

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

November 25, 2009



From the Pastor's Desk

The Touch the Future Discernment Meeting that took place on November 16 was exceptional. Rev. William Jones has been leading us through the process and groups have met in different rooms to place in order to our understanding what is most important for the ministry of our church. Evangelism is the core value that has come from this process with the following sub-categories: Prayer Warriors, Biblical Teaching, Visitation of our seniors and college students/staff. On the 16th, elders with their shepherd groups discussed the who, what, when, where and how on the subject of prayer. Some of the ideas that came forth include: ways we pray; pass prayer requests onto others; have a prayer chain; prayer cards; have a prayer garden; have a prayer chapel/room in the church; and post the results of prayers, have prayer vigils for particular needs of the church; have a prayer fellowship with times and places for gathering to pray; have a prayer time with the pastor before each service.

As you can see, we were busy looking at this one particular need. We are planning to have the Elder Shepherd Groups meet separately before the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Please be in prayer for our church and the direction it is taking.

Our annual Chrismon service will be at the 11 am worship service on November 29th. We will also light the first Advent Candle. On November 29th at 2 pm, everyone is invited to participate in the hanging of the greens—decorating with wreaths, garland, trees.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Chris and Alisa Fesmire as new members of our church. They live at 309 Clark Street in Huntingdon. They have three children, Raegan, Harrison and Taylor.

Welcome also to Mr. Roy Travillian. Mr. Roy was a member of this church in his younger years before moving his family to Gleason. He now lives at Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Ln., McKenzie. He is the father of Lynda Lankford, grandfather of Amy Lawrence and great grandfather of Luke.

We are excited to have these new members as a part of our family of faith.

Chrismon Service

The annual Chrismon Worship Service will be held the first Sunday in Advent, **Sunday, November 29** at the **11 am** worship service. The youth will be leading the service, describing the Christian symbols we use to decorate the tree. The congregation will be invited to place the ornaments on the tree. Make plans to attend this special worship service. You will be blessed.

Angel Tree

Beta Sigma Phi coordinates with the Elementary School to provide gifts for children who might not otherwise receive any gifts this Christmas. Each angel will have a gift request with information (boy or girl, age, size) 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. Please have your gifts returned to the church by **December 13** so Beta Sigma Phil can get them to the families in need. These gifts will go to children in the McKenzie community.

Janet Baumgardner will have Angel Tree Gift Requests available on Sunday morning, November 29 during the Sunday School hour in the Gathering Area and also at the 11 am Worship Service.

A Song is Born - Chancel Choir Cantata

The Chancel Choir will be presenting *A Song is Born*, Christmas Cantata on Sunday, **December 6 at 11 am**. They have been preparing for this special presentation of Christmas music for several weeks. Everyone is invited to come. The choir is invited to a breakfast at 9 am on December 5 prior to their final rehearsal.

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling on **Wednesday, December 16**. Meet at the church at 5 pm, then caravan to the nursing homes, retirement centers and homes. Charro & Tom Keenan have invited everyone to come to their house afterwards. Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies, finger food to share.

It All Happened in the Country

The children and youth will be presenting the musical, *It All Happened in the Country* on Sunday, December 20 at 5 pm in the Worship and Family Life Center. Following the presentation, we will have a reception. Please bring finger foods, sandwiches, chips and dips, cookies, fruit & veggie trays, cheese & crackers, your favorite holiday snack food. Drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. And maybe a special visitor will make an appearance, so be good boys and girls because Santa is watching.

Gift to the King Offering

This year's Gift to the King Offering will be used to establish a new church in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico in 2010. It will provide lots of opportunities for Cumberland Presbyterians to share their faith, both in proclaiming God's word and in service to others. Please give generously. The Gift to the King Offering will be received on **Sunday, December 13.**

Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service

Christmas Eve Communion Service begins at 7 pm on December 24. Plan to be a part of this very special service as we worship and observe Holy Communion together as a family of faith

Christmas Morning Worship

Everyone is invited to come and be part of worship on Christmas morning. The service begins at 9:30 am on the 25th. You may dress casually.

