

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

February 12, 2008



From the Pastor's Desk

In Jim Stovall's books entitled "The Ultimate Gift", and "The Ultimate Life", is a story of a young man, Jason Stevens, going through the different activities stated in his grandfather's 'Last Will and Testament', so that he can receive his grandfather's fortune worth billions of dollars. In the second book Jason must prove in court that he is competent to administer the vast wealth of his grandfather's estate. However, the other family members wish to sue him for his vast fortune in hopes to gain all the wealth and power. The interesting part of the story is that the young man, Jason Stevens must prove that he is more than capable of managing the Ultimate Gift.

I know that you realize that God has given you the Life of Work, Money, Friends, Learning, Problems, Family, Laughter, Dreams, Giving, Gratitude, Day, Love, and the Ultimate Life. I recommend this book to you, I found it very thought-provoking.

On February 15, at 4:00 p.m. here at the church we will have Rev. William Jones leading us in a discernment process. You are encouraged to attend and experience the discernment process first hand. I think you will enjoy being a part of the spiritual challenge. Hope to see you here!

Evangelism is the by-word of the day. Our denomination has made 2009 the year of Evangelism and because of that directive we will have an Evangelism Miniversity here on Saturday, February 21, from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by our church since we are the host church for this denominational event.

The Search Committee for a Youth/Children's Coordinator has met. We have received a few resumes' and have heard that we will be receiving more in the near future. Please be in prayer for God's guidance in this search.

---Tony

Welcome New Member

Lindsey Damesworth came to the altar on Sunday February 8 to confess her faith in Jesus, be baptized and join the church. She is the daughter of Becky Allen. Her address is 1680 Cedar Ave. Apt 2. We welcome her.

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. The cost is \$25. A brochure containing more information and registration form is available on the table under the bulletin board.

Touch the Future

The session met with Rev. William Jones during the Elder's Retreat for a powerful Bible study and a 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.

Nursery will be provided for the young children.

Cumberland Presbyterian Missions Report

We have received the quarterly packet from the Board of Missions. Posted on the bulletin board are lots of opportunities for you to give of your time, talents and money.

There is information about these 2009 events. A Youth Evangelism Conference December 27-29 (Nashville, TN); Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry Convention June 16-18, (Memphis, TN); Women's Work Trip July 12-18 (Mt. Vernon, KY); International Women's Work Trip July 10-20 (Columbia, South America; Summer Teaching Project July 5-19 (Yunnan Province of China).

There are lots of 2nd Mile projects also posted on the bulletin board.

Springs

The next *Springs* meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **February 22 at 4 pm**. It is for parents and children. Dewayne Ervin, Co-Chair of the Christian Education Committee will meet to set a schedule and make plans.

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...fewleftstanding... will meet on Sunday, February 15 at 5:15 pm or following the "Tough the Future" presentation. Heather Garrett has information about the 30-Hour Famine for you. The 30-Hour Famine is scheduled for February 27-28.

Bethel College Youth Festival (BCYF) is scheduled for March 27-29, 2009. "His Word...fire in my Heart" is the theme for this year's BCYF. If you plan to stay on campus and participate in the meals, there is a fee involved. Contact the church office for more information.

Relay for Life Church Team

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Newly Wed Game Valentine's fund-raiser. The contestants were great, the food was good and the entertainment was fun. Thanks to Jon Davis for being our emcee. Whether you bought tickets, prepared food, served food, answered questions--to everyone involved--we appreciate your support.

The UGLY HAT contest will start soon. Keep collecting your money now so you can vote for the person you most would like to see wearing the UGLY HAT during the worship service.

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 Hill or June at the church office to make your \$2 donations. Drawing for the Gas Card will be March 4 at WOW.

We are again the Cake Walk on Wednesday nights after WOW classes. February 4 winner was Katie Nolen. February 11 winner was Hayden Garrett. Thanks to Jean Garrett for the Peach Cobbler and Marlene Kreuter for the Valentine Cake.

