

# JENKINS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## December 2005 Newsletter

### WORSHIP SERVICES:

8am & 10:15 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9 am

### COMMUNION SUNDAY:

November 6, both worship services.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS at the

**call of Chairperson:** Christian  
Education, Building & Grounds,  
Evangelism & Missions Education,  
Outreach

### SESSION MEETING

December 4th at 6:00 pm

Budget	3532.0		472.00
/Week	0		

Praise God for your faithfulness in attendance and giving.

### From the Pastor's keyboard:

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Is it "Merry Christmas" or does "happy holidays" do it?  
I'm for "Merry Christmas".  
I don't want to offend anyone, but I do plan to use "Merry Christmas" in my greetings  
this year, and the next and the next.

In recent weeks we have heard much about clerks at one or more retail  
outlets being instructed to greet customers during this Christmas season with "happy  
holidays" rather than the traditional "Merry Christmas".

I understand that the reason behind this action is that our society has  
become multicultural and many people in our country today do not celebrate  
Christmas as a time to remember the birth of Jesus, the Christ. The powers that be,  
not wanting to offend people of a non-Christian tradition and possibly lose their  
business, made the choice of the "happy holiday" greeting.

How do we respond to this in a Christian manner? Some have chosen to  
boycott certain stores. Some have signed petitions in protest. I have another  
suggestion. Any time a store employee greets us with "happy holidays", we can  
simply reply with, "And a Merry Christmas to you." That way we will be proclaiming  
our allegiance to Jesus, The Christ, telling all in the sound of our voice that we are  
celebrating His birth.

This present protest is reminiscent of a similar protest of a few years ago  
when people were writing the word Christmas by using an X in the place of the word  
Christ. The charge was made that those who did that were attempting to X Christ out  
of Christmas. What their goal was I do not know. I do know that there is no way to X  
Christ out of Christmas, no matter how hard one may try. That is, no one can X Christ  
out of the REAL Christmas. Without Christ, there is no Christmas. (I am aware that  
there are many people who have a big celebration of some kind during the Christmas  
at has nothing to do with Christ). And there is more. The X is one form of the cross,  
the St. Andrew cross. Christ died on a cross for you and me. Although I am careful to  
always use the 6 letters, C H R I S T, before the mas, when writing the word Christmas,  
when I see Xmas, I do remember that Christ died for me and am thankful that he did.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Larry Guin

**BAZAAR WORKERS:** Thanks and thanks again for the many hours of work put in  
by the bazaar workers. There was a great showing from our own people and a wonderful  
group of vendors. The food was excellent. Over \$3,634.65 was raised for the building fund..  
A special thanks to Becky Leonard for chairing the event. Ig

### November Attendance

	10/30	11/0	11/1	11/2
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6	3	0
School	Sunday	72	87	83
	155			
8:00				
A.M.		49	65	47
10:15				
A.M.		85	117	89
Retreat		1		
Missions				

### Offerings in November

	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Building Fund
10/30 Yatsky	2528.1 0 2000.0 0	463.03	10287.00
11/06 Yatsky	4467.0 0	169.00	380.00
11/13 Yatsky	3678.5 0	151.00 80.00	391.00
11/20 Yatsky Bazaar	2961.1 4	115.65 25.00 127.00	517.00
Bazaar Total		3634.65	



**YOUTH NEWS**

Jr. High  
Sundays  
December 4      Play rehearsal 4-6:30pm  
December 11     Play Performance 6:00pm (Arrive at 4:30pm)  
December 18     Christmas Party  
December 25     No Youth  
Wednesdays  
December 7      Dinner 6:00pm  
                         Play rehearsal 6:30pm

Sr. High  
Sundays  
December 4      Play rehearsal 4-6:30pm  
December 11     Play Performance 6:00pm (Arrive at 4:30pm)  
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December 25     No Youth  
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Coming Up:

**COLUMBIA PRESBYTERY  
MISSION/SKI TRIP 2006**

Dandridge, TN with skiing in Gatlinburg, TN

When: Tuesday, January 3 - Friday, January 6, 2006

We will be working with Appalachian Outreach through Carson-Newman College to assist those in need in this underdeveloped area of our state.

