

Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian Church

2682 Morning Sun Road

Cordova, TN 38016

Sunday School ~ 10:00 AM

Morning Worship ~ 11:00 AM



January 2014 Newsletter
**Morning Sun Cumberland
Presbyterian Church**

Where the Son Shines!

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As 2013 has come to an end, and 2014 is upon us, we can both look back at how God has blessed us as His children and His church, as well as look ahead at the promising future we have in Him in the new year. We are very thankful for Joe Hromada and Jim Doriot, our two elders who have completed a 3 year term and are rotating off the session. They have been great leaders of our church and their service is much appreciated. As we look ahead, we are thankful for Darrel Gambill and Brian Gibson, who will be coming on the session for three year terms. Both Darrel and Brian will be ordained and installed as elders on Sunday January 5. Be sure and be here and show them your support, but also show them your support as with our other elders Debby Roe and Tony Stewart with your prayers.



It's that time of year when thoughts turn to a new year and new resolutions. We often have wonderful intentions but when February rolls around, our resolutions have fallen to the wayside. Why do we reserve the focus of bettering ourselves, of polishing our edges, for once a year? Our goal as Christians should be to work to be more Christ-like, not just in January but all year long. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man is in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away. Behold all things become new. Remember as the new year dawns, resolve to be more Christ-like, not just in January but all year long.

Tony

We are also very proud of Brittany, as she has completed the Master's of Divinity at Memphis Theological Seminary. The session has voted to call her as Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth, and she will be ordained later in the spring after the West Tennessee Presbytery meets in March. God continues to assemble a great team of leaders in our church, and many are needed in addition to elders and pastors for the church to have successful ministries. Everyone has their own unique God-given gifts, and for our church to be all that God wants it to be, you must be using them for His glory in our church. We look forward to 2014 with great anticipation as to what God is going to do through us for His glory!

Joey

Important Dates to Remember

- Jan. 2 – Youth to denominational center 10 AM
- Jan. 5 – New Elder's Ordination Service for Brian Gibson and Darrel Gambill
- Jan 6 – Epiphany
- Jan. 12 – Session Meeting
- Jan 12 – Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance
- Jan. 21 – Women's luncheon – at church at 11 AM bring sack lunch – dessert and drink provided
- Jan 18 - 25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Looking forward: Valentine's Banquet – Feb. 8 – must sign up and pre-pay - see Debby Roe for more information

Epiphany's Significance

The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews.

The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.

Hello Morning Sun,

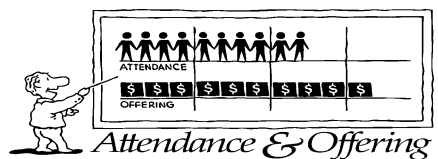
We are starting off the new year by learning about our denomination! We will be taking a tour of the denominational headquarters on Thursday January 2nd. We will leave from the church at 9:45 AM or you can meet us at the Denominational Center at 10 AM. After the tour we will go out and have a light lunch! While this is a youth event, everyone is welcome!

We have some exciting things going on with the worship services during the upcoming months. Every fourth Sunday a "praise team" will lead the music. If you would like to sing or play an instrument let me know. Also, the next Denominational Awareness service will be in February and the last Sunday in March will be a Youth Sunday!

I am excited about all the new years holds for this church and for my life! Thank you so much for your support as I completed Seminary. This new season is going to be wonderful!

Peace,
Brittany

CHANGE FOR CHANGE CAMPAIGN
TOTAL RAISED FOR SANCTUARY
RENOVATIONS: \$ 9862.00
(Balance needed \$2363)



11/24/13	- 47	- \$ 1,318.00
12/01/13	- 43	- \$ 2,468.00
12/08/13	- 0	- \$ 0 Ice
12/15/13	- 44	- \$ 1,385.00
12/22/13	- 44	- \$ 2,546.00



You're Among Friends

Please
Pray
for...



