

The Sugar Beat

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From the Pastor

Last Sunday, February 1st, was “Denomination Sunday”, a Sunday we set aside to celebrate our faith as Cumberlands. On February 4, 1810, three ministers met at the home of Samuel McAdoo in Dickson County, Tennessee. I can imagine it was cold and the only light during the evening of prayer was by candle or by the fire. Are you able to relate to such a primitive state? Up until this last two weeks, many of us could not. But now, most if not all of us can relate to the candle light or the fire being our only source of heat. I have often said that God knew what he was doing by allowing my birth to come after the comforts were well established.

A couple of things are ironic to me. First, the Sunday we were to celebrate the movement on the frontier where comforts as we know them did not exist, we were at home unable to travel to church, and no means of heat once we got there. Second, the Sunday after preaching for four weeks on “commitment”, nobody attended church. (We did have three in attendance last Sunday including the preacher.) God does have a sense of humor.

I almost hesitate to mention this, but Lent will start later this month. It is a forty day period (excluding

Sundays) in which many Christians either give up something (Power outages do not count) such as caffeine, chocolate, sodas, etc., