

# The Sugar Beat

## SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### From the Pastor

Thank You!

In the U.S.A., November is a time of thanksgiving. The fourth Thursday of November is a national holiday set aside to give thanks. In our current state of political correctness, it may not be apropos to say for what we give thanks or to whom we give thanks.

Rest assured that the first people who celebrated "Thanksgiving" had no doubts about the reason for the celebration or the One to whom they gave thanks.

Christians are a thankful people. The word of God instructs us to be a thankful people. Jesus gave thanks when He broke bread. We give thanks before a meal.

Have you ever held a door open for someone and they walk through ignoring you as though that was your duty to them? Don't you expect a little show of thankfulness, a nod, a smile or something? Of course, that is not why we open the door for someone but it is nice to be recognized.

Saying thanks to God before we eat is a nice gesture even if it is done out of routine. But how do we thank Him for the great gift of adoption into His family? A simple thank you does not seem to be enough. I believe God asks us to say thank you with our lives. He ask for total commitment to Him. He knows how thankful we are by what re-

sides in our hearts.

Bro. Gary

*always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:20 NIV

This is an item I found on the internet.

#### **STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE. IN COMMITTEE of SAFETY, EXETER, November 1, 1782.**

**IT** being the indispensable duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their supplications to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, the giver of all good, for his gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for his goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of his providence in their behalf:

Do hereby recommend to the inhabitants of these States in general, to observe, and request the several States to interpose their authority in appointing and commanding the observation of **THURSDAY** the twenty-eight day of **NOVEMBER** next, as a day of solemn **THANKSGIVING** to **GOD** for all his mercies: and they do further recommend to all ranks, to testify to their gratitude to **GOD** for his goodness, by a cheerful obedience of his laws, and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness.

<http://www.history.com/content/thanksgiving/proclamation>

## Our Stewardship

### September 2009

Beginning Balance	\$ 22,590.12
Deposits	\$ 7,862.63
Expenses	<u>\$ 8,742.47</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 21,710.28</u>
Pastor Salary	\$ 2,248.09
Pastor Housing - Sept	\$ 511.00
Pastor Retirement Contribution	\$ 661.20
Funeral Flowers / Food	\$ 54.42
Benevolence - Local	\$ 1,000.00
Food Bank	\$ 100.00
Insurance - Building	\$ 305.59
Supplies	\$ 321.04
Pastor Mileage/Expenses - August	\$ 1,144.26
Janitor	\$ 280.00
Treasurer - 3rd qtr	\$ 200.00
Van Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Our United Outreach (10% of Giving)	\$ 1,093.97
Utilities	\$ 402.90
Monthly Transfer to Missions Account	\$ 300.00
	<u>\$ 8,742.47</u>

## Covenant Presbytery Fellowship Report

\*THERE WERE 56 IN ATTENDANCE  
 \*THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE AT WOODLAWN  
 \*SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2010 WERE APPROVED  
**PRES----**BILLY JOE CRIDER  
 VICE PRES--- BUDDY RUSHING  
 SEC---MARTHA DARNELL  
 \*OFFERING OF \$150 WAS GIVEN TO PASTOR'S WIDOW FOR MEDICAL BILLS (NO NAME)  
 \* SGCP MEMBERS CLAUDENA, GLADYS, JOHNNY, B J & ANNE  
 \*THERE WAS SINGING AND PLAYING BY THEIR CHURCH MEMBERS \*THE FOOD WAS GREAT...MANY KIND OF SOUPS AND MORE DESSERTS THAN YOU CAN EVEN IMAGINE.

### Congratulations to Billy Joe!!

**Community Christmas** is asking organizations to sponsor a child via Angel Tree. Various groups of Sugar Grove will sponsor children. (Men's Fellowship, CPWM, Sunday School Classes, etc.) There is a spending limit of \$100 per child. If you would like to give to this ministry, please give your gift to Becky McKinzie.

**Shampoo and soap.** Once again, we have been asked to provide shampoo and soap to be given to families of Crittenden County. There is a box in the Narthex in which you may place your purchase.

