

# FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

April 2015

Let your light shine before men,  
that they may see your good  
deeds and praise your  
Father in heaven.

*Matthew 5:16*



## *Thank You*

### **Fellowship Church Family,**

Thank you for the cards, meals and phone calls while I was out with surgery.

You are an awesome fellowship family!

**Sandy Priebe**

### **To my Church Family,**

As most of you know I lost my Mother on February 26, 2015. I was blest by having her for 102 years.

As many of you know I have not been physically able to get around too well.

Thanks for all the cards and beautiful flowers, all the food and prayers . Most of all I thank you for caring. Your Sister in Christ,  
**Arlene Fischer**

### **Ushers**

**Apr. 12:** JL and Peggy Hickman

**Apr. 19:** Terry King and Christy Hancock

**Apr. 26:** June Arnold and Barbara Flippin

**May 3:** Pat Black and Mike Fisher

### **Acolytes**

**Apr. 12:** Lynn Kelsh and Carol Cookson

**Apr. 19:** Rowan and John-Carl Laidler

**Apr. 26:** Kylee and Cayden Sabella

**May 3:** Libby and Lindsey Barnes

### **Greeters**

**Apr. 12:** Sandra Thorn and Arlene Fischer

**Apr. 19:** Don and Mary Young

**Apr. 26:** Pat Black and Gary Steiger

**May 3:** Barbara Flippin and Lynda Meek

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Laurel Tiffin 5-2

Luke Henry 5-5

Jessica Weber 5-7

June Arnold 5-9

Amber Weber 5-10

Laurel and Stacy Tiffin 5-11

Justin Hickman 5-14

Max Cheney 5-20

Jordan Weber 5-28

George Hove 5-31



### Nursery

**Apr. 12:** JL and Peggy Hickman

**Apr. 19:** Jerry Jones and Lindsey Barnes

**Apr. 26:** Terry King and Christy Hancock

**May 3:** JL and Peggy Hickman

## Summary of Actions of Our Session

### By Andy Marts, Stated Clerk of Session

The Session of the Fellowship (Baxter) Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Wednesday March 25, 2015 at 7:05 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: George Hove, Pat Black, Tammy Marts, Barbara Flippin, Mike Risk, and Al Cookson. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and guest Kirnan Lewis from Dragonfly Signs. Lynn Kelsh, Kathy Amos, and Chris Steiger were absent. Gary Tubb opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The minutes for the February regular meeting and March 8<sup>th</sup> worship meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was accepted for February 2015.

Lynn Kelsh, Kathy Amos, and Chris Steiger were excused.

It was approved to become a sponsor for KCMH initially for one year. The cost to be \$40.00 per month with Pastor Gary Tubb personally paying half.

A report was received on the spring meeting of presbytery from Al Cookson.

Gary Tubb closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 22, 2015 in the Hudson Fellowship Hall.

## OK Club News

It is time to start getting those "useful items" which you do not use anymore together for the **OK Club Annual Yard/Garage Sale**. You choose the name which will help you remember to gather items for this "working fun" event. The OK Club does return a portion of the proceeds to the church. There are several in the community who look forward to this event each year. I do field several phone calls asking when it will be.

The OK Club will be going to Branson on May23rd for a 2:00 P.M. show. We will be hearing the gospel music artist **Michael English**. Michael English was part of the Gaither Vocal Band several years ago. The cost for a ticket will be \$20.00. The OK Club reserved several extra tickets in case some others wished to go to the show. One will need to reserve his ticket by May1st in order to go. Check with Mike or Pam O. or Joy Olsen to reserve your ticket.

## *As I See It*

We have begun my favorite time of year. We start with spring, move into summer, and conclude with fall. It is the time when we see the flowers blooming and giving us the beauty of the Earth which we have missed since frost took the last of the fall flowers away from us. We see the grasses and weeds sprouting in the lush greens and array of colors from the weeds. We see the leaves returning to the trees. We enjoy seeing them come out just about as much as we dreaded removing them from the premises just a few months ago.

We begin trimming the shrubbery and other plants around the house so that they will look neat and beautiful. We will soon be putting plants into planters, flower beds, tubs and other places to beautify the rest of the area which we call our home.

Along with the planning and trimming, we put nutrients around our plants. We find the right fertilizers and micronutrients. We may even lime the soil. We spread mulch around in the plant beds. We may even have put a permeable ground cover to slow down the new weeds which can become very invasive.

After all that is completed, we find that we must tend to it on a regular basis by weeding and removing the dead blooms so that the desired plants will thrive. However, a final nutrient is needed or the whole of what has been done will be for naught. We must water and water and water.

We must water some plants more than others. We must learn the temperament of each plant so that it can be maximized for production. With some plants, too much water will cause the produce to not be as tasty or will cause the buds to die before they become blooms.

