



Important Dates:

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 17-19: Winter Youth
Retreat (see p. 3)

February: Black History
Month

Feb. 2: Denominational
Sunday (see pp. 2-3)

Feb. 16: Fundraiser for Dick
Gregory (see p. 5)

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From the Pastor

Finis Ewing, Samuel King, Ephraim McLean, and Samuel McAdow were our denomination's founding fathers. They were called upon by God to proclaim the gospel on the new frontier of America. They felt driven by God to be voices for God crying in the wilderness. Their passion about what God called them to do and to go reminds me of others who came before them.

The gospel of Luke (quoting Isaiah) says: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, make ready the way of the Lord. Make His paths straight. Every ravine shall be filled up and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the rough roads smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of the God."

Isaiah and John both faced opposition from the governing and / or religious authorities of their day. Judah's king Hezekiah had been supportive of the prophet Isaiah. Hezekiah had worked at removing the places where idolatrous worship was held. He also promoted Bible literacy among the people. But following his death, Manasseh was crowned the new king. He reinstated the very practices of idolatry and immorality that Hezekiah had almost eradicated. Manasseh would also pressure Isaiah to back off of his opposition to immorality and idol worship among the people. Isaiah was a true prophet of God though, and would not refrain from his stand and proclamation against the sins of the people of Judah, its leaders, or the unbelieving people of other nations. As a result, tradition says that Isaiah fell under great persecution from the Judah's political leader and was martyred by being cut in two (May be a reference to Isaiah found in the hall of faith in Hebrews 11:37: "Prophets...were stoned, they were sawn in two...").

Isaiah and John both paid the supreme price for their faithfulness to god and His Word with their very lives. Our

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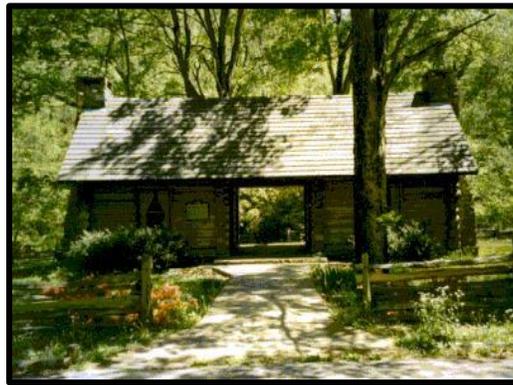
204 Denominational Anniversary by Ethan Harbour

2014 marks the 204th anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It all started on a wintry evening on February 4, 1810 when Samuel McAdow entertained Finis Ewing, Samuel King, and Ephraim McLean at his cabin in Dickson, Tennessee. The three men (Ewing, King, and McLean) rode over 80 miles from Logan County, Kentucky to reach McAdow to seek his wisdom and insight.

As these men gathered, they represented the turmoil, controversies, alienations, and disaffections in the Presbyterian Church. Through prayer, careful approach, and God given wisdom, the CPC was born.

Fast forward to the twenty-first century, the CPC continues on the frontier in which it was born. The CPC is currently engaging in ministry all across the world. At present, the CPC has missionaries serving in various fields, helping to meet the most basic needs of people. In Colombia alone, the CPC missionaries along with a rapidly growing population of Colombian CP ministers, seminarians, and elders provide shelter to orphans as well as food to starving Colombians, medical assistance to those in need, and opportunities to worship God.

As we approach God, we are united with all our CP sisters and brothers worldwide when we gather in worship, especially of the

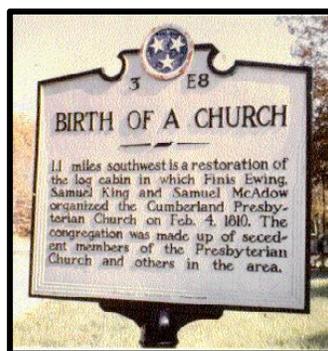


McAdow's reconstructed cabin in modern-day Montgomery Bell State Park, Dickson, TN cared for in part by the CP Center in Memphis

worship service that occurs on February 2, our "Denominational Sunday." As we celebrate, we will of course have a worship service dedicated to acknowledging the anniversary of our church, but we will also celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This sacrament will not only unite us at FCPC but along with all of the CPs worldwide and the catholic church. The simplest meal – that of bread and wine represents the struggles of Jesus' life but also that of McAdow, Ewing, King, McLean, and our struggles as a church today.

