

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

McKenzie, Tennessee

NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2020



From the Pastor's Desk:

IN A PERFECT STORM!

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a "perfect storm" as a "critical or disastrous situation created by a powerful concurrence of factors."

Right now, we all feel like we are caught in the eye of a "perfect storm." Normal, every-day life has been turned upside down and our health and livelihood, once relatively stable and secure, seem wildly out of control with no end in sight.

We have been told by our nation's leaders and medical professionals to "hunker down," "to stay in a place for a period of time."

Staying at home is wise, practical counsel while COVID-19 is among us. But more than that, we need spiritual counsel on how to weather the "perfect storm."

As your pastor, may I encourage you to read Matthew 8:23-27, a familiar story of Jesus and His disciples in the eye of a raging squall on the Sea of Galilee. Look closely at the details Matthew gives us. Huge waves were sinking the boat. The disciples were in full panic and feared for their lives!

The moment they gave it up to Jesus; the instant they finally put all their faith and their future in His hands, the "perfect storm" became "perfectly calm." *"What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"* (8:27)

In my isolation at home with the cats, I watched a few church services, including our own, and then I came across a Christian song I hadn't heard before. It's entitled, "Peacespeaker" by the Heritage Singers. Google it and listen to the song.

May the Holy Spirit reveal to you the full presence and power of the "Peacespeaker" in your life! Trust Him! Put all your faith and your future, right now, into His loving, grace-filled hands!

"It was such a lovely day and the sun was shining bright, a gentle wind was blowing my way, not a storm cloud in sight; then suddenly without a warning, a storm surrounded my life, but even in the storm I can feel the calm, and here's the reason why:

I know the Peacespeaker, I know Him by name; I know the Peacespeaker, He controls the winds and the waves. When He says, 'Peace be still,' they have to obey. I'm glad I know the Peacespeaker; yes, I know Him by name."

WORSHIP SERVICES

We hope you enjoyed our online worship service last Sunday, March 22. This Sunday, March 29, look for us on our church Facebook page as well as our website, mckenziecpc.org. We have every expectation you may tune in at 9:00 a.m. or watch anytime Sunday, the 29th.

Special thanks to our Worship Team and everyone who has agreed to participate as long as our online services are needed!

Special thanks to the Session for their counsel in making decisions for the church family and their Shepherd-care of all of us!

As already announced, the Session will re-evaluate our services and activities on April 1 and we will get the word out as soon as possible.

Please continue your prayers for the completion of the new sanctuary, which is moving full steam ahead.

As God provides, remain faithful in your prayers and your tithes and offerings for the mission and ministry of the church.

Please call on me anytime (865) 228-0710!

MILKSHAKE FAMILY BIBLE QUIZ

Just for fun, I would like to encourage every family in the church, young and old, to participate in our online Family Bible Quiz! Do it together; follow the rules; complete the 21 questions and you may win your favorite milkshakes, any flavor from the Dairy Queen. Go to mckenziecpc.org. Enter your e-mail and take the quiz. It will come to me automatically when you finish. Winner to be announced in early April.

In His Love, Kevin L. Wood, Pastor

Seekers Luncheon

The Seekers, (Senior Adult Group) will meet in the Family Life Center on **May 21 at 11:30 am** for lunch and planning for yearly activities.

Highlights of Session Meeting

- *Devotional & prayer by Elder Carol Nanney
- *Luke Mitchum gave youth report. Four girls are going to Junior High Retreat at Camp Clark Williamson. He plans to begin beef jerky sales again in April. Has an average of 12 in Wednesday night WOW classes
- *Youth Sunday is scheduled for April 26
- *Pastor Kevin Wood gave pastor's report. Vacation weeks include March 19-25; April 19-25; June 7-13. Rev. Tony Janner will preach on April 19.
- *Living Lord's Supper plans for April 9 at 7 pm at Park Theater.
- *Children (toddler thru 5th grade) will sing on Easter Sunday - Melissa Herris is rehearsing with them
- *Financial Report for February - Giving Receipts - \$33,437; Expenses - \$27,370; Year-to-date Giving - \$57,446 and Year - to-date Expenses \$61,008.
- *Building Fund Balance - \$618,312
- *Edward Jones Organ Fund Balance - \$163,595
- *Money-market Account Balance - \$129,701
- *Approved June Perritt's vacation June 11-19
- *Heard West Tennessee Presbytery Report by delegate Jean Garrett - Licentiate David Sprenkle preached at the opening service; \$1,000 offering was sent to CP church in Middle TN for tornado relief; Elected Elder Mark Maddox moderator; Five candidates for the ministry and one licentiate were approved to go under the care of presbytery; Dr. Clinton Buck was presented with a pastoral care proclamation for 68 years of service in West Tennessee Presbytery.
- *Building Commission Report given by Elder Ruth Carroll - Kivetts Pew Company was chosen—they will make an example pew from the recommendations given by the Building Commission.
- *Approved Josh White to cut grass at the church
- *Craft group will get curtains for our adopted cabin at Camp Clark Williamson
- *Scheduled Easter Egg Hunt for April 5 at 4 pm.
- *Stewardship and Finance Committee has plans for church-wide sanctuary building fund campaign. Elders made their commitments at the meeting. Ordering green offering envelopes for sanctuary building fund offerings.
- *Moving forward to set up an app for Giving through Realm.
- *Elder Justin Stambaugh will be working with worship committee on safety and security training.

