

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

December 29, 2011



From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the last week of the year 2011. This is a time for us to reflect upon the goodness of the Lord and what He has done for us. It is wonderful how God through the Holy Spirit moves and fills us with his love and presence. One of the struggles I have in my life is making my quiet time God's time. I have a tendency to let that time with the Lord be interrupted by worldly events. Do you? Because of that, I find myself becoming weak in spirit and purpose. Do you remember when you first became a Christian and all you wanted was to be in the word and learn as much as you could? Well, Oswald Chambers said that we are converted once but we need to be 'Continuously Converted'. We should continue to turn to God as children, being continuously converted every day of our lives allowing Him to have control of our lives. If we trust only our own abilities and say to ourselves, 'I can do this myself', we may produce consequences for which God will hold us responsible. God holds us accountable every time we refuse to convert ourselves, and God sees our refusal as willful disobedience. Our human nature must not rule us--God must rule in our lives. We must bring our whole being into submission and surrender ourselves to a mighty enabling God. In being continuously converted we grow in spirit and wisdom and that is what makes us disciples for Christ.

I look forward to helping men, women, boys and girls, grow spiritually and with wisdom this coming year. No one can do it for you, but there are leaders, teachers, and mentors that can help you grow with them in continuous conversion. --Tony



The New Sanctuary

"So we built the wall for the people worked with all their hearts."

Nehemiah II Capital Campaign Update-November 30, 2011

Total Pledged	\$ 755,792	Cash O/H	633,893
Paid Pledges	238,710	Potential Fund	\$1,150,975
Open Pledges	517,082		

Thank you for your commitments, your dedication and support through prayer and giving for the sanctuary building project.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members, Joe and Marsha Anderson, and James Roache. Joe and Marsha live at 1646 Booming Grove Road, McKenzie. James is the husband of Michelle and father of Robbert. They reside at 5 Blakeshire Rd., McKenzie. We are happy to welcome them to our family of faith.

New Year's Eve

Everyone is invited to the New Year's Eve Games, Fellowship and Food beginning at 9 pm on Saturday, December 31 in the Family Life Center. At 11 pm we will have a devotional and worship time ending at midnight. Please bring your favorite board games and finger foods to share in the fellowship time.

Committees

We need your help! We have six standing committees in the church:

Building and Grounds	Missions and Outreach
Christian Education	Stewardship and Finance
Fellowship and Membership Care	Worship and Service

The session would like for everyone to be involved in planning activities, making recommendations to the session, etc. The committees are that avenue for your involvement. The current elders of the session serve as chairpersons for the six committees.

On a table at the back of the of the Worship and Family Life Center are brief explanations of each committee's responsibilities. Please go by and choose a committee that you feel is best suited for you to contribute to the work of the church. There are also Sign-up sheets there for you.

Keep in mind that if you do not sign up for a committee you may be asked to serve on a committee anyway! If you sign up, you get your first choice of committees. THANK YOU!!!

Teacher Workshop - January 25

On Wednesday night, January 25th starting at 6 pm, the Christian Education Committee is hosting a teacher's workshop. We will have coffee, light finger foods and desserts. The theme for this upcoming year is *The Father's Foundation & the Cornerstone of Christ* out of 1st Corinthians chapter three. We will have an open dialogue throughout the majority of the forum. Topics we will discuss include teamwork and accountability, organizational structure, and overcoming common roadblocks in Christian Education.

Participation is vital to the success of our upcoming programs and most importantly, the future discipleship of our children. All should consider attending even if you are not currently teaching, burned out, have never taught before, or are actively involved in a class or program. Thanks for your dedication to this church and to the mission of Christ. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and fun, all the while building on the foundation of Christianity.

Memorials & Honorariums

Sanctuary Fund

In Memory of Peggy Estes (Vicky Clark's mother)

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Billy Perritt

by Tommy, Carolyn & Taylor Patterson

In Memory of Paul Long

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Honor of Dr. John Holancin

by Sarah Dailey

In Honor of Dr. Tom Smith

by Sarah Dailey

In Honor of Dee Ann Motheral

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Honor of Roy Travillian & In Memory of Mary Elizabeth

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Claudie & Iva Lankford

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Honor of the 2011 BABIES - Mary Ryan Morris, Lola

Sumrok, Hadley Smith, Hudson Garrett, Katherine Burns,

Reed Warman, Neveah Herris, Marlee Toombs, Maggie

Webb, Abbey Carroll, Emma Kate Wade, Charles Scott,

Cora Zasadny

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Honor of our Military Families

by David & Lynda Lankford

In Memory of Wanda Connell

by Alan and Lou Ann Muntz

In Honor of Chris and Missy Blount

by Doris Blount

In Honor of and with Thanksgiving for:

Fireside Sunday School Class

Praise Choir and Band

Chancel Choir

Melissa Herris

Church Staff

Session Members

by Tom & Debby Aljancic

A gift has been received from the TOPS organization, which meets at the church on Monday evenings at 5 pm.

