

# First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

## NEWSLETTER

January 29, 2008



### From the Pastor's Desk

In this life we encounter so many different life experiences and opportunities, and that is a wonderful thing. However, the driving force behind our desires to succeed is not always a willingness to do the will of God; in fact the driving force for most of us is nothing more than; lust, greed, envy and jealousy.

The other day I had the privilege of visiting a family that lives in a gorgeous home and when I left their house I drove around the neighbor looking at all the beautiful homes. All of a sudden I came upon a mansion and guess what the sign in front said, "For Sale". Wow! What a great place to live! I wanted to jump out of my car and buy that house. But in my heart I already knew that I could never afford such a house. In fact the problem with America today is that too many people have responded just like I did, to their own lust and envy. By responding to their own desires they have caused the biggest economic disaster in modern American history. Until people realize that their action of greed and selfishness has an effect on society and everyone else and find some remorse and grief for what they have done, nothing will ever change. Not only will nothing change, but they will continue to live that self-centered –it's all about me, lifestyle forever.

Our sins have caught up to us and now we must pay the price for our indulgences', that price could be our jobs, home, family, and even ourselves. What is even more painful is that we have lost ourselves in the process. We no longer know who we are and why we do the things we do. We have become the pawn in someone else's chess game and we are expendable. We will surely lose; we will lose ourselves to lust, envy, greed, and jealousy.

When you become trapped by the sin of the eye, let me tell you now, stop! Turn to God in prayer and ask for forgiveness for your envy and lust, then give thanks for what He has already given you. Your home, family, job, friends, health, and endless possibilities in the future, that's what I had to do and it's not always easy. --Tony

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### Welcome New Members

We welcome Sheila Willis, Starr Martino and Anna Marie Martino as the newest members of our church.

Sheila's husband is Craig (paraplegic on our prayer list) Sheila is the mother of Stephen and Cody Brown and Trevor Willis. Her address 348 Blackburn Rd. & phone is 352-0675.

Starr and her daughter, Anna Marie reside at 289 Preacher Brown Rd. in Bruceton, TN 38317 with Star's husband Tim. Tim and Starr also have a younger daughter, Allison. Their phone number is 586-4371

Their pictures are on the Bulletin Board in the Family Life Center beside the Kitchen Door.

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### Valentine's Celebration - Newly Wed Game

In celebration of Valentine's, the youth and the Relay for Life Team will host a Newly Wed Game on Sunday, February 8 at 4 pm. Snacks and drinks will be served by the youth. Tickets for the event are \$5 for an individual or \$20 for a family. It is sure to be a fun and entertaining afternoon. The youth will sell tickets between the church services or contact Jean Garrett (352-2963), or you can get tickets in the church office. Deadline to get tickets is February 4.

Married couples (6 months to 60 years) interested in playing the newly wed game can place your name on a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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### "Souper Bowl" Sunday

Several years ago we began collecting soup or \$1 on Super Bowl Sunday along with youth around the country to help feed the hungry. Our youth will be at the exits on Sunday to collect your gifts of cans of soup or money which will be given to United Neighbors on Sunday February 1 following each worship service.

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### Denominational Day Celebration

There will be a Denominational Day Celebration at the Humboldt Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 8. Church choirs from West Tennessee are invited to participate in the service. They will rehearse at 4:30 pm on the 8<sup>th</sup>. At 5 pm there will be a sandwich supper with desserts. Then at 6 pm the service will begin. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Ladies Night Out

On Monday, February 2, all the ladies of the church are invited to Ladies Night Out at Common Grounds. Women's Ministry, the Jubilee Circle has made plans for the dutch-treat supper and special program to be presented by Karen Jeffrey about 2008 General Assembly in Japan. Please contact Linda Hearn at 352-5688-home or 352-4003-work or the church office if you plan to attend.

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## Denominational Day Offering

You will have an opportunity to give a special offering for the Cumberland Presbyterian Historical Foundation on Sunday, February 1. This offering will be used to once again fund a permanent teaching memorial at the Birthplace Shrine at Montgomery Bell State Park.

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## Evangelism - *Keep the Flame Burning--Share the Story*

*"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another."*

Our church will be hosting an Evangelism Miniversity on Saturday, February 21. It begins at 9 am and continues until 1 pm with a break for refreshments. It is sponsored by the Board of Missions, the Board of Christian Education and the Ministry Council. You will be able to attend two workshops. The cost is \$25. A brochure containing more information and registration form is available on the table under the bulletin board. Deadline to register is February 7.

