

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2009



From the Pastor's Desk

In Max Lucado's book, "Cure for the Common Life", he tells a story about the summer he took on two house-watching jobs. One was for Mr. Wilson, a man that he did not know and had a big house and a big fence with a not-so-small bull-dog. He, Mr. Wilson seemed to be a man not to displease, a man of straight foreword no-nonsense business practices. In other words you couldn't get away with anything. Then there was Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a working delivery man and Max knew him well. He was a good fun-loving man and he wanted Max to keep a watch on his house, feed his big dog, mow his large lawn and take care of business. Max like working at Mr. Johnson's place, but was uncomfortable working at Mr. Wilson's house.

"So how you relate to the master of the house colors everything", says Max. You can dread him and hate your work, or trust him and love it. How you feel about the Master of the universe does the same. Do you think God treats you with the sensitivity of a Nazi prison guard? This supposition guarantees daily deliveries of terror to your heart. Or do you believe God cherishes you like Stradivarius would his newest violin? He does. Believe it. Jesus made this point in his dramatic parable of the talents: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. (Matthew 25: 14-15)

Before "talent" meant "skill", it meant money. It was the largest amount in Greek currency—10,000 denarii. According to this story a denarii was a day's wage. If you make \$30,000 a year and you work 260 days a year, then your daily wage is \$115.00 per day. Then multiply 10,000 times the \$115.00 and your talent becomes \$1,150,000. One talent, then equals a lifetime of earnings. This is a lot of money and the key point to this parable. Your God-given design and uniqueness have high market value in heaven. God did not entrust you with a \$2.00 talent or a \$5.00 skill. Consider yourself a million-dollar-investment—in many cases a multimillion-dollar enterprise. God gives gifts, not miserly, but abundantly.—Tony
(from Max Lucado, "Take Big Risks For God.")

Welcome New Members

Welcome to Cory Cummings and Mary Goodrum who came to the altar Sunday, March 15 to reaffirm their faith and baptism and become members of the church. Corey is married to Kate (Hames) Cummings. Their address is: 7400 Highway 124, Apt. C. Cory is a student at Memphis Theological Seminary. Mary lives at 126 Walnut Circle.

Prayer Vigil

In conjunction with "Touch the Future", discerning God's will for our church family, a PRAYER VIGIL 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) at 2 pm. Toddlers thru 4th graders are welcome to bring their Easter baskets and participate in the Egg Hunt. The older youth are welcome to come early and help hide the eggs.

Community Easter Sunrise Service

Our church will be hosting this year's Community Sunrise Service at 7 am on Easter Sunday, April 11. Rev. Anne Hames will deliver the sermon. Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend this special service.

Renaissance Theatre presents *Beauty and the Beast*

Bethel College Renaissance Theatre will present the Disney musical *Beauty and the Beast* at Bouldin Auditorium, Bethel College campus, March 27th and 28th at 7pm and March 29th at 2 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call 352-6445 for tickets.

They will also be performing the musical at The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center in Huntingdon, TN April 2nd & 4th at 7pm and April 5 at 2 pm. All tickets are \$15. Call 986-2100 or go online at www.dixiepac.net to order tickets.

Newsletter Changes

We are mailing only one newsletter a month. The Sunday bulletins will also include news articles. You can go online at <http://www.mckenziecpc.org/newsletter/> to read both the newsletter and the Sunday bulletins.

Springs

Springs (Grades 3-6 Children's Fellowship) is listed below. The usual meeting time is 4 pm on Sunday afternoons. However some activities are scheduled other than Sunday afternoons.

On Saturday, **March 28 Springs and ...fewleftstanding...** will go **bowling** in Paris. They will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. They need some adult chaperones who are willing to attend. Everyone will need \$6 for bowling and extra for snacks.

Children's Choir under the direction of Carol Nanney and Charro Keenan will meet at **4:00 pm on March 29 and at 3:30 pm on April 5.**

As you are doing your spring cleaning, save the good stuff for a yard sale. Springs and Youth will have yard sale at the pavilion on Friday, April 24. Diann Olson will be helping to organize the yard sale. She needs helpers.

