

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

November 25, 2008



From the Pastor's Desk

Rev. Janner is visiting his mother in Texas this week.

"It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." – Abraham Lincoln, 1863

Advent Happenings Chrismon Service

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th, our youth will perform a skit entitled, "I Hear You, But I Don't Get It", during the 9 am worship service. At the 11 am worship service, the congregation will decorate the Chrismon Tree with Christian symbols made of gold and white. The youth will also lead this service with scripture, carols and the special significance of each Chrismon symbol placed on the tree.

Angel Tree Gifts Requests

Janet Baumgardner, on behalf of Beta Sigma Phi will have Angel Tree Gift Requests available on Sunday, November 30 during both worship services. Beta Sigma Phi coordinates with the Elementary School to provide gifts for children who might not otherwise receive any gifts Christmas. Each angel will have a gift request with information printed on the back. After you have purchased the gift, please tape the paper angel to the bag. There is no need to wrap the gift. Beta Sigma Phi will collect all the gifts on **December 14** and get them to the families in need.

A Lamb's Tale

The Children and Youth Choir along with the Lil' Angels Choir will present a musical, *A Lamb's Tale* on Sunday, **December 14 at 6 pm**. Afterwards we expect a visit from Santa. Then everyone is invited to go to Papa's Pizza for a dutch treat supper.

Gift to the King Offering

This year's Gift to the King Offering will benefit the King of Kings New Church Development in Tulua, Colombia, South America. This offering will go toward the construction of a sanctuary in a subdivision of the city of Tulua. Currently, approximately 75 people are actively involved. Forty of these people are newly baptized!! The First CPC of Tulua has had excellent growth since its beginning more than ten years ago.

Our Gift to the King Offering will be on December 14 at both worship services.

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to meet at the church on Wednesday, December 17 at 5 pm to go and sing Christmas carols at the nursing homes, and homes of our elderly. Afterwards everyone is invited to bring goodies to the home of Glynda Corbin for an add-a-dish snack supper and hot drinks.

Service of Carols & Songs

The Chancel Choir will present a Service of Carols and Songs on Sunday, December 21 at the 11 am Worship Service.

Christmas Eve Candle-Light Communion Service

The annual Christmas Eve Candle-Light Communion Service will be held on December 24 at 6 pm . We hope all the families of the church can participate in this very special service.

Christmas Morning Service

On December 25th at **9 am**, we will have a Christmas worship service. Everyone is invited

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?

Relay for Life Church Team

Our Relay Team will be selling Taco Soup and drinks during Home Town Christmas on Saturday, **December 6 from 11 am to 1 pm** (or until sold out). Please come out and support our team by having lunch with us.

Amy Smiley is knitting hats and scarves. Please see Amy for selections. Half of all profits will go to Relay for Life.

The UGLY HAT contest will start in January. Start collecting your pennies now so you can vote.

We are planning a competition among the married folk. Stay tuned for more details.

We have reached 20% plus of our goal. We would like to thank everyone for their support.

Cake Walk

On Wednesday, December 3 at 7pm following WOW, the Relay for Life Team will have a Cake Walk in the Gathering Area. You can buy a chance for \$2. They will also be giving away a wooden reindeer and sleigh Christmas decoration (donated by Joe McKinnie) instead of a cake for one round. Thanks to Marlene Kreuter & David Lewis for baking cakes. Winners on Nov. 19 were Bonnie Baxter and Devyn Smiley.

Christmas with Renaissance

Renaissance, Bethel College Performing Experience will present their fourth annual Christmas performance on the following dates: **Friday, Dec. 5 @ 7 pm; Sat. Dec. 6 @ 2 pm & 7 pm Tickets are SOLD OUT.**

You can get on a waiting list for tickets by calling 352-6414.

Loaves & Fishes Offering Boxes

The Loaves and Fishes Offering Boxes were brought to the church on November 23. This program sponsored by the Cumberland Presbyterian Board of Missions will assist the victims of the tragic cyclone that struck Myanmar earlier this year. The money collected will provide the necessary funding for specific villages in the Irrawaddy Delta in Myanmar. One-fourth of our Loaves and Fishes Offering will be given to United Neighbors for local hunger needs.

\$ 215.40 has been collected thus far. Please bring your offering box next Sunday if you forgot it last Sunday.

Springs

I am so proud of the members of *Springs*. Every student did an amazing job with Operation Christmas Child! I pray that you never forget the importance of sharing the Gospel with the world! All together, our Relay Center gathered a total of 327 shoeboxes! Thank you to everyone who helped in this effort!

Your child should have given you a green sheet of paper with the revised rehearsal schedule for *A Lamb's Tale*. If they failed to so, the corrected times and dates will be in the "Looking Ahead" section. Please note, though, that the time change is only for my choir, **not Lil' Angels**. Remember, our actual performance is on December 14 at 6pm. Don't forget to invite grandparents!

...Fewleftstanding...

The t-shirts are in! You will not be given your shirt unless it has been paid for. Children's sizes through adult XL are \$15; 2XL shirts are \$16. Please make your checks out to "MCPC Youth" and can be given to me or taken to the church office. Thank you for your support!

Don't forget about Convocation! **Money and forms are due November 30—no exceptions**. This trip is open to all 6th-12th graders and will take place January 16-19. The cost is \$160. Payment plans can be worked out if you contact me, but must be paid in full by January 16 or your child will not be able to attend. Also, we will have a parent/chaperone meeting on **December 7 at 6 pm**.

The youth will be acting out a skit entitled "I Hear You, But I Don't Get It!" at the early service on November 30. At the 11 o'clock service, the youth will be leading the Christmas service. Come prepared for a long day, but rest assured, you will have time to rest in the evening because we will not be meeting.

Mark your calendars for February 6! The youth, along with the church's Relay for Life team, will be hosting a Valentine's Banquet. More details to come!

LoOkInG aHeAd: **Nov. 30 Convocation Money and Registration Due**
No Lil' Angels, children's choir, or ...fewleftstanding...
Dec. 7 Children's Choir (4-6pm); Lil' Angels (4-5pm)
6 pm- Convocation Meeting for Parents and Chaperones
Dec. 10 Children's Choir Practice (Tentative, 5:15-7pm)
Dec. 14 Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal (2:30pm)
Lil' Angels Dress Rehearsal (5:30pm)
***A Lamb's Tale* Christmas Program (6pm)**
Jan. 16-19 Convocation in Gatlinburg
Feb. 6 Valentine's Banquet

Be blessed! Jennifer

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, December 7 ay 10 am** to elect new elders. The session will nominate Debby Aljancic, James Baxter, Lee Lawrence and Mark Thompson to serve 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2009.

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.

We express our appreciation and thanks to Elders Roger Johnson, Linda Meek, Joe McKinnie, and Tommy Patterson for their service the past three years on the session.

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. Classes for the adults: Rev. Janner is beginning a study of the gospel of **Mark**. 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 Team 5 with Elders Victor Clark & Joe McKinnie for the fried chicken supper.

Nov. 26 - NO WOW Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 3 - 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

Thank You Notes

Thanks to everyone who contributed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our church dedicated 42 Shoe Boxes on Sunday, November 16. And approximately 16 more have been brought in last week from you. Thanks so much! We will make a difference in children's lives all over the world.

Thanks are expressed to all the volunteers who helped last week and also to everyone who baked cookies for our visitors.

Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness during our time of loss. It meant a great deal to us.

The family of Kenneth Coleman

Thank you for all your help and support with our second annual Stamp Out Hunger event. We successfully reached our goal of collecting 3,000 cans and over \$1500. Stamp Out Hunger is one of our legacy projects and as we carry it out annually we hope you continue to provide your support.

Bethel SIFE

December Calendar Women's Ministry

Glory Bee's Circle will meet on **Monday, December 1 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Linda Meek for an add-a-dish meal and devotional.

Sharing Sisters Circle will meet at the home of Marlene Kreuter on **Tuesday, December 2 at 6 pm** for an add-a-dish meal. Jean Garrett has the program.

Jubilee Circle will meet on **Monday, December 8 at 6 pm** at the home of Robye Lindsey for an add-a-dish meal and they will work on their Christmas project.

Acolytes

Jacey Davis - 693-0001
Emily Lunn - 693-8321
Supervisor - Jon Davis

Nursery Helpers

7 - Krista Brush- B	415-5513
Pat Ridley- T	352-2963
Becky Allen	693-8333
14 - Linda Kemp- B	352-2136
Debby Aljancic - T	352-9139
Sarah Bradberry	352-0044
21- Stacie Warman - B	352-0120
June Perritt- T	415-0629
Lunette Hines	393-0126
28- Heather Garrett- B	352-0767
Hannah Jeffrey- T	352-0792
Marjorie Matlock	352-3789

Ushers

9 am Service

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

11 am Service

Larry Watkins - Chairperson
James Hamilton - Co-Chairperson
Cindy Owen
Gene Owen

Attendance and Giving Report

Nov. 16, 2008	Total Attendance -212
General Fund Offering -	\$5,561.45
Sanctuary Fund -	190.00
Memorial Gift -	200.00
TOTAL -	\$5,951.45

Nov. 9, 2008	Total Attendance - 221
General Fund Offering -	\$4,400.85
Sanctuary Fund -	100.00
Loaves & Fishes Offering -	215.40
TOTAL -	\$4,716.25

(General Fund Amount
Needed Weekly - \$5,680)

