

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER



December 30, 2010

From the Pastor's Desk

All I can say is, Thank you Church. Thank you for your kindness shown to the staff during the Christmas holidays. Thank you for the monetary gifts, the cards, and gifts. We are so blessed by you and may God bless you as you minister to us. Mary Ann and I hope that each of you had a safe and blessed Christmas. We enjoyed the grandchildren and we enjoyed watching your children participate in the Christmas program, "The First Leon." Everyone did an outstanding job and the play was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you for attending the Christmas Eve Candle light Service and the Christmas Morning Worship. It is so special to spend time with God and each other during these Holy Days of Christmas. Next week we begin a new year, 2011. Where did 2010 go? Let us all be prayerful that the New Year will bring us closer to our creator and to one another. Pray for peace in the world. Pray for new jobs and new opportunities for people to prosper and feel fulfilled in their work and in their play. Pray for new families to attend and become active in God's ministry here at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Pray for our building program and that God will richly bless us as we move forward. Pray for our new Elders as they take their place on the session. Pray for the church Sunday school teachers, Bible Study teachers, our Children and Youth programs, and of course the staff. No one can do all this alone it will take all of us together to succeed in 2011. Come join the Spirit and grow with us!----Tony

Worship on Wednesday (WOW)- January 26

Worship on Wednesday with supper and Bible studies will begin on January 26, 2011. Elder teams will provide the food for a donation. There will be classes for all ages and a nursery for babies and toddlers.

The adults will have two studies to choose from. A book by Francis Chan called *Forgotten God*, is a DVD driven Bible study. Through solid scriptural support Francis Chan return us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him. Let's pursue the Spirit-filled life of effectiveness God desires for each of us! The Rev. Dr. Anne Hames, who recently completed her doctorate degree at Memphis Theological Seminary with her dissertation topic "Worship", will be leading a study on worship also.

Children, ages 5 thru 2nd grade will be led by Carol Hill and team for Bible study, games and crafts. Children 3rd thru 6th grades will be having fun and games with Bible drill. Meredith Surber, Samantha Murphy, Michele Jarrett and Sarah Bradberry will be leaders.

The youth 7th thru 12th grades will study *Forgotten God*, with discussions lead by Mike Murphy.

On the 26th, we will serve soup and cheese toast and the elder teams will begin serving the meals in February.

LIFELINE BLOODMOBILE - January 26

The Lifeline Bloodmobile will be at the church on Wednesday January 26 from 3 pm to 7 pm for a blood drive.

The Sound of Music

The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center will present *The Sound of Music* on January 21 & 22 at 7 pm and again on January 28 at 7 pm and January 29 at 2 pm. Melissa Herris is cast in the role of Maria. Victoria Motheral and Michael Keenan are also part of the cast. Tickets are available at the Dixie Carter Performing Art Center Box Office in Huntingdon.

Cumberland Presbyterian Miniversity

"1st Things First: Come. . . Live Faithfully" is the theme for the 2011 Cumberland Presbyterian Miniversities which take place during March and April at CP churches around the country. Our church will provide the place for the Miniversity on Saturday, **March 19 from 10 am until 2:30 pm**. Participants will explore the meaning of holistic stewardship from a biblical perspective; recognize that everything is a gift from God; identify their current practices of stewardship in their lives now and Christ's call for us in the world; discover creative, practical, concrete tools and ideas for giving to God through congregational ministries. Cost for the miniversity is \$30 and includes lunch. Registration forms are at the information desk.

**We will be taking down and storing our Christmas decorations on January 2 at 4 pm.
If you are able to come, your help will be appreciated!**

Memorials & Honorariums

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of Kathryn Pratt (Mother-in-law of Tommy Johnson)

by Fellowship Sunday School Class

James & JoAnn Ownby

Joe & Linda Hearn

Mark & Jean Hollomon

In Memory of Suzanne Cook (Molly Watkins' sister)

by Tommy, Carolyn & Taylor Patterson

Mark & Jean Hollomon

Joe & Linda Hearn

In Memory of Jay Rogers (father of Zach Rogers)

by Mark & Jean Hollomon

John & Katrina Holancin

In Memory of Wanda Connell

by Alan & Lou Ann Muntz

In Honor of Jon Davis, Keith Herris, Kevin Hill, Jean Hollomon, Kim Moss, June Perritt & Mary Wyatt

by Tommy & Meredith Surber

In Honor of Ben & Lenore Surber's 50th Wedding Anniversary

by Tom & Debby Aljancic

Sarah Dailey

Reba, Lute & Andrew Foster & families

John & Katrina Holancin

Kim & Squeaky Moss

James & Bonnie Baxter

Ed & Demetra Perkins

James JoAnn Ownby

Joe & Linda Hearn

In Honor of Lois Tilley

by Tommy, Carolyn and Taylor Patterson

Gifts to the Sanctuary Fund have been received by the TOPS organization, in appreciation of the church. They meet on Tuesday afternoons at 5 pm at the church.

A gift has also been received from Dr. Virgil Todd.

Merry Christmas to Our Church Family

The following families have donated to the Sanctuary Building Fund in lieu of giving Christmas cards.

Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

Joe & Jean McKinnie

Kim & Squeaky Moss

Clifford & Marge Matlock, Steve, Jay & Alex

Blondell & Lowell Young

Joe & Linda Hearn

Ms. Virginia Walker

Christmas Cards Exchange

The Christmas Card Trees, Ornaments and Bell hung in the hallway still have some Christmas cards. Please pick up your cards next Sunday. Thanks.

Offering Envelopes for 2011

Offering Envelopes for 2011 are available at the back of the Worship and Family Life Center. If you wish to use offering envelopes and do not find a set of envelopes with your name, please contact the church office and we will get some ready for you to use.

PECANS

Mr. Clifford Matlock has pecans in the shell for \$1 per pound and frozen shelled pecans for \$5 per pound. Contact him if you'd like to buy pecans.

COOKBOOKS

Women's Ministry still has cookbooks available. Check with any of the ladies in Women's Ministry. They are displayed at the Information Desk in the Gathering Area. Cost is \$15 and each cookbook comes with an easel.

Convocation 2011- January 14-17

Convocation for our youth in Gatlinburg, Tennessee is January 14-17, 2011. 15 Youth and chaperones have signed up and are going to Convocation. If you are interested in helping with this trip, sponsoring a youth, or giving a donation, please contact Mike Murphy.

New Sunday Evening Bible Studies Beginning in February, 2011

The Men's Study is planning to do the Epistles of Paul.

The women will be doing Beth Moore's update Study on David - If you have ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, join us on this journey!

Both studies will begin on February 6 at 6 pm. The men's study will meet in the Library. Women will meet in the Conference Room.

From our Heart to Our Hand - Stewardship 2011

"And everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the Tent of Meeting" Exodus 35:21

2011 Estimate of giving cards were mailed in December. Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledges. If you have not returned yours, you may mail it to the church or drop it in the offering on Sunday. There are also cards at the Information Desk if you need one.

Springs and Youth

Happy New Year! Christmas time was a blast! Thank you to all of the parents and all of the participants in our Christmas play "The First Leon." It was a hit and most importantly shared the good news about the Christmas season. All Springs and Youth are invited this Sunday afternoon, Jan 2nd, to help take down the Christmas decorations at the church. Anyone who is going to convocation, make sure that you are saving up some spending/food money for the trip. We will have a short meeting about convocation in the near future, just listen for the announcement. I can't wait to get 2011 off to a great start so look out for coming events and meetings for springs and youth!
In Christ, Mike

Gift to the King Offering

The 2010 Gift to the King Offering will go to establish a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Iloilo, Philippines. The offering was \$208.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks for making GAGA's 95th birthday a joyous event with the cards, flowers, candy and visits. She has celebrated for two weeks. We appreciate our church family & support.

Thank you for all the prayers, well wishes and cards that were sent to me during my stay in the hospital. Even though I am still having surgery coming up in the future, I know your prayers and thoughts will be with me. God bless you all.

John (Frankie) Wyatt

I want to say thanks for the Christmas gift you all gave me. The pleasure has been all mine to serve such a loving congregation. Peace to all in the new year. Tom Aljancic

The family of Kathryn Pratt would like to thank you for the love and support you have shown for us during Mother's illness and since her passing. We appreciate very much the calls, the visits, the cards, the food, the prayers, and the donations given in her memory.

Love and God bless,
Wanda and Tommy Johnson

Thank you so very much for your gifts of money that you gave for all of the staff this Christmas. We appreciate your generosity and the kindness you show to all of us. We are very blessed to work for a caring church family.

Tom Aljancic, Charro Keenan, Alan Cross, Keith Herris,
Tony Janner, Leslie McNeil, Mike Murphy, Diann Olson,
June & Lauren Perritt, Mary Wyatt

Many thanks to Amy Lawrence who served as Chairperson for the Christmas Committee this year. Amy, Lenore Surber, Jean and Mark Hollomon, Michelle Jarrett, Tony Janner, Mike and "Springs" and everyone who helped get the Christmas decorations up.

To my church family, Thank you for the monetary gift at Christmas. Thanks also to the chancel choir for the gift card. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. We love you.

Diann Olson



LOAVES & FISHES

The Loaves and Fishes special offering during November was \$665.22. Half of the 2010 Loaves and Fishes offerings went to help establish hot lunch programs for children and adults in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and Vientiane, Laos where the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has representatives. One-fourth of the money will be used by the Missions Ministry Team of the denomination, one-fourth of the money will be used for local benevolence.

News about our People

Congratulations!!!!

Christan Jeffrey was the winner of the Spelling Bee at McKenzie Middle School.

Bridget Bradberry, Hannah Powell and Ashunta Powell were named "Citizens of the Month showing Gratitude" at McKenzie Middle School.

Traci Lunn was named Teacher of the Week by McKenzie Banner. Traci teaches 8th grade at McKenzie Middle School.

Brice Webb is part of the FFA (Future Farmers of America) team who won first place in the district.

(If you have congratulatory news, please share it with us for the newsletter, 352-2440 or church@mckenziecpc.org. Thanks, June)

Highlights of the November Session

Meeting

- * Devotional by Elder Mark Thompson
- * Tracy Webb presented the plans by TLM for the future sanctuary and educational addition, giving the session details & costs of the project.
- * Finance Report by Treasurer, Tom Aljancic:
 - November Giving (Budget) - \$25,458.76
 - November Expenses - \$ 26,102.68
 - Year-to-date giving is \$ 269,133
 - Year-to-date expenses - \$ 255,105
- * Mike Murphy, Children's and Youth Coordinator gave a report—15 youth and chaperones are registered to go to Convocation in Gatlinburg, January 14-17
- * Recorded infant baptism of Carleigh Ann Lunn
- * Set Dec. 26 to do Ordination and Installation Service for new elders.
- * Set Jan. 14-15 as date for Elders Retreat
- * Named Committee on committees to select 2011 Committee chairpersons and members: Debby Aljancic, Larry Watkins, and Glynda Corbin
- * Elected Tom Aljancic as Treasurer for 2011 and June Perritt as Clerk for 2011.
- * Heard Committee reports

JANUARY CALENDAR

Acolytes

Eli Surber
Evan Jarrett

Meredith Surber - Supervisor

Nursery Helpers

2- Dawn Ervin
Jill Warren
9- Amy Lawrence
Melanie Burke
16- Clara Weatherford
Anita Ross
23- Tonya Brown
Marcia Webb
30- Carol Hill
Carolyn Patterson

Ushers

9:00 am Service

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

11:00 am Service

Bill Kreuter - Chairperson
Donna Ward - Co-Chairperson
Frank Claytor
Joshua Keenan

Session Meeting

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

Elders Retreat

The Elders Retreat for planning for the year 2011 is January 14 & 15.

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday, January 8 at 8 am. Devotional and a light breakfast will be provided.

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
7 - Sawyer Phipps
10 - Johnna Toombs
Jennifer Lankford Cole
11 - Linda Hearn
12 - Robye Lindsey
Elizabeth Lewis
Skylor Fornera
16 - Douglas Pate
Kate Cummings
Gracie Blount
17 - Byron Pate
Carly Varallo
18 - Janet Baumgardner
Sarah Bradberry
Levi Hamilton
19 - Kimberly Burke
20 - Melanie Burke
21 - Nathan Nanney
22 - Melissa Smith
Lindsey Damesworth
23 - Alisa Fesmire
24 - Liz Stambaugh
25 - Seth Jeffrey
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)

Remember God

Time is so fleeting that if we do not remember God in our youth, age may find us incapable of thinking about him.

-Hans Christian Anderson

Women's Ministry

Glory Be Circle will meet at the Mexican Restaurant on Monday, January 3 at 6:30 pm, Kim Moss as hostess and Program leader is Marcia Webb.

Sharing Sisters will meet at the home of Katrina Holancin for an add-a-dish meal on Tuesday, January 4 at 6 pm. Martha Peters is program leader.

Jubilee Circle will meet at the home of Donna Ward on Monday, January 10 at 7 pm. Jean McKinnie is the program leader.

Attendance and Giving Report

November 28, 2010	Attendance 248
General Fund Offering -	\$3,901.48
Sanctuary -	590.00
Loaves and Fishes Offering -	\$ 521.23
TOTAL	\$5,012.71
December 5, 2010	Attendance 224
General Fund Offering -	\$ 7,083.48
Sanctuary -	292.50
Loaves and Fishes Offering -	96.68
TOTAL	\$ 7,472.66
December 12, 2010	Attendance 239
General Fund Offering -	\$6,968.00
Sanctuary -	1,265.00
Loaves and Fishes Offering -	47.31
TOTAL	\$ 8,280.31
December 19, 2010	Attendance 207
General Fund Offering -	\$5,215.61
Sanctuary -	3,960.00
Gift to the King Offering -	173.00
TOTAL	\$9,348.61
December 26, 2010	Attendance 143
General Fund Offering -	\$ 4,011.25
Sanctuary -	690.00
Gift to the King -	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,726.25

McKenzie Carroll County United Neighbors

Thank you to everyone who gave donations and volunteered their time at United Neighbors. We appreciate all you have given.

We will be closed until January 3. Please do not bring any clothing donations until then.

Belize Medical Mission Trip

The Belize Mission Trip is planned for March 5-12, 2011. It is a medical mission trip, but there are jobs for non-medical people such as registration, triage, prayer team and crowd control. Cost is \$1500. (\$500 deposit due December 1, 2010 - \$1,000 balance due Jan. 10, 2011) which covers plane ticket, lodging and meals. You will need a valid passport and up-to-date tetanus shot. More information is available at the Information Desk, or contact Joe Hames.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 31 - 9 pm - New Year's Eve - Snacks and Games
with Devotional at 11 pm
Jan. 2 - 4 pm - Taking Down & Storing Christmas
Decorations
Jan. 3 - 6:30 pm - Glory Bee Circle will meet
Jan. 4 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters will meet
Jan. 8 - 8 am - Men's Fellowship
Jan. 10 - 7 pm - Jubilee Circle will meet
Jan. 14-17 - Convocation in Gatlinburg for Youth
Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed
Jan. 14-15 - Elder's Retreat
Jan. 16 - Bridal Tea in honor of Julie Smith
Jan. 26- 5:30 pm WOW (Worship on Wednesdays)
3 pm to 7 pm - Lifeline Bloodmobile
Feb. 2 - WOW - Team 1
Feb. 6 - Denomination Sunday
"Souper" Bowl Sunday
Mar. 9 - Ash Wednesday - the Beginning of Lent
Mar. 19 - Cumberland Presbyterian Miniversity

PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Long-Home; Marion Smith (Tom's mother); Mitchell Lunn (tonsils removed); Thelma Lamb (Cathy Stambaugh's mother); Mary Katherine Goodrum; Barbara Lankford (Millie Finley's sister); Bill Booth
Sympathy to: the family of Mary Elizabeth (Bubba) Waddle; the family of De Vere Ramsay

McKenzie Health Care Center: Jessie "Gaga" Killebrew; Christine Pinson; Bette Edwards; Lola Alexander; Faye Townsend; Tip Stafford

Lakeside Retirement Center - Roy Travillian; Lois Tilley, Janice Hendricks

Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes: Obra Sims; Faye Headden; Mary Margaret Williams (Morningside in Paris); Bill Featherston; Louise Mebane; Kenneth Mebane; Billie Ford; Geraldine (Campbell) & Jim Bryant; Louise Martin; Jewell Warren; Kathryn Gazley

Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy: Millie Finley; Bonnie Baxter; Zia Locke; Carla Waddle; Tom Keenan's Uncle Mike; Peggy Fannie; Madelyn Long (a baby whose parents are friends of Mark & Kayla Boaz); Richard Ridley; Mike Dunn; Rev. Bob Hull; Jonathan Stanfill; Martha Padgett; Joey Anderson; Johnny Radford; Drake Damesworth; Rosie Brawler; Frankie Wyatt; James R. Washburn; Leslie Janner; Anna Weatherford; Jen Nolen; Charles Gipson; Joe Beal; Diana Bradberry; Beth Wells; Debra Ashby; Michelle Wilkes; Elizabeth Fischer; Barbara Grimes; Pat Schneider; Eva Sue Dorris; Bud Pollard; Johnnie B. Baumgardner (John's father); Shane McClelland; Dale Norman; Mary Norden; Ansley McLauren; Bill & Maudell Beasley; Trent Johnson; Mike Vermillion; Barbara Alexander (Dewayne Ervin's aunt); Bob Putman; Matthew Penick; Craig Willis; Kimmi Bridges; Josiah Bridges; Joe Sasser; Dorothy Higdon
MILITARY: Jason Cvikich; Gabe Nichols (Charro Keenan's brother); Blake Speer; Blake Stafford; Pete Torrez; Jonathan Scott; Sam Zasadny; Ronnie Combs (Mark & Sue Thompson's grandson); Brooke Cole; Matthew Bowlin; Keith Stanley Jr; Joey Smiley; Mark Boaz; and all military

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

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Diann Olson-Pianist; Dr. Alan Cross-Choir Director; Praise Choir Leaders- Diann Olson; Keith Herreris
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*"