Camp Clark Williamson - 60th CELEBRATION
originally scheduled for May 1-2, 2020
Savannah Hill Lodge
WILL BE HELD THIS FALL
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

- *Hazel Grace Webb was born March 9, 2020! Congratulations to Brice and Allison (parents), Marcia & Tracy (grandparents)
- *Luke Lawrence made the Honor Roll for the 4th 6 weeks at Gleason School

(Please let us know of awards and congratulatory news.)

Thank You Notes

To Our Church Family,

Thank you for prayers, cards, visits, building fund donations and good not only after my brother Jerry Coates left this earth for his heavenly home, but for being here for us through every trial we encounter!

We came to this church to have somewhere to worship however, **OUR CHURCH IS OUR FOUNDATION!**

We love you all and are so very thankful God sent us here!

Sandi & Ron Deming

Hello CP family,

This donation to the sanctuary fund is sent in memory of our dear friend, J T Lindsey. We have wonderful memories of working with J T on many projects. We shared such love for this church with him and Robye. We miss this wonderful congregation. Good luck with the construction!

Best Wishes,
Jack & Judy Hall

THANK YOU, I don't know if I can say that enough. You mean the world to McKenzie Elementary School! We appreciate all the support and help you give us throughout the year with the Backpack Buddy program, school supply donations and especially the prayers throughout the year for our staff and children.

Tonya Brown, Principal

WOW - Worship on Wednesday POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

When we are able to continue the Wednesday night programs, we will let you know. WOW is a time the congregation comes together for an evening meal and Bible classes on Wednesdays at 5:50 pm.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

April 15: Team 4 with Elders Ruth Carroll and Justin Stambaugh and team members: Becky Allen; Mory & Mary Anderson; John & Janet Baumgardner; Dean & Dinah Brush; Garrett & Jessica Burns; Paul & Ashley Carroll; Rachel Carroll; Allison Cummings; Linda Edge; Jessica Green; Keith & Melissa Herris; Tom & Charro Keenan; Linda Krushe; David & Lynda Lankford; Lee & Amy Lawrence; Ben & Linda McClure; Bob Moore; Mikaela Morris; Fran & Larry Musser; Duane & Erica Patrick; Sandra & Howard Spires; Kelly & Clara Weatherford; Kevin Wood

April 22: Team 5 with Elders Connie Beasley and Amanda Morris and team members: Saudia Akin; Brad & Christie Chappell; Ron & Sandi Deming; Ron Frum; Tom & Barbara Harbin; David & Jessica Hochreiter; Terry & Suzanne Howell; David & Michele Jarrett; Linda Lewis; Linda Meek; Luke Mitchum; JoAnn Ownby; Dave & Martha Sue Peters; Tom & Rhonda Smith; Dennis & Sally Sutton; Chris & Becky Wall; Kerry & Stacie Warman; Reggie & Janice Wiggins

April 29: Team 6 with Elders Jennifer Beasley and Jean Hollomon and team members: John & Corinne Arnold; Bob & Susan Bouldin; Steve & Melanie Burke; Adam Cooper; Alan & Virginia Cross; Jon & Susan Davis; Dewayne & Dawn Ervin; Derek & Lauren Fields; Christina French; Hunter & Heather Garrett; Paul & Jennifer Glass; Kevin & Carol Hill; Craig & Tracy Lunn; Cindy Owen; Glynda Rich; Lenore Surber; Tommy & Meredith Surber; Donna Ward

Summer Camp Dates at Camp Clark Williamson

May 30, 2020 - Day Camp (K-2nd Grades)

June 1-6 Senior High Camp @ Resident Camp (Grades 9-12)

