

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

May 2021

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
rejoice! Philippians 4:4



Thanks

I would like to thank the church congregation for the beautiful hibiscus plant with the healing angel that I received after my shoulder surgery. Also the visits, calls, cards and special meals. It is a comfort to know we can count on each other through whatever life brings.

Thanks,
Frieda Mauthe

I would like to say thank you to all my church family at Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I have truly enjoyed my time with you and will miss you all.

Sincerely,
Kathy Lane
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June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tacey Lee Gallegos 5-14	Sandy Priebe 6-18
Glenn and Sandy Priebe 6-1	Mike Fisher 6-18
Wayne and Gaye Wood 6-3	Christy Hancock 6-20
Katie Risk 6-5	Ella Crawford 6-25
Alan Marts 6-11	Pete MacKercher 6-27
Beverly Stewart 6-11	Roy and JoAnn Gould 6-28
Jo and Kathy Amos 6-14	Richard and Melva Dite 6-29
Gaye Wood 6-16	Kim Tubb 6-30



Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." - William James

"No matter what you're going through, there's a light at the end of the tunnel." - Demi Lovato

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." - Dr. Seuss

Summary of The 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 April 28, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Peggy Hickman, Ralf Mauthe, Gay King, Mike Risk, Al Amman, Lynn Kelsh, Betty Guthrie, Glenn Priebe, with Libby Sabella on-line via GoToMeeting. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and Treasurer Jerry Jones. Ralf Mauthe opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

The minutes for the March regular meeting, March 28th called meeting, and April 11th called meeting were approved.

Accepted the treasurer's report for March 2021.

Approved recipients of the Joyce Cook Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The recipients for the upcoming school year are Kylee Sabella and at large student from Mountain Home High School, Sophie Quick.

Approved placing an ad advertising the soon to be open pastor position in the Cumberland Presbyterian magazine starting the first month with a half page ad with following months to be a two-column inch ad.

Acting as a nominating committee for the annual congregational meeting to elect session members to replace the three members rotation off session, the session approved placing into nomination the names of Sandra Thorn, Gary Knous, and Mike Risk at the meeting.

Approved May 23 as the date for the annual congregational meeting.

Approved the church purchasing the sides and desserts for the Richard Wallace memorial service.

Approved the pastor search committee members: Jerry Jones, June Arnold, Tammy Marts, Toni Fisher, Barb Amman, Terry King, Glenn Priebe, and Mike Risk (alternate).

Approved a committee to begin work on starting the Byron Lesch Memorial Mission Fund with Lynn Kelsh, Barbara Amman, Julie Knous, and Jerry Jones as the committee members.

Approved the session paying for the cake for Gary's retirement celebration.

Glenn Priebe closed the meeting in prayer.

As I See It

This is the 98th and the next to the last **As I See It...GRT** I will compose for the newsletter. I think that I have given various thoughts over the last eight plus years. Each one of the writings have come from the heart and have been meant to uplift, challenge, encourage, and cause you to think.

Sure, some were deeper in thought than others, but that is the way that life is. We have various thoughts which charge through our minds as well as those which take time to develop. I pray that some of the things which I have written have caused you to accept some of the challenges offered over the past eight years.

I pray that you have learned something about you as well as you about me. The Tennessee stories are about what has shaped my life and made me the person I am today. The Tennessee stories are about how I became a Christian; about my time growing up in a Christian home with its love and flaws; the fun which I had growing up in a neighborhood where there was a lot of competition (5 SEC Football Scholarship) as well academic achievement; 7 years of Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout); and the beginnings of over 45 years of various levels of Church ministry.

I know that when you find the next pastor, you will love him as you have loved Kim and me. Keep the intensity of love high and he will improve as a pastor, preacher, advisor and leader. Listen to what he has to say and give of your best to support his ideas of which you will not always agree with what you believe to be the direction to go. Let flexibility be of service to guide you. Rigidity needs to be thrown out the window when you are looking at trying to grow in service and numbers.

Kim and I are looking forward to being closer to our family. Both of our sons will reside within five miles of what will be our permanent residence on June 21st. The house on which we closed at the beginning of the month has this address: 1266 Bible Crossing Road, Winchester, TN 37398.

Kim and I will have new challenges. We will be spending much more time together. We will be making fewer long term decisions and more short term plans. We will be going bed to later and getting up whenever. We will spend time with Tennessee friends and those who wish to visit us from Arkansas and Alabama. I am looking forward to acquainting myself with family who I do not know. (I have several in Middle Tennessee) It may be quite interesting. We will grow flowers and other plants. We will let the Lord direct our paths for any new service. We will spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with family which has only happened once in the past twenty-one years.

You will be forever on our minds, for you have shared yourself with us and helped us make Arkansas stories which others will hear.

Let us make the most out of the next few weeks and may the Lord be praised!

Because of the Christ who loves us so, Bro. Gary



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Thanks!

Kale wishes to thank everyone for his sheep skin! He has it with him at the School for the Blind! What a wonderful gift! Thank you!

Ellen MacKercher

I want to thank my church family for keeping me in their prayers and for the many expressions of concern I have received as I have struggled with Trigeminal Neuralgia. I thank God that I am without pain now and pray that it continues.

Barbara Amman



Katie's 1st fish on her new rod and reel. She caught another one but Mike knocked it off while attempting to get it in the boat.



Congratulations to Kylee Sabella who will be graduating from Mountain Home on May 22nd. Kylee was also one of four finalists for the Jim Holsted Athlete of the Year Award from Mountain Home High School.



May 15th was the one day retreat at Camp Peniel. Looks like we had some FCPC family participation!