Springs Tentative Schedule:

DATE	LEADER
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... (Grades 7-12) met on Sunday, March 8 with parents and Mark Warren to plan activities.

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 admissions at 731-352-4030 or admissions@bethel-college.edu to register.

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DATE	
Mar. 28	8:30 pm - Black-Light Bowling
Apr. 4	6 pm - Guitar Hero
Apr. 18	Autism Walk @ Bethel College
Apr. 19	High School Play
Apr. 24	Yard Sale
May 3	Outreach Project
May 13	Senior Dinner

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

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.

Thanks for bring wash clothes and bars of soap during March. We will be collecting different items each month from March through November. During the month of April we will collect **crayons & small coloring books.** There is a box in the Gathering Area for your donations. 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

2009 Special Events and Dates to

Remember at Camp Clark Williamson

Spring Work Week will be the week of **April 14-18** with work projects each day.

Projects will include (but not limited to).....

... working on adopted cabins ...cutting up dead trees ...gate and fence repair work...replacing lighting fixtures ...replacing screen doors ...road and gravel work...repair of porch swings ...install more attic fans ...install new windows in cabins. Please call Mike @ 731-784-3221 if you can come to camp to work on a project. If your youth group would like to stay a night set it up with Mike.

Camp Clark Williamson Sunday is on **April 19.** This is the day set aside by Presbytery in which special offerings are encouraged to be taken by congregations to benefit CCW.

Work Day and annual **Fishing Rodeo May 2.** See website for fishing times and info.

2009 Summer Camps @ CCW

Day camp June 6

Jr. Camp #1 June 8-13

Sr. High Camp June 22-27

Jr. High #1 July 6-11

Jr. High #2 July 13-18

Jr. #2 July 20-25

2009 Fall Events @ CCW

Senior Adult Day October 15 (see website)

Junior High Retreat November 6-8

College Age Retreat November 13-15

Senior High Retreat November 20-22

CCW News: Check out campclarkwilliamson.com for future updates and newsletters.

Contact Mike @ CCW (731)784-3221, 1-800-655-8204 or campclarkw@click1.net

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.)

There will be an open house at the new denominational center buildings on June 16th. (Previously announced on incorrect date.)

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations to Michael Keenan, Seth Jeffrey, Cheyenne Geyer, Alex Parish who played in a recent Band Concert.

Congratulations to Alan and Virginia Cross who have a new granddaughter. Lillian was born on March 13, 2009 in Nashville.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tim Storey! Alisha Walker and Tim Storey were recently married. Their address is: 4672 County Rd. 651 Bernie, MO 63822

McKenzie High School Theater presents *Annie Get Your Gun*

McKenzie High School Theater will present the musical *Annie Get Your Gun* on April 18 at 7 pm and April 19 at 2:30 pm. Those from our church participating include: Victoria Motheral, Hannah Jeffrey, Cheyenne Geyer, Stephen O'Neil and Michael Keenan. Glynda Corbin is director and Dr. Alan Cross is assisting in musical direction.

Relay for Life - Team News

Run for Life, a 5k fun run/walk, sponsored by Relay for Life will be Saturday, **April 4** at City Park Barn. More information and Registration forms are available in the hallway. There is also a basketball tournament and beauty pageant.

The Annual Cancer Bake Auction will be April 6-10 at the McKenzie Church of Christ. Everyone is invited to donate baked goods. If you prepare cakes, pies, cookies, candies etc. for the Bake Auction, please put First C. P. Church Relay Team on it so our team will get credit. Check with Heather Garrett for Purple Bows if you are interested.

Cake Walk Winners on March 11 were Emma Renfro (Caramel Cake), and Jacey Davis (Strawberry Cake). Thanks to Traci Lunn & Carolyn Patterson for baking.

If anyone in the church would like to join our team, you are welcome. We especially need help the night of the event which is **June 5**. The next team meeting will be Wednesday, **April 1** at 7 pm following WOW.

Thank You Notes

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for all of the kind words, prayers, encouragement and especially all of the food that you guys have helped prepare or purchase for us during these long weeks of Brady's illness. We are truly thankful to have such a loving and caring family of faith. We love you.