The CPC, through its denominational ministries, such as *Our United Outreach*, provides many ministries to which we, even in Louisville, Kentucky, benefit. Ministries such as the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, Texas provide shelter to vulnerable families, youth, and children – funded in part by CPs worldwide, which illustrates the love of Christ that we as "Christians" are supposed to show to the world.

Our founders, who intended not to create a new denomination, but to reform a broken institution wrought by historical practices that did not minister to great masses of populations within the United States, have in turn created a denomination with a history to which we that are called Cumberland Presbyterians should be proud. This church, which we call ours, is



one that is seeking new opportunities to witness to those who are not loved, those in need, and those who Christ teaches us to care for most. Our denomination, steeped in its 204 years of history continues Calvin's (our Presbyterian founder) desire for continual reforms. Our church, as evidenced through its leadership, is truly the "hands and feet of Jesus Christ" at work here on the earth.



Rev. Louisa Mariah Layman Woosley

give equal rights to women in all areas of ministry through the ordination of Rev. Louisa M. L. Woosley in 1889 to the ministry of the Word and sacrament. Over the years, the CPC has affirmed and supported women's role in ministry as ordained Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Ruling Elders, and full missionaries – a radical theological claim in the nineteenth century.

Exciting new opportunities still exist and are transpiring even today for our church. Presently, the CPC and the CPCA are undergoing a process of unification. By 2016, the two denominations will be one, seeking to annul the separation that racism has created within our church. The journey does not end there though. Many other reforms within our church still need to be made to rescind the unfortunate acts that we have endured.

As we celebrate our church's 204th anniversary throughout the month of February, we have a lot to be appreciative. The CPC was the *first* protestant church to

As we embark on our 204th year of the CPC, we have and continue to have a lot for which to be grateful. Through the leadership then and now by women and men answering God's call, our church continues to show the love of our Creator in our world.

May God be ever with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America! In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.



YOU ARE INVITED to a church-wide potluck celebrating the 204th anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, February 2**. The menu is "Soups, Breads, and Desserts" so *bring your favorite dish or drink and come and fellowship with us!* After lunch, the play *It Happened One February* will be performed, remembering the 'happenings' during the creation of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1810. *We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during the worship service.*

From the Pastor (continued from page 1)

Cumberland Presbyterian ancestors may not have such fierce opposition that cost them their lives, but they were eventually rejected by their own presbytery and chose to form a new presbytery near the Cumberland River area near Nashville, TN.

But they remained faithful in proclaiming the gospel on the frontier of a young and expanding America. They were blessed and so too will we so long as we are faithful to the Lord and to the Scriptures.

Isaiah understood about perseverance. When he was not allowed to preach openly, he wrote. Some theologians believe that chapters 40 – 66 cover this period of his ministry. What he wrote in chapter 40 still resonates in God's children today: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the

Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary" (40:28-31).

Paul reaffirms this attitude and faithfulness when he writes in Galatians 6:9: "And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." May we listen to the Lord as He leads His church to minister on the frontiers He calls us to.

- Rev. Rodney

Session Update

The stated meeting of the Session was called to order on January 19, 2014 by Moderator, Rev. Rodney Harris, with a quorum declared at 1:43 p.m.

Seminary Intern, Ethan Harbour, led the devotion using an excerpt from the chapter entitled "Minute 54" from the book, *This Odd and Wondrous Calling*, by Lillian Daniel and Martin Copenhaver, speaking on the service of ministry of the church Session.

Elder Delbert Kyle gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting on November 16, 2013 were read and approved.

Elders present: Ralph Hawkins, Delbert Kyle, Michele O'Meara, Doris Shipp, and Steve Young.

Elders excused: Dick Gregory, Carri Roth.

Others present: Seminary Intern, Ethan Harbour.