Why: We are all blessed, and we can never give back enough.

Cost: Skier	\$85.00
Snowboarder	\$95.00
Non-Skier/Boarder	\$50.00

See Susan for registration form. \$25.00 Deposit needed by Sunday, December 18, 2005.



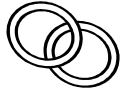
**December Birthdays**

**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

Jo England and Bryce Allemore on the 1<sup>st</sup>; Ashley Ball and Richard Woodroof on the 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kirk Donegan and Adam Helton on the 4<sup>th</sup>; John David Robertson on the 7<sup>th</sup>; Jean Fast, Tracy Spicer and Katlin Martin on the 9<sup>th</sup>; Sara Strasser, Reagan Hardy and Benjamin Clemons on the 10<sup>th</sup>; Tiffany Clemons on the 11<sup>th</sup>; David Seeman on the 12<sup>th</sup>; Pam Cammuse on the 17<sup>th</sup>; Josh Clemons and Wyatt Geary on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Daniel (Baker) Perry and John Waggoner on the 19<sup>th</sup>; Jacob Baker and Drew Robertson on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; Kim Hardison and Dan Noel on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; Brad Bondanza on the 25<sup>th</sup>; Sveta Yatsky on the 26<sup>th</sup>; Rachel Robertson on the 27<sup>th</sup>; Beverly Medlen on the 28<sup>th</sup>; and Matt Thomas on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**December Anniversaries**

**HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO:**



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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Sunday, December 4 – 6:00pm December Session Meeting**  
**\*\* Check with Chairman for time of Committee Meetings**

**Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 pm.** Kids for Christ --All children age 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us as we have a great time while learning more about God and each other. Questions see Debra Eckert, Steve or Susan Doman.

**Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 pm –  
CPWM MONTHLY MEETING**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 am** - Men's Fellowship Breakfast to host Nolensville Lions Club– Congratulations to David England, elected President and Richard Woodruff, Treasurer at the last Fellowship Meeting.

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> / Retirees'** will meet around 11:30am at Paul and Pauline Campbell's house. Bring your favorite dish & yourself for annual Christmas Gathering.

**Join Us in Celebration**



**Sunday, December 11 – 6:00 pm**  
**Youth & Children's Christmas Plays**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

**Sunday, December 18 \*\* 8:00 & 10:15 am Worship -**  
As we lift glory to God through music in celebration of the season, make plans to attend our choirs' performance on December 18th.

### Christmas Eve Communion

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> \*\* 4:30 to 7:30 pm**

Come as families, individuals, small or large groups. Come to the sanctuary for a time of reflection, meditation and prayer. When you're ready, assemble around the Communion Table for Scripture, comments, partaking of the Sacraments 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.)

### THANKSGIVING SUPPER & BUDGET PRESENTATION 2005

The kitchen committee and "helpers" did a super job arranging, setting up the meal, and cleaning-up at our November 20 Dinner. The 2006 Budget was presented by John Waggoner, and Charlie Thomas of the Finance Committee. Copies of Budget are available if you have not received one. Also received update on new "building" addition by Mr. Paul Campbell. (Thanks Paul for all your hard work.) We also would like to "thank" all the "cooks" for the wonderful array of food.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE\*\*** Hope you were able to be a part of the Tuesday evening Community Thanksgiving Service at Nolensville Baptist Church.

**Twirlers & Cheerleaders of Tennessee meet at Jenkins on Thursdays, at 6:45 pm.** Ages 5 and up develop rhythm, poise and self-confidence while learning the creative sport of baton twirling. For information or to enroll call 615-397-7586

## Thank-You

*Thank-you so much for the flowers & BarBQ while I was sick. It means so much to have such a wonderful church family. Love,  
Kristie McArthur*

### CONDOLENCES

We at Jenkins Church extend our Christian love, sympathy and condolences to the family of Ruby Justice, aunt of Teresa Shuler.