June 8-13 Junior #1 Camp @ Resident Camp (Grades 3-5)

July 5-11 Junior High Camp @ Resident Camp (Grades 6-8)

July 13-18 Junior #2 Camp @ Resident Camp (Grades 3-5)

CAMP REGISTRATION: Go to www.wtpcc.org click on WTP Youth Facebook page. From there you will find the Presbyterian Youth information including SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM. For more summer camp or youth retreat information call Matt Tyler 731-676-1992 or Jamie Adams 731-796-1814

Memorials and Honorariums

Sanctuary Building Fund

In Memory of J T Lindsey

by Jack & Judy Hall

In Memory of Marian Smith

by Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

Linda Hearn

Ron, Julia & Christopher Hinton

Chester & Janie Jackson

John & Janet Baumgardner

Ben & Lenore Surber

John & Katrina Holancin

Tommy & Meredith Surber

In Memory of Mary Dubsy (David Jarrett's aunt)

by Linda Hearn

In Memory of Ken Mitchum

by Linda Hearn

In Memory of Robert Barnhart

by Linda Hearn

In Memory of Edward Lankford

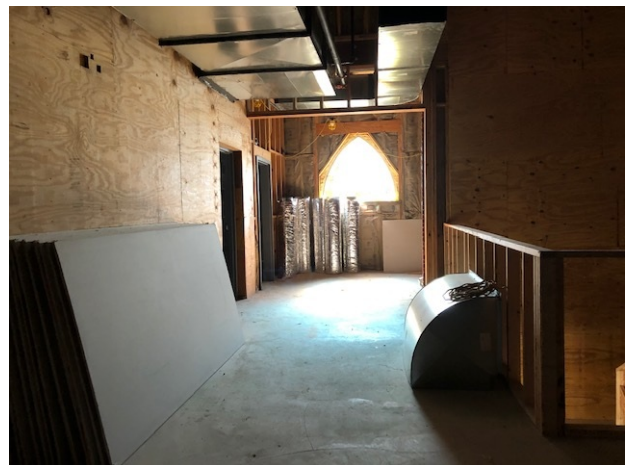
by Linden & Carolyn Roney

Lee & Amy Lawrence

THE NEW SANCTUARY

Dry wall is being installed around the outer walls. The HVAC workers continue to install the duct work. Electricians are still busy also.

Greg Koziel, the technician who will be re-furbishing the pipe organ, has picked up the organ and will be doing the work in his shop in Memphis.



Since our April Calendars Dates are still in question,
we are not printing an April calendar now.
We will send another newsletter as soon as this virus eases
and we can once again worship together.
GOD BLESS!

A Family in 'Lockdown'



Noah's Ark

40 days, 40 nights in the Ark, Noah's family was confined in a boat. There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no Youtube, Facebook or Netflix.

They only heard the rain. They spend their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word. Remember even though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, Our God is watching over us! Do not be Afraid! Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all be well again.



APRIL WORSHIP DUTIES TENTATIVE

Acolytes - 9 am Service

Natalie Herris
Charli Weatherford
Supervisor - Kelly or Clara Weatherford

Nursery Helpers 9:00 am Service

5 - Martha Sue Peters
12 - Josi Webb
19 - Rosa Hutcheson
26 - Jennifer Trout

Ushers - 9:00 am Service

John Baumgardner, Chairperson
Bob Bouldin, Co-Chair
Chester Jackson
Kelly Weatherford

Ushers - 11:00 am Service

James Hamilton – Chairperson
Bill Kreuter
Linda Meek
Ron Barnhart

Time with Children

9:00 am Service

5 - Lee Lawrence
12 - Jon Davis
19 - Carol Nanney
26 - Luke Mitchum

11:00 am Service

5 - Donna Ward
12 - Paula Watkins
19 - Marlene Kreuter
26 - Glynda Rich

Sound System 9 am Service

5 - Matt Warren
12 - Eli Surber
19 - Justin Stambaugh
26 - Lee Lawrence

Video - 9 am service

Howard Spires

Safety/Security

5 - David Jarrett, Jody Trout
12 - Chris Blount, Marty Morris
19 - Tommy Johnson, Tracy Webb
26 - Craig Lunn, Chris Wall

Bell Ringers

Apr. 5 - Charli Weatherford
Apr. 12 - Luke Lawrence
Apr. 19 - Natalie Herris
Apr. 26 - Kennedi Hutchens