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## Touch the Future

The session met with Rev. William Jones during the Elder's Retreat for a powerful Bible study and beginning time to discernment toward the future of our church. The next step is to meet with both the session and the congregation. We have scheduled our next "Touch the Future" session to be on February 15 at 4 pm. The entire congregation is encouraged to be a part of this process. We are asking the congregation to become a part of a Prayer Vigil which will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25 and continue through the season of Lent. We will have more information available for you as plans continue.

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## Springs

The next *Springs* meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 22 at 4 pm. It is for parents and children. Parents, your students need your help to keep their programs going until the church finds a replacement for Jennifer. Contact the church office if you are interested in helping with choir and/or *Springs*.

### ...Fewleftstanding...

Hunter and Heather Garrett are hosting a Super Bowl Pizza Party for ...fewleftstanding... at 4:30 pm on Sunday, February 1. Please bring cokes, sprites, cookies or any other snacks you want.

"Guitar Hero" competition will take place on Saturday, February 21 at 6 pm at the church. Mark your calendars and practice! Your competition will be adults. It's sure to be a lot of fun!

Looking at HeAd:	February 8	Newly Wed Game (Valentine's)
	February 21	Guitar Hero Competition

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## Relay for Life Church Team

The UGLY HAT contest will start soon. Keep collecting your pennies now so you can vote.

We are planning a Newly Wed Game for Valentine's. It will take place on Sunday February 8 at 4 pm in the Worship and Family Life Center. It will be a fun and entertaining afternoon. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Tickets for the event are \$5.00 each or \$20 for a family of 4 or more. The youth will also help sponsor this event.

The First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Relay Team won a \$50 gas card in a drawing at the last McKenzie Relay Meeting. For a \$2 donation, you can have a chance to win a \$50 Gas Card. We will have a drawing. See Heather Garrett or Amanda Boaz, Carol Nanney or June at the church office to make your \$2 donations.

The next team meeting will be Tuesday, February 3 at 7pm in the Conference Room at the church.

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## Memorials & Honorariums Youth Fund

### In Honor of Jon Davis

by Hunter & Heather Garrett

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## Lil' Angels Choir

Lil' Angels (pre-schoolers thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grades) will meet on Sunday, February 22 at 4 pm for the first time since Christmas. Parents, please mark your calendars. Thanks!

Amanda Boaz

## WOW

WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) begins at 5:30 pm with a light meal. A nursery is provided for the infants through 3 year olds. There will be classes for all ages. One of the adult classes is "Fireproof" facilitated by Tim & Carol Nanney. Rev. Janner will continue his study of the gospel of Mark.

### **Please note: THE WOW SCHEDULE HAS CHANGED:**

Due to the bad weather and cancellations on Jan. 28 all the teams will be moved forward one week.

**Feb 4 - Team 1** with Elders James Baxter and Mark Thompson and team members, T. & M. Bobo; D. Blount; K. & C. Cummings; Bouldins; M. Finley; Hearn; Howells; F. Jensen; Keenans; K. Kelleys; Kirks; L. Lewis; L. Meek; M. & A. Morris; R. Morris; Olsons; J. Ownby; Peters; J. & C. Stambaugh; Turners; Warmans; Washburns

**Feb. 11 - Team 2** with Elders Ruth Carroll and Mark Warren and team members: N. Arguella; C. Barnett; Belongs; R. & D. Brown; Fitzgeralds; Hills; Hintons; Jeffreys; Kemp; Martino's; P. & S. Long; Medlocks; Nienabers; Perkins'; Ross'; T. & M. Surber; Thomas; C. & J Toombs J. & R. Walker; Lynn Watkins

**Feb. 18- Team 3** with Elders Joe Hames & Cindy Owen and team members: C. Blounts; A.& T. Brown; R. Carroll; Claytors; G. Coleman; G. Corbin; E. & K. Corbin; A. Cross; J. Davis; H. Garretts; J. Garrett; L. McNeil; Tamara Nanney; Pates; P. Ridley; L. Ridley; Rutledges; Waddles; D. Ward; Webbs; Willis; M. Wyatt

**Feb. 25- Team 4** with Elders Debby Aljancic & Bill Kreuter with team members E. Basfords; P. Corbins; K. Herris; Hines; Hisiro's'; Holancins; R. Johnson; T. Johnson; P. Langdon; Lankfords; D. Longs. G. & Z. McKennie; C. Marulanda; McClures; V. Patterson; Smileys; S. Spires; Strong; B. Surbers; L. Walker; L. & P. Watkins

### **Fireproof - Class**

A new class will be offered In January when WOW (Worship on Wednesday) gets underway. The movie, *Fireproof* is 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 are available (\$9 each) in the church office. Tim & Carol Nanney have agreed to facilitate this class.

### **Thank You Notes**

I wanted to extend my gratitude to everyone in the church who have supported my family during Bubba's and Carla's hospital stays. Bubba is presently in McKenzie Rehabilitation Center undergoing rehab following her falls at home. Carla continues to recuperate at home after her auto accident. All of us could not have gone through these tragedies without the unswerving support from our beloved church. For all who have provided food, visits, phone calls, e-mails, cards of support and most importantly prayer, we wish to bestow our heartfelt thanks. Thanks especially to Tony Janner, June Perritt, Cindy Owens, Edna Gene Forester, Dawn & DeWayne Ervin, and Frank & Leonora Claytor for their continued love and friendship. Our family church's support is a very real expression of love, grace and stewardship that we have come to identify so easily with this family of faith. Thanks again to all of you for your continued support.

The Waddle Family

## Attendance and Giving Report

<b>Jan. 18, 2009</b>	Total Attendance - 208
General Fund Offering -	\$5,241.72
Sanctuary Fund -	5.00
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$5,246.72</b>

<b>Jan. 25, 2009</b>	Total Attendance - 212
General Fund Offering -	\$4,891.44
Sanctuary Fund -	205.00
Memorial Fund -	50.00
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$5,146.44</b>

(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,481)

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

Class Friendly is studying the Encounter Sunday School literature. The theme for this quarter is Human Commitment--Old Testament People of Commitment.

The Fellowship Sunday School class has rotating teachers who use The Present Word and David C. Cook Bible literature.

The Faithweavers Sunday School Class (Mustard Seed) study the same Bible lesson as the children and the youth based the curriculum by Group entitled *Faithweavers*. They meet upstairs near the children's Sunday School rooms.

The Revelation Sunday School Class will begin a new book entitled *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by James MacArthur. If you are presently not attending a Sunday School class we would love to have you join us in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings.

### **New Sunday School Study**

Debby and Tom Aljancic and Joe Hames will facilitate a new Sunday School Class study using the book, *Beyond Opinion, Living the Faith We Defend* by Ravi Zacharias and team.

### **Baby Shower**

*Everyone is invited*

*to a*

*Baby Shower Brunch*

*in honor of*

*Melissa Herris*

*and Baby Natalie Rose*

*on Saturday, January 31, 2008*

*at 10 am*

*in the Reception Room at the Church*

## February Calendar Women's Ministry

All the ladies of the church are invited to Common Grounds on Monday, February 2 at 6 pm for a dutch-treat supper and program to be presented by Karen Jeffrey. She will share highlights from her 2008 General Assembly trip to Japan.

Please call Linda Hearn at 352-5688 or 352-4003 or the church office at 352-2440 if you plan to attend. We need to have numbers for Lunette. Thanks.

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### Acolytes

Jacob Ervin - 352-5132  
Kattie Nolen - 352-5746  
Supervisor - Dawn Ervin

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### Nursery Helpers

1- Carolyn Patterson -B	352-7308
Rachel Carroll - T	415-4428
8- Amy Lawrence-B	648-1872
Sandra Pate- T	352-7631
Janet Baumgardner	352-7263
15- Anita Ross- B	352-0551
Debby Aljancic- T	352-9139
22- Karen Jeffrey- B	352-0792
Marcia Webb- T	352-3550
Missy Blount	352-2822

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### Ushers

#### 9:00 am Service

Tracy Webb - Chairperson  
Paul Motheral - Co-Chairperson  
Tommy Bobo  
Chris Blount

#### 11:00 am Service

Terry Howell - Chairperson  
James Baxter - Co-Chairperson  
John Motheral  
Donna Ward

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## 179<sup>th</sup> General Assembly June 15-19, 2009 Memphis, Tennessee

The 179<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church will take place at the Hilton (939 Ridge Lake Blvd.) in Memphis, Tennessee the week of June 15 -19. For reservations call 901-684-6664 and designate that you are a "Cumberland Presbyterian". There is a brochure on the bulletin board.

