

FELLOWSHIP FAMILY NEWS

October 2015

The
heavens
declare
the glory
of God,
the skies
proclaim
the work
of his
hands.

Psalm
19:1



Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and kind words during my dad's illness and passing. They were of great help to Sheila and I.

Allen and Sheila Benz

Come For Dessert!

Al and Barbara Amman invite you to an Open House, Sunday, Oct. 11 between 1 and 5 P.M. for dessert and coffee. The address is 522 Ambassador Way . (Park West Patio homes off Burnett Dr. near BRMC)

Camp Peniel "CLASSICS" Retreat

November 6th, 7th and 8th—Friday night supper through Sunday morning worship.

Saturday night—"Dress like you did in the 70s" Dinner

Bring your bedroll, \$15.00 registration fee and all of your pictures and memories. Long sleeved t-shirts \$15

Donations will be collected for a Camp Peniel improvement project.

Ushers

Oct. 11: Don and Mary Young

Oct 18: Lori and Kaylee Sabella

Oct. 25: Pat Black and Mike Fisher

Nov. 1: Mike and Pam O.

Acolytes

Oct. 11: Mike and Pam O.

Oct. 18: JL and Peggy Hickman

Oct. 25: Madison and Gabe McGinnis

Nov. 1: Kylee and Cayden Sabella

Greeters

Oct. 11: Pat Black and Gary Steiger

Oct. 18: Don and Mary Young

Oct. 25: Barbara Flippin and Lynda Meek

Nov. 1: Roy and Jo-Ann Gould



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Charlotte and Jack Zimmerman 11-6
 Emily Hemme 11-6
 Norma Beadle 11-9
 Lynda Meek 11-12
 Norman Hancock 11-13
 John Cole 11-13
 Barbara and Howard Flippin 11-15
 Bruce and Harriet Heiserman 11-15

Dotty Killian 11-18
 Thelma Reed 11-19
 Mike and Katie Risk 11-20
 David Sabella 11-22
 Richard Wallace 11-25
 Adam Fisher 11-25
 Dan Weber 11-27



Nursery

Oct. 11: Terry King and Christy Hancock

Oct. 18: Jerry Jones and Lindsey Barnes

Oct. 25: Ellen MacKercher and JoAnn Gould

Nov. 1: JL and Peggy Hickman

Summary of Actions of Our Session

By Andy Marts, Stated Clerk of the Session

The Session of the Fellowship (Baxter) Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on Wednesday September 23, 2015 at 7:05 pm in the Hudson Fellowship Hall. Present were the following Elders: Lynn Kelsh, Sheila Benz, George Hove, Joe Amos, Tammy Marts, Chris Steiger, Al Cookson, and Barbara Flippin. Also present were Moderator Gary Tubb and Stated Clerk Andy Marts. Glenn Priebe was absent. George Hove opened the meeting with a devotion followed by prayer.

The minutes for the August regular meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report for August 2015 was accepted.

Glenn Priebe was excused.

It was approved for the Hoversteens to park their travel trailer in our parking lot for two days during the week on October 28 & 29.

It was approved to purchase 10 additional hymnals for the choir for about \$140.00.

A report was received from Tammy Marts on the fall meeting of presbytery.

It was approved for the OK Club to purchase large print bibles to replace missing bibles in the sanctuary.

The dates of April 23 & 24 (Saturday & Sunday) were approved for having Dr. Tommy Thompson at our church to present a lecture on the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Saturday and then provide the sermon during Sunday worship service.

Al Cookson closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 28, 2015 in the Hudson Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events

October 11th—Pastor appreciation and soup luncheon after church Bring your favorite soup, dessert or other dish to share, or just come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

November 15th—Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes due Make a lot! We want to beat our record from last year. If you don't want to pack a box, you can donate money to the youth group, and they will do the leg work for you.

November 22nd—Thanksgiving Potluck and CPWM auction after church You still have a lot of time to create wonderful items for the upcoming auction. CPWM needs your help to refill the funds so they can continue to help the church and the world.

As I See It

Kim and I have just finished a wonderful time of vacation. We went to San Antonio, Galveston, and Hot Springs. We really did not do anything particularly special, but we had a good time just relaxing, eating well, walking along different streets and avenues, being treated very special by strangers, and revisiting places which were enjoyable in the past.

Was everything perfect? NO! Would we do it all over again? YES!

Before we left, September was a whirlwind of activity at church and in the community. Our church was involved with the Christian Clinic (feeding the volunteers with a devotional); Baxter County Fair (Saturday night/Sunday morning with Liberty) along with volunteering in several booths and tickets sales; wedding of David Sabella and Libby Barnes; and the joint services at the First Free Will Baptist Church with Emmanuel Church and the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church with a quartet of Mike Risk, Tammy Marts, Kim Tubb and me who sang and Gay King who played. Two went to the youth Labor Day weekend retreat at Camp Peniel. There was presbytery at the Mt. Carmel CPC (Glenn Priebe's home church) near London to which Tammy and I went. There was also a devotional with communion at Good Samaritan.

Lump the above with our regular services and meetings made for a busy month. Thank you to those who were able to participate. This is what helps build the kingdom of GOD.

But yet, even with the busy activity which builds community, there is an area which concerns me. How much time are we spending to grow in the Word of GOD?

When I was a child, it was not uncommon for the Sunday School attendance to run near 80% of the church attendance. I was in a church some years ago when I was working in a music and youth capacity, in which the Sunday School numbers were greater than the church attendance. This was in a church which ran in the 220 to 260 range. The parents and grandparents were bringing their children and grandchildren to church for Sunday School and staying to attend their own classes. Our children imitate our actions much more than we or they realize. If the adults are demonstrating a need to learn more about the scriptures, the children will be more inclined to learn about them as well.

For the Christian parent, whether one's child attends Sunday School or not should be no more an option than whether one has secular academic learning or not. Which one has eternal consequences? Think about it.

I will be teaching a confirmation class which will begin October 11 and will be taught until at least Christmas. I want the participants to bring their Bibles. We will use them. This time may be the most important time ever for Christian understanding and growth. Several of our children have not made their confessions of faith public. See that your children from the sixth grade up do attend.

Spend this month getting together your Operation Christmas Child boxes. These are to be collected on November 15 with a dedication of them on November 22. What goes into these boxes does make a difference in the lives of children all over the world. Many lives are changed through simple gifts and the presentation of the Gospel. It excites me to see your commitment to the project.

We are a mobile group of people. We travel a lot. We go to new places and find new adventures. When at home, come and be a part of your church family as we worship and praise GOD together. It is a joy to serve a risen Savior. The greater the commitment to serving Jesus the greater the ease to serve is. Just as muscles need to be exercised to remain in their best shape, the soul needs to have stimulation to remain strong in the service of the Lord.

I look forward to serving and worshipping with the Family of GOD each week because of what He has in store for our future.

Bro. Gary

PS. I have a challenge for each of you. It is called the contact challenge. This is how it works. If you speak to someone outside of the church setting about coming to church who is not a church member or who is a church member, that is a contact. This can be by snail mail, telephone or by texting or by e-mail as long as it is a personal text or personal e-mail and not a group email or group text. If we take it seriously and average 3 or more contacts per attendee on a regular basis, in 3 months we will see the average attendance on Sunday AM grow both in worship and Sunday School.

You will record the number of contacts on the Attendance Registration inside the red folders where you record your name.

Can you handle the pressure of just 3 contacts per week? I know that you can! Bro. Gary

Liberty

FCPC helped sponsor the musical group *Liberty* at the Baxter County Fair. They joined us for Sunday morning worship and inspired us with their music and testimony. We all enjoyed a potluck breakfast before the service.



CPWM Retreat at Camp Peniel

.Six ladies went to the retreat on Friday October 2-3 at Camp Peniel and we had a blessed time. They were installing some concrete sidewalks by the new building they call The Barn and down at the Vesper Area so we had our Friday night worship service under the pavilion. It was a great service and we were blessed to have Rev. Jo Warren's granddaughter Ellie age 16 bless us with the sermon on working for the Lord in all the work we do. It was followed by a communion service led by Rev. Jo Warren. We got to see a lot of dear friends and make some new ones with 16 first timers attending. We are already looking forward to next year. The Pennies we collected as a state totaled about \$1000 which was divided between two great causes with one half going to the Maggie House in Charleston, AR and the other half going to Lindsey Jones the daughter of Rev. Victor and Pam Jones a dental hygienist who will be going to Haiti on a Mission Trip. We hope we can fill the Church Bus and have to take a car or two next year.

Attending were Barbara Amman, Chris Steiger, Randi Short, Katie Risk, Christy Hancock and Tammy Marts



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Fun Times

After the Baxter County Fair Parade members of the FCPC family gathered under the pecan trees for a picnic. The Hickman's new puppy was a big hit!