With sincere thanks,
Chris, Missy, Gracie & Brady Blount

Dear Friends at the McKenzie Church:

Thank you so much for your church's contribution to *Our United Outreach*. Your gift is responsible for many great things happening in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Your recent *Our United Outreach* contributions enabled the Missions Ministry Team to provide financial assistance to twenty-five New Church Development projects across the denomination this month.

Your gracious congregation is uniting funds with other CP churches to do a broader ministry. We are doing together what we cannot do alone. Thank you for your example of stewardship to the global community. May God bless these gifts and the work that they support.

Grace & peace, Elinor S. Brown

Mini - Mission Trip

The missions committee has tentatively set the following two dates for our first mini-mission trip: Saturday, April 18 from 8 am -noon and Monday April 20th from 4-8 p.m. We will be working at the Lollar House. Indoors we need to work on plaster removal from the bricks in two of the rooms. The backyard needs cleaned up, brick from a former shed need to be moved, etc. Items that will possibly be needed are shovels, chainsaws, rakes, dust pans, general cleaning supplies, scrub brushes, hammers, trash bags, chisels, and face masks (it will get dusty inside.) Sign up sheets will be posted closer to time so we can get an idea of who and how many to expect.

WOW (Worship on Wednesday)

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 are 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 5 with Elders Victor Clark & Lee Lawrence for the chili dogs and desserts; to Team 6 with Elders Amanda Boaz and Dewayne Ervin for the fried chicken meal and to Team 1 with Elders James Baxter and Mark Thompson for the breakfast meal.

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

April 8 - 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

April 15 - 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

April 22 - 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

April 29 - 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

May 6 - WOW COOKOUT at the pavilion with fun and games

Attendance and Giving Report

<u>Mar. 8, 2009</u>	Total Attendance -160
General Fund Offering	\$ 8,984.43
Sanctuary Fund	342.50
Memorial	100.00
TOTAL -	\$ 9,426.93
<u>Mar. 15, 2009</u>	Total Attendance - 187
General Fund Offering	\$ 4,900.90
Sanctuary Fund	165.00
Memorial -	50.00
TOTAL -	\$ 5,115.90
<u>Mar. 22, 2009</u>	Total Attendance- 183
General Fund Offering	\$ 6,204.22
Sanctuary Fund	5.00
Memorial -	300.00
	\$ 6,409.22
(General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,481)	

Women's Ministry

Glory Be Circle will meet on Monday, **April 6 at 6:30 pm** at the Mexican Restaurant. Heather Garrett is program leader.

Sharing Sisters will meet at the home of Martha Peters for a potluck supper. Marlene Kreuter is the program leader. Meeting date and time is **April 7 at 6 pm.**

Jubilee Circle will meet on Monday, **April 13** at the church. Peggy Espey will be the program leader. Ruth Carroll is hostess. Meeting time is **7 pm.**

Acolytes

Jay Wafford - 352-3789

Alex Wafford - 352-3789

Supervisor - Marge Matlock

Ushers

9:00 am Worship Service

Victor Clark - Chairperson

Tommy Patterson Co-Chairperson

Marge Matlock

Andrew Webb

11:00 am Worship Service

Tommy Johnson - Chairperson

James Baxter - Co-Chairperson

Michael Keenan

John Holancin

Nursery Helpers

5-June Perritt	415-0629
Lenore Surber	352-3150
Rachel Carroll-A	415-4428
12-Jill Renfro	352-4908
Becky Allen	693-8333
Karen Jeffrey-A	352-0792
19-Jean Garrett	352-2963
Marcia Webb	352-3550
Sandra Spires-A	352-3764
26-Sandra Pate	352-7631
Jill Warren	571-6361
Martha Bobo-A	352-7043

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet at 8 am on Saturday, April 11 at the church. All the men are invited to come for a time of devotional light breakfast and devotional time.

Elder of the Month

Bill Kreuter

Bible Study - *Esther*

We will be studying the Old Testament book of *Esther* with the theme "It's Tough Being a Woman". This is not a typical study because *Esther* is not a typical book. *Esther* is an amazing narrative complete with tragedy and triumph. You'll encounter intrigue, ambiguity, and excess, all in theatrical form. The thread of mystery that runs through the story will leave your mind spinning.