## Nursing Home ministry Needs You!

third and/or fourth Wednesday around 12:30 pm.  
 To begin in January 2010. You will help with residents going to the bingo game.



The 2009 Loaves and Fishes Program will provide urgent seed money to assist in developing a Colombia-based Foundation (**Nehemiah Foundation**) designed to secure government and non-governmental funding for ministries that address the systemic changes that impact needs such as poverty, hunger, micro-businesses, and self-development of people (e.g., hot lunch

programs, nursing homes, medical programs, women heads of families, educational programs).  
Our Thanksgiving offering of the denomination has contributed over 2.2 million dollars to various hunger causes since it began in 1983. The Loaves and Fishes Program is one way in which the Cumberland Presbyterian Church can make a difference in communities deeply affected by poverty:

- 50% of the total offering for Nehemiah Project (to be sent to the Missions Ministry Team - MMT)
- 25% of the total offering for the Missions Ministry Team denominational Hunger Fund (to be sent to the MMT)
- 25% of the total offering retained by the congregation to meet community hunger needs.

The boxes will be distributed today (November 1st) and collected on November 29th. Place the box on your table to remind you of the hunger in the world and the blessings God has given to you.

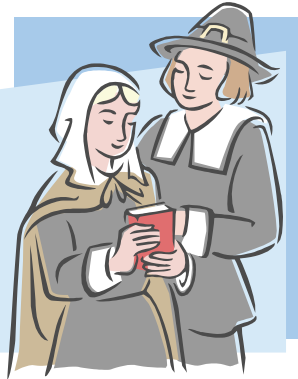
## Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Tommy Baker	Debbie Carlton
Charles Black	
Bruce Blythe	Bonnie Turner's nephew
Kellye Crider	
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Jesse Hunter	Eddie Rudolph
Denny Maddux	Anna Hunt
Kyler Mathis	Devin Brewer
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Willard & Una Mott	Anna Hunt
Glynn Patmore	Anna Kirby-Hunt
Stephanie Ross	Eddie Rudolph
Kay Shewcraft	Barbara Brown
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Becky Stalion	
Diane Travis	Bernice Travis

### Thanksgiving Fellowship

**Sunday, November 15  
After Morning Worship**

Everyone is invited to stay after the morning worship to enjoy a time of fellowship and good food. The church will provide the meats and drink. Bring your favorite covered dish and dessert. Let us join together as we give thanks to God for his many blessings.



**CPWM Tuesday, November 3rd  
6:00PM.**

All ladies of the church are members of CPWM and are encouraged to attend.

**Men's Fellowship  
Thursday November 5th 6:30 PM  
Menu: Chili**

### Members of the Military

Cody Brandon	Kevin Householder	Joey Shirey
Ervin Davis	Scott Hurley	Jonathon Taylor
Valerie Edwards	Josh Jackson	Rodney Travis
Justin Hodge	David Jones	John Venable
Keith Finney	Skyler Powell	John Watson
		Troy Woody

### Others

United States of America, President Obama and all elected officials,  
Session, Sunday School Teachers, Bro. Gary

## Thank You Notes

**Thank You**—It seems your generosity knows no borders . . . Neither does the gratitude in the hearts you've touched. Thank You!

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the money for our trip to Louisville. You will never know how much it means to us. Thank you so much for all of your concerns & prayers.

Love, Mark, Crissy, Emma, Bella , Bradyn

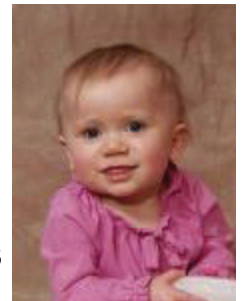
### Your Thoughtfulness Reflects God's Love

Thanks for the beautiful flowers and wonderful meal, cards, calls. I've known some of you all my life.

Thanks again, Love, Willie Sue Phillips

### Bradyn Williams

Continue to pray for 1 year old Bradyn and Mark and Crissy. There is a website you can log on to for Crissy's journal. She updates Bradyn's condition from time to time. There is also a place for you to write a note to Mark and Crissy. The website is:



[www.caringbridge.org/visit/bradynsstory/journal](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bradynsstory/journal)

Mark and Crissy thank each one for the prayers.