Lil' Angels Choir

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

Opportunity for Ministry

The church is in need of a volunteer to be in charge of the banners. We have lots of banners that were made by Rev. Larry Dailey that are in storage. We would like to start displaying them on a rotating basis. If you would like to assume this ministry for the church please contact Joe Hames at 415-7212.

Girl Talk

The Gleason Clinic is sponsoring a special time for mothers and daughters to build a relationship and communicate about sexuality. It will begin March 2 at 6:30 (moms only) and continue March 9, 16 and 23rd. from 6 to 8 pm. It is for girls age 9 to 12.

Women's Retreat

Ladies, do you need a short weekend away from the regular routine? The setting is a beautiful lodge and cabins beside a lake in a very peaceful and tranquil area less than an hour from home. Eating, singing, "English Garden Baskets", devotions, laughing and relaxing will be on the agenda.

The annual Women's Spring Retreat for West TN Presbytery is scheduled for **March 6-7 at Camp Clark Williamson**. Registration forms and information with a schedule of events, along with fees, items to bring and deadlines are on the table under the bulletin board.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for everything you did for us during my dad's death--visits to the funeral home and such. Special thanks to Martha Sue and others for preparing the wonderful lunch--it was nice to have a beautiful place to go after the funeral to be with family and friends. Thanks also for the cards and wishes sent to my dad in the rehab center.

With warm regards,
Judy & Bill Davis & family of James Hickerson

Thank you so much for the money tree and hosting the roast for me. It was a special night I will remember for a long time. Marcus and I were able to buy books for my semester at Bethel and Marcus' semester at Memphis Theological Seminary. We appreciate your generosity.

We want to have an open house soon and will invite you to come see our new home and the church at Oak Grove.

Thanks again for all your support.

Be blessed! Jennifer

"Souper Bowl" Sunday

We collected a large box of canned goods and \$88.86. Thanks to Andrew and Brice Webb and Michael Keenan for helping with "Souper Bowl" Sunday.

Ladies Night Out

Many thanks to Karen Jeffrey, Linda Hearn and the Jubilee Circle for a great "ladies night out" Everyone shared good food and good fellowship at Common Grounds in downtown McKenzie. Then Karen Jeffrey presented a delightful account of Renaissance's 2008 trip to General Assembly in Japan.

Newsletter Changes

We are in the process of changing some of our lines of communication. We have begun using a tri-fold Sunday bulletin which also contains some news articles. Beginning the month of March we will mail only ONE newsletter per month. It will be mailed on or about March 26, for April's programs and activities, etc. The Sunday bulletin will be enlarged and have more information about the programs and activities of the church. The Sunday bulletins are now a part of the Web page so you can read both the Contemporary and Traditional Sunday bulletin on line at <http://www.mckenzie.org/newsletter/> as well as the monthly newsletter and calendar page.

For those of you who prefer to read the newsletter online and are not getting an e-mail from the church at the time of posting for the bulletins and newsletters, please contact us at church@mckenziecpc.org or 352-2440 so we can add your e-mail address.

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.

Many thanks to Team 1 with Elders James Baxter and Mark Thompson for the potato soup, sandwiches and dessert and to Team 2 with Elders Ruth Carroll and Mark Warren for the Baked Potato Bar, Salad and dessert.

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; Strongs; B. Surbers; L. Walker; L. & P. Watkins

Mar. 4 - Team 5 with Elders Victor Clark and Lee Lawrence and team members: E. Corbins; R. Foster; J. & G. Hamilton; M. Hamilton; M. & K. Harold; Hulls; Janners; D. Lewis'; Lindseys; Manns; McKinnies; J. Motherals; P. Motherals; K. Moss; Perritts; Prossers; L. Quinn; L. Smith; T. & R. Smith; M. Wiggins

Mar 11 - Team 6 with Elders Amanda Boaz and Dewayne Ervin and team members B. Allen; S. Austin; Baumgardners; Bradberrys; Brush's; Burkes; P. Espey; E. Forester; Lunns; Matlocks; Nanneys; Nolens; T & C Patterson; V. Patterson; Powells; Renfros; J. & L. Stambaugh; V. Walker; Weatherfords; Whitlows

