

The Sugar Beat

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From the Pastor

Happy New Year!

During this time of year we look forward to the New Year as a fresh start, a new beginning. God is the initiator of new beginnings. No matter what our past, the future is new and fresh. This is a gift of God. We may have to live with consequences of past decisions but those decisions do not have to determine our future with God.

God lives in the future as well as in the past. He carved out "time" or "history" in which we dwell. But He is not confined to time. He has the ability to see eternity and all that it contains. His presence abides with us in time and outside of time. Can you grasp the vastness of God?

He continually invites us to allow Him into our future so that He may direct our lives as He intended. Who better to direct your path? If you have ever visited a city like Washington D. C., you could waste a lot of time figuring out where the sites are and making an agenda. Or, you could go with someone who

has lived there and knows all the ins and outs. You save stress and heartache for yourself by allowing the experienced one to direct your path. It is the same way with life. God knows better than anyone the ups and downs of life.

In 2010, why not allow God into your future. He loves you and wants to bless you in all of life's struggles. Won't you let him?

This year I want to encourage each of you to get involved with a ministry. One of the rewards of being a child of God, is to use the gifts He has given to help build His Kingdom.

I know it is easy to get into a rut and not grow spiritually or use His gifts. What better time to crawl out of the rut and begin an exciting life with Him, than the New Year.

So come on, let's serve our Lord together with excitement and enthusiasm and see what He has in store for us!

Bro. Gary

Our Stewardship

November 2009

Beginning Balance	\$ 19,522.88
Deposits	\$ 9,086.90
Expenses	\$ 7,063.03
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 21,546.75</u>

Pastor Salary	\$ 1,686.06
Pastor Housing - Nov	\$ 511.00
Pastor Retirement Contribution	\$ 528.96
Benevolence - Local	\$ 869.31
Curriculum - Books	\$ 41.07
Supplies	\$ 74.19
Pastor Mileage/Expenses - Oct	\$ 865.73
Janitor	\$ 420.00
Maintenance - Building	\$ 582.97
Snacks	\$ 32.62
Van Fuel	\$ 41.56
Telephone	\$ 93.66
Our United Outreach (10% of Giving)	\$ 800.52
Utilities	\$ 215.38
Monthly Transfer to Missions Account	\$ 300.00
	<u>\$ 7,063.03</u>

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.

Elders Elected

Three elders have been elected to serve on the session. Jim Brown, Eddie Hunt, and John Allen Travis are ordained elders of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They will be installed during the worship service on January 10th. Please be in prayer for the session of the church. They are called by God to serve His church. Not only do they make decisions concerning the business of the church, more importantly they are the spiritual leaders of the church. It is an awesome responsibility that requires the prayers of the church.

Reading Through the Bible

This is an invitation for you to read through the bible in 2010. Many people have read through the bible many times. Some people have wanted to but never made a real effort toward accomplishing it.

Every Christian should read the scriptures as a part of their stewardship of time. It allows the Holy Spirit to open up the Word to us.

If you always wanted to read the entire bible but got bogged down in the second or third day, not to fear. This year we will read through it together as a church. We can discuss the reading with one another and see how God opens His Word to each of us.

This will be an exciting adventure to see God working in the life of His church. Don't get left out!

The reading plan will be given out on 4x6 index cards at Information Station. Pick up January's and begin the adventure!

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| 1. Gen. 1,2/ Matt. 1 | 17. Gen. 34-36/ Matt. 13 |
| 2. Gen 3, 4/ Matt. 2 | 18. Gen. 37, 38/ Ps. 9 |
| 3. Gen. 5, 6/ Matt 3 | 19. Gen. 39, 40/ Matt. 14 |
| 4. Gen. 7, 8/ Ps. 1,2 | 20. Gen. 41, 42/ Matt. 15 |
| 5. Gen. 9-11/ Matt. 4 | 21. Gen. 43, 44/ Ps. 10 |
| 6. Gen. 12,13/ Matt. 5 | 22. Gen. 45, 46/ Matt. 16 |
| 7. Gen. 14, 15/ Ps. 3, 4 | 23. Gen. 47, 48/ Matt. 17 |
| 8. Gen. 16, 17/ Matt. 6 | 24. Gen. 49, 50/ Matt.18 |
| 9. Gen. 18, 19/ Matt. 7 | 25. Ex. 1, 2/Ps. 11, 12 |
| 10. Gen. 20, 21/ Matt. 8 | 26. Ex. 3, 4/ Matt. 19 |
| 11. Gen. 22,23/ Ps. 5, 6 | 27. Ex. 5, 6/ Matt. 20 |
| 12. Gen. 24, 25/ Matt. 9 | 28. Ex. 7, 8/ Ps. 13, 14 |
| 13. Gen. 26, 27/ Matt. 10 | 29. Ex. 9, 10/ Matt. 21 |
| 14. Gen. 28,29/ Ps. 7, 8 | 30. Ex. 11, 12/ Matt. 22 |
| 15. Gen 30, 31/ Matt. 11 | 31. Ex. 13, 14/ Matt. 23 |
| 16. Gen. 32, 33/ Matt. 12 | |

May God use the session to further His kingdom in sharing the Gospel with the community.

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Bill Clark	Ed Hunt
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Don Heiss	Llya Rizzo
Ryan Henry	Ann Crider's grandson
Jenny Hodge	Maryann Brewer's niece
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Jimmy Morris	Jess Melton's B-I-L
John Parker (House Fire)	Chad Perryman
Glynn Patmore	Anna Kirby-Hunt
Tommy Riley	Claudena Travis
Lucille Roberts	
Kay Shewcraft	Barbara Brown

CPWM News

Loaves and Fishes offering \$419.00
 Board of Missions 75% 314.25
 CPWM retains 25% 104.75
 Total \$ 419.00

CPWM would like to thank everyone for their help with shampoo and soap for Community Christmas in Marion. Your help has blessed many this holiday season and days in the New Year.

God bless all of you and we hope you have had a bountiful and blessed holiday season. Come join us at CPWM because all women are members of CPWM.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 5th, at 6PM

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

Men's Fellowship

Thursday January 7th 6:30 PM

We will eat at a restaurant to be named next Sunday (January 3rd) All men are invited to enjoy the fellowship.

Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas program .

Bradyn Williams

Continue to pray for Bradyn and Mark and Crissy. Bradyn is home with her sisters Emma and Bella.. The website is:



www.caringbridge.org/visit/bradynsstory/journal

Mark and Crissy thank each one for the prayers.