Ethan Harbour served as clerk for today's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds Committee – Report was given by Elder Doris Shipp with no recommendations.

Other notes:

- The Session is awaiting one more bid for custodial service.
- The Committee is instructed to place a "Checklist"

of duties performed by the custodians in the Custodial Closet.

Christian Education Committee – Report was given by Elder Steve Young with three recommendations.

1. Steve Skipper be placed as Young Adult and Youth Leader and be provided with an updated job description.
2. Wednesday night programming/classes to be moved to Sunday evenings starting February 9, 2014. The new program will be called "Son Shine Sundays." The schedule will be as follows: Youth at 5:00 p.m.; Kids and Adults at 5:30 p.m.

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January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day No Programs	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	6 Dartball 6:30 @ Mosaic UMC	7	8 6:00 Meal 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	9	10	11
12 Presbyterial Winter Retreat 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	13 Cloverleaf Junk Pick-up Day Dartball 6:30 @ FCPC	14	15 6:00 Meal 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	16	17 Presbyterial Winter Retreat	18 Presbyterial Winter Retreat
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School Dartball 6:30 @ FCPC	21 Dartball 6:30 @ Mosaic UMC	22 6:00 Meal 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	23	24 Winter Jam Christian Concert @ Freedom Hall 7 PM	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	27 Dartball 6:30 @ FCPC	28	29 6:00 Meal 6:30 Classes 7:30 Choir	30	31	

February 2014

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						1
2 Denominational Sun.	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Church-wide Potluck & Play	Dartball 6:30 @ Valley View		6:30 Wild & Wacky Wed. 7:30 Choir Practice			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:00 Youth 5:30 Son Shine Sunday	Dartball 6:30 @ FCPC		6:30 Wild & Wacky Wed. 7:30 Choir Practice			
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3. Wild & Wacky Wednesdays and the Young Adults will continue meeting from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This will be a time of structured church-wide fellowship, but providing no meal.

Other notes:

Throughout the month of January, the Wild and Wacky Wednesday will meet as scheduled providing a meal and a time of group fellowship.

Finance Committee – Elder Ralph Hawkins' motion to postpone the committee's report in which the 2013 December and year-end report will be presented was approved by vote. The 2014 Annual Budget will also be reviewed at the Adjourned Meeting of the Session on February 2, 2014 following the church-wide potluck and celebration of "Denominational Sunday."

Committee on Worship, Missions, & Christian Fellowship – The November Report was reviewed by Elder Doris Shipp.

Notes:

- The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during our "Denominational Sunday," February 2, 2014.
- The CPWM will host a fundraiser for Dick Gregory, February 16, 2014, following the worship service. Barbeque is the menu with all the fixings requesting a minimum donation of \$10.00 per person.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Review of the Mutual Funds

The Session met with Kathy Kicklighter and Claudia Trefz (current broker) and will continue to keep the mutual funds as is, except one account that the broker will seek options that are more aggressive.

The Session will meet with the broker for account review at least biannually.

2. Rev. Stephen Effoe's New Worshipping Community (approved in November to be held in the manse) is now waiting on Rev. Stephen

Effoe's decision on when the first service will be.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Alternative Elder Commissioner to the 184th General Assembly

Session elected Doris Shipp as Louisville FCPC's Elder representative for Cumberland Presbytery's Alternative Elder Commissioner.

2. Cumberland Presbytery Delegate for the March 15, 2014 Stated Meeting

Session elected Delbert Kyle to serve as Elder Delegate to the spring meeting in Leitchfield.

ALTAR ELDERS have been suspended due to the new format of the worship service. All ordained elders are welcome to come and pray with individuals during the invitation. The benediction will now be done by parishioners willing to pray, Rev. Rodney Harris, or Seminary Intern, Ethan Harbour.

The February Stated Meeting will be February 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Events of Interest

2014 WINTER YOUTH RETREAT



January 17-19, 2014
 Held at Camp Crescendo
 \$25.00 per person
 \$50 per family
 (Middle School – 21 years old)

Winter Jam Christian Music Concert is Friday, January 24 at Freedom Hall at 7 pm. (doors open at 6 pm). The cost is only \$10 at the door.