Commissioner orientation and open house at the new denominational center buildings will be on June 14th.

## February Birthdays

1 - John Holancin  
2 - Anne Hames  
5 - David Lankford  
7- Tracy Webb  
8 - Mitchell Hall  
9 - Missy Blount  
12- Craig Lunn  
Traci Lunn  
Linda McClure  
Chelsea Powell  
13-Stephen O'Neill  
14 - Carson Hill  
Tamara Nanney  
15 - Faith Corbin  
Marcia Webb  
18 - Jennifer Baumgardner  
20 - Beau Baker  
Kim Moss  
Taylor Patterson  
22 - Andrew Corbin  
Patrick Corbin  
Jamie Wilson  
24 - Ruth Carroll  
25 - Sarabeth Nienaber  
26- Pat Langdon  
27 - DeWayne Ervin  
28 - Roger Johnson  
Paula Watkins  
Gary Meek

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### Anniversaries

12 - Tommy & Meredith Surber  
14 - Paul & Susie Motheral  
16 - Clifford & Marge Matlock

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(If your birthday or anniversary has accidentally been omitted or is wrong, please let us know in the office. Thanks for your help)

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### Urban Plunge

*"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."*

The 2009 Urban Plunge will be the weekend of February 20-22 in Memphis, TN. This is the West Tennessee Presbytery's Spring Retreat for Senior High Youth and Adult Leaders. They will be doing service ministries in Mid-town Memphis. Registration forms are available on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 31 - 10 am - Baby Shower Brunch for Melissa HERRIS  
Feb. 1 - Denominational Day - Special Offering  
"Souper" Bowl Sunday  
Feb. 2 - 6 pm - Women's Ministry - Common Grounds  
Program about 2008 GA - Karen Jeffrey  
Feb. 4 - 5:30 pm - WOW - Team 1 (Baxter/Thompson)  
Feb. 8 - 4 pm - Valentine's Newly Wed Game  
Feb. 8 - 4 pm - Denominational Day Celebration at Humboldt  
Feb. 11 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 2 (Carroll/Warren)  
Feb. 15 - 4 pm - Touch the Future - Congregation  
Feb. 18 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 3 (Hames/Owen)  
Feb. 21 - 9 am -1pm- Evangelism Miniversity - Here  
Feb. 21 - 6 pm - Youth - "Guitar Hero" Competition  
Feb. 22 - 4 pm - Springs Meeting with parents  
4 pm - Lil' Angels Choir  
Feb. 25 - Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent  
5:30 pm- WOW Team 4 (Alajncic/Kreuter)  
Feb. 27-28 - 30 Hour Famine  
Mar. 4 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 5 (Clark/Lawrence)  
Mar. 7 - West Tennessee Presbytery Meeting  
Mar. 11 - 5:30 pm - WOW 6 (Boaz/Ervin)

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

Joe McKinnie; Brady Blount; Joe Hearn; Robye Lindsey; Linda Smith; Randall Hearn; Raymond Hinton; Evan Lownsbery

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## Prayer Concerns (Continued)

McKenzie Health Care Center: Bubba Waddle; Jessie Killebrew; 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); Louise Martin (Paula Watkins' aunt); Charles McCalla (Robye Lindsey's brother); Jewell Warren; Blanche McCord; 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; Craig Willis; Dee Ann Barnes; Josiah Jeffrey Bridges; DeVere Ramsay; Mary Sue Neisler; Barbara Grimes; Gail Jones; Betty Potts; Anita Bringe; Joe Sasser; Mary Anderson (Melissa HERRIS' mother); Dorothy Higdon (Corinne Arnold's mother); Jimmy & Ginger Taylor; Wayne Tedford; Austin Lowery; Diane Massey; Amy Hall; Carol Barker; Dot Neisler; William Espey

MILITARY: Howard Spires; Kellet Hochrieter; Tommy Baker; Buddy McClain; Sam Zasadny; Ronnie Combs (Mark & Sue Thompson's grandson); John Black (Mary Jane Martin's grandson); Brooke Cole; Mark Bowlin; Matthew Bowlin; Keith Stanley Jr; Joey Smiley; Mark Boaz; Rosendo Pena; and all military

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