

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

September 17, 2008



From the Pastor's Desk

Original sin means that we all originate out of a sinful world which taints us from the very beginning. We all tend to make ourselves the center of the universe, (pushing away centrifugally from that center everything that seems to impede its free-willing). Jesus said he came to save the world from more than hunger, poverty, or disease.

Men and women are different. That is a novel ideal, but really they are different in their worldview, in what is important to them and even how we view sin. The great theologian Reinhold Niebuhr argued that "man" sinned through hubris—"will to power." Valerie Saiving, in her 1960 essay titled The Human Situation: A Feminine View, says he might be correct if he were to use the term "man" literally. In fact, Niebuhr was speaking from his own, male, experience which really didn't apply across the board.

The important thing to see in "wills to power" is that it is a man's way to control that which is around him. Women have developed, through the ages, a sin in the failure to claim their own power. Women have been sitting on this sin throughout the ages. Even today we see that women who have liberated themselves from this "wills of power" have been successful in this man's world. Strong fathers have helped their daughters liberate themselves by encouraging them to have a strong will, to develop their self-esteem and personhood. The sin of a man is that he believes he is the center of power, and the sin of woman is that she does not claim the power that God gave her, even when it comes to the call to ministry. ---Something to think about!----Tony

Welcome New Member!

We officially welcome our newest member, Bridget Bradberry. After spending time discussing her feelings and sharing her decision with Rev. Janner, Bridget came to the altar on August 31 to profess her faith in Christ and become a member of our church. Bridget was baptized as an infant. Her parents are Brent & Sarah Bradberry. The family's address is 25 Sixteenth Fairway.

Rev. Janner would like to spend time with children (nine years old & up) along with their parents discussing becoming a Christian, reading scripture & learning more about the church. Feel free to call him at the church or on his cell phone (225-8055). Sunday afternoons are a good time for him to meet—sometime before 4 pm when the choir rehearsals begin.

Lil' Angels Choir

The Lil' Angels Choir meets on Sunday afternoon at 4 pm. It is for age 2 thru 2nd grade. The Lil' Angels Choir will sing during morning worship on Sunday, September 28 at both services. And we are practicing for the Christmas program. The Lil' Angels will be sheep in the program so they will need black socks, white pants (sweatpants will be fine) and a white shirt. If you need a CD of the Christmas songs, please contact Jennifer. I also need parent helpers. Please sign up if you can help.

Amanda Hayes

Women's Ministry

The New Seekers Region invites all ladies to the Fall Meeting at Jackson First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 20. The regions of New Hope and Seekers of Joy are coming together to form the New Seekers Region. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the meeting begins at 9 am. Officers will be installed at the beginning of the meeting. Donna Ward will be installed as president Elect. The meeting will last until noon.

Nomination Committee

It is the time of year to nominate and elect new elders. Rotating off the session on Dec. 31, 2008 are: Linda Meek, Tommy Patterson, Roger Johnson and Joe McKinnie.

To serve as elder, the person nominated must have been a member of this church in good standing for at least one year and cannot be employed by the church.

The session consists of twelve elders. Each elder elected serves a three-year term. Four new elders will be elected this year.

The Nomination Committee is: Bill Kreuter, Tommy Patterson, and Mark Warren from the Session and J. T. Lindsey and Heather Garrett from the congregation. They will be meeting sometime in the near future. If you have a member you'd like to nominate to become an elder, you may give the name to anyone on the Nominating Committee.

WOW

WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) begins at 5:30 pm each Wednesday. Meals are prepared by a team which consists of two elders and their shepherd groups. Then classes are available for everyone. Nurseries are available for the babies and toddlers. The children and youth are studying LOGOS literature this year. All classes begin Sept. 3.

Classes for the adults: Rev. Janner is continuing his study of **Acts**. Tom & Debby Aljancic are facilitators for the "**Truth Project**". Each night's DVD lasts about an hour so everyone participating in this class will get their food first and eat while they watch in the Conference Room. Discussion will follow. Karen Jeffrey is leading an exercise class in the Family Life Center ***Sweating in the Spirit***.

Thanks to Elders Linda Meek, Tommy Patterson & Team 1 for the Mexican Supper and to Elders Ruth Carroll & Mark Warren & Team 2 for the spaghetti supper. Thanks also to Cindy Owen and Joe Hames & Team 3 for the vegetable soup.