Given to the Sanctuary Building Fund

(Instead of giving Christmas Cards)

Tom & Debby Aljancic

James Baxter

Amanda Boaz

Joe & Linda Hearn

Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

Tony & Mary Ann Janner

J. T. & Robye Lindsey

Clifford & Marge Matlock

Steve, Jay and Alex

Joe & Jean McKinnie

Gary & Linda Meek

John & JoAnn Motheral

Byron & Sandra Pate

Duane, June & Lauren Perritt

Christmas Cards

There are still lots of Christmas cards in the holders on the hallway walls at church. Please check your slot on Sunday and get your Christmas cards.

December Session Meeting Highlights

*Devotional led by Elder Mark Thompson

*Gratitude expressed to Debby Aljancic, James Baxter, Lee Lawrence, and Mark Thompson for the serving as elders for the past three years.

*Financial Report given by Tom Aljancic, Treasurer

November Giving Receipts - \$ 21,797.60

November Expenses - \$ 22,945.49

Year-to-Date Giving - \$ 259,874.83

Year-to-Date Expenses - \$ 270,322.28

Sanctuary Fund Cash On-Hand Total - \$633,893

*Garrett Burns expressed thanks to everyone who participated in the youth's fund-raiser, Crimson Commode over \$700 was raised which covered cost of the concert with money left over for the Gatlinburg trip.

*Received new members, Joe and Marsha Anderson, and James Roache.

*Will celebrate Bethel University Sunday on January 29, 2012

*Will have Elders' Retreat at the church on a Fri. evening (6 - 9 pm) & Sat. morning (8 am-noon) in January

*Had prayer for everyone on our list of prayer concerns

*Elected Tom Aljancic, Treasurer for 2012

*Elected June Perritt, Clerk for 2012

*Moderator appointed Chris Fesmire, Glynda Corbin and Ruth Carroll to serve on the Committee on Committees. A brief synopsis of each committee's responsibilities will be made available and the congregation will be asked to sign up for the committee on which they'd like to serve this year.

*Voted to use Back-yard Bible Club funds to help two families (recommended by United Neighbors) with Christmas gifts.

*Christian Education Committee will have a Teacher Workshop on January 25 at 6 pm. Men's & Women's Bible studies begin January 15 at 6pm. WOW will begin Feb. 1.

*Convocation for Youth in Gatlinburg is Jan. 13-16. 12 youth and 5 adults will be attending from our church

GATLINBURG - Youth

Convocation for our youth is in Gatlinburg, January 13-16, 2012. The theme for the conference is *Abide*. 12 youth and 5 adults from our church will be going to the conference.

News about our People

Congratulations to Alisa Fesmire and the December, 2011 graduating class at Bethel University. Alisa received her masters degree.

The Middle School Basketball Team won second place in the Christmas Tournament. Brandon Hill, Jack Surber, Chase Kelley and are part of the Team.

2012 Offering Envelopes

The 2012 Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the Sanctuary for you. If in checking you do not find offering envelopes with your name on the box, and you'd like a set, please call June in the church office 352-2440.

Giving Receipts

The 2011 Giving Receipts will be available on Sunday, **January 8** at the back of the Sanctuary.

THANK YOU NOTES

If you missed the Christmas cantata you failed to receive a special blessing. It was a beautiful and wonderful service. Three months of work brought beautiful music, candlelight, and banners that illustrated the scripture that was read. It was an extremely meaningful service. We appreciate the good work that Dr. Cross does as he directs the Chancel Choir every Sunday. To each choir member we say thanks for a job well done and for your dedication in supporting the music program of the church. Appreciation is given to the youth as they participated in the handbell choir and for carrying the banners and the light in the processional. We appreciate the beautiful music that Diann plays not only for the cantata but every Sunday. Thank you for using your talent to help us worship through music. Thanks for the cantata that was a moving and inspirational service of worship. Millie Finley

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your prayers, not only for me, but for Bill, Kaye and Dee Ann. I appreciate so much the food, telephone calls, and all the cards and for Tony's visit before my surgery.

