

# First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

## NEWSLETTER

December 30, 2009



### From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!! Mary Ann and I, along with our church staff, thank you for the monetary gifts you gave us this holiday season. You are wonderful and we are grateful. The New Year is ahead of us and there is much to do. We hope you and your family will make a conscious decision this year to make church and serving others your number one priority.

Our goals this year include 1.) making it a year of learning the word of God, 2.) becoming a church of prayer and outreach to those in our community who are un-churched, or unhappy with church. Sometimes people are hurt by the church and it is most important that they not leave behind their worship and relationship with Christ Jesus. We want to help in the healing process and invite them to participate with us in the ministry Christ is leading us to do.

The three focus points for 2010 are: Prayer, The Word, and Evangelism. As we pray, study God's Word and share this with others, we become the living church of Jesus Christ. Prayer gives us vision and the power of the Holy Spirit, The Word gives us direction and instruction, and when we evangelize we reach-out to others and become the eyes, hands, and feet of Christ.

Show me some Enthusiasms, said Al Capone

---God Bless You...Tony

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### Winter Retreat - 2010

The Winter Retreat will explore the topic of Christian Discipleship. Once our salvation is assured, how do we then lead 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.

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### 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 & dessert will be the menu. Donations will be taken for the meal. 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 following the meal. 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 27<sup>th</sup>** 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 will be available on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### What Cumberland Presbyterians Believe - Sunday School Class

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 include: How one is saved, Why sprinkle or pour instead of immersion? 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? The class will meet on Sundays at 10:10 a.m. in the pastor's study.

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

from

Joe & Linda Hearn

Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

Blondell & Lowell Young

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

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## Memorials & Honorariums - Sanctuary Fund

In Honor of:

Leslie McNeil, Mary Ann Janner, Mary Wyatt & June Perritt

by Tom & Debby Aljancic

Mary Elizabeth "Bubba" Waddle

by James and Bonnie Baxter

In Memory of:

Susie Motheral

by Tom & Debby Aljancic

Dr. L. C. Waddle

by James & Bonnie Baxter

Wanda Connell

by Lou Ann Muntz

An appreciation gift has been received from the TOPS #TN 175 (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) organization. They meet in a ss classroom here at the church on MONDAYS at 5 pm. Linda Lawrence is the leader & Sue Lowry is the treasurer. They welcome new members.

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## New Sunday School Class Topics and Rooms

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 earthly 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians on January 3 or 10<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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## 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 was received on **Sunday, December 13**. \$156 was given.

## 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**.

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## 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 was \$417.43.

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## 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 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.

## Thank You Notes

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

Pastor Tony Janner, June Perritt, Mike Murphy, Mary Wyatt, Alan Cross, Zia McKennie, Diann Olson, Keith Hennis, Tom Aljancic, Leslie McNeil, Lauren Perritt

Thank you to the Fellowship Sunday School Class and to James and Bonnie Baxter for their cards, memorials and honorariums for us at Christmas time.

The Waddle Family

Thank you church family for your monetary gift to me this Christmas. And thanks to the Chancel Choir for the Gift Certificate. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Zia McKennie

## Highlights of the December Session Meeting

- \* Devotional by Elder Lee Lawrence
- \* Finance Report
  - November Giving to Budget - \$ 21,275.92
  - November Expenses - \$ 20,354
  - Year-to-Date Giving - \$234,364.26
  - Year-to-Date Expenses - \$240,365.75
- \* Children's and Youth Report by Mike Murphy-Discussed Trip for youth (grades 7-12) to Convocation Jan. 15-18, 2010 in Gatlinburg
- \* Elected Tom Aljancic as Treasurer for 2010 and June Perritt as Clerk for 2010
- \* Contributed \$50 from Benevolent fund for McKenzie Police and Fire Departments' *Christmas for Kids*
- \* Ordination and Installation for New Elders Tommy Bobo, Heather Garrett, Toni Prosser and Larry Watkins will be December 27, 2009 at both worship services.
- \* Christian Education Chairperson, Debby Aljancic reported plans for Bible studies for WOW and Sunday evening Bible studies
- \* Class Friendly and Revelation Class will swap Sunday School rooms in January due to seating problems
- \* Rev. Janner will begin a Sunday School class on "What Cumberland Presbyterians Believe" on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- \* Elders Amanda Boaz, Victor Clark, Joe Hames and Mark Warren were recognized and thanked for their tenure on the Session

## Springs

Thanks to everyone who made our Christmas musical, *It All Happened in the Country* an inspirational and entertaining evening. Parents, thank you for bringing them to practice and helping with rehearsals. Cast, thank you for listening and learning your parts and performing them well!

## ...Fewleftstanding...

We will be having a New Year's Party (delayed Christmas party) on Sunday, January 3 at 5 pm. Please bring a \$5 gift for Dirty Santa game.

Convocation is only two weeks away. We have eight youth and three adults registered to attend. Keep us in your prayers.

In Christ, Mike

## News about our People

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Zasadny, who have a new baby boy. He was born December 9 and has been named, Grant Alexander Zasadny. He weighed 8 lbs and 4 ozs. Proud grandparents are Dr. Joe and Rev. Anne Hames. The Zasadny's address is: 473 Halsey St. Milton, FL 32570-4167

Victoria Motheral, Cheyenne Geyer, Hannah and Seth Jeffrey, Stephen O'Neill, Michael and Joshua Keenan participated in the performance of *A Christmas Carol*, the McKenzie High School play.

Congratulations to the McKenzie Middle School Girls Basketball Team. They won the County Championship. Morgan Jarrett, Emma Arnold & Katelyn Ridley (Granddaughter of Larry & Pat) are a part of the team.