Sept. 24 - Team 5 with Elders Victor Clark and Joe McKinnie and team members: E. Corbins; R. Foster; J. & G. Hamilton; M. Hamilton; Hulls; Janners; L. Kelly; D. Lewis; Lindseys; J. Motherals; P. Motherals; K. Moss; Perritts; Prossers; Reeds; L. Smith; T. & R. Smith; L. Toombs; J. & A. Trevathan; A. Walker; M. Wiggins

(Team 4 & 5 have swapped dates due to a conflict.)

Oct. 1 - Team 4 - Elders Roger Johnson & Bill Kreuter with team members: E. Basfords; P. Corbins; K. Hennis; Hisiro's; Hines; Holancins; T. Johnson; Lankfords; D. Longs. G. & Z. McKennie; C. Marulanda; McClures; V. Patterson; Smileys; S. Spires; B. Surbers; Thompsons; L. Walker; L. & P. Watkins

Oct. 8 - Team 6 - Elders Amanda Boaz & Dewayne Ervin with team members Alajancics; B. Allen; S. Austin; Baumgardners; Brush's; Burkes; P. Espey; E. Forester; J. & M. Hayes; Lunns. Matlocks; Nanneys; Nolens; Powells; Renfros; J. & L. Stambaugh; V. Walker; Weatherfords; Whitlows;

First Place Bible Study

The First Place Bible Study began on Sunday evening at 6 pm on September 14. Workbooks for the study are \$20 each. You will also have your individual CD. For more information, call Charro Keenan (415-0524) or Karen Jeffrey (352-0792).

Memorials & Honorariums

Sanctuary Fund

In Honor of Glynda Corbin, Millie Finley, Jean Garrett, Linda Kemp, Marlene Kreuter, Katrina Holancin, Robye Lindsey, Demetra Perkins, Martha Peters, Cheriadeth Rutledge

by Reba, Lute and Tara Foster

Bethel College Water Bottles

We have a limited amount of Bethel College Water Bottles left from our gifts to the students at Bethel. They will be available for sale (\$3.00 each) and the proceeds will be given to the youth.

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations to the following elementary-age children who are members of the Rebel Singers.

Brandon Hill	Emily Lunn
Jacey Davis	Hannah Powell
Bridget Bradberry	Grace Reed
Emma Renfro	Joseph Keenan
Madison Driggers	Christan Jeffrey
Paul Watkins	

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Billy Vandergriff who were recently married! Billy & Erin (Earheart) live at 324 Paris St., Apt. F in McKenzie.

Congratulations to Walter and Carla Waddle who have a new granddaughter, Savannah Reneé Dodd. She was born August 8, 2008. Her parents are Liz & Kent Dodd and she has two big brothers, Bailey & Jackson. Congratulations to all the family including Great Grandma Bubba!

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at McKenzie C.P.,

Summer camp is over and the leaves are beginning to turn. This note is to say thank you for all your support to the camp's ministry, especially your offering on CCW Sunday. Thanks again and God bless you!!

Agape
Mike Hannaford

Thank you for supporting my *Autism Speaks Walk Now for Autism* Team!! We appreciate it very much.

Thank you all for helping make the walk a big success.

Nicholas Corbin
Nicholas' Nutty Nomads

Attendance and Giving Report

Aug. 31, 2008	Total Attendance - 203
General Fund Offering -	\$3,833.40
Sanctuary Fund -	155.00
Memorial Gift -	500.00
TOTAL -	\$4,488.40
Sept. 7, 2008	Total Attendance - 190
General Fund Offering -	\$6,523.77
Sanctuary Fund -	120.00
Memorial Gift -	100.00
TOTAL -	\$6,743.77
Sept. 14, 2008	Total Attendance - 175
General Fund Offering -	\$ 6,356.80
Memorial Gift-	200.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,556.80
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,680)	

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry (all circles) will meet on Monday, **October 6 at 6 pm** in the Worship and Family Life Center for a potluck supper. Sharing Sisters will be the hostesses and have the program.