April Birthdays

2 - Debby Aljancic
3 - Clifford Matlock
Violet Patterson
Duane Patrick IV
4 - Glenn Corbin
5 - Devyn Smiley
6 - Carolyn Patterson
7 - Sandra Spires
8 - Victoria Motheral
Amanda Morris
9 - Hadley Smith
Duane Patrick V
11 - Blake Baker
12 - Elam Fields
Dylan McCaig
13 - Avery Stambaugh
16 - Chris Blount
Charli Weatherford
17 - Sarah Dailey
Emily Lunn
Hayden Long
Sean Kelly
19 - Matthew Bowlin
Holland Hames
20 - Vicky Clark
21 - Sydney Baker
22 - Tara Hart
Rev. Jennifer Hayes
23 - Marilyn Wiggins
24 - Amy Scott
Melissa Baker
Mark Stambaugh
Anna Marie Martino
25 - Madyson Driggers
Lillian Brown
26 - Tate Surber
27 - Linda Howton
28 - John Baumgardner
30 - Jill Warren

Anniversaries

1 - Kelly & Clara Weatherford
3 - Larry & Paula Watkins
8 - Tony & Mary Ann Janner
14 - Lute & Tara Foster
18 - Joel & Teresa Washburn
24 - Jimmy & Cathey Stambaugh
Walter & Carla Waddle

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

Elder of the Week

Apr. 5 - 11 - Connie Beasley
Apr. 12-18 - Jennifer Beasley
Apr. 19- 25 - Stephen Brown
Apr. 26 - May 2 - Ruth Carroll

Women's Ministry Circle Meetings

The Women's Ministry Circle Meetings
are **canceled** for April.

Monday, May 4 is the Women's
Ministry Group Meeting when all the circles
come together for an add-a-dish meal and
program. The Jubilee Circle will be the
hostesses for the meeting.

Attendance and Giving Report

March 1, 2020	Attendance 161
General Fund Offering -	\$7,308.11
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	3,022.00
WOW -	169.00
TOTAL -	\$10,499.11

March 8, 2020	Attendance 160
General Fund Offering -	\$6,500.00
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	3,744.00
Children's Sanctuary Offering -	15.08
Beating Hearts Baby Bottle Offering -	\$15.17
Hollomon Prayer Garden -	237.00
WOW -	153.02
TOTAL -	\$10,664.27

March 15, 2020	Attendance 145
General Fund Offering -	\$4,883.28
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	2,921.40
Children's Sanctuary Offering -	6.68
WOW -	126.00
TOTAL -	\$7,937.36

March 22, 2020	ONLINE SERVICE
General Fund Offering -	\$1,370.00
Sanctuary Fund Offering -	2,300.00
TOTAL -	\$3,670.00

The church office is open from 8 am to
noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm if you would like
to drop off your tithes and offerings. You
may also mail your tithes and offerings to
the church at P. O. Box 133, McKenzie, TN
38201

Session Meeting

The Session will meet tentatively on
Wednesday, **April 15 at 7:30 pm** in the
Conference Room. Elder Peggy Espey will
have the devotional.

Greeters for April

Information Desk
Carol and Tim Nanney

LOOKING AHEAD - Tentative Dates

Apr. 5 - Palm Sunday - Online Service
CANCELED - Apr. 5 - 4:00 pm - Easter Egg Hunt
CANCELED - Apr. 9 - Living Lord's Supper
Apr. 12 - EASTER
April 15 - 5:50 pm - WOW Team 4 - Elders Carroll & Stambaugh
Seekers will not meet until May
April 22 - 5:50 pm - WOW Team 5 - Elders C. Beasley & Morris
April 24 - TN College of Applied Technology Graduation
April 25 - Young Life Banquet
April 26 - Youth Sunday
April 29 - 5:50 pm - Team 6 - Elders J. Beasley & Hollomon
May 4 - 6:00 pm - Women's Ministry Meeting
May 6 - High School Senior Dinner
May 7-6 pm - Potluck -Missionaries Daniel & Kay Jang Visit
May 14 - 6:00 pm - School of Discovery Graduation
May 30 - Day Camp at Camp Clark Williamson
June 1-6 - Senior High Camp @ CCW
June 7-12 - General Assembly & Women's Ministry Convention
June 8-13 - Junior High Camp #1 @ CCW
June 21-16 - CPYC at Bethel University

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Students, Teachers, People living in Care Facilities, Health Care personnel, and everyone being affected by the coronavirus; Lankford families & others affected by tornadoes; Fran Musser; Jeremy Allen: Ellie Scrudder; Debbie Lownsbery (Kim Moss's sister-in-law)

