

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2008



From the Pastor's Desk

This week we began the season of Lent. Our youth are setting the stage by participating in a thirty-hour famine. This is the third consecutive year they have participated in this program and I must admit they impress me with their desire to fast so others may eat. If you can support them and their cause please do so.

God is good all the time, all the time God is good. This was the greeting our youth and camp staff members heard every morning from Rev. George Butler at Camp Clark Williamson during summer camp. Sometimes I think we forget that God is good all the time. During this economic depression people are becoming depressed and it is natural to do so, however, if we will keep in mind that God is good all the time we can have a better and healthier prospective on life. Lent is the season when we overcome sin, temptation, and weakness and gain strength for the Easter morning. Lent is a time to turn loose of obstacles that tend to drag us down; it is a time to overcome; a time for victory in our life. The Apostle Paul said, "Oh death where is thy sting, Oh grave where is thy victory?" You see Rev. Butler was right when he reminded us each morning; God is good all the time, all the time God is good.

---Tony

Welcome New Members

Cheyenne Geyer, Steve and Kimberly Burke are our newest members. They came forward on Sunday, February 22 to confess their faith in Christ and become members of the church. Steve and his wife, Melanie reside at 728 N. Main Street in McKenzie with their daughters, Cheyenne and Kimberly and son, Zakkary.

Prayer Vigil

In conjunction with "Touch the Future", discerning God's will for our church family, a PRAYER VIGIL will began on Ash Wednesday, February 25 and will continue thru the season of LENT. The church will be open from 7am to 8 am; 11 am to 1 pm and 5 to 6 pm every day from February 25 (Ash Wednesday) until April 11 (Easter Sunday).

We want everyone in the congregation to participate. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the hallway. In 1998 the church held a 24-Hour Prayer Vigil at the Stonewall location. Many of you were a part of that prayer vigil and the spiritual results were tremendous for everyone who participated.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Again, this year, our church will be a Relay Center for the Operation Christmas Child Project. Last year many shoe boxes, filled with small toys, school supplies and personal hygiene items, were collected and sent to brighten the Christmas of children throughout the world.

For the 2009 Operation Christmas Child Project, we will be collecting different items each month from March through November. During the month of March we will collect bar soap and new wash cloths. A container will be left in the Gathering Area during the month for your donations. As you do your shopping this month please remember to include these items on your shopping list.

You will still have the opportunity to provide a filled shoe box later in the year if you wish.

Thank you for your participation.

Ruth and Jimmy Carroll
Operation Christmas Child Relay Coordinators

Food Drive

With rising unemployment, there are increasing needs for food to feed the hungry in our community. The Missions Committee has planned to collect food (peanut butter, soups, stews, pastas) crackers, cereals, toilet tissue, shampoo, soap, any non-perishable food items and personal care items on the **Fourth Sunday** of each month. Everything will be taken to United Neighbors. There will be a basket beside the hallway entrance/exit to the Family Life Center. Bring your donations on **March 22**.

Springs

Springs (Grades 3-6 Children's Fellowship) met last Sunday and made tentative plans for activities and also for Children's Choir for March, April and May. Meeting time is 4 pm on Sunday afternoons. However some activities are scheduled other than Sunday afternoons.

Children's Choir with the help of Carol Nanney and Charro Keenan will meet from 3:30 to 4:00 pm on March 1, March 15, March 29 (4 pm-this day only); April 5.

Springs Tentative Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
March 1	Keenans
March 15	Bradberrys
Spring Break - (May plan a trip to Fun Zone)	
March 28	Nolens - Black-light Bowling
April 5	Surbers
April 19	Ervin's
April 24	Olson (Yard Sale??)
April 25	Outing??
May 3	Smiley (Outreach Project)
May 17	Lunns (Diamond Jaxx Game?)
May 24	Nolens - Picnic

...Fewleftstanding...

...fewleftstanding... will meet at 5:30 pm on Friday, February 27 at the church. (Parents, you need to "sign them in".) They are participating in the 30-Hour Famine by fasting for 30 hours. Their fast begins at 8 am on Friday morning. 30-Hour Famine is a program sponsored by World Vision to help feed hungry people in the world. The youth in our church will be accepting your donations for this very worthwhile project. They will spend the night at the church, do a mission project for the Humane Society on Saturday morning, then at 1:30 pm on Saturday "break the fast" with Communion served by Rev. Janner. At 2 pm they will eat! Parents--The activity will be over at approximately 2:30 pm on Saturday.

...fewleftstanding... will meet on **Sunday, March 8 at 6 pm** at the church with Mark Warren to plan activities. Parents, you are invited to come as we need your ideas and help in planning and participating in the youth programs.

There is a Junior High Retreat planned at Camp Clark Williamson for **March 13-15**. Registration forms are available at the church.

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.

Mark your calendars for April 4 - Guitar Hero and April 18- the Autism Walk.

Many thanks to the parents and everyone who has helped, is helping and will help with *Springs* and *...fewleftstanding...* activities.

