.

Fifth Sunday Brunch

Following the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **December 30**, we will have a time of fellowship and food in the Worship and Family Life Center. Please bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, breads, sausage balls, fruit etc. The Sunday School classes will not meet. Coffee and juice will be provided.

New Year's Eve Gathering

Families are invited to come to the church on New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec. 31) at **9 pm** for family fun and games with good food and fellowship. Bring your favorite board games, card games, and holiday snacks (finger foods) to share. Drinks will be provided. A watch night service will begin at 11:30 pm.

The Truth Project

You are invited! Please join us on an extraordinary tour led by Dr. Del Tackett. In a twelve part journey Dr. Tackett will lead you on a captivating search for the Truth. Using a mixture of bible scripture, history and science he will examine the questions: who is God, who is man, why was Jesus born, where does evil come from and do you really believe what you believe is really real?

Navigating the search for Truth, Dr. Tackett visits with notables of the past, Carl Sagan, Plato, Aristotle, Maslow, Darwin and others.

One thing is certain, once you've been on the tour, you will look at life differently.

The tour begins Sunday evening **January 13th from 6 to 8 pm** and will continue for twelve Sunday evenings. A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway.

Contact Debby or Tom Aljancic for more information. You can also check www.thetruthproject.org.

Memorials & Honorariums

Nehemiah Building Fund

In Honor of Tony & Mary Ann Janner, Joe & Linda Hearn,

J. T. & Robye Lindsey, Duane & June Perritt

by Donna Ward

In Memory of J. C. True

by David & Lynda Lankford

Tommy & Meredith Surber

Katie Castleberry

In Memory of Robert Thedford

by David & Lynda Lankford

Joe & Linda Hearn

In Memory of Raydell and Connie Bartmess

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Kelly Patterson (Lenore Surber's brother)

by Tommy & Meredith Surber

Kent & Charlene Jones

David & Lynda Lankford

Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

Tom & Rhonda Smith

In Memory of Kathy Hollomon

by David & Lynda Lankford

Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

In Memory of William Bryant

by Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

In Memory of Katherine Thompson

by Lois Tilley

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! from

Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

(They gave to the Nehemiah Building Fund in lieu of giving Christmas Cards.)

Springs

Springs will meet at 4 pm on January 27th for our Food Scavenger Hunt. We need parents to drive and households to volunteer to be part of the hunt. The items needed are as follows:

Canned Meat	Soups
Spaghetti Noodles	Cereal
Spaghetti Sauce	Crackers
Powdered Milk	Canned Milk
Peanut Butter	Veggies

Children's Choir (Grades 3-12) will resume on February 3 from 4 to 5 pm. We will begin working on Spring Musical.

...Fewleftstanding...

Parent meeting for Convocation will be on **January 6th at 6 pm** in the Youth Room. Youth will not meet January 20 because of Convocation and on January 27 because of the Food Scavenger Hunt.

30-Hour Famine will be February 22-23. Remember, raise a dollar and feed a child for a day. Stay tuned for more details.

Our Parents's Night Out Fund raiser had a great turn-out with 25 kids. We made \$130 during the Fund Raiser.

Remember to keep it holy!
Jennifer

Thanks to the Christmas Committee

Thank you to the Christmas Committee who spent many hours decorating, organizing activities, planning for breakfasts, receptions and special worship services during the Advent season. Thanks to them, the congregation can enjoy the special time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Serving on the committee this year were the following: Lenore Surber, Glynda Corbin, Alan Cross, Diann Olson; Charro Keenan, Jennifer Wilkinson, Sandra Spires, Andrew Webb, Linda Kelly, Donna Ward, and Hannah Jeffrey.

WOW - 2008

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) will resume on **Wednesday, January 23**. Elder teams will serve a light supper beginning at 5:30 pm. Classes for everyone begin at 6:10 pm. The children will have Bible stories, games, and music. For the adults, Rev. Janner will lead a Bible study on the book of ACTS. Dr. Roger Johnson will facilitate the Financial Peace study by Dave Ramsay. Jill Renfro will facilitate a Bible study with healthy diets and weight management. Go to www.firstplace.org for more information. If you are interested please sign up on the sheets in the hallway.

As more information is available and/or other classes are planned, we will let you know

Christmas Cards

Please check the Christmas Card Trees & Bell in the hallway for Christmas cards. There are lots of cards there.

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends & Family of 1st C. P. Church

Thank you so much for coming to sing Christmas carols for me. It was such a blessing to me and one of the nicest moments of the season for me.

Love, Edna Gene Forester

To the Congregation,

Many thanks to all of you for your monetary gifts to the staff. You are a wonderful family of faith. Your gifts are appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you.

Rev. Janner, June Perritt, Jennifer Wilkinson, Tom Aljancic, Alan Cross, Zia McKennie, Peter Jeffrey, Diann Olson, Mary Wyatt, Charro Keenan, Leslie McNeil, Lauren Perritt

To my anonymous friends,

Christmas can be an overwhelming time of "I want, I need, and my favorite, it's only \$5.00". That five turns into many fives until you have no fives left. When you feel like you can't take any more you get a call from the preacher and a gift from Mr. or Ms. Anonymous. God is good and always sends you an angel and two when you are at the end of your rope. Praise God for all our anonymous friends.