Sympathy to: Family of Ken Mitchum, (Luke's grandfather); Family of Robert Barnhart (Ron's brother); Family of Greg Schowen (Justin Stambaugh's co-worker); Family of Markeevious (Dawn Ervin's co-worker)

McKenzie Health Care Center: Ben Surber; Katie Patterson; Lanier Mabry; Martha McCadams; Bobby Elliston; Truman Bateman; Willie Mae Forester Lakeside Retirement Center: Robye Lindsey; Frank Claytor; Linda Crider; Noel Wiggins; Trudy Bateman; Cecilia Martin; JoAnn Gibson Christian Care Center: Edward McDearmon; Bob Quesenberry; Curtis Bray

Other retirement centers & home-bound; Gordon Coleman; Mary Margaret Williams; Raymond Gray; Dorothy Tegethoff; Christine Argo Those with long-term illnesses & undergoing treatments, recovering, therapy: Kim Wyatt; Jimmy Stambaugh; Walter Waddle; John Arnold; Blake Poole; David Lankford; Byron Pate; Ben McClure; Joyce Sims; Dave & Martha Sue Peters; Wynemia Mouser; Kevin Arnold; Rebekah Townsend; Sylvia Heard (Ron Demings' sister); Susie Marshall; Rev. David Bayer; Margaret Sanders, Shirley Smith; Tristan Arnold; Virginia Culver; Taylor Roney; Ricky Chandler; Larry Yates; Steve Wechter; Jackie & Phil Berry; Randy Presley (Fran Musser's son); Andy Williams; Willow Pate; Keith Stanley, Joy, James & Billy (nephews & nieces of Linda McClure); Jerry French; Dan Keltner (Zene Malinski's brother); Jimmy, Linda & Wendy Wolff (Elaine Malinski siblings) Anne Austin; Martha Killen; Mabel Bone (Josi Webb's grandmother); Mary Jane Martin; Jack Raines (Linda McClure's brother); David & Linda Bishop; Myrna Carter; Jill Robbins; Mike Blankenship; Lindsey Self; Nina Smothers; Julie Tate; Jeremy Redmond; Kanon McVicker; Kurt Rodenberger; Carolyn Roney; Ashley Machuca; Debra Tuberville; Linda Parker; Sally Branon; Tony Michael; Ann Drewry; Carol Simmons; Jennifer Ray; Pauline Rhodes; Ruth Eason; Tim Stone; Wilma Hansen; Leroy Price (JoAnn Ownby's brother); Diana Cook (Rev. Wood's cousin); Bobby Babb; Rev. Jim Pinnell; Bill McCain; Stacie Smothers; Clint Todd; Ray Crocker; Linda Davis; Nancy Daniels; Sam Tilley; Rev. Don Tabor; Demetri Burnett; Matthew Bowlin; Connie Hubbard; Edwin Hawkins; Rev. Mike Justice; Dan Vaughn; Mary Bass; Ted & Judy Finley; Bobbie Cooper; Kyle Watkins; Jim Verner; Buddy Hutchens; April Knowles; Adriana D'Adamio; Joyce (Hill) AlKishaly; Rev. Aaron Holmes; Tom Keenan's brother, Max; Grace McCain Wonderly; Lucille Russell; Leah Sutton; Josh Fisher; Maddox Hurst; Keitha Chism; Charlie Bowman; Nathan Pratt; Frank Knopp; Margeax Ridley; Kenneth Rogers; David Ellis; Linda Crutcher; Mariann Draper; Shane McClelland MILITARY: Joel Malinski; Josh Owen; Zakkary G. Burke; Josie Fitzgerald; Cameron Rawls; Sean Smith; Matt Warren; Nathan Smith; Ken Powell; Jon & Lisa Rhodes; Caleb Clay, Peter Allen & C. J. Vogel & all military & veterans OTHERS: Victims of Natural Disasters; Persecuted Christians; The Drop Box Ministry; Session; Committees; Sunday School Teachers; missionaries; the Congo nation; Care givers

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June Perritt-Secretary 731-415-0629

Office Hours - Monday-Friday - 8 am-Noon & 1- 4:30 pm

Contemporary Worship Service - 9 am; Sunday School - 10:10 am; Traditional Worship - 11 am

Sunday Evening - Children's and Youth Programs

Prayer and Bible Study Groups - Sunday evenings & Wednesday mornings & evenings

School of Discovery -Tuesday/Thursday Classes 8:30 am-1:30 pm

WOW - Worship on Wednesday 5:50 pm—Classes for all ages

"A Christ-centered family of faith with open arms and loving hearts, glorifying the Holy God."