Emma Arnold, Christan Jeffrey and Chloe Sumrok won Middle School Spelling Bee honors. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Janson Davis, Chase Kelley, Mitchell Lunn, Braden Nanney, Jack Surber, & Brice Webb who were members of the Boys Middle School Basketball Team. Paul Watkins was the manager.

Nicholas Smiley won "Highest Achiever" in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Nathan Nanney won "Good Citizen Award" in 1<sup>st</sup> grade at McKenzie Elementary School recently.

Congratulations to Tommy Surber Farms who won Highest Yield in the state on a Non-Irrigated Test Plot.

## Stewardship Campaign The Pony Express

The annual Stewardship Campaign began in November—all the church members received a letter and a copy of the proposed 2010 Budget. Estimate of Giving cards were returned by 80 families with a total of \$244,031 in pledges. Projections from another 33 families who gave in 2009 but choose not to pledge came to a total of \$26,120. We have loose offerings during the year of approximately \$7,000. Those figures added together come to a total of \$277,151. The proposed budget for 2010 is \$277,420. To quote a C. P. Minister, "God is good all the time. All the time, God is good."

## 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.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

### Acolytes

Jacob Ervin - 352-5132  
Deven Fields - 415-4428  
Supervisor - Dawn Ervin

### Nursery Helpers

- 3- Heather Garrett  
Jill Warren  
Anne Lewis-A  
10- Carol Hill  
Melanie Burke  
Cheyenne Geyer-A  
17- June Perritt  
Meredith Surber  
Carol Belong-A  
24- Clara Weatherford  
Linda Smith  
Stacie Warman-A  
31- Martha Bobo  
Martha Peters  
Letha Basford-A

### Ushers

#### 9 am Worship Service

Tommy Surber - Chairperson  
Kelly Weatherford- Co-Chairperson  
Randy Thomas  
Kerry Warman

#### 11 am Worship Service

J. T. Lindsey - Chairperson  
Mark Thompson - Co-Chairperson  
Tom Smith  
Donna Ward

### Session Meeting

Session Meeting will be **January 13 at 7 pm** in the Conference Room. Elder of the month is Debby Aljancic.

### Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, **January 9 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.

## January Birthdays

- 4 - Bonnie Baxter  
Brady Blount  
5 - Lauren Perritt  
6 - Jonathan Lankford  
Lorey Basford  
Kirk Nienaber  
10 - Johnna Toombs  
Jennifer Lankford Cole  
11 - Linda Hearn  
12 - Robye Lindsey  
Elizabeth Lewis  
16 - Douglas Pate  
Kate Cummings  
Gracie Blount  
17 - Byron Pate  
Carly Varallo  
18 - Janet Baumgardner  
Sarah Bradberry  
Levi Hamilton  
19 - Jeanie Chamberlain  
Kimberly Burke  
20 - Melanie Burke  
21 - Nathan Nanney  
22 - Melissa Smith  
Lindsey Damesworth  
23 - Alisa Fesmire  
24 - Liz Stambaugh  
26 - Joel Washburn  
27 - Joe Walker, Jr.  
Bridget Bradberry  
Emilie Varallo  
28 - Mark Smith  
30 - Spencer Ervin  
31 - Lute Foster  
Cynthia Nienaber

### Anniversaries

- 1 - Lee and Amy Smiley  
3 - Eric & Kristi Corbin

*(If we have left off your birthday or anniversary, or have any wrong dates, please let us know in the church office - 352-2440)*

### 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 January 31.

## Women's Ministry

Sharing Sisters Circle will meet on **Tuesday, January 5** at the home of Katrina Holancin at 6 pm for an Add-a-Dish meal. Martha Peters is the program leader.

Glory Bee Circle will not meet during January.

Jubilee Circle will meet at the home of Donna Ward on Monday, **January 11 at 7pm**. Jean McKinnie is the program leader.

### Attendance and Giving Report

November 29, 2009	Attendance 233
General Fund Offering -	\$ 4,437.29
Loaves & Fishes -	316.93
Sanctuary -	215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,969.22</b>
December 6, 2009	Attendance 218
General Fund Offering -	\$ 9,941.16
Loaves & Fishes -	80.96
Sanctuary -	305.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,327.12</b>
December 13, 2009	Attendance 259
General Fund Offering -	\$ 7,608.09
Loaves & Fishes -	19.54
Gift to the King Offering -	106.00
Sanctuary -	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,768.63</b>
December 20, 2009	Attendance 230
General Fund Offering -	\$ 7,667.09
Sanctuary -	2,685.00
Gift to the King Offering -	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,377.09</b>
December 27, 2009	Attendance 178
General Fund Offering -	9,546.78
Sanctuary -	35.00
Gift to the King Offering -	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,606.78</b>

### Camp Clark Williamson

Camp Clark Williamson will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:campclarkw@click1.net) or bring to the church office.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

## LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 3 - 2 pm - Congregation is invited to 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 Want to Be* Bible Study begins  
Feb. 1 - Women's Ministry Joint Meeting  
Feb. 3 - 5:30 pm - WOW - Team 2  
Feb. 7 - Denominational Sunday - Birthday of the church  
Souper" Bowl Sunday

## PRAYER CONCERNS

McKenzie National Guard Unit who left Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> for Camp Shelby  
and will go to Kuwait in February.  
Lee Smiley; Shane McClelland; Spencer Ervin; Anna Weatherford;  
Ansley McLauren; Bill Beasley (Janice Wiggins' father); Luther  
Howard Gurley; Thomas Brummitt; Tommy Ellis  
Sympathy to: Richard Davy (Principal of the Elementary School)  
at the death of his father; the family of Vonell Webb; the family of  
Kurt Perritt  
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; 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

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