



First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee
 December 27, 2009
 11:00 am Service

Prelude Zia McKennie, Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Bringing in the light of Christ Acolytes

Introit *Joy to the World* No. 270

Call to Worship
 Leader: Let us enter God's house this day to praise
 and worship the Lord!

**People: God heard our pleas and in Jesus came sharing
 the joy of divine love.**

Leader: In Jesus we saw God with us and the world would
 not hear his word.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Time with the Children

Call to Confession
 If God were dependent on our communication to know where we are or who we
 are, would God know us? We expect of God evidence and signs of caring.
 Does not God, who gave us life, have the right to expect to hear from us daily in
 prayer? How have we cut ourselves off from God?

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, we have wandered away to pursue our own
 agenda. We have laid aside your expectation that we will forbear
 one another and forgive. We harbor grudges against people.
 There are some we neglect and some we despise. The peace of
 Christ does not rule in our hearts. Your truth is not what flows
 from our lips or finds expression in our actions. O God, turn us
 around, that what we do may be a genuine expression of your love,
 through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness
 The good news is this, "While we were sinners Christ died for us."

**Ordination and Installation of New Elders Tommy Bobo,
 Heather Garrett, Toni Prosser and Larry Watkins**

*Hymn *What Child is This?* No. 281

Praise, Prayer Concerns, Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *We Three Kings* No. 288

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Invitation: All we have is from God. Our best is to be returned to God,
 freely given to minister in Christ's name. Out of gratitude for a land flowing with milk
 and honey, we bring our first fruits to be blessed in the outreach of the church.

Offertory
 *Doxology No. 815

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here
 below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy
 Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Choral Anthem *That Beautiful Name* Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 2:25-40

Morning Message **Receiving & Giving** Rev. R. Tony Janner

Invitation to Discipleship
 Profession of Faith/Receiving New Members
 Rededication of Christian Service

*Closing Hymn *As with Gladness, Men of Old* No.290

*Taking the Light into the World

*Benediction

*Benediction Response *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* No. 245

AS YOU WORSHIP, PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Lee Smiley; Shane McClelland; Anna Weatherford; Bill Beasley (Janice Wiggins' father);
 Luther Howard Gurley; Thomas Brummitt; Tommy Ellis
 Sympathy to: the family of Vonell Webb

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); Jewell Warren; Marie Bobo; Kathryn Gazley; DeVere Ramsay

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy: Zia McKennie; Leslie
 Janner; Jen Nolen; Gary McKennie; Sandra Pate; Johnnie B. Baumgardner (John's
 father); Obra Sims; Peggy Miller; Dewayne Bateman (Lisa Kapellar's father); Eunice
 Clark (Becky Allen's mother); 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;
 Jonathan Scott; 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

How to Become a Member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Please share your commitment with the pastor by seeing him after any of our
 services. You may join First Cumberland Presbyterian Church by:

Profession of Faith: You would like to publicly acknowledge your
 dependence on Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Transfer of your church membership: You are already a member
 of another Christian Church and you would like your
 membership transferred to the roll of First Cumberland
 Presbyterian Church.

Reaffirmation of Faith: You have previously professed faith in Jesus
 Christ as your Lord and Savior, but you would like to reaffirm that
 commitment in the presence of this
 congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office - 352-2440 Dr. Janner's Home 352-9566
 Mike Murphy - Children's & Youth Coordinator -615-554-6223
Fax 352-3101; E-mail address: church@mckenziecpc.org
 Newsletter online: <http://www.mckenziecpc.org/newsletter/>
 The ushers will pass out the Attendance Registers.
 (Visitors, please write your address & phone number on the register)

TODAY

Please check the Christmas Card Exchange Trees, Bell
 and Ornament in the hallway for your cards.
No evening activities are scheduled

MONDAY

Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - Prayer Group meets in the Conference Room
 4:30 pm - Praise Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:00 pm - New Year's Eve Games & Snacks - please bring finger foods
 to share & your favorite board games;
 11:30 pm - Devotional

FRIDAY

The Office will be closed Thursday and Friday

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship Service
 10:10 am - Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service
 2:00 pm - Taking down the Christmas decorations