Relay for Life Church Team

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 this \$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 having the Cake Walk on Wednesday nights after WOW classes. February 18 winner of the Strawberry Pie was Eli Surber (king of the cake walks) and Ruth Carroll won the Pecan Pie. Cupcake winners on the 25th included: Jacey Davis and Eli Surber. Thanks to everyone who participates by baking and donating money for the Cake Walk each week.

Thank You Notes

A big thank you to everyone who prepared and served food during the Mini-versity held at our church on Saturday, February 21. The classes were a great success and the participants enjoyed the hospitality our church family always provides. Fellowship and Membership Committee
Ruth Carroll & Bill Kreuter

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, food telephone calls and prayers since December 26 when I fractured a vertebra and had a procedure called Vertebroplasty to stabilize it. At this same time, after all these MANY YEARS, my blood pressure decided to get out of control and I spent a few days in the hospital. The thoughtful things you did enabled me to get through some long and painful days. I am so grateful to Tony and all those who came to visit me in the hospital and to those who brought food when I came home. I am now recovering from my second Vertebroplasty and hope to soon be back into church activities which are so important to me. Sincere thanks to all of you. Robye Lindsey

Our brother, Charles McCalla, was a wonderful "big" brother to us throughout his long and full life. In the last couple of years he had been in and out of the hospital many times and died February 19. We thank you for thinking of us at this time of great loss in our lives. Your support by sending cards, food, making telephone calls, and attending the funeral service is greatly appreciated. Thank you for caring. We thank God for friends like you. Robye Lindsey and Frances Jensen

Thanks for letting us use the Family Life Center for our Father/Daughter Dance. We all had a great time.

Thanks, Girl Scout Troop 55

MHS Renaissance Club

Mark Your Calendars Now! *Those Guys In The Band*, a popular swing band from Tupelo, MS, is coming to McKenzie for a special show to benefit the McKenzie High School Renaissance Club. The Dinner-Dance-Concert will be held in the Family Life Center of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening, **March 21**. Tickets are now on sale at the McKenzie High School office and from members of the Renaissance Club, and at Bob Rutledge Advertising, at \$12 each or 2 for \$20. Reserve your dinner seat now and plan to attend this spectacular event.

Tickets are available in the church office.

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 is continuing his study of the gospel of Mark.

Many thanks to Team 3 with Elders Joe Hames and Cindy Owen for the Taco Salad and desserts and to Team 4 with Elders Deby Aljancic and Bill Kreuter for the Lasagna, Salad and Dessert

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

TEAMS 1 and 6 have swapped dates due to a conflict.

Mar 11 - 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

Mar. 18 - 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; Lunn; Matlocks; Nanneys; Nolens; T & C Patterson; V. Patterson; Powells; Renfros; J. & L. Stambaugh; V. Walker; Weatherfords; Whitlows

April 1 - Team 2 with Elders Ruth Carroll and Mark Warren and team members: N. Arguella; C. Barnett; Belongs; R. & D. Brown; Fitzgeralds; Hills; Hinton; Jeffreys; Kemp; Martino's; P. & S. Long; Medlocks; Nienabers; Perkins; Ross; T. & M. Surber; Thomas; C. & J. Toombs J. & R. Walker; Lynn Watkins

McKenzie Head Start/Early Head Start

Northwest Tennessee Head Start is currently accepting applications for enrollment of children for the 2009-2010 year. If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 30 and you are interested in enrolling the registration days are March 17 & 18 at 938 Walnut Ave. (Details posted on the church bulletin board.) Contact Stephanie Bolin at 352-7170 for more information.

Attendance and Giving Report

<u>Feb. 15, 2009</u>	<u>Total Attendance -196</u>
General Fund Offering	\$ 4,429.50
Sanctuary Fund	25.00
Youth Fund	210.00
TOTAL -	\$ 4,664.50
<u>Feb. 22, 2009</u>	<u>Total Attendance - 209</u>
General Fund Offering	\$ 7,103.50
Sanctuary Fund	472.00
TOTAL -	\$ 7,575.50
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,481)	

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.

Railings Protecting Stained Glass

Please be aware of the railings upstairs which protect the Stained Glass Windows. For some reason the railings are loose. Please do NOT stand on the railings and ask anyone you might see standing on the railings to please Do NOT stand on the railings.

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.

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations to Michael Keenan and Seth Jeffrey who were chosen to participate in Special Band Competitions in Martin, Memphis and other locations. Michael plays the trumpet and Seth played in Percussion Ensemble in UTM Honors Band.

Congratulations to Martha and Tommy Bobo at the birth of a new granddaughter, Alanis Grace, born February 3 in Pullman, Washington to Alan and Lori Bobo. Martha has gone to spend a few weeks with the family. Alanis Grace has a big sister, Emma Jane.

Congratulations to Mark and Bethanie Bowlin who have a new baby girl, Candice. She was born February 4 in Jackson, TN. Congratulations also to Ben & Linda McClure, great, great aunt and uncle.