Prayer List: Barbara Allbright, Mark Archibald, Delta Black, Robert Bowen, Joe Caldwell, Angie Campbell, Jimmy Clay, Tom Collins, Adian Conway, Nell Coulter, Lou Davidson, Julia Deeks, Jim Doriot, David Edwards, Joan Edwards, Allen Ellis, Jeff Embry, Jonnita Franklin, Joe Frazier, Mr. Frost, Mrs. Gambill, Mrs. Gibson, Cody Glover, Oscar Grafton, Linda Grant, Crystal Griffin, Roy Hamblin, Michael & Shirley Hansen, Jim Hargrove, Heather Harper, Jim Hartwell, Kevin Harwell, Tommy Hays, Adam Hill, Faye Hill, Caleb & Carter Horn, Alice Howard, Louise Hyder, McKenzie Jackson, Mary Jernigan, James Johnson, Terry Johnson, Harry Jones, Leslie Jones, Sylvia Kendall, Robert Kermit, Freddie King, Ruby Knight, Mildred Lane, Donnie Langston, Kenny Lemonds, Michelle Leonard, Jullian Long, Joni Lyons, Tyler Manning, Cliff McCaa, Bonnie McKnight, David Melton, Dorothy Mendenhall, Carole Mestemacher, Jason & Suzanne Mickel, Ben Miller, Owen Miller, Beth Morris, James Morris, Jason Morris, Tim Neal, Amy Paige, Larry Parker, Anne & Ralph Parker, Curtis Phillipy, Roberta & Steve Powell, Duncan Quigley, Raven, Grace Richardson, Jim Richardson, Harold Riggins, Joyce Riggins, Wanda Rimer, Darrell Roberts, Lee Roberts, William Roberts, Wanda Rogers, Bob Rose, Matthew Rose, Pam Rutherford, Paula Shook, Todd Shown, Chip Smith, Mark Smith, Lawson Stafford, Chris Stevens, Sandy Stevens, Joe Stout, Tracy Strawn, Anne & Jeremy Swenson, Jim Terry, Pat Todd, Trevor Treadaway, Dale Vaughn, Sutton Warren, C.R. Waters, The Family of Michelle Waxler, Betty Jo Wiggins, Leon Williams, Maggie Wilson, Walter & Verlon Yager, The Morning Sun Session, Our Missionaries, The Lost and Unsaved, The Homeless Group, Our Nation's Leaders, Military & Families, Shelby County and Fayette County Schools & Teachers, Typhoon victims in the Philippines, Tornado victims in IL and KY.

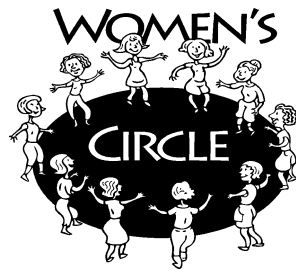


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| Mary Smith - 13 | Will Edwards - 21 |
| Charrel Gambill - 15 | Ralph Parker - 22 |
| Kayla Harkness - 15 | Tony Stewart - 29 |
| Olivia Long - 20 | Joey Savage - 29 |

Doug & Cecelia Percer - 2 John & Cathy Caldwell - 4

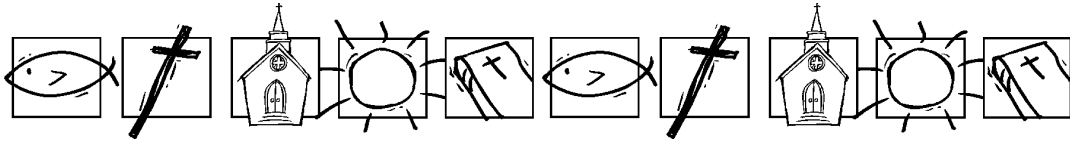
"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

—Martin Luther King Jr.



Dear Ladies,

We will be resuming our monthly Women's Ministry meetings this month on January 21st at 11:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch, drinks and desserts are provided.



MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SESSION

11-17-13

The Session of Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session on, Sunday, November 17th at Morning Sun Church. A quorum is present.

Financial: Report accepted and approved

Worship: Fourth Sunday we will be music Sunday. December 22nd – Christmas program. December 14th – church Christmas party at Roe home. Christmas Come and Go communion will be held on Tuesday, December 24th from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Jim and Janelle Doriot will be the greeters. Will check to see if Maria can play piano again this year. December 15th is next Session meeting. Budget will be discussed and approved at meeting. Next Denominational meeting is in February. On motion, accepted.

Christian Education: Average attendance for October – adults 16...children 6 On motion, accepted.

Fellowship: Friday, November 22nd at 7 pm there will be a Game night for all ages. Sunday school party at the Roe's home on December 14th. Women's meeting is Tuesday, December 17th. February 8th is the Valentine's dinner. Prime Timers outing is scheduled for February 14th. On motion, accepted.

Youth and Children: December 30th or January 3rd – visiting the Denominational center. Playground equipment discussed...climbing dome and/or a teeter totter. Playground equipment to be purchased and installed. On motion, accepted.

Building and Grounds: Drainage on right side of building seems to be okay. Roof repaired. Good for three years at which time we will need to replace both the church and Sunday school building's roofs. On motion, accepted.

Communications & Technology Nothing for this month

Old Business: Discussion to purchase health insurance for Brittany. She will obtain quotes and report back.

New Business: Brittany wants a third Sunday off. Love offering for missionaries was \$267. Leanne to be the Deaconess of communication for the next year. On motion, accepted. Videos not playing – to be researched. Brittany will be finished with schooling in mid December. Last two weeks of March Brittany is going to Ireland. Presbytery exam on December 15th. Easter is April 20th...first Sunday of April ordination committee. Elder assignments for the next year are: Tony Stewart – Building and Grounds, Debby Roe – Fellowship, The new elders will have a choice between Christian Education and Worship or Missions & Outreach.

Closed meeting in prayer.