December 20, 2009	Attendance 230
General Fund Offering -	\$ 7,667.09
Sanctuary -	2,685.00
Gift to the King Offering -	25.00
TOTAL	\$10,377.09
General Fund Amount Needed Weekly - \$5,481)	
Sanctuary Fund Total - \$166,757.56	

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 3 - 2 pm - Congregation is invited to come help take down and store the Christmas decorations
Jan. 5 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters Circle Meeting
Jan. 6 - 6 pm - Christian Education & WOW Meeting
Jan. 11 - 7 pm - Jubilee Circle Meeting
Jan. 13 - 7 pm - Session Meeting
Jan. 15-18 - Youth Convocation in Gatlinburg
Jan. 20 - 5:30 pm - WOW - Touch the Future - Discernment
Jan. 27 - 5:30 pm - WOW - Team 1 - *Crazy Love* Bible Study
Jan. 29-30 - Winter Retreat at Camp Clark Williamson
Jan. 31 - 6 pm - *Knowing God by Name* Bible study begins
6 pm - *The Man I Wan to Be* Bible Study begins
Feb. 7 - Denominational Sunday - Birthday of the church
Souper” Bowl Sunday

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from

Joe & Linda Hearn

Ron & Julia Hinton

Blondell & Lowell Young

(They have given to the Sanctuary Building Fund
in lieu of giving Christmas cards)

What Cumberland Presbyterians Believe Sunday School Class

On January 3rd, Bro. Tony will begin a study on Church Membership and What Cumberland Presbyterian’s Believe and the government (polity) of the Church. The only book that you need to bring is a Bible and a copy of the Confession of Faith of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (each student will receive a Confession if they do not have one). Subjects we will be looking at: How one is saved, Why sprinkle or pour instead of emersion? Why Infant baptism? Authority of the Church. Who can be saved, do we believe in election? What is Covenant Theology? Who runs the Church? What is required of an Elder? What is required of every member? Meets on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the pastors study.

WOW - Worship on Wednesday

Mark your calendars. We will begin the new WOW semester on Wednesday, **January 20 at 5:30 pm.** Vegetable Beef Soup and Cornbread with dessert will be the menu. A Nursery will be provided for the little ones. We will meet in the Family Life Center to continue the Touch the Future discernment process. Several of you participated in the discussion of prayer a few weeks ago. We will divide up into small groups and continue the discussion.

On **January 27th** we will start a Bible Study titled, “Crazy Love.” This study is on DVD and we will look at ten (10) study points, for a ten week study. Have you ever wondered if we’re missing it? It being GOD! It’s crazy if you think about it. The God of the universe—the creator of nitrogen, and pine needles, galaxies and E-minor—loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss, or misbehave the following week. This book is \$8.00 and they will be available on January 13th.

Winter Retreat - 2010

The Winter Retreat will explore the topic of Christian Discipleship. Once our salvation is assured, how do we then leads lives of obedience to Christ? We will discuss the book **Christianity Beyond Belief** by Todd Hunter. The blurb on the jacket cover reads,

“You’ve prayed the sinner’s prayer. You know that if you die tonight, you’ll go to heaven. But Todd Hunter believes Christianity is a *life*, not merely a secure death. Which means that eternal life – abundant life - begins on earth, as soon as we become a follower of Jesus. These pages lead us into this abundant way of living.”

Come to the Winter Retreat to learn how the Christian life is the most exciting thing in the world.

Hunter, Todd D. *Christianity Beyond Belief, Following Jesus for the Sake of Others*, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2009. ISBN 978-8308-3315-3

The Retreat will be January 29-30 at Camp Clark Williamson. Cost is \$35 per person. It will be lead by Dr. Joe & Rev. Anne Hames. Please sign up on the table under the bulletin board in the hallway. Sign-up deadline is January 15, 2010.

