

# JENKINS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT

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## December 2004 Newsletter

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8 & 10:15  
a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9 a.m.

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

December 5, both worship services.

### ELDER NOMINATIONS

December 5 during both worship  
services.

### ELDER ELECTIONS

December 12 during both worship  
services.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Christian Education, Dec 5, 4 p.m.  
Building & Grounds, Evangelism &  
Mission Education, Dec 5, 5 p.m.  
Outreach, call of chairman

### November Attendance

	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
Sunday School	90	89	114	
8:00 a.m. Worship	59	52	90	46
10:15 a.m. Worship	93	94	128	70

### Offerings in November

	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Building Fund
11/07	5230.15		240.00
11/14	2883.96	312.00	1595.00
11/21	3555.00	619.88	645.25
11/28	2086.00	156.00	491.15
Budget /week	3532.00		730.00

Praise God for your faithfulness in attendance and giving.



### *From the Pastor:*

#### *Friend Day 2004*

How would you evaluate FRIEND DAY 2004 at Jenkins Church? 40 visitors in the two services, with many who had been absent returning. Sounds like success to me.

Thanks to all of you who invited friends and prayed and were present to welcome your friends and worship with them. Thanks to all of you FRIENDS who worship with us on FRIEND DAY 2004.

Friend Day 2004 showed us our potential when we put our mind to reaching out to the unchurched in Jesus' name.

Follow-up is so important. The long-term results depend on our follow-up. Thank your friend for coming with you on Friend day. Invite them again. Pray for them. Look around for other friends who are not in church and Invite them to church with you.

Let's fill every pew at Jenkins church.

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#### *Attendance*

This is a tongue-in-cheek article but may contain some good points. It came about 5 a.m. one morning after a good night's sleep. I called some church members who had not attended worship services in some time and asked them to be with us on Friend Day. They did what I asked and seemed happy that I had called them. That made me to think that maybe, just maybe, we need an attendance police or truant officer for church.

That person or persons would call those who have been absent and invite them back. Carrying this a little further, I began to wonder if I, as pastor, should be the chief officer or if someone in the church would like that job. Or maybe we could find someone outside the church who would do it for us. Maybe the elders could be assistant attendance officers. And maybe the Sunday school teachers could work under them.

I did hear of one church that sent out elders to the absent members' homes with a tape of the previous Sunday's sermon and a tape player. The elders would gather the family together who had been absent and play the tape for them. I don't think that I want to go that far, but maybe we should be more diligent in reaching out to those who are absent from worship for some time.

Do you know some member who has not been present for worship for a Sunday or two or three? Give them a call. They may think that they are not wanted.

Hey, this is not so tongue-in-cheek after all. The more I write the better the idea sounds. Let's do it, but without the truant officers or attendance police (that was the tongue-in-cheek part anyway), but with everybody taking on the responsibility of checking on the absent ones just to let them know that we miss them and want them to be with us when we worship and that Jesus is honored when they gather with fellow Christians to worship him..

Yes, I believe this is a serious article.

Larry Guin

(The family I called gave me permission to mention that I had called them.)

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (KJV) Luke 2:11

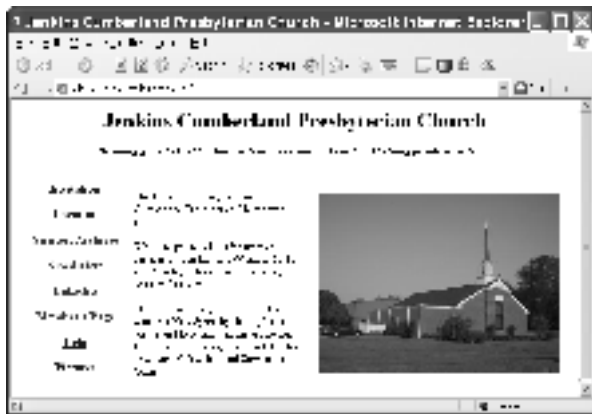
## ***Elder Election***

There will be called meetings of the congregation at the beginning of the morning worship services on December 5 and 12. The purpose of the meetings is to elect three persons to serve three-year terms as elder. They will fill the vacancy created when Julie Bomar, John Rippy, and James Sharpton complete their term. Nominees from the session are Paul Campbell, Teresa Justis, and Charles Strasser.

We will present the nominees from the session, and receive additional nominations from the floor on December 5 at the beginning of both services. (Please have the permission of anyone you plan to nominate.) The election will be on December 12 at both services.