**ELDER ELECTION \*\*** We will present the nominees from the session, and receive additional nominations from the floor (please have the permission of anyone you plan to nominate) on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at the beginning of both services. The nominees from the session are Louise Russell, Karen Miles, and Melanie Staudt.

We will have election of elders on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at both services. They will fill the vacancy created when John Waggoner, Diane Riggs, and Jaime Groce complete their 3 year term (which is when the newly elected elders are ordained and/or installed).

2005 to 2007 Paul Campbell, Teresa Justis, Charles Strasser  
2004 to 2006 Steve Allemore, Pete Francescon, Richard Sullivan  
2003 to 2005 John Waggoner, Diane Riggs, Jaime Groce

*When You Think of Christmas* by Frances Pasch

*When you think of Christmas, what comes to your mind...?*

*Santa Claus and stockings, presents of all kinds?*

*Do you think of Christmas trees with their flashing light?*

*Balls and tinsel, candy canes...All those pretty sights?*

*OR do you think of Jesus as you decorate your tree*

*And plan your Christmas dinner for your friends and family?*

*Jesus came so we could be absolved from all our sin.*

*He's searching for receptive hearts that will invite Him in.*

*If we'll accept His offer and in Him alone believe,*

*Eternal life's the greatest gift we ever will receive.*

The Nolensville United Methodist Church's Christmas Cantata, "A Great and Mighty Wonder," by Tom Fetke will be presented on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Several of our Jenkins members are participating with the Methodist choir. Please come and enjoy the singing.

We will order 25 poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary on December 18<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Day. If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone, 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 after the Christmas Eve evening communion services on December 24<sup>th</sup> or after the morning worship service on Christmas Day)

We have many ways to express greetings at Christmas and cards are and have been a very popular way to do this. We still have the family mail boxes available in the hallway of CE building outside of office. This year we will also have a "tree" where we can place a card to our whole church "family".



### WHAT IS ADVENT

**ADVENT... THE WORD... Advent is a Latin word that means a "coming" or "arrival". Who is coming? JESUS!**

**ADVENT... THE SEASON... begins on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and is composed of the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas, ends on Christmas Eve.**

**ADVENT...IN OUR CHURCH... marks the beginning of the Church year. A time set to emphasize the spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ.**

**ADVENT...THE PURPOSE... A time for waiting for, preparing for, and meditating on the anniversary of Jesus' first coming...Christmas. And remembering we are living for His second coming.**



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Return Service Requested



*December, 2005*

#### OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS:



**BAZAAR BOOTH:** Many thanks to everyone who contributed items for our Missions Outreach Booth. We raised \$600+ to help local families in need and support outreach projects. A special thanks to Steve & Susan Dornan, Rebecca Fielder, Linda McWilliams and Lisa Rippy.

**HOLIDAY OUTREACH:** We are assisting a local family during the holidays through Nolensville Elementary School. The county social worker determines who has the greatest need for our help.

**ADOPT A SOLDIER:** If you're interested in contributing to the box we're sending to our adopted soldier Jonathan Pruitt, please bring your items to church by **THIS Sunday** and place in the box in the gym. Some items needed are: eye drops (natural tears), cotton socks, mini bottles of mouthwash, mini cereal boxes, gum, lotions, chapstick, international calling cards, DVD's, trail mix and small hygiene items. A **PERSONAL CARD OR NOTE FROM YOUR FAMILY** to Jonathan would also be appreciated. Questions?? See Sonya Haywood or Diane Riggs--THANKS!

**EARLY WORSHIP AT 8:00 A.M.**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.**  
**MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:15 A.M.**  
**COME JOIN US!!!!**  
*THANKS TO YOU ALL*

*Pastor Appreciation gifts amounted to \$630.00.*

*Thank you!!!*

*It is a pleasure to be your pastor. Everybody needs a place to serve, especially those who have been called to serve.*

*You have provided that place for me for all these many years.*

*God has blessed us. Hopefully we have been a blessing to some of you. THANK YOU!!!*

*And again, THANK YOU!!!*



*Larry and Carole*

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