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
Amy Smiley
10 - Susie Motheral
Luke Lawrence
11 - Carol Nanney
Carla Waddle
Howard Spires
12 - Cathey Stambaugh
Zia McKennie
13 - Marlene Kreuter
14 - Jill Renfro
15 - Kristin Bradberry
17 - Obra Sims
18 - Lydia Warren
19 - Steve Matlock
Paige Holcomb Long
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
28 - Mark & Amy Smith
29 - Cory & Kate Cummings
30-Dave & Martha Sue Peters
*(Please call the church office 352-2440
if your birthday or anniversary is not
on our list.)*

Memorials & Honorariums Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of Evelyn Buck

by Ed & Demetra Perkins

In Memory of Kenneth Coleman

by Joe & Linda Hearn

Martha Troutman

Lynn Vess

Freda Browning

Ed & Demetra Perkins

Fellowship SS Class

Ben & Lenore Surber

Tommy & Meredith Surber

Tom & Debby Aljancic

In Memory of Colin Locke

by Kurt & Kay Richter

Fireproof - Class

A new class will be offered in January when WOW (Worship on Wednesday) gets underway. The movie, *Fireproof* came out several weeks ago. It is a very good movie about a married couple who are facing difficulties and problems. The class will use segments of the movie and a study-guide book for marriage enrichment. Books have been ordered and will be available soon at \$9 each. Tim & Carol Nanney have agreed to facilitate this class.

The Cumberland Presbyterian - Magazine

Subscriptions to *The Cumberland Presbyterian* are available. It is a magazine about the people who are Cumberland Presbyterians. A yearly subscription (11 issues) is \$22. You may order by sending a check to The Cumberland Presbyterian, P. O. Box 935, Antioch, TN 37011 or online at www.cpmag.org. For more information, call 615-731-5556.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov. 30 - 1st Sunday in Advent - 9 am - Youth leading Worship
11 am - Chrismon Service
Dec. 3 - 5:30 pm- WOW Team 6 (Last WOW of semester)
Dec. 5-6 - HomeTown Christmas in McKenzie
Dec. 5 - 7 pm Renaissance Christmas Performance
Dec. 6 - 2 pm & 7 pm - Renaissance Christmas Performance
Dec.7 - 2 pm-Bethel College Graduation
3 pm-West Tennessee Presbyterian Called Meeting
6 pm-Parents, Chaperones, Youth Convocation Meeting
6 pm - Fellowship SS Class Christmas party
Dec. 10 - 6 pm - Session Meeting
Dec. 13 - 8 am - Men's Fellowship
Dec. 14 - 6 pm - *A Lamb's Tale* presented by children & youth
Dec. 17 - 5 pm- Christmas Caroling
Dec. 18 - 6 pm - School of Discovery Christmas Program
Dec. 21 - 11 am - Chancel Choir's Service of Carols and Songs
6 pm - Youth Christmas party at Jennifer's
Dec. 24- 6 pm - Candle-light Communion Service
Dec. 25 - 9 am - Christmas Worship

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

Remember in Your Prayers

Brady Blount; Mary Margaret Williams -Regional Hospital Jackson; Mary Anderson (Melissa Herris' mother); Rev. Michael Wilkinson (Jennifer's dad); Mary Norden (Linda Lewis' mother); Lois Smiley (Lee's mother); Alice Tapp; Billy Jack Smith; Ian Hatchell; Elizabeth Patton; Inloe Travillian (Roy's brother); Barbara Grimes

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Prayer Concerns (Continued)

Sympathy to: the family of Joe Hickman; the family of John Burnett

McKenzie Health Care Center: Jessie Killebrew; Blanche McCord; Jo Pinson; Christine Pinson; Rommie Mosley; 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); Charles McCalla (Robye Lindsey's brother); Marie Holmes (Mary Ann Janner's mother); Marie Bobo; Kathryn Gazley; Joyce Lovelace; Pauline Toney (Jill Renfro's grandmother)

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy: Susie Motheral; Carla Waddle; Jen Nolen; Frances Jensen; James Hickerson; Craig Willis; Dorothy Higdon (Corinne Arnold's mother); Louise Presson; Rev. Ray DeVries; Jimmy & Ginger Taylor; Wayne Tedford; Frank Beecham; Stephanie, Robert & Misty Wyatt; Leslie & Ryan Bullington; Austin Lowery; Diane Massey; Bill Edwards; Amy Hall; Carol Barker; Dot Neisler; Amelia Ruth; William Espey; Jimmy Lewis (Linda Meek's uncle); Marc Bentley (friend from Jennifer's home church); Neal Giles; Barbara Elinor; Joyce McDaniel; Terry Fauth; Rhonda Powell

MILITARY: Howard Spires is Home; Kellet Hochrieter; Tommy Baker; Buddy McClain; Sam Zasadny; Ronnie Combs (Mark & Sue Thompson's grandson); Brooke Cole; Mark Bowlin; Matthew Bowlin; Keith Stanley Jr; Joey Smiley; 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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Zia McKennie-Organist; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director; Praise Choir Leaders-Peter Jeffrey, Diann Olson
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

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