Memorials & Honorariums - Sanctuary Fund In Honor of:

Christine Pinson

by Tommy & Carolyn Patterson

Debby Aljancic

by Paul & Susie Long

Susan Bouldin

by Paul & Susie Long

In Memory of:

Susie Motheral

by John & Sandy Langfitt

WOW

The *Mayberry Bible Study* series will conclude December 2. The video Bible study of *The Andy Griffith Show in Mayberry* has been entertaining and enlightening for the congregation. The discussion groups have reinforced the moral values of a Christian society and the children have learned some valuable lessons.

A nursery is provided for the babies and also one for the toddlers.

The meals (**5:30 pm**) will be prepared by elder teams as we have done in the past. Your elder shepherd will be asking you to help by preparing food, serving food, giving a donation or helping clean up after the meal. Donations are taken for the meal. If we've accidentally left you off the list and you'd like to help, please call us.

Thanks to: Team 5 for the Mexican Pile-On; Team 6 for the Sub Sandwiches; Team 2 for the Baked Potato Bar; Team 3 for the Pizza; Team 1 for potato soup and ham sandwiches; and Team 5 for Vegetable Beef Soup.

November 25 - NO WOW - Thanksgiving Break

December 2 -Team 4 with Elders Debby Aljancic & Bill Kreuter and 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; B. Surbers; L. Walker; L. & P. Watkins

Relay for Life - Church Team

The Church Relay Team has placed a garbage can in the Gathering Area for recycling cans. You can contribute aluminum cans or "*washed*" steel vegetable/fruit/meat cans.

We are doing the Cake Walks once a month with 2 or 3 cakes (or more if possible) after WOW. Next cake walk is December 2.

We are still welcoming new members on the team. Call Heather Garrett or the church office if you are interested. We set our goal at \$ 1500 for this year.

Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Loaves and Fishes Program Laying a Strong Foundation

The 2009 Loaves and Fishes Program will provide urgent seed money to assist in developing a Colombian based Foundation (Nehemiah Foundation). The foundation will seek international grants for ministries to combat global problems such as hunger, lack of education, displaced people, and inadequate health care.

50% of the funds collected will be used for the Nehemiah Foundation in Colombia; 25% for denominational hunger needs; 25% for local hunger needs.

Loaves and Fishes Offering will be dedicated on Nov. 29. Please return your offering boxes to the church by Nov. 29.

Highlights of the November Session Meeting

*Devotional by Elder Mark Thompson

*Finance Report

October Giving to Budget - \$ 19,770.89

October Expenses - \$ 18,909.09

Year-to-Date Giving - \$213,088.34

Year-to-Date Expenses - \$219,797.23

* Children's and Youth Report by Mike Murphy-Discussed

youth (grade 7-12) trip to Convocation Jan. 15-18

*Approved the 2010 Projected Budget of \$277,420

*By motion added Roy Travillian as a new member of the church

*Added several names to the prayer list and prayer was lifted for all on the prayer concerns list

*Heard report from Nominating Committee Report - nominees are being contacted.

*Reminded elders to contact their shepherds groups for the Touch the Future Meeting Nov. 16.

*Approved for Rev. Janner to have Nov. 24-28 as vacation time for him to visit his mother.

*Discussed Winter Retreat scheduled for Jan. 30-31 at Camp Clark Williamson. Joe & Anne Hames will be leaders of the retreat - using the topic of "Spirituality in your Everyday Life"

*Volunteers helping coordinate Christmas activities and decorating include: Chrismon Service-Lenore Surber, Jean Garrett and Sandra Spires; Decorating the church-Congregation; Advent Wreath: Debby Aljancic and Robye Lindsey; Christmas Card Exchange Tree - Michelle Jarrett; Angel Tree-Janet Baumgardner; Choir Breakfast-Fellowship Committee; Cantata: Chancel Choir; Caroling-Charro Keenan; Children's Christmas Program-Mike Murphy; Children's Reception (after Program) - Fellowship Committee; Christmas Eve Communion- Donna Ward and Dewayne Ervin

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Operation Christmas Child Collection for 2009. To those who donated items throughout the year, those who packed shoeboxes, those who put cartons together & helped fill them, all the volunteers who helped during Collection Week and those who provided snacks... Thank you so much for your efforts. A special thank you to Joel Washburn for the use of his truck to transport the shoeboxes to the Jackson Collection Center. 517 shoeboxes were collected at our Relay Center, with 100 of those from our church family. Over 15,000 shoeboxes were collected at the Jackson Collection Center and are on their way to the distribution center.