Highlights of the Session Meeting

- *Devotional and opening prayer by Elder Amanda Boaz
- *Financial Report by Treasurer Tom Aljancic
 - August Giving (General Fund) - \$ 22,952;
 - August Expenses \$21,428
 - Year-to-Date Giving - (General Fund) - \$ 176,903
 - Year-to-Date Expenses - \$ 173,071
- *Received Bridget Bradberry as a member and added her name to the church roll
- *Approved July minutes & Calendar for September & October.
- *Prayed for our members and everyone on the prayer list
- *Approved the purchase of a movable dividing wall to be used in the youth room for Sunday School classes
- *Approved the sealing of the asphalt parking lot and driveway. (This is to be done September 25 at 2 pm and the driveway & parking lot closed until Saturday.)
- *Elected Dwayne Ervin as delegate to West TN Presbytery Meeting on Oct. 4.
- *Selected to serve on the Nominating Committee are: Elders Tommy Patterson, Mark Warren & Bill Kreuter. Heather Garrett & J. T. Lindsey were selected from the congregation to serve on the committee.
- *One HVAC unit for the Worship & Family Life Center has been replaced
- *Discussed the Prayer & Discernment Meeting on Sept. 7 and decided to continue in the Discernment Process with "Touch the Future" plan from the Cumberland Presbyterian Center.

You are invited to a
Baby Shower
in honor of
Amanda Morris
on Saturday, September 20
at 2 pm
in the Reception Room
It's a Girl!
(Gift Registry at J.C. Penney & Wal-Mart)
Invitations will not be mailed.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Center

The Cumberland Presbyterian Center's new address is 8207 Traditional Place, Cordova, TN 38016. Pictures of the Center are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

At the present time there is a remaining debt of approximately \$500,000 for the new Cumberland Presbyterian Center. If you would like to make a donation you may send it to: Cumberland Presbyterian Church; 8207 Traditional Place, Cordova, TN 38016 or the church office with a designation for the headquarters facility.

Our chancel choir, along with some other C.P. Choirs will be singing at the Dedication of the new Cumberland Presbyterian Center on October 19.

Springs

Our first *Springs* meeting will be **September 21 at 5pm**. Tim and Carol Nanney have volunteered to bring snacks. Our next meeting will be **October 19 at 5pm**. If you are interested in bringing a snack for that meeting, please let me know. Also, be saving your shoe boxes as *Springs* will be participating in a mission project for Operation Christmas Child. More details to come.

Thank you so much for practicing *A Lamb's Tale*! You sounded awesome Sunday night! If you have not seen what part you have, the cast list is posted on the bulletin board outside of the library. Do not worry about costumes yet. I will pass out a sheet of everything you need in the next few weeks. Remember, you must have "The Cartoon Song" memorized by this Sunday. We will sing this song in both services in the near future.

Thank you Dwayne Ervin for driving the church van for us to play LaserTag! We had an awesome time!

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The near future is now because we do have a sign-up sheet—and a picture of the shirts—for anyone interested in purchasing a t-shirt with the church's name and denominational cross on the front and Romans 15:7 on the back. The shirts are a ringer style tee and are white and royal blue. Children's sizes through adult XL will cost \$15. 2XL shirts will cost \$16 and 3XL shirts will cost \$17. All proceeds help fund our youth program.

It's that time again—Convocation 2009 is just around the corner! Any 6th-12th grader is welcome to join to "Turn on the IgNiTiON" in **Gatlinburg, Tennessee, January 16-19, 2009**. The cost is **\$160** per student. The price includes lodging, a shirt, breakfast for the weekend, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Students will be responsible for bringing money for four additional fast-food type meals as well as any extra money for snacks and souvenirs. Contrary to popular belief, though, snack and souvenir money is not required! Hopefully, the 5^{1/2} months until Convocation will give you ample time to raise the funds to go. I have encouraged the students to raise their money on their own through baby-sitting, yard work, house work, etc. Registration packets were passed out Wednesday night, but if I failed to give you one, they are in my office. Registration forms and money are due **November 30**. Please note that no school will be missed for this trip. We will also have a parent meeting as well as a potential chaperone meeting in the near future. If you are interested in applying to be a chaperone or this year, please see me for the application and guidelines. All chaperone applications are due by **October 12**. If you do not turn one in, you will not be considered to go on the trip. Also, I understand that the cost of this trip is steep, especially if you have more than one child who wishes to attend. We can work on payment options if you come see me. I am in my office everyday except Tuesday.

