

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

November 2017

Ushers

Nov. 12: George Hove and John-Carl Laidler

Nov. 19: Rowan Laidler and Lizzy Hancock

Nov. 26: JL and Peggy Hickman

Dec. 3: Joe and Kathy Amos

Acolytes

Nov. 12: Lizzy Hancock and Ali King

Nov. 19: Joe and Kathy Amos

Nov. 26: Rowan and John-Carl Laidler

Dec. 3: Dave and Brenda Boynton

Greeters

Nov. 12: Gary Steiger and Lynda Meek

Nov. 19: Al and Carol Cookson

Nov. 26: Pat Black and Jerry Jones

Dec. 3: Al and Carol Cookson

Happy
Thanksgiving



I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!

I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

Hanging of the Greens

Come join us on the evening of Sunday, December 3rd for "Hanging of the Greens". Following the service we will enjoy a sandwich potluck supper in the Fellowship Hall. You won't want to miss this special evening as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season with music and a candlelight ceremony.

The church will be prepared for the Sunday night observance after the morning service and all hands would be appreciated in decorating the church. Pizza will be provided. With plenty of assistance it shouldn't take too long.

CPWM Mission Pig

It has been rumored that the CPWM Mission Pig is a little skinny this year.

All of the Mission Pig's donations are used for donations to Heifer International. Over the years, we have purchased pigs plus chickens, ducks, rabbits or bees depending on how much she has been fed during the year.

Even if you haven't seen the pig this year, you can help us with our donation to Heifer. Just give your donation to any CPWM member, or drop it in the offering plate and designate that it is for the Mission Pig.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jack Zimmerman 12-4
 Richard and Donna Wallace 12-6
 Ali King 12-7
 Mike Risk 12-9
 Richard Hester 12-9
 Rose and Eldon Harrison 12-10
 Malachi MacKercher-May 12-11
 Donna Wallace 12-14
 Mike and Jayne Huber 12-16

Peggy Hickman 12-18
 Jack and June Arnold 12-26
 Jerry Jones 12-27



Nursery

Nov. 12: JL and Peggy Hickman

Nov. 19: Donna and Dana Wallace

Nov. 26: Kathy Amos and Lizzy Hancock

Dec. 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 October 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Christy Hancock, Glenn Priebe, Joe Amos, Sandra Thorn, John Martin, Dave Boynton, Sheila Benz, and Gay King. Also present was Moderator Gary Tubb, Stated Clerk Andy Marts, and Treasurer Jerry Jones. Roy Gould was absent. Sandra Thorn opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The minutes for the September 3rd called meeting, September 2017 regular meeting, and October 1st worship meeting were approved.

Accepted the treasurer's report for September 2017.

Assigned the 2018 Budget Committee as follows: Jerry Jones (Chair), Gay King, Joe Amos, Christy Hancock, Glenn Priebe, John Martin, and Sheila Benz.

Approved combining the November and December meetings into one meeting to be held on Thursday December 7th.

With regrets, the session accepted the resignation of Roy Gould from the session.

Approved the date of Sunday November 19th for a congregational meeting to elect a replacement for Roy Gould's position and approved entering Jerry Jones name in nomination at the congregational meeting.

Accepted a report from Gay King on the fall meeting of presbytery.

Approved staying with Todd Gilbert for our insurance with the rate for the 12 month period to be \$6,453.00.

Approved having the next joint service with First Free Will Baptist Church, Emanuel Church, and Harmony Free Will Baptist Church at our church on the Sunday evening of November 12th with fellowship time to follow in the Hudson Fellowship Hall with finger food pot luck.

John Martin closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting will be Thursday December 7, 2017 in the Hudson Fellowship Hall.

Thank You

To all of our Church Family,

I want to tell each of you with all my heart that I am very grateful for all the help and support you have given me and JL after my surgery. Thank you for all the Prayers, Flowers, Cards, Food and most of all the kind words of encouragement. We feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful Church Family. May God Bless each of you!

Peggy & JL Hickman

As I See It

Five years ago Kim and I were living in Stevenson, AL, with no idea that Mountain Home, AR, even existed until I looked it up on a map before sending a resume to Glenn Priebe. This began a chain of events which continue to this day.

This chain of events continues to be mostly good to this day. We are grateful to be in this church and community with good friends and much to do.

The days, from when you receive this newsletter through the seventh of January 2018, are some of the most exciting times of the year for families, churches, charities, commercial businesses, and anticipation for the future. We will see family gatherings which will bring happiness and sadness because of the changes in the family structure. This is part of the circle of life.

We will celebrate the goodness of GOD as we enjoy the bountiful food we will eat around the table with friends and families. I pray that we will remember others who will be alone and include them in our festivities. May we also remember those who are so far removed from normalcy of life because of war, poverty, being trafficked, and separation because of poor choices.

We will worship together and remember the coming of the Christ for the redemption of mankind. We will sing the same old songs with the same old message which we have sung since our earliest remembrances, but honestly the message still has a freshness with such a great promise which never seems to grow old or age. The fruition of the message becomes more laced with eternal hope and assurance the older we become.

Thanks be to GOD for the message of hope and assurance which was sent to us through the prophets and through Jesus the Christ. May we embrace more and more each day we live.

Share your resources of time and monies with the various charities which are local and around the world. Each of us has been blessed more than we have ever deserved.

Anticipation for the future carries many avenues. Some of these we can anticipate and we can prepare for them, but their arrival dates are unknown. The Lord would have us to know that He has an eternal home for us, but He would have us use the talents that He gave to us until we are worn out. The level of commitment we can give may diminish over time, but the level of desire to share does not need to erode.

I enjoy playing golf. Some days I am pretty good and other days not so much. However, I continue to persevere and seek to maintain a level of consistency which will keep my enjoyment at a good standard. I like to share some of my knowledge of the game with those who are willing to listen. Am I the best at helping someone improve? NO!!! But I would like to raise someone up to at least my level. Then it will be time for him to move onto someone who knows more.

When we teach, we both improve in our knowledge and better maintain our abilities.

Never cease trying to improve. The Lord has given you skills which need to be further developed for the kingdom's sake and for personal growth.

Just a reminder: The Loaves and Fishes offering will benefit the Choctaw Presbytery which is in Oklahoma. This offering will help the presbytery in its mission to evangelize and further serve the community. Give generously.

We should all be thankful for the number of visitors who have entered our church doors over the past few months. Some of them have come several times. Get to know them for they have something to offer to you as well as you to them. You will be surprised what you have to offer each other.

Be faithful in the Christ's love to each other and allow His light to shine through you daily. I look forward to worshipping with each of you each Lord's day.

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

Pastor Appreciation

On Sunday October 22nd we honored Gary as our pastor and thanked him for his service with a soup luncheon in Hudson Fellowship Hall. Donations were made in Gary's honor to KCMH radio and the Stott-Wallace Fund which helps to support Cumberland Presbyterian missionaries.

We certainly appreciate Gary and Kim, and all of the work they have done for our church.



Thank You To Our Church

November 1, 2017

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

The Gift-to-the-King Offering will be used to help the Istmina Cumberland Presbyterian Mission with their first worship center. Istmina is a municipality and town in the Choco Department in Columbia. The Choco Department is known for its large Afro-Colombian population (82%) and for having one of the lowest standards of living in all of Columbia. The Istmina Mission was started in 2015 as a prayer group in the house of a family that attended "Sedas de Libertad" CP Church in Medellin. Istmina is a 9 hour drive from Medellin.

The Istmina congregation has an average Sunday worship attendance of 100 participants in two services, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Istmina also has Bible studies each Wednesday and Thursday for fasting, prayer and discipleship. Friday follows as a day for evangelism conducted in the home of the Lopez-Murillo family, who have modified their house to accommodate the growth of the mission. However, their house is not large enough to accommodate accordingly to the needs of the congregation.

The Istmina Cumberland Presbyterian Mission is ready to purchase a place of their own that can be an appropriate worship center. Your Gift to the King offering will go a long way in this impoverished area of Columbia. The congregation will not only have a place for worship and fellowship as a church, but will be able to serve the community around the worship center. In the past, many people, including whole families, were displaced because of violence and guerrilla groups. Over the years, many people have returned now that the circumstances have changed, but the needs are strong still. The worship center will become a center of peace and service to all.

May God richly bless you during Advent,

Missions Ministry Team

OK Club



On October 12th, the OK Club went to the College of the Ozarks. We had lunch at the Keeter Center and then attended a patriotic play, "Flowers of Freedom" put on by the students. It was a very moving play and it was performed well.

The OK Club has been "giving back" throughout the year:

February—\$350 to the church for the new sink. CPWM also contributed to this.

March—\$125 to KCMH, our Christian radio station.

April—\$72 to help Arlene Fischer.

June—\$200 to the North Arkansas Food Bank for feeding children in the summer program.

August—\$305 for gift card for use with our church van.

August—\$200 to "The Call," a program for foster children.

August—\$125 for plates for the church. The CPWM also donated for these.

We also have a substantial amount allocated for our youth programs, for the Baxter Day Care Center, and for "The Call," which comes from the sale of pies.

Please keep our pie and cheesecake program in mind for the coming holidays.

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/>

Wait! There's More!

The **CPWM potluck and auction** will be November 19th. Terry and Jerry will be reprising their roles as auctioneers. Your donations of new items, handcrafted items, and baked goods are most welcome. CPWM will be providing turkey and ham to go along with your side dishes and desserts. Please make plans to attend. It is always lots of fun, and all of the funds raised go to support missions in and out of our local church.

Our **Christmas Shoeboxes** are due at the Church on November 12th. Help us spread the love of Christmas to children world wide.

December **Young at Heart** will be eating out on December 13th. We will be having our **toy gift exchange**. Everyone is welcome to join us, but if you want to participate in the toy exchange you **MUST** let Gay King know by November 19th.

NEW PROJECT!

**** Socks of Love project:** We have decided to put together Socks of Love for seniors, at a local nursing home, who have little or no contact with relatives during the holidays.

The idea is to get a pair of socks/slipper socks, possibly with non-slip soles, and stuff them with a few goodies. Stuff one sock into the toe of the other sock, then fill with items from the following list, or ideas of your own!

lotion, antibacterial wipes, stickers, note cards, Kleenex packs, candies, chap stick, pencil/pen, magnify glass, small flash light, other ideas....

We need to put 80 socks together, 70 women and 10 men. Please let Chris Steiger know if you are making a gift for a man, since we only need 10 gifts. Also, how many gifts are you putting together?

Prepare your gifts and then turn in at church (in the fellowship hall) by December 13th