## ***Web Page***

Jenkins has a web page at [www.jenkinscp.org](http://www.jenkinscp.org). This is a great tool for staying in touch with your church family.



The Sermon Archives section lets you listen to any sermon (early or late worship service) since the web page went live in June. The sermon is available immediately after the worship service.

This is an excellent way to stay in touch if you miss a worship service during this holiday season.

The Newsletters and Bulletins sections lets you access any newsletter or bulletin. The bulletin will be available on Friday before the Sunday worship service. Enhance your worship experience by reviewing and praying over the bulletin prior to worship.



The Member's Page gives you access to an area of the web page that is just for members and friends of Jenkins. When you select this page you will be asked to enter a "User name" and "Password". Enter the name and password documented in the printed version of the newsletter.

Once in the Member's Page, you will have access to the phone calling list as well as detailed prayer bulletins and other useful information.

## ***Thank You***

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Sleigh Bells Bazaar and BBQ such a huge success. The total funds raised after expenses is \$5,062. This will be added to the church building fund.

The Bazaar was truly an event where there were possibilities for everyone to participate. Thank you to all for giving of their time, talents, energy and prayers. It was because of the combined efforts of everyone that made this bazaar successful and a celebration of the birth of Christ.

In His service,  
Becky Leonard  
Bazaar Chair

Special thanks to Becky for chairing this year's bazaar. We at Jenkins appreciate all the hours and hard work she devoted to making it so successful.

## ***Jenkins C.P. Youth***

### **Jr. High**

#### ***Wednesdays***

December 1 & 8

Dinner 6:00pm

Play Rehearsal 6:30pm (These will be dress rehearsals, bring all costumes.)

#### ***Sundays***

December 5 - 4:00pm Play Rehearsal

December 12 - Christmas Play - Arrive at the church by 4:00pm.

***Friday, December 10th*** - beginning at 7:00pm - Jr. High Lock-in. Bring \$15.00 for night's activities. Chaperones needed.

**Mark your Calendar** - Jr. High trip to Laguna Beach, Florida, April 14-17, 2005. Look for trip packets in January. (We will leave after school on Thursday, April 14th. Williamson County Schools are out Friday, April 15th.)

### **Sr. High**

#### ***Wednesdays***

December 1 & 8

Dinner 6:00pm

Activity 6:30pm

#### ***Sundays***

December 5 - Youth at 7:00pm

December 12 - Come support our Jr. High in their Christmas Play!

***Saturday, December 11th*** - Progressive Dinner beginning at 6:00pm. Meet at church to go to various homes for a holiday feast. If you would like to help prepare some part of the meal, please contact Susan Groce.

**No Youth December 19 & 26** due to Christmas Holiday. Regular scheduled youth meetings will resume on January 2, 2005!

## ***Birthdays and Anniversaries***



**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:** Jo England and Bryce Allemore on the 1st; Ashley Ball and Richard Woodroof on the 3rd; Kirk Donegan; Adam Helton on the 4th; John David Robertson on the 7th; Michelle Graham on the 8th; Jean Fast and Tracy Spicer on the 9th; Sara Strasser and Reagan Hardy on the 10th; Tiffany Clemons on the 11th; David Seeman on the 12th; Pam Cammuse on the 17th; Josh Clemons on the 18th; Daniel Perry and John Waggoner on the 19th; Jacob Baker and Drew Robertson on the 22nd; Kim Hardison and Dan Noel on the 23rd; Brad Bondanza on the 25th; Rachel Robertson on the 27th; Gus Olivares on the 30th; Matt Thomas on the 31st.

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO:** Rusty and Karen Hawkins on the 9th; John and Fran Leeper on the 15th; Don and Sheila Geary on the 21st; Steve and Julie Lucks on the 27<sup>th</sup>; J T and Myrtle Freudenthal on the 29th.

## ***Condolences***

We at Jenkins Church extend our Christian sympathy to those who have lost loved ones:

The family of Margaret Post. Margaret was a member of Jenkins Church and was the mother of Susan Dornan and Billy Post, Sr. She passed away on October 26. Funeral services were held on October 29 in Nashville.

The family of Jesse Harris. Brother Harris was a retired Cumberland Presbyterian minister and was the husband of Elizabeth Harris. He died on November 22, and funeral services were held on November 24 in Nashville.

We pray for God's comfort for these families at this time.

Thank you for all the food, flowers and cards sent during our loss of our mother, Margaret Post. She loved Jenkins Church. Every act of kindness was appreciated very much.