New Bible Studies to begin in January

Knowing God by Name, A Personal Encounter, by Mary Kassian is one of the studies which has been selected. “Do you want to know God better? You will when you get to know Him by Name.” This spiritually rich study reveals fascinating insights about 35 names of God, including Hebrew meanings, historical significance, and practical applications for today. Like the psalmist who exclaimed, “Who is like You, O Lord?” (71:19), prepare to be awestruck by His majesty, power, character, and absolute deity. As you explore the meaning of each name, unpacking the richness of His character and splendor, you will be drawn into an intimate worship experience like no other. The workbooks are \$12 each.

A men’s study, *The Man I Want to Be: Finding Your Way to a Life that Counts*” by Neal Jeffrey, former All-American quarterback at Baylor University, Waco, TX. He later became a quarterback for the San Diego Chargers, and is a talented speaker. Neal brings with him a “pep talk” enthusiasm and passion to this study. Chapter 1 is: [A Man Who Believes: Making Everyday Count.](#) Chapter 2 is: [A Man Who Builds: *Leaving a Legacy of Faith for Those Who Follow After.*](#) Chapter 3 is: [A Man Who Is Brave: *Turning Disappointments of Defeat into the Joy of Triumph.*](#) Chapter 4 is: [A Man Who Is Blessed: *Reaching Your Potential When God Is in Control.*](#) Chapter 5 is: [A Man Who Behaves: *Overcoming the Fatal Flaws That Can Take You Down.*](#) Our last chapter, Chapter 6 is: [A Man Who Is Beloved: *Staying Plugged In to the Power of Love.*](#) Join us for this time of fellowship and study. The workbook is \$10.00 each, they are available now!

Both studies will be on **Sunday evenings at 6 pm beginning January 31.**

New Sunday School Classes

The Sunday School Class which meets in the Reception Room will be called the “*Fireside Class*”. On January 10, they will begin a study of the book, *Autobiography of God, God Revealed in the Parables of Jesus* by Lloyd John Ogilvie (past Chaplain of the U. S. Senate). As Dr. Ogilvie studied and preached on the parables, he came to a profound conviction that Jesus’ heavenly stories with an early meaning are all aspects of the autobiography of God, written thru His Son, who is Immanuel, God with us. Each parable contains a basic element of the nature of God and how He works in our lives...”God’s own story about Himself”.

Class Friendly Sunday School Class and the Revelation Sunday School Class will swap rooms. Class Friendly will meet in the Conference Room and the Revelation Class will meet in the old Class Friendly Room beside the Fellowship Class SS Room on January 3.

Revelations Class will begin studying 1st and 2nd Thessalonians on January 3 or 10th. Paul wrote this letter to encourage new believers. He wanted to assure them of his love and to praise them for their faithfulness during persecutions and to remind them of the secure hope that their Lord and Savior would return. Paul gives practiced advice for Christian living; even for us today!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:10 am - 10:55 am

CHILDREN’S CLASSES

Nursery: Newborns - 18 months

Beginners: (18 months–3 years)-Toddler Nursery (School of Discovery Room)

Pre-K & K - Upstairs above Gathering Area

1st & 2nd Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area

3rd & 4th Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area

5th & 6th Grades - Upstairs above Gathering Area

YOUTH CLASSES

7th & 8th Grades - Library

Youth Class (Grades 9-12) - Youth Room

(above the Kitchen - off the Walking Track)

College Class - corner of the Worship & Family Life Center

ADULT CLASSES

Class Friendly - Ground level

Fellowship Class - Ground level

Faithweavers Adult Class - Upstairs above Gathering Area

Revelation Class - Conference Room

Beyond Opinion-Living the Faith We Defend Class-
Reception Room

Operation Christmas Child - 2010

Beginning in January, we will get a head-start on filling Shoeboxes for 2010. Donation items for the month of January are: crayons, coloring books, and activity books.

The Operation Christmas Child Box will be placed in the Gathering Area for your donations.

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. Please bag the aluminum cans and steel cans separately.

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 \$1,500 for this year.

Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

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.

Offering Envelopes

The 2010 Offering Envelopes will be available are on a table at the back of the Worship and Family Life Center. If you cannot find offering envelopes with your name and would like some, please contact June in the church office at 352-2440.

Thank You

The staff here at the church extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your Christmas gifts and for allowing us to serve.

