

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

January 2016

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14: 27



Ushers

Jan. 10: Don and Mary Young

Jan. 17: Dave and Brenda Boynton

Jan. 24: Roy and Jo-Ann Gould

Jan. 31: George Hove and John-Carl Laidler

Acolytes

Jan 10: Terry King and Christy Hancock

Jan. 17: Rowan and John-Carl Laidler

Jan. 24: Lizzy Hancock and Ali King

Jan. 31: Gabe McGinnis and Malachi MacKercher

Greeters

Jan 10: John and Mary Martin

Jan. 17: Lynda Meek and Sandra Thorn

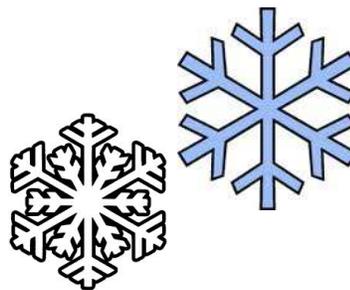
Jan. 24: Bob Green and Jerry Jones

Jan. 31: Don and Mary Young

News



Dr. Olivia Fisher has received her masters of science in nutrition and human performance. she will be starting her chiropractic practice and consultations in nutrition in Little Rock next month --



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Amanda Risk White 2-1
 Alison Hester 2-1
 Terry and Gay King 2-3
 Bud Zorman 2-6
 Lauren Barnes 2-10
 Ruby Weddle 2-12
 Ian Benz 2-13
 Bob Green 2-13
 Pat and Rhonda Black 2-14

Shane Hemme 2-16
 Dave Killian 2-16
 Pete and Ellen MacKercher 2-16
 Dana Cook 2-19
 JoAnn Gould 2-20
 Ben King 2-27
 JoAnn and Roy Gould 2-28
 Jay and Lori Sabella 2-28



Nursery

Jan. 10: Jerry Jones and Ellen MacKercher
Jan. 17: Barbara Flippin and JoAnn Gould
Jan. 24: JL and Peggy Hickman
Jan. 31: Jerry Jones and Ellen MacKercher

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 Thursday December 3, 2015 at 6:45 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Lynn Kelsh, Sheila Benz, Glenn Priebe, George Hove, Joe Amos, Tammy Marts, Chris Steiger, Al Cookson, and Barbara Flippin. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and Treasurer Jerry Jones. Gary Tubb opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The minutes for the October regular meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for October 2015 was approved.

It was approved to renew our insurance.

The Roll of Members was reviewed and active membership for the annual congregational report was determined to be 88.

The 2016 budget was approved.

Lynn Kelsh closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 27, 2016 in the Hudson Fellowship Hall.

Join us for the 30th annual New Member Luncheon

After church on January 17th we will meet and greet the people who joined our church since the last new member luncheon in 2015. CPWM is providing baked potatoes. Please bring side dishes and deserts to share as we honor our new members.

Have You Been Pigged?

If someone in the church gives you a gift with a piggy bank attached, please feed that pig some cash and pay it forward. The pig is a CPWM sponsored fundraiser. The money is used to purchase items from Heifer International. At the end of 2015 with some extra contributions from the session and CPWM, we were able to purchase a pig, a trio of rabbits, honey bees, a flock of chickens and a flock of ducks or geese. These items will help families become self sustaining. The goal for 2016 is a water buffalo! Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.



As I See It

Santa Claus has come and gone. He only brings presents once a year. As far as I can tell, most of them are for the present and will be replaced some time in the future. That is fine and the way that it has been for many, many years. We will continue to have memories of the Christmas past and look forward to the excitement and anticipation that another December 25 will bring.

So far there is not one thing which I have written that is not known by the reader. This next statement is also known by many people: The love of the Christ transcends beyond any other special day of the year, for He died so that He might bring salvation to all who trust and profess Him to be their eternal Savior. The gift of salvation is the present which is forever fresh, does not wear out, perfect at any age, and can be shared without worry of breakage.

Clothe yourself with the love of GOD daily. Share this love with others through word and deed. Cause the love of GOD and His Christ to be seen as a wonderful experience that is desired by all.

Remember that this is one bit of "clothing" which can not be worn out. If anything it becomes better and stronger with age and use if used often.

I look forward to 2016 and the challenges it has for us. There will be challenges for each of us because we will be a year older. Aging is not for sissies, but we are aging with a purpose: to seek the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

We will have the challenges of helping others in our families through their times of crisis and their celebrations in times of joy. We all enjoy celebrating births, marriages, visits by those who live away, and other positive events. These come and go with a lot of joy in our hearts. However, we need to continue to reach out to those whose health will cause them to slow down and the "hills of life" become steeper. Many of you do an excellent work with your phone calls, cards and food. The rest of us could join in with the active workers and make ourselves unintentional heroes through a common action.

