

# FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

November 2015

FOR I KNOW  
THE PLANS I  
HAVE FOR YOU  
DECLARES THE  
LORD, PLANS TO  
PROSPER AND  
NOT HARM YOU,  
PLANS TO GIVE  
YOU HOPE AND  
A FUTURE.

**JEREMIAH 29:11**



## Don't Miss It!

Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mountain Home invites you to worship with us on Sunday morning, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am. A covered dish Thanksgiving meal will be served by the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry after worship.

Following the meal, there will be a fundraiser auction of craft and home-made items. The money raised at the auction helps to support various mission projects throughout the year. This is always a really fun event. Bring a covered dish and join us.



Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mountain Home invites you to worship with us on Sunday evening, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Hanging of the Greens is an annual event where we finish decorating the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons. A special tradition is hanging the **Chrismon ornaments** on the evergreen tree. A potluck sandwich supper will follow the service. We look forward to having you worship with us.



### Ushers

**Nov. 15:** Terry King and Christy Hancock

**Nov. 22:** Lindsey Barnes and Libby Sabella

**Nov. 29:** Lynn Kelsh and Rowan Laidler

**Dec. 6:** Don and Mary Young

### Acolytes

**Nov. 15:** Lynn Kelsh and Carol Cookson

**Nov. 22:** John and Mary Martin

**Nov. 29:** June Arnold and Barbara Flippin

**Dec. 6:** Rowan and John-Carl Laidler

### Greeters

**Nov. 15:** Bruce and Harriette Heiserman

**Nov. 22:** Max and Jo Cheney

**Nov. 29:** JL and Peggy Hickman

**Dec. 6:** Sandra Thorn and Arlene Fisher

## December Birthdays and

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  
 Donna Wallace 12-14  
 Mike and Jayne Huber 12-16

Peggy Hickman 12-18  
 Jack and June Arnold 12-26  
 Jerry Jones 12-27  
 Erin Hemme 12-29



### Nursery

**Nov. 15:** Barbara Flippin and JoAnn Gould

**Nov. 22:** Jerry Jones and Ellen MacKercher

**Nov. 29:** Terry King and Christy Hancock

**Dec. 6:** 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 28, 2015 at 7:00 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 and Stated Clerk Andy Marts. Lynn Kelsh opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The minutes for the September regular meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for September 2015 was accepted.

It was approved to combine the November and December meetings in one meeting and set the date of the meeting to Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A 2016 budget committee was established consisting of Jerry Jones – Chairman, Tammy Marts, George Hove, Sheila Benz, Al Cookson, Glenn Priebe, Chris Steiger, and Barbara Flippin.

The cost of poinsettias at \$10.00 and Hanging of the Greens to be a Sunday evening service at 5:00pm with sandwich supper to follow was approved. Decorating will be Sunday afternoon.

It was approved for CPWM to place a nativity scene on the front lawn.

A word change was approved in the Joyce Cook Memorial Scholarship in Application Requirements, Section 1, first sentence  
 From: The applicants are to be an active member of Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church...

To: The applicants are to be an active attendee of Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church...

Reports were accepted from Mission and Outreach and Publicity committees.

It was approved to purchase new pens with the church name and address on them at the best price available.

It was approved to pay the youth registration fee for the FUSE event at Council Bluff November 11 thru 15 of \$50.00 per person to be paid from camping fees.

Al Cookson closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting will be Thursday December 3, 2015 in the Hudson Fellowship Hall.

Those of you who have been long time members of Fellowship CP Church will be sad to hear that **Rich Croson** passed away on October 26th, 2015. Rich and his wife Millie and their children were longtime members of the church while the children were growing up. When they retired they moved to Hot Springs where they were active members of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines Church in Hot Springs Village. You can see his online obituary here:

<http://www.cedarvalefuneralhome.com/2015/10/26/richard-sanford-croson/>

## As I See It

We are drawing to the close of the **Christian church year**. The Christian church year ends at the time **Advent** begins. We focus on preparing ourselves for celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Or at least this should be our primary focus. However, there will be those areas which are important which will draw our attention. They are worthy to consider.

Think about others during this period of time. There are many agencies which have contact with those who have many needs. Also, remember **Operation Christmas Child** shoe boxes which go to many places around the world. These boxes go places we cannot go and reach out to many who will receive nothing else.

This month is the collection of money through our denominational **Loaves and Fishes** program. The money received this year will help fund a hot lunch program in addition to helping with their medical, nutritional, physiological, educational and spiritual care at House of Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mexico, which is the third largest city in Guatemala and is adjacent to the capital Guatemala City. Put your change, bills and checks in the boxes which were given out November 1st. They will be collected on November 22nd. This will make a difference in the lives of children who are being ministered to by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A few weeks ago I heard a good ole Southern Gospel song which rang true and clear. It was not talking about the "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." It did not talk about the history of "Amazing Grace." It was not about the Trinity. It may not have said anything about what is in the Bible, but it did ask a pertinent question. **If you had the only key to the church, how many Sundays would it have been opened this past year?** I want you to think about this question: How many Sundays would the doors have been opened for the congregation to gather together and ask for the Lord's blessings and to give Him praise for the blessings we do receive day to day if you had the only key?

**Contacts:** People contact us everyday. We get unsolicited mail everyday. We get phone calls with the promise of a reduction of what we owe, to soliciting for money for every group known to mankind, and promising us improvements to our lives which we did not know we needed. These people do it with ease and precision. They do not expect to be successful very often, but they persist nonetheless.

I have asked you to make contacts for the church. Start with people you know who have missed a few Sundays. Invite those people with whom you spend money. (Many of them do not hesitate asking for more money from you.) Ask someone who used to go to church here at Fellowship CPC if he is in church anywhere currently. You can even use this line even though I have been here for 2 1/2 years, "We have a new preacher." You might be surprised who still does not know that the church has a new preacher. Some will not know where the church is located. I introduce myself that way more than you would realize and tell where the church is located.

By the way, several of you have done an excellent job of inviting and introducing me even before I started asking for numbers of contacts from you.

I would love to see us break the **50 contacts barrier** soon. I believe that you make more contacts than that now and do not realize it. We just do not put them down. Step outside of your comfort zone so that others are reached for the cause of the Christ and the salvation He offers.

We may grow weary in serving the Lord. There are many who know we are Christians and watch the steps we take. They listen to our speech. They observe where we give our support. They see where we shop and what we take home. They see how we interact with others. There are many who want to see us fail at being a Christian and celebrate how poorly we live what we declare is so special.

Stay close to the **Word of GOD** and **His righteousness**. Lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Do this daily and experience what happens. I believe that you will feel the blessings of GOD in a greater way. The longer one serves the Lord with faithfulness the more one is able to see the blessings.

Continue to serve the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings with me each week. May we let the world know we serve a living Savior. Praise be to GOD that He loves us so!

Thanks for the love which you show and give to Kim and me.  
Because of the Christ who loves us so, Bro. Gary



## Blast From the Past

### 1976:

Jan 18 Average SS Attendance 35, Church 76

March 3 Glenn Priebe elected to the Board of Elders

March 20 White River met at Fellowship Church

March 21 Dr. Max Cheney elected as President of the AR Thoracic Society

April 4 Dal Arnold place first in Academics Olympics

April 18 new attendance record was 120

May 30 Congratulations to Phyliss Green graduate at MHHS

June 21 Elder Anna Faye King will be attending as a Delegate to 146<sup>th</sup> Gen. Assembly in Tulsa, OK

October 9, Glenn Priebe was elected Moderator of White River Presbytery

December 26 Weight Watchers were approved to use Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$5.

### 1977:

March 6 Terry King, Robert Green, and Jack Arnold elected to 3 year terms on the Bd. Of Elders

May 8 Richard & Donna Wallace joined our Church and David and Dana were baptized

June 11 Richard Green wed to Sherri Lynn Duggins

Jun 12 Gaye King began her life term as Organist as Mrs. Farris had resigned

Jun 19 Dr. Max Cheney delivered the Morning message

July 17 Terry and Gaye have a new baby – Amanda Gay

Aug 28 Mr. Tucker Bennet will be the Gideons Speaker, He is the father of Gaye King

Dec 20 Annual Capping Ceremony for Student Practical Nurses was held, Ruth Unkel was one of the Student Nurses and Sandy Priebe is the Instructor

**Thanks to Glenn Priebe for preparing this information!**

## Young at Heart

With the sun setting, the Young at Heart group met for one last picnic at the lake.



## Pastor Appreciation Soup Luncheon

October is pastor appreciation month, and we certainly wanted to show our appreciation to our pastor, Gary Tubb. CPWM made a donation in his honor to KCMH the Christian radio station. We all could appreciate the soups and desserts that some of our great cooks brought to share.



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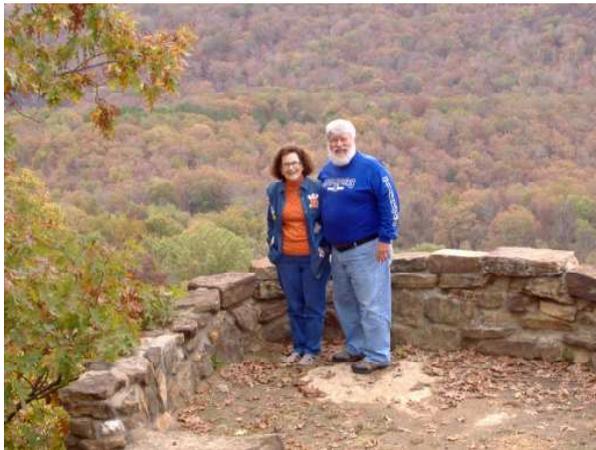
## Get Ready!

The **CPWM potluck and auction** will be November 22rd. CPWM is providing ham and turkey, and we are counting on everyone else to fill in with side dishes and desserts. We need lots of donations for the auction, as well! We are trying something new this year. We will have baked goods on a table with "Buy-it-Now" prices. We will also have a "silent auction" table, as well as a regular auction.

Our **Christmas Shoeboxes** are due at the Church on November 15th. Help us spread the love of Christmas to children world wide.



## Leaf Looking



On October 29th, several church members loaded up the van and headed out in search of beautiful fall scenery. You don't have to go too far in Arkansas to find that. They ended up in the beautiful Boxley Valley. Thanks to Brenda Boynton and Lynda Meek for sharing some of their photos.