I know that we can get this general information about plants from many sources, but as I thought about gardening and our church, I see similarities. We must do preparation without fail. The soil must receive nutrients for the plants planted therein to produce at their best. But even when we prepare the soil, we must continue to invest our time and resources to maximize the beauty from within.

We must continue to allow the Lord to be a part of our lives regardless of what else is going on. We must allow prayer and scripture reading to be part of our daily routine, for they will help us not to wilt when the pressures of life roll over us. We must allow the Lord to trim us of the dead wood we collect which only drags us down if we continue to needlessly carry it.

GOD wants to bless us daily. He wants us to be a blessing to others. Allow GOD to “garden” you so that you will be better prepared to bloom for Him and attract others to you so that you may bring them into “GOD’S Garden” for eternity!

Also pray for our leaders, political and religious, as they make decisions which affect our abilities to express our religious freedoms. Once a freedom is removed, it is difficult for that freedom to be restored. Be bold and be strong and banish fear and doubt, for our GOD will sustain our needs.

Thank you choir and Tammy, for the Easter cantata, **I Know My Redeemer Lives**. It was great to have twenty-one voices blending together. Thank you to those who spent extra time with the prepared CD tracks learning parts. Special thanks to Tammy for directing, Rowan for her wonderful solo, John for the narration, and Andy for the technical support.

Pray for Christians around the world who are experiencing persecution on a daily basis. Pray that their faith will not wane. Pray that those who have authority will protect them and that GOD will intervene on their behalf.

It is a privilege to serve the Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church. May the prosperity of the church be a reflection of our faithfulness of our commitment to GOD and Christ our Savior.

Your Pastor and friend, Bro. Gary

P.S. I am looking at some dates for a baseball outing in May. This will be another men’s only outing.

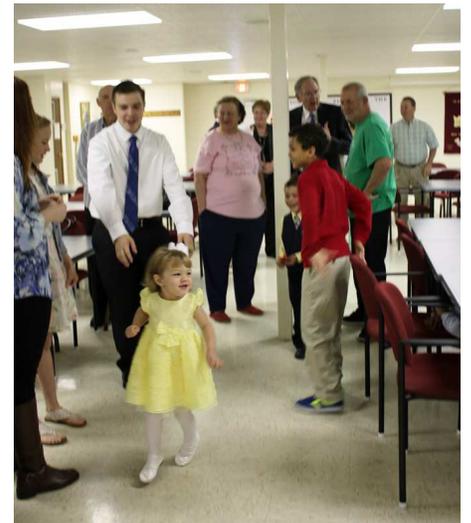
## Youth Provide Early Easter Service

Members of our church youth group, led by Tammy Marts, provided an inspiring early Easter service. Thanks to those who participated for all of your hard work. A special thank you to Rowan Laidler and Andy Marts who got home from a robotics competition at 5:30 A.M. and still made it to church by 8:00 A.M. We appreciate your dedication!



## Easter Breakfast

After the early Easter service we gathered in the fellowship hall for breakfast.



# Eggciting Times



An Easter egg hunt at the home of Kim and Gary Tubb provided a lot of fun and excitement.



**FELLOWSHIP CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## *Upcoming Opportunities*

**CPWM Friends Banquet: May 6, 2015.** We will be inviting the women from CP churches in the surrounding area to this annual event. We need all of the ladies to bring salads and desserts to share with the visitors. If you would like, you can also provide a door prize. The program will be provided by Ruth Anne Clayton from Nature's Way.

**The Annual OK Club Garage Sale:** May 15th, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and May 16th, 8 A.M. to Noon. Set up day is all day Thursday, May 14th. Keep the sale in mind as you do your spring cleaning. All of the sales have contributed to the activities of the club, as well as giving back in some form to the church.

**Save Your Pennies:** The CPWM groups of Arkansas are saving pennies to donate at the Fall Retreat on October 2, 3, 2015. The pennies will go toward a mission project which will be decided at the retreat. You can give pennies to Tammy Marts or Christy Hancock to be delivered to the retreat.

**Sip and See:** April 18th. Stop by to meet the newest addition to the Risk family. Mike and Katie's brand new granddaughter, Zoey Anne White, will be in town and available to take callers from 1 P.M to 5 P.M. at the Risk home at 332 Grassy Drive.



Lynda Meek gave us this report about taking her rescue Schipperke dogs to a dog show and competition

My dogs, Teddy, Stormy, and Katie were in a Parade of Rescues. There were 27 dogs in the parade. One of those dogs was 21 years old. All received ribbons and a bag that had snacks, samples of food, toys, and a blanket that said Pro-Plan on it. That was from Purina. They were led around a ring as if they were the real show dogs.

The picture of Smoky was taken after he won the top dog in the show. He also won two more ribbons early in the show. One for best male and the other one for best in show when they were showing males and bitches together. Michele also won best Handler. Her female, Paige, won best of the bitch class. She was about speechless. I am sure it took a long time to come back to earth. After the first judging, the judge told her when Smoky came in the ring, he knew which one was the winner.