Congratulations to Linda Smith who has a new granddaughter. Halle Cayden was born February 17. Her parents are Brian and Angela Smith. She weighed 7 lbs and 9 ozs. The Smiths address is: 209 Hideaway Trail, Franklin, TN 37069. Halle has a big sister, Rylan.

Congratulations to Bob & Susan Bouldin—great grandparents! John Alden Russell was born February 8, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Marshall Russell and grandson of Marshall and Robyn Russell.

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.

Women's Ministry

Glory Be Circle will meet on Monday, **March 2 at 6:30 pm** at the Mexican Restaurant for a "Girls Night Out".

Sharing Sisters will meet at the church at the church for a potluck supper. Millie Finley is program leader and Linda Quinn is hostess. Meeting date and time is **March 3 at 6 pm**.

Jubilee Circle will meet on Monday, **March 9** at the home of Frances Jensen. Bonnie Baxter will be the program leader. Meeting time is **7 pm**.

Acolytes

Deven Fields - 415-4428
Brandon Hill - 352-0891
Supervisor - Carol Hill

Ushers

9:00 am Worship Service
Charles Kemp- Chairperson
Jon Davis - Co-Chairperson
Jimmy Carroll
Bob Bouldin

11:00 am Worship Service
Joe McKinnie - Chairperson
Bill Kreuter - Co-Chairperson
Gordon Coleman
Joe Hames

Nursery Helpers

1-Vicky Clark
Starr Martino
Debby Aljancic- A
8- Janet Baumgardner
Linda Kemp
Daphne Brown-A
15-Gretchen Whitlow
Rachel Carroll
Paula Watkins-A
22-Sarah Bradberry
Anne Lewis
Lunette Hines-A
29-Amy Lawrence
Cheyenne Geyer
Dawn Ervin-A

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.

March Birthdays

- 1 - Justin Stambaugh
Virginia Walker
- 2 - Krista Brush
Trent Rutledge
- 3 - Lynda Lankford
Tommy Patterson
Badr Turner
- 4 - Linda Quinn
Amanda Boaz
- 8 - Bob Hull
Dusty Locke
- 9 - Nicholas Baker
- 11 - Jean McKinnie
Brice Webb
- 12 - Suzanne Howell
Brandon Hill
- 15 - Matt Johnson
- 16 - Dave Peters
- 18 - Amy Wade
- 19 - Stacie Warman
- 20 - Matt Warren
- 21 - Eric Corbin
Terry Howell
- 22 - Doris Blount
Joe Hames
- 23 - Debbie Medlock
Dennis Holcomb
Roy Travillian
- 26 - Mark Warren
Bob Hines
- 27 - Peter Jeffrey
- 28 - Frank Claytor
- 30 - Mark Thompson

March Anniversaries

- 10 - Charles & Linda Kemp
- 14 - Bob & Kathy Hull
- 16 - Eddie & Kim Moss

(If we have accidentally left off your birthday or anniversary or made a mistake in the dates, please call the church office at 352-2440 or e-mail to: church@mckenziecpc.org Thank you.)

Tomorrow's Hope

Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Care Center's WALK FOR LIFE will kick off with a celebration on March 3, 2009 from 6 - 8 pm at the Center. The celebration will take place at Tomorrow's Hope, 211 N. Brewer St., Paris, TN.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 27-28 - Thirty-Hour Famine
Mar. 1 - 4 pm - Springs (Grades 3-6 Fellowship)-Keenans
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. 8 - 6 pm - ...fewleftstanding (Grades 7-12) & parents
Planning Meeting
Mar. 11 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 1 (Baxter/Thompson)
Mar. 13-15 - Junior High Retreat at CCW
Mar. 15 - 4 pm - Springs (Grades 3-6 Fellowship)Bradberrys
Mar. 18 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 6 (Boaz/Ervin)
Mar. 21 - MHS Renaissance Club Dinner/Dance/Concert
Mar. 23-27 - McKenzie Schools Spring Break
Mar. 25 - 7 am - Carroll County Chamber of Commerce
Prayer Breakfast
Mar. 25 - NO WOW (due to Spring Break)
Mar. 27-29 - Bethel College Youth Festival
Apr. 1 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 2 (Carroll/Warren)
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 & the Blount family (Caring Bridge site is: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bradyblount>; Joe Hearn-Cane Creek Rehabilitation Center; Robye Lindsey; Linda Smith; Bob Brawner (Teresa Washburn's father)-Jackson Madison Co. Hospital, Room 809A; Ruth Latimer (Linda Smith's mother); Lori Pearson; Evan Lownsbery; Charlie Libowsky; Ian Hatchell

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Prayer Concerns (Continued)

Sympathy to: Robye Lindsey and Frances Jensen and family at the death of their brother, Charles McCalla; Edna Gene Forester at the death of a very dear friend, Chaplain Brad Ableson

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); 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; Craig Willis; Dee Ann Barnes; Josiah Jeffrey Bridges; Carol Rose (Anne Lewis' mother); Jennifer Huskey & family (Anne Lewis' sister); 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; Diane Massey; Amy Hall; Carol Barker; Dot Neisler; William Espey

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

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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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