Springs

We are getting closer to Christmas everyday and I am excited about the musical! *It All Happened in the Country* will be Sunday, December 20th at 5pm, and we will have a dress rehearsal at 9am on Saturday, December 19th. Keep listening to your CD's and looking at your books! We will continue to have rehearsals every Sunday at 4pm.

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Convocation is upon us! I have never been before so I am equally as excited as you are! Convocation is an annual youth conference sponsored by Grace Presbytery and it is held at Park Vista Resort in Gatlinburg, TN. Convocation starts Friday, January 15, and goes until Monday January 18. The cost for the conference is \$160 per person and you can pick up a registration form from me, or from the table underneath the bulletin board. Make sure you do this ASAP because the **registration deadline is Wednesday, December 9th**. Also, we will need chaperones! Please come see me if you are interested in being a chaperone as soon as you can because space will be limited. I look forward to this exciting event!

In Christ, Mike

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Hart who have a new baby boy. Noah James was born November 17 weighing 7 lbs.15 ozs. Proud grandparents are John and Katrina Holancin and proud big brother, Nate.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Nick Mangrum who have new baby boy named. His grandparents are Dave & Martha Sue Peters.

Victoria Motheral, Emily Lunn, Madyson Driggers, Natalie Whitlow and John William Ervin recently performed at the Dixie. All have been taking acting classes and this was their Recital.

Congratulations to Jean Garrett, named Teacher of the Year by Carroll County Leader.

Congratulations to Jennifer Hayes, Courtney Barnett and the December, 2009 Bethel University graduates.

New Harmony Baptist Church

Live Nativity

December 4 & 5 - 6 to 9 pm

December 6 - 5 to 9 pm

A quarter mile long drive thru event depicting the life of Christ through nine living scenes. New Harmony Baptist Church is located at 7050 Hwy. 69 S. Paris, TN (5 miles from the 218 bypass toward Big Sandy. Call 593-5276 for more information.

Christmas Cards

There will be Christmas Card Trees and a Bell hung in the church hallway for exchanging Christmas cards with your church family. The trees and bell have pockets and family names are attached to the pockets. If you wish you may place Christmas greetings there for your church friends. If you would rather give a donation to the Sanctuary Building Fund (instead of giving cards) you may.

ADDRESSES:

Some of our people live in Retirement and Rehabilitation Centers, are confined to home or have a serious illness. Here are their addresses so you may mail a card to them.

Obra & Joyce Sims 5935 Highway 54, Paris, TN 38242
Jessie "Gaga" Killebrew; Bubba Waddle; Christine Pinson; Bette Edwards; Jane Adams at: McKenzie Health Care Center, 175 Hospital Drive, McKenzie, TN 38201

Roy Travillian; Louise Martin - Lakeside Retirement Center 390 Dr. Smith Ln. McKenzie, Tn 38201

Mary Margaret Williams: Morningside of Paris, 350 Voluneer Dr. Paris, TN 38242.

Marie Bobo, Dyer Nursing Home, Dyer, TN 38330

Faye Headden, c/o Cheryl Headden 293 Fox Hound Dr. Daylestown, PA 18901-5751

DeVere Ramsay: The Village at Germantown, Apt. 356 7820 Walking Horse Cir. Germantown, TN 38138

Bill Kreuter, Sr. 4627 Given Ave., Memphis, TN 38122

Geraldine & Jim Bryant: Eiffel Gardens, Apt. F-1; 1025 Volunteer Dr. Paris, TN 38242

Dorothy Higdon: 374 Quail St., Huntingdon, TN 38344

Leslie Janner: 303 Harts Oak Pl., Seffner, FL 33584

Johnnie B. Baumgardner: 460 Race Track Rd. Lavinia, TN 38348

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the delicious food. It was food that everyone enjoyed. There is nothing like having a church family in our lives.