Attendance and Giving Report

<u>Feb. 1, 2009</u>	<u>Total Attendance -213</u>
General Fund Offering	\$ 6,293.10
Sanctuary Fund	120.00
Historical Archives	5.00
"Souper" Bowl offering	36.00
Memorial Fund	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL -	\$ 6,554.10
<u>Feb. 8, 2009</u>	<u>Total Attendance - 202</u>
General Fund Offering	\$ 4,246.50
Sanctuary Fund	82.50
"Souper" Bowl offering	52.86
Memorial Fund	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL -	\$ 4,431.86
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,481)	

179th General Assembly June 15-19, 2009 Memphis, Tennessee

The 179th 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.

Highlights of the Session Meeting

- *Devotional and opening prayer by Elder Debby Aljancic
- *Tom Aljancic, Treasurer reported January budgeted giving - \$19,459.36; January Expenses- \$20,918.29
- *Received new members Sheila Willis, Starr Martino, Anna Marie Martino and Lindsey Damesworth.
- *Reviewed 2008 congregational report. We added 13 new members in 2008 and lost 4 members.
- *Prayed for the members and friends on our prayer concerns list
- *Personnel/Search Committee reported they are reviewing 3 resumes, (more are expected), have sent an ad to the CP Magazine, and are praying for God's guidance in their search for a new children's & youth coordinator.
- *Session had special intercessory prayer for Brady Blount.
- *Elected Cindy Owen as delegate for Presbytery to meet on March 7; Debby Aljancic as alternate
- *Building & Grounds-Reported roofers are scheduled to make repairs Feb. 12; we are in 2nd year of two-year contract for cutting the grass with Josh White
- *Christian Education-Lee & Amy Lawrence will be directors for Vacation Bible School; Contact person for Springs (children's fellowship Grades 3-6) is Dewayne Ervin; Contact person for ...fewleftstanding... (Grade 7-12) is Jean Garrett;
- *Fellowship Committee-will provide refreshments for "Evangelism Miniversity" Feb. 21.
- *Missions Committee-Touch the Future plans for Feb. 15; 30-Hour Famine Feb. 27-28; Collection of canned foods on 4th Sundays; mini mission trips
- *Worship Committee-looking into the possibility of a Visitor Center in the Gathering Area-anyone interested in helping with greeting visitors, etc. please contact Joe Hames or Lee Lawrence.
- *A Prayer Vigil in conjunction with "Touch the Future" will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25 and continue thru 40days of Lent.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 14 - 8 am - Men's Fellowship at the church
Feb. 15 - 4 pm - Touch the Future - Congregation
Feb. 18 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 3 (Hames/Owen)
7 pm - Committee Meetings
Feb. 21 - 9 am -1pm- Evangelism Miniversity - Here
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. 6-7 - West TN Women's Ministry Retreat @ CCW
Mar. 7 - West Tennessee Presbytery Meeting
Mar. 11 - 5:30 pm - WOW 6 (Boaz/Ervin)
Mar. 13-15 - Junior High Retreat at CCW
Mar. 18 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 1 (Baxter/Thompson)
Mar. 23-27 - McKenzie Schools Spring Break
Mar. 25 - NO WOW (due to Spring Break)
Mar. 27-29 - Bethel College Youth Festival
Apr. 12 - 7 am - Easter Sunrise Service at our church
9 am - Contemporary Worship Service
10:10 am - Sunday School Classes
11 1m - Traditional Worship Service

Remember in Your Prayers

Brady Blount-Lebonheur Children's Medical Center; Joe Hearn;
Robye Lindsey; Linda Smith; Raymond Hinton; Evan
Lownsbery; Carol Rose (Anne Lewis' mother); Jennifer Huskey
& family (Anne Lewis' sister); Charlie Libowsky

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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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