So many times Jesus became the hero by His action of just recognizing the needs of others. He helped others see their self-worth by just reaching out a hand and speaking the words of purpose. Zacchaeus needed to know that someone cared about him. Jesus went "home" with him and never moved from his heart. The woman with the issue of blood just needed to know that she was truly approachable. Jesus reached out His hand in love and "healed" that which truly needed healing as well as her body was rid of the physical problem.

Jesus presents Himself to all because we are of worth to Him. The song says "No one ever cared for me like Jesus." Never forget it and remember it everyday.

There will many things about 2016 which will be very similar to 2015. That is the way the calendar is. Most of these will be enjoyed by the participants.

There are some events which will be added to the calendar this year which will be good for us. On March 20 (Palm Sunday) we will focus on Holy Week and Passover. We will be joined by at least three other churches. On April 24 and 25, my friend and fellow Cumberland Presbyterian preacher, Rev. Dr. Tommy Thompson, will join us and share about the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. (We need this since many of our congregation were not brought up as Cumberland Presbyterians.) He is a good speaker and will share some interesting tidbits of interest and humor. If there is an interest in another overnight trip to Memphis or St. Louis, I will plan one for April or May. I will need five or more couples to make it viable to use the church van.

Continue to pray for our youth and the opportunities they have for learning about Jesus. Besides Sunday School, Sunday evening sessions, Vacation Bible School and Summer camp at Camp Peniel, the FUSE events have added another dimension of study. The Fuse events have our youth spending valuable time in Christian study and fellowship with their peers. When the events are over, they see the same people at school with whom they just spent time studying about Jesus and praying. They also were part of a group which collected nearly 5,000 pounds of food for the local Food Baskets. Ask Lori Cheney how she feels about the Castle Bluff event. She saw it all!!

Pray for each other and for Kim and me each day during 2016. Pray for your Elder Shepherds. Keep us informed of your needs and crises. We do not intuitively know of your needs. We need your eyes and ears to know what is happening.

I am proud to be your pastor. May 2016 be a prosperous year for the Lord.
Because of the Christ who loves us so, Bro. Gary

December Activities

Vocal and Chime Choir Party



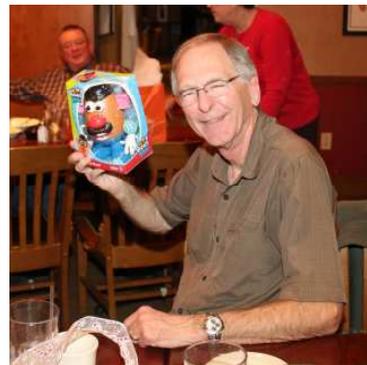
In a tradition that has stood the test of time, gifts were chosen (if you touch it, you have to take it!), stolen and re-stolen at the choir Christmas party. The third possession freezes it for all time.

OK Club Visits Calico Rock

The OK Club traveled to Calico Rock to have lunch at the historic Printing Press Café and then toured the Calico Rock museum with Wayne Wood as their knowledgeable guide.



Young at Heart



Giving to those in need has never been more fun than when this group gets together. Names were drawn for a gift exchange that involved selecting a toy for the recipient that matched their interests or personality. After all the items were unwrapped and smiled over they were donated to the Salvation Army to give some kids a brighter Christmas.

Send information for this newsletter to Marjie Jones, 946 Tipton Loop, Mountain Home, AR 72653 OR call me at 870-425-7190 OR email me at mjjones@suddenlink.net OR drop it in the newsletter box at the church.

We're on the Web!
<http://www.fellowshipcumberland.org/>

Share Time



From songs to poetry, stories and math problems, several of our members had something to share at our annual share time at the December fellowship supper. Some things brought a tear to our eye. Some things made us laugh. Some things just made us think really hard. Now everyone has almost a year to see if they can top that! Thanks to everyone who shared!

News and Opportunities

We are planning another craft day on January 23rd from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Tammy Marts will be sending out more reminders. We don't know yet if anyone will be teaching a craft, but if you would like to teach one or have one you would to have taught please let Tammy know.



CPWM is participating in a state wide penny drive. There is a container in the fellowship hall to collect the pennies if you would like to participate. The money from the penny drive will be donated at the CPWM retreat in Camp Peniel in October 2016. See Chris Steiger for more information.