In Christian love,  
Steve, Susan, Russ & Andrew Dornan  
and the Post Family

## ***Congratulations to:***

Dave Turko, who celebrated 30 years of service with General Motors in October.

Jessica Haywood, who graduated October 15th with an Associate in Science Degree.

Terri Allemore, who graduates from MTSU on December 18th with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

Steve Allemore Sr., who graduates from AIU with an Associate in Business Administration & Management on December 18 and who will continue with his studies.

## ***Directory Reminder***

Make sure you have checked your church mailbox to pick the proof you would like to use in the Photo Directory. We need replies by mid-December.

## ***Calling Kind Hearts!!!***

As you enjoy God's blessings and the holiday season, please join the Unity class in sending cards of encouragement and/or Christmas cards to cancer patient Kaye Henderson. Kaye is in her early forties and has stage 4 colon cancer. She recently found out the intensive chemo she's undergoing isn't working and the cancer has spread to her liver. Her youngest son is in high school and her wish is to live to see him graduate from high school in the spring. Her aunt is a Graceworks volunteer and requested our assistance to show Kaye that other Christians care for her, and are praying for her and her family. Please send your prayers and good wishes to:

Kaye Henderson  
5117 Red Stag Road  
Roanoke, VA 24014

## ***Special Christmas Projects for Graceworks***

Jenkins Church plans to participate again this year in the Graceworks' Christmas food box program for some of the needy in Williamson County. Would your family, your class, your circle, etc., like to fill a basket and/or deliver? Baskets cost between \$65 to \$85 each when all listed items are purchased.

You can also help with the Manger Christmas program. You can provide gifts (unwrapped, new toys and/or household items), for all ages but especially teenage BOYS. Questions? Need more information? Contact John Rippey or Melanie Staudt.

## ***TORM Update***

We are not currently collecting printed religious materials for TORM. This program has been put on hold by the sponsor for the time being. Please keep this outreach in your prayers.

## ***Operation Christmas Child***

Jenkins Church collected 45 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to Carole Guin for delivering them to the local drop-off center.

## ***Love Loaf Program***

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Love Loaf program. Fifty percent of the money collected goes to the Myanmar Children's Project, 25% goes to CP denomination outreach projects, and 25% stays at Jenkins for local outreach. If you haven't returned your Love Loaf, you still have time. We will be announcing the total collected sometime in December.

## ***Poinsettias***

We will order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary on December 12th and 19th. You may purchase one in honor or in memory of someone to the glory of God. The cost is \$9.00 per plant. You may mark your check "poinsettia" or put your money in an envelope and write "poinsettia" on the outside and drop in offering plate or give it to Susan Dornan, Assistant Treasurer.



The poinsettias may be taken home with you on December 19th after the morning worship service, or left until after the Christmas Eve evening communion services.

## **Join Us In Celebration**

### ***Christmas Eve Communion***

*December 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:30 pm*

Come as families, small groups or large groups. Come to the sanctuary for a time of reflection, meditation and prayer. When your group is ready, assemble around the Communion Table for Scripture, comments, partaking the Sacrament representing Christ's body and blood, and prayer. Return to the pew or depart. (Contact the pastor if you would like to receive communion earlier or later in the evening.)

### ***Youth and Children's Christmas Plays***

Our youth have written their own Christmas play this year! They have taken a familiar storyline and added an important message. Come see "Putting Christ Back in Christmas" at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12.

After refreshments and intermission, the children will present "Three Wise Men and a Baby" at 6:00 p.m. You're sure to enjoy this story of the Magi with a musical twist.

### ***Christmas Cantata Presentation***

The choir will present a special Christmas Music program, the cantata, "Emmanuel, Celebrating Heaven's Child", on Sunday, December 12, during both the 8:00 and 10:15 worship services.

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Return Service Requested

**EARLY WORSHIP AT 8:00 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.  
MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:15 AM**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!!**

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### ***Women's Ministry***

Our CPWM meeting will be Wednesday, December 1. We will be making Christmas gift bags as our outreach project as well as having our Christmas party. All women of the church are invited to join us.

### ***Children's Christmas Play Practice Schedule***

Wednesday, December 1 – 5 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dress rehearsal. Dinner provided.

Wednesday, December 8 – 5 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12 – during Sunday School 9-10 a.m.

### ***Retirees' Outing***

Wednesday, December 8. Call Kathleen Waggoner for details.

### ***Men's Fellowship Breakfast***

Will meet at 7:45 a.m. on December 18.



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