FUNDRAISER FOR DICK GREGORY

TO ASSIST DICK AND MARY ALICE GREGORY IN THE EXPENSE OF DICK'S TREATMENT, FOLLOWING HIS FALL AT RUPP AREA. THE MENU IS BBQ WITH ALL THE FIXINGS. THE MEAL WILL FOLLOW THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON **FEBRUARY 16**. A MINIMUM DONATION OF \$10.00 PER PERSON IS RECOMMENDED. *WE LOOK FORWARD TO CHOWIN' DOWN WITH YOU!*

A New Year's Thought...

"USA Map"

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, she returned and



handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where he belonged, then our country just came together."

Therefore, when we get Jesus back where he belongs, our country will come together.

Shively Area Ministries

SAM continues to need food to distribute to families in need. Please place nonperishable food in the food barrel in the narthex.



January Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Thomas Hatcher
 Jan. 7 Connie Petty
 Jan. 11 Kaitlyn Heil
 Jan. 13 John Williams
 Jan. 16 Miranda Dean
 Jan. 16 Ellie Conlon
 Jan. 18 Marjorie Vititoe
 Jan. 20 Loretta Woolf
 Jan. 31 Michele O'Meara

ANNIVERSARIES

(none)

USHERS

January 5
 Stacy, Sammy, Emily Kyle
 Loretta Woolf

January 12
 Ralph & Carol Hawkins
 Bob & Jean Spivey



USHERS & GREETERS

January 19
 Sue Dittmeier, Brenda Hatcher,
 Janet Turner, Michele O'Meara

January 26
 Blenda & Zoe Allamon,
 Steve & Wanda Young



February Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Ushers

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 2 Tucker Roth
 Feb. 19 Christopher Scott
 Feb. 18 Kristin Desurne
 Feb. 24 Randie Murray
 Feb. 25 Eric Heil
 Feb. 26 Sarah Wagner
 Feb. 27 Mary Alice Gregory

ANNIVERSARIES

February 16
 Rev. Rodney & Pat Harris (1991)

February 20
 Russell & Luise Phillips (1970)

USHERS

February 2
 Stacy, Sammy, Emily Kyle
 Loretta Woolf

February 9
 Ralph & Carol Hawkins
 Bob & Jean Spivey

February 16
 Sue Dittmeier, Brenda Hatcher,
 Janet Turner, Michele O'Meara

February 23
 Blenda & Zoe Allamon,
 Steve & Wanda Young



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Our Prayer Concerns

CHURCH FAMILY

Nolen Allen; Dick Gregory; Dana Ragsdale; Ann Rose; Bob Rose

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Jim Allamon (St. Mary's – Colon Surgery); Wayne Arnold; Clara Goodman (Rehab at Park Terrace); Ron Young;

With the ringing-in of the New Year, we started the first Sunday of January with a clean/blank "Relatives & Friends" portion of the Prayer Concerns list in order to help facilitate the needs of removing those who may need removing and adding those who continue to remain in our prayers. Please fill out a PRAYER CARD found on the Information Table in the Narthex and place it in the OFFERING PLATE or turn it into the CHURCH OFFICE, alternatively, you may email prayer requests to firstcumberland@att.net. These names will be added in the next bulletin and the next newsletter.

MILITARY

Kyle Johnson; Kyle Lindsey; Matthew White

SHUT-INS

Eloise Becker; Jewell Day; Connie Petty; Dawny Porter; John Williams

PRAYER LIST

If someone you know is ill, recovering from an illness, having surgery, struggling for life, etc., and needs prayer or attention, please call the Church Office. If someone you know is on the prayer list who is doing better, please call so we can correct and/or update the list.

Other Updates

Address UPDATE:

Dick & Mary Alice Gregory
% Fairfield Inn & Suites
100 East Jefferson St. #257
Louisville, KY 40202
Hotel Phone Number: (502)569-3553

2013 Tax Statements

Tax statements with your giving to FCPC are ready to be picked up. They are in a sealed envelope located in the mailboxes outside of Rev. Rodney's office. If you have any questions, contact Stacy Kyle.