James & Glynda

Our dear Cumberland Presbyterian friends,

Words cannot express our appreciation for all your time and effort you contributed to our Barcroft benefit. It took a lot of caring people working together to make it such a success, and we want to thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely, Coburn & Betsy Barcroft

Many thanks to everyone who baked, cooked, and donated for the Women's Ministry Casserole and Bake Sale which took place November 21. We have had a great success. Women's Ministry raised over \$1,200.

Stewardship Campaign

The Pony Express

The annual Stewardship Campaign began November 15. The Saddlebags were started on their journey. Since many of you live outside of McKenzie, you got a letter instead. Whether you received your stewardship letter, 2010 budget, and estimate of giving card by Saddlebag or by mail, please prayerfully consider your blessings and your commitment to the church for the coming year. If you received your letter through Saddlebag, please pass the Saddlebag along as quickly as possible. If you received your letter in the mail, place the commitment card in the self-addressed stamped envelope and mail it today. We hope to complete the Saddlebag route and have the commitment cards returned to the church by November 29.

December CALENDAR

Acolytes

Jacey Davis
Emily Lunn
Supervisor - Jon Davis

Nursery Helpers

6-Tracy Powell
Pat Ridley
Vicky Clark-A
13- Krista Brush
Becky Allen
Janet Baumgardner-A
20- Linda Kemp
Stacie Warman
Sarah Bradberry-A
27-Debby Aljancic
Missy Blount
Lunette Hines-A

Ushers

9 am Worship Service

Kevin Hill - Chairperson
Jimmy Stambaugh-Co-Chairperson
Brent Bradberry
John Baumgardner

11 am Worship Service

Larry Watkins - Chairperson
James Hamilton - Co-Chairperson
Melvin Belong
Linda Meek

Session Meeting

Session Meeting will be **December 9 at 7 pm** in the Conference Room. Elder of the month is Lee Lawrence.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, **December 12 at 8 am** at the church. There will be a Devotional and light breakfast. All the men of the church are invited to attend!

Campbell's Soup Labels & Boxtops for Education

Please save your Campbell's Soup labels and boxtops for Education. There is a box on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway for them. They will be sent to Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, Texas. Check the bulletin board for other participating companies.

December Birthdays

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
15 - Kristin Bradberry
17 - Obra Sims
18 - Lydia Warren
19 - Steve Matlock
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

December

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

(If we have left off your birthday or anniversary, or have any wrong dates, please let us know in the church office.)

Food Pantry

The Missions Committee has asked for us to help furnish non-perishable food for donation to United Neighbors. Please bring non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, crackers, tuna, soups, stews, & other canned foods or personal care items, such as toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper. Collection Sunday is December 27.

Women's Ministry

Sharing Sisters Circle will meet on **Tuesday, December 1** at the home of Marlene Kreuter (30 David Court) at 6 pm for a Christmas Add-a-Dish meal. Jean Garrett is the program leader

Glory Bee Circle will meet on **Monday, December 7** at the home of Linda Meek (21500 Highway 22) for an add-a-dish meal. Meeting time is 6:30 pm.

Jubilee Circle will meet at the home of Robye Lindsey (554 Cherry Ave.) on Monday, **December 14 at 6 pm** for an add-a-dish meal and Christmas project.

Attendance and Giving Report

November 1, 2009	Attendance 200
General Fund Offering -	\$ 6,831.50
Operation Christmas Child	165.00
Bethel University	200.00
Sanctuary -	510.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,706.50
November 8, 2009	Attendance 203
General Fund Offering -	\$ 5,168.58
Sanctuary -	220.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,388.58
November 15, 2009	Attendance 205
General Fund Offering -	\$ 5,289.37
Sanctuary -	95.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,384.37
November 22, 1009	Attendance 173
General Fund Offering -	\$4,987.22
Sanctuary -	275.00
TOTAL	\$5,262.22

Camp Clark Williamson

Camp Clark Williamson will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on **June, 5, 2010**. Mark your calendars so you will be able to attend. The theme is "Celebrating the Past, experiencing the present, and looking to the future." If you have any old camp photos and camp stories to share, please e-mail them to: campclarkw@click1.net or bring to the church office.