The Bible study is written by Beth Moore. The first video is an introduction to the study on Sunday evening **April 19 at 6 pm.** A nine-week study will follow on Sunday evenings at 6 pm. Workbooks are \$14.95 and are available in the office.

April Birthdays

2 - Debby Aljancic

3 - Clifford Matlock

Violet Patterson

Zachary Nienaber

4 - Glenn Corbin

5 - Faye Headden

Devyn Smiley

6 -Carolyn Patterson

7 - Sandra Spires

Lunette Hines

8 - Victoria Motheral

Amanda Morris

11 - J. Blake Baker

12 - Jill Stambaugh

15 - Rachael Clark

16 - Chris Blount

17 - Sean Kelly

Edna Gene Forester

Sarah Dailey

Emily Lunn

Hayden Long

19 - Matthew Bowlin

Holland Hames

20 - Vicky Clark

21- Sydney Baker

22 - Tara Hart

Jennifer Hayes

Marjorie Matlock

23 - Marilyn Wiggins

24 - Amy Peters Scott

Mark Stambaugh

Anna Marie Martino

25 - Madyson Driggers

26 - Hannah Powell

Tate Surber

27- Linda Howton

28 - John Baumgardner

30 - Jill Warren

Joshua Nienaber

Anniversaries

1 - Kelly & Clara Weatherford

3 - Larry & Paula Watkins

4 - Frank & Leonora Claytor

8 - Tony & Mary Ann Janner

14 - Lute & Tara Foster

18 - Joel & Teresa Washburn

24-Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh

Walter & Carla Waddle

(Please call the church office at 352-2440 or e-mail to: church@mckenziecpc.org with corrections & additions. Thank you.)

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 27-29 - Bethel College Youth Festival
Mar. 27 & 28 - 7 pm - *Beauty and the Beast* @ Bethel College
Mar. 28 - 6:30 pm - Black-Light BOWLING
Mar. 29 - 2 pm - *Beauty and the Beast* @ Bethel College
Apr. 1 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 2 (Carroll/Warren)
Apr. 4 - 6 pm - Youth - Guitar Hero
Apr. 5 - Palm Sunday - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
2 pm - Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 6 - 6:30 pm - Glory Be Circle Meeting
Apr. 7 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters Potluck & Meeting
Apr. 8 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 3 (Hames/Owen)
7 pm - Session Meeting
Apr. 9 - 7 pm - Maundy Thursday Communion
Apr. 11 - 8 am - Men's Fellowship
Apr. 12 - 7 am - Easter Sunrise Service at our church
9 am - Contemporary Worship Service
10:10 am - Sunday School Classes
11 am - Traditional Worship Service
Apr. 13 - 7 pm - Jubilee Circle Meeting
Apr. 15 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 4 (Aljancic/Kreuter)
Apr. 18 - 8 am - Mini Mission-Lollar House
Autism Walk
7 pm - *Annie Get Your Gun* - MHS Theater
Apr. 19 - 2 pm - *Annie Get Your Gun* - MHS Theater
6 pm - *Esther* Bible Study by Beth Moore
Apr. 20 - 7 pm - Bethel College Chorale Concert
Apr. 22 - 5:30 pm WOW -Team 5 (Clark/Lawrence)
Apr. 24 - Yard Sale by ***Springs & ...fewleftstanding...***
Apr. 29 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 6 (Boaz/Ervin)
May 6 - 5:30 pm - WOW Picnic & Games
May 10 - Mother's Day
May 17 - McKenzie High School Graduation

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Remember in Your Prayers

Brady Blount; John William Ervin; Reese Carroll; Joan Nichols (Carla Waddle's mother)
Sympathy to: Kim Manns and family
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; Joe Hearn; Carla Waddle; Jen Nolen; Ruth Latimer (Linda Smith's mother); Lori Pearson; Evan Lownsbery; Charlie Libowsky; Craig Willis; 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 Hennis' 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
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Zia McKennie-Organist; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director; Praise Choir Leaders- Diann Olson; Keith Hennis
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"