Love always, An Anonymous Receiver

JANUARY

Women's Ministry

The Sharing Sisters Circle will meet on Monday, January 7 at 6 pm at the home of Katrina Holancin for a potluck dinner and meeting. Jean Garrett is the program leader.

The Jubilee Circle will meet on Monday, January 14 at the church with Peggy Espey as the program leader and Donna Ward as the hostess.

The Glory Be Circle will not meet this month.

Acolytes

Natalie Whitlow

Emily Lunn

Supervisor - Gretchen Whitlow

Ushers

9:00 am Service

Tommy Surber - Chairperson

Kelly Weatherford - Co-Chairperson

Kerry Warman

Larry Watkins

11:00 am Service

James Hamilton - Chairperson

Cindy Owen - Co-Chairperson

John Baumgardner

Duane Perritt

Nursery Helpers

9:00 am Service

January 6 - Jill Warren - B

Carol Hill - T

Melanie Burke

January 13 -Gretchen Whitlow - B

Linda Meek - T

Carol Belong

January 20 - Clara Weatherford - B

Linda Smith - T

Stacie Warman

January 27 - Letha Basford - B

Martha Peters - T

Baby Announcement

Lee & Amy Lawrence

would like to introduce you to

Luke Travis Lawrence

born Monday, December 10, 2007 at 1:46 pm

weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs. & measuring 21 3/4 inches long

(Pictures of Luke are available on the online nursery at www.hcmc-tn.org - password Christmas1; There is also a picture on the bulletin board)

Psalm 136:1-4

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of Gods. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

To Him who alone does great wonders.

His love endures forever."

January Birthdays

1 - Jo Pinson

5 - Lauren Perritt

6 - Jonathan Lankford

Lorey Basford

Kirk Nienaber

10 - Johnna Toombs

Jennifer Lankford Cole

11 - Linda Hearn

12 - Robye Lindsey

Elizabeth Lewis

13 - Jonathan Lollar

16 - Douglas Pate

Kate Hames

Gracie Blount

17 - Byron Pate

Carly Varallo

18 - Janet Baumgardner

Sarah Bradberry

Levi Hamilton

19 - Jeanie Chamberlain

Kimberly Burke

20 - Melanie Burke

21 - Nathan Nanney

22 - Melissa Smith

Lindsey Brickles

24 - Liz Stambaugh

26 - Joel Washburn

27 - Joe Walker, Jr.

Bridget Bradberry

Emilie Varallo

28 - Mark Smith

30 - Spencer Ervin

31 - Lute Foster

Cynthia Nienaber

Anniversary

3 - Eric & Kristi Corbin

Attendance and Giving Report

December 16, 2007

General Fund Offering -	\$3,252.17
Nehemiah Building Fund -	265.00
Gift to the King -	20.00
Youth -	260.00

TOTAL

\$3,797.17

December 23, 2007

General Fund Offering -	\$4,440.30
Nehemiah Building Fund -	160.00
Sanctuary -	40.00

TOTAL -

\$4,640.30

(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,182)

Church League Basketball

If a group of you are interested in forming a church league basketball team, there is information in the church office. There will be 2 age groups - 16-19 years division and a 30 years and older division.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 29 - 4 pm - Hames/Cummings Wedding at FUM Reception here
Dec. 30 - 9 am - Fifth Sunday Worship - Communion Ordination and Installation Service Add-a-dish Brunch to follow
Dec. 31 - 9 pm - Midnight - Games, snacks and Watchnight service
Jan. 2 - 6:30 pm - Taking down Christmas decorations
Jan. 6 - Epiphany
6 pm - Parents Meeting for Youth attending Convocation
Jan. 7 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters Circle Meeting
Jan. 8 - 9 pm - College Fellowship will meet
Jan. 12 - 8 am - Men's Fellowship
Jan. 13 - 6 pm - The Truth Project - Study in Bible scripture, history and science
Jan. 14 - Jubilee Circle Meeting
Jan. 18-20 - Youth Trip to Gatlinburg Convocation
Jan. 23 - 5:30 pm - WOW will resume
Jan. 27 - Springs will have a Food Scavenger Hunt (Non-perishable foods for United Neighbors)
Feb. 3 - "Souper" Bowl Sunday
Cumberland Presbyterian Denominational Day
Feb. 22-23 - 30 Hour Famine
Feb. 22-24 - Sr. High Urban Plunge - Memphis
Mar. 14-16 - Jr. High Retreat at Camp Clark Williamson

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

Jean McKinnie (home recovering from knee(s) surgery); Keith Herris (home recovering from back surgery); Sarah Hamilton (James Hamilton's sister-in-law); Tom Aljancic (Surgery in Feb.); Krista Taylor; Mason Campbell; Sue Canady; Joe David Brandon; Shawna Edwards Brittingham
McKenzie Health Care Center: 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; 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; Shelba McCaslin; Rhonda Powell
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 30 - ONE SERVICE
9 am - Communion Worship
10 am - Add-a-dish Brunch

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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"