McKenzie United Neighbors

United Neighbors is now collecting clothing and toys for Christmas. We ask for everything to be clean and in good condition. (Would you give them to someone?) Please put all parts of a toy together. We need clothing for preschool through high school. We will also need volunteers to clean and sort items and also to help with the distribution in December. Please call 352-0547 for more information. We appreciate your support.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 25 - NO WOW - Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 26-27 - Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 29 - First Sunday in Advent
11 am - Chrismon Worship Service
Dec. 1 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters at Marlene Kreuter's home for a Potluck Meal - Jean Garrett is program leader
Dec. 2 - 5:30 pm - WOW Team 4 with Elders Aljancic & Kreuter
Dec. 5 - 9 am - Choir Breakfast and Rehearsal
Dec. 6 - 11 am - Chancel Choir Contata
6 pm - Fellowship Sunday School Christmas party
Dec. 7 - 6 pm - Glory Be Circle at the home of Linda Meek's home for a Potluck Meal
Dec. 9 - 7 pm - Session Meeting
Dec. 13 - Deadline to return Angel Tree Gifts
2 pm - *A Christmas Carol*-McKenzie High School Musical
Dec. 14 - 6 pm - Jubilee Circle at Robye Lindsey's home for a potluck meal and Christmas project
Dec. 16 - 5 pm - Christmas Caroling
Dec. 17 - 6 pm - School of Discovery Christmas Program
Dec. 19 - 9 am - Dress Rehearsal for Youth/Children's Play -*It All Happened in the Country*
Dec. 20 - 5 pm - *It All Happened in the Country*
Finger Food Reception & A visit from Santa
Dec. 24 - 7pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion
Dec. 25 - 9:30 am - Christmas Morning Worship
Dec. 31 - 9 pm - New Year's Eve Games & Snacks
11:30 pm - Devotional

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sandra Pate -broken ankle-home; Obra Sims-Cane Creek; Millie Finley; Eunice Clark (Becky Allen's mother); Peggy Miller
Sympathy to: the family of Rev. Gaye Mims; the family of Jack Camp

McKenzie Health Care Center: Bubba Waddle; Jessie Killebrew; Christine Pinson; Bette Edwards; Lola Alexander; Jane Adams (Sandra Spires' aunt)

Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes:
Faye Headden; Mary Margaret Williams (Morningside in Paris); Roy Travillian (Lynda Lankford's father); Louise Mebane; Kenneth Mebane; Geraldine (Campbell) & Jim Bryant; Louise Martin (Paula Watkins' aunt); Jimmy Lewis (Linda Meek's uncle); Jewell Warren; Marie Bobo; Kathryn Gazley; De Vere Ramsay

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy: Zia McKennie; Leslie Janner; Gary McKennie; Jen Nolen; Anna Weatherford; Johnnie B. Baumgardner (John's father); Dewayne Bateman (Lisa Kapellar's father); Sam Featherstone; Barbara Alexander (Dewayne Ervin's aunt); Bob Putman; Brady Blount; David Lankford; Jonathan Stanfill; Betsy Barcroft; Michael Roberts; Shawna (Edwards) Brittingham; Cathy Snyder; Martha Padgett; Toni West (Linda McClure's sister); Matthew Penick; Mary Norden; Bill Featherston; Carla Waddle; Craig Willis; Kimmi Bridges; Josiah Bridges; Gail Jones; Joe Sasser; Mary Anderson; Dorothy Higdon; Carol Barker; Dot Neisler; Janice Hendricks Tyler Reynolds, Cole Tanner

MILITARY: Gabe Nichols (Charro Keenan's brother); Blake Speer; Jerry Hudson; 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; and all military

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

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Zia McKennie-Organist; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director; Praise Choir Leaders- Diann Olson; Keith Hervis

Mike Murphy - Children's & Youth Co-ordinator; 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 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"