I am very proud of the youth who came to the Congregational Meeting on September 7. I disagree when people say that you are the future of the church—you are the church! I am very blessed to work with students who grab on to that truth and do what they can to make their voice heard. Kudos!

Thank you Kim Moss for driving the youth to bowl this past weekend! Also, thank you Joe and Jean McKinnie for allowing us to borrow your van! Another thank you goes to Paul and Susie Motheral—the pizza was delicious!

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September 21

Springs

October 12

Chaperone Application Due

October 19

Springs

November 30

Convocation Money and Registration Due

January 16-19

Convocation in Gatlinburg

Remember to keep it holy! Jennifer

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sept. 20 - 9 am - New Seekers Regional Women's Ministry Meeting at 1st C. P. Church in Jackson
2 pm - Baby Shower for Amanda Morris
- Sept. 24 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 5 (Clark/McKinnie)
- Oct. 1 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 4 (Johnson/Kreuter)
- Oct. 4 - West Tennessee Presbytery Meeting
- Oct. 5 - World-wide Communion Sunday
- Oct. 6 - Women's Ministry Joint Meeting
- Oct. 8 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 6 (Boaz/Ervin)
- Oct. 11 - Kelher/Wadham Wedding Reception
- Oct. 17-18 - Bethel College Homecoming Weekend
- Oct. 18 - Wedding of Cody Brown &
- Oct. 17 - 7 pm - Phi Delta Sigma Anniversary Dinner
- Oct. 19 - Dedication Ceremony for the Cumberland Presbyterian Center

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Remember in Your Prayers

Dave Peters-Jackson Hospital; Jo Pinson-McKenzie Health Care Center; Part White; Rev. Gay Mims; John Hayes; Jimmy & Ginger Taylor; Wayne Tedford; Austin Lowery; Jeanie Melton; Riley Burton; Charles McCalla; Julie Jones

Sympathy to: Tom Smith & family at the death of his aunt Christine Fitzgerald; Fred & Lisa Spires & family at the death of Lisa's mother; the family of Dr. Howard L. Johns

Prayers Concerns continued

McKenzie Health Care Center: Jessie Killebrew; Christine Pinson; Louise Mebane; Kenneth Mebane

Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes:

Faye Headden (Oak Manor); Mary Margaret Williams (Morningside in Paris); Roy Travillian (Lynda Lankford's father); Marie Holmes (Mary Ann Janner's mother); Blanche McCord (Glynda Hamilton's mother); Marie Bobo; Berneal McKennie; Kathryn Gazley; Evelyn Buck; Joyce Lovelace; Pauline Toney (Jill Renfro's grandmother)

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments,

therapy: Carla Waddle; Susie Motheral; Jen Nolen; David Lankford; Julia Sills; Mary Anderson (Melissa Hennis' mother);

Jim Roberts (Jan Kirk's brother); Diane Massey; Bill Edwards; Amy Hall; Krista Taylor; Carol Barker; Dot Neisler; Larry

Cochrane (Robby Cole's grandfather); Jadrea (Allen) Romens; Amelia Ruth (infant child with leukemia); William

Espey; Becky Scholes (Amy Smiley's sister); Jimmy Lewis (Linda Meek's uncle); Marc Bentley (friend from Jennifer's

home church); Lynn Morgan; Edyee Pinson; Christina Dillard; Shawna Edwards Brittingham; Neal Giles; Barbara Elinor;

Joyce McDaniel; Terry Fauth; Tim Hacker; Rhonda Powell

MILITARY: Tommy Baker; Buddy McClain; Sam Zasadny; Justin Townsend; Ronnie Combs (Mark & Sue Thompson's

grandson); Brooke Cole; Mark Bowlin; Matthew Bowlin; Keith Stanley Jr; Joey Smiley; Howard Spires; Mark Boaz;

Rosendo Pena; and all military

OTHERS: Colombia, South America churches; our church; the Session and committees, our nation's leaders, missionaries;

hurricane victims

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Jennifer Hayes-Youth/Children's Coordinator; June Perritt-Sec.

Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8am-Noon & 1-4pm

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 - Sunday evenings & Wednesday mornings & evenings

School of Discovery-Tuesday/Thursday 8:30am-1:30 pm

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

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