God's blessings on all of you, Jan Kirk

Thank you to everyone at the church who has been so kind in showing your sympathy when my mom passed away. The memorial gifts, prayers, calls, cards and food meant so much to me and my family. We appreciate being a part of a caring family of faith.

Vicky Clark & family

To our church family,
Thank you for much for all the Christmas cards. Each and every one of them has been special to us.

Marge & Clifford Matlock

Dear church family,
Thank you to everyone for giving Christmas gifts for the church staff. We appreciate your generosity. We are blessed to work for a wonderful and caring family of faith.

Tony, Garrett, June, Tom, Mary, Alan
Diann, Keith, Charro, Leslie & Lauren

Ladies Bible Study - *Jonah*

You Can't Escape Life's Interruptions

THEY SHOCK US; THEY SHAKE US; THEY COMPEL US TO CHANGE.

You can't escape life's interruptions, but you can change your perspective on them. Just as JONAH learned to navigate a life interrupted, we invite you to dive into the study of JONAH and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you can imagine.

PRISCILLA SHIRER, author, speaker, Bible study writer and teacher says "We'll have a 'whale' of a time" as we join her through this DVD driven Bible Study with a workbook on JONAH.

Peggy Espy and Martha Bobo will be serving in supporting roles each Sunday night beginning **January 15, 2012, 6 P.M.**, in the conference room. This is a seven week study comprised of an hour of discussion & a DVD session each Sunday night. A workbook is available with lessons you may do during the week. Workbooks are \$12 each.

There is a sign up sheet in the hallway so we have enough workbooks to order for all you ladies ready to take this journey. Also let either Peggy, Martha, or June be aware if you need nursery services provided. We look forward to learning together how to navigate life's interruptions, with God's divine guidance.

Men's Bible Study - *Courageous*

Courageous, a men's Bible study will begin on Sunday, **January 15 at 6 pm**, meeting in the Library. All the men of the church are invited to participate in this 4-week study. Workbooks are available. They are \$7 each.

The movie *Courageous* has been ordered for the church on dvd and will be shown sometime in January. Check your Sunday bulletins for the date and time.

Garrett's Corner

It is the dawn of a New Year and the time that most of us ritualistically begin thinking of what we must change about ourselves. Generally, our resolutions deal with the state of our health and body. We may pick up exercising, a new diet, or fast from a particular Little Debbie snack cake. I want to challenge you to think outside of the box this year. I would venture to say that the majority of people base their New Year's resolution on some *personal* need or discipline. While this is not necessarily bad, I think we have things backwards. This year, I challenge you to think about how you will change others in the process of changing yourself. Let me give you a personal example, which is my own resolution.

"To Jessica, Caleb, and Katheryn,

I resolve to prioritize my life at work and set appropriate boundaries that will allow us to share more time together as a family. This time will be strictly family time and include playing board games, walking outside, eating together, and watching movies. If an activity excludes any member of the family then we should look for an alternative. I will not talk about work nor answer my phone unless we have agreed on it ahead of time. If a deadline is approaching and I am behind in my work, then we will discuss a reasonable compromise in my roles at home and I will make up for it in the down time to follow. I resolve to do my best in achieving this goal and ask for your patience and accountability along the way."

This is my resolution to better our family and myself. It is easy to give up on an personal resolution because so many of us are used to letting ourselves down, it will not hurt anyone else. The truth of the matter is that when we lose confidence in our own abilities, our negative demeanor affects everyone around us. Let us resolve to do something that involves someone else who can hold us accountable. Pick a goal that you are ready to achieve, do not set yourself up for failure. Start small and go bigger once you gain confidence in how God is working through you. Only you know your limits and your abilities but through God, all things are possible. Some of us may succeed in achieving our goals, others may not, but at least we are attempting change. For this, God knows our hearts are true.

Carl Perkins Center

Carl Perkins Center has collaborated with local law enforcement agencies, children's services, emergency personnel and others to come up with a plan of action to help children who have been removed from a home with NOTHING because of Meth House busts in West Tennessee. The children are taken to a safe place, but must leave all their clothes, everything they have behind. They are usually given a blanket on their way to the emergency room for evaluation and treatment. You can help by donating new or used blankets, sneakers, flip flops, wash cloths/towels, bathroom toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, shampoo), underwear, socks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, diapers, wipes, jackets, backpacks. You may also give cash or gift cards. Contact Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse at 731-986-5920 for more information. Tracy Connell is Carroll County Director and can be reached at 731-513-0574.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Acolytes

Harrison Fesmire - 415-7411
Juleyanne Weatherford-352-0515
Supervisor - Susan Bouldin

Nursery Helpers

1- Heather Garrett - 352-0767
Star Martino – 586-4371
8- Michelle Jarrett – 415-8912
Morgan Jarrett
15-Sarah Bradberry – 234-4686
Debby Aljancic – 352-9139
22-June Perritt – 415-0629
Martha Peters – 352-5997
29 -Carolyn Patterson – 352-4514
Johnna Toombs – 352-1335

Ushers

9:00 am Service

Craig Lunn, Chairperson
Jon Davis, Co-Chair
John William Ervin
Marty Morris

11:00 am Service

Ron Hinton, Chairperson
Larry Watkins
Donna Ward
Joseph Keenan

Time with Children

9 am Service

1 - Taylor Patterson
8 - Jon Davis
15- Carol Nanney
22 - Garrett Burns
29 - Charro Keenan

11 am Service

1 - Charro Keenan
8 - Paula Watkins
15 - Marlene Kreuter
22 - Glynda Corbin
29 - Tony Janner

Sound System

9 am Service

1 - Matt Warren
8 - Tommy Patterson
15 - Joel Washburn
22 - Matt Warren
29 - Brent Bradberry

11 am Service

1 - Joe Hames
8 - Ron Hinton
15 - Mark Thompson
22 - Mark Thompson
29 - Joe Hames

Session Meeting

Session Meeting will be **January 11** at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Elder of the month is Larry Watkins.

January Birthdays

4 - Brady Blount
5 - Lauren Perritt
6 - Jonathan Lankford
7 - Sawyer Phipps
10 - Johnna Toombs
Jennifer Lankford Cole
11 - Linda Hearn
12 - Robye Lindsey
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

3 - Eric & Kristi Corbin
(Please contact the church office by calling 352-2440 or e-mailing: church@mckenziecpc.org with corrections & additions to the birthday and anniversary list. Thank you.)

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with Operation Christmas Child in 2011. A total of 556 shoebox gifts were received at our relay center here.

Donation Item for the month of January is crayons and coloring books. The donation boxes will be in the Gathering Area.

Women's Ministry

Sharing Sisters will meet on Tuesday, January 3 at 6 pm for a potluck meal at the home of Katrina Holancin. Jan Kirk is program leader.

Glory Bees will meet on Monday, January 9 at 6:30 pm at the church. June Perritt is hostess and Marcia Webb is program leader.

Jubilee Circle will meet on January 9 at 7 pm at the home of Donna Ward. Jean McKinnie is program leader.

Attendance and Giving Report

December 4, 2011	Attendance 203
General Fund Offering -	\$12,498.11
Sanctuary -	2,440.00
WOW -	89.13
Youth Fund Raiser -	510.26

TOTAL \$15,537.50

December 11, 2011	Attendance 254
General Fund Offering -	\$ 4,780.60
Sanctuary -	3,242.00
WOW -	174.03
Gift to the King Offering -	107.00
Youth Fund Raiser -	70.00

TOTAL \$ 8,373.63

December 18, 2011	Attendance 248
General Fund Offering -	\$ 7,522.47
Sanctuary -	22,465.00
Gift to the King Offering -	10.00
Youth Fund Raiser -	169.00

TOTAL \$30,166.47

December 25, 2011	Attendance 105
General Fund Offering -	\$ 3,395.00
Sanctuary Building Fund -	41,185.00
Gift to the King	100.00
Youth Fund Raiser -	25.00

TOTAL \$44,705.00

COOKBOOKS

Women's Ministry still has cookbooks available. Check with any of the ladies in Women's Ministry. The cookbooks are displayed at the Information Desk in the Gathering Area. Cost is \$15 and each cookbook comes with an easel. All profits from the sale of cookbooks goes to the Sanctuary Building Fund.

Stepping Forward in Faith Stewardship

The theme for our Fall Stewardship Emphasis is "Stepping Forward in Faith". Everyone received a stewardship letter with a copy of the proposed budget and estimate of giving cards for 2012. Thank you to everyone who has already returned your estimate of giving cards. If you haven't returned yours, use the enclosed envelope to mail, drop in the offering, or bring by the church office. If you have misplaced this information, we have more available at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 31 - 9:00 pm - Watch Night Service
Jan. 1 - 9 am - Contemporary Worship
10:10 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Traditional Worship Service
5:00 pm - Take down decorations
Jan. 3 - 6 pm - Sharing Sisters Circle
Jan. 9 - 6:30 pm - Glory Bees Circle Meeting
7:00 pm - Jubilee Circle
Jan. 11 - 7 pm - Session Meeting
Jan. 13-16 - Convocation in Gatlinburg
Jan. 15 - 6 pm - "Courageous" - Men's Bible Study begins
6 pm - "Jonah" - Ladies Bible Study begins
Jan. 21 - Carroll Co. Arts Trivia Bowl in Family Life Center
Jan. 25 - 6 pm - Sunday School Teacher Workshop
Jan. 29 - Bethel University Sunday - Special Offering
Feb. 1 - WOW begins
Feb. 3-4 - Tentative Dates for Elder Retreat
Feb. 5 - Denominational Sunday - Celebrating the birthday of
the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Feb. 6 - Women's Ministry Meeting

PRAYER CONCERNS

Kim Wyatt (recovering from open heart surgery); Elisha Yockey (Eddie & Kim Moss's baby cousin); Mary Kathleen Goodrum; Charlotte McGinnis; Brock Doyle; Susan Cason; Crystal Herman
Sympathy to: the family of Beverly Walker Arnold; the family of Billy Perritt; Joan Gibson and family at the death of Harold "Hoot" Gibson; Martha McCadams at the death of her mother
McKenzie Health Care Center: Jessie "Gaga" Killebrew; Christine Pinson; Bette Edwards; Lola Alexander; Tip Stafford; Geraldine Campbell Bryant; Jewel Warren; Maudell Beasley
Lakeside Retirement Center - Roy Travillian; Lois Tilley; Linda Lawrence (Lee's mother)

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Those confined to home, retirement & nursing homes: Leonora Claytor; Obra Sims; Mary Margaret Williams; Blondell Young; Eileen Adams (Dawn Ervin's mom); Thelma Lamb (Cathy Stambaugh's mother); Louise Mebane; Billie & Rachel Ford; Louise Martin; Betty Carlock; Kathryn Gazley; Martha Padgett; Della Cox; Beverly Hollomon (Mark's mother); Bill Beasley
Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, therapy:

Millie Finley; Dorothy Higdon (Corinne Arnold's mother)-Hospice; Mary Anderson (Melissa Hennis' mom); Bill Booth; Mariann Draper; Vera Low; Eleanor Burke (Peggy Espey's mother); Tim Birmingham; Walter & Carla Waddle; Jimmy & Ginger Taylor; Debby Null; Ann Scott Brewer; William Stone; Della Wheeler (Michelle Roach's sister); Judy Chandler; Ernie Travillian; David Johnson; Sam Featherstone; Peggy Fannie; Betty Potts (Cherideth Rutledge's sister); Lisa Blevins; Zia Locke; Tom Keenan's Uncle Mike; Leroy Price (Joann Ownby's brother); Genia Sherwood; Rumor Shafer; Austin Lowe; Joyce McDearmon (Derek Fields grandmother); Doris Story; Patty Oakley; Charles Gipson; Diana Bradberry; Michelle Wilkes; Elizabeth Fischer; Barbara Grimes; Pat Schneider; Bud Pollard; Johnnie B. Baumgardner; Shane McClelland; Dale Norman; Mary Norden; Mike Vermillion; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Matthew Penick; Joe Sasser

MILITARY: David Jarrett; Spiros Roditis; James Washburn; David Riddick; Keith Newsom; Blake Speer; Blake Stafford; Pete Torrez; Jonathan Scott; Sam Zasadny; Ronnie & Michelle Combs; Matthew Bowlin; Joey Smiley; Jon & Lisa Rhodes; Mark Boaz; Heather Daughtery; Rob Hallmark; Damon Hardy 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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Garrett Burns, Christian Education/Youth/Children's Co-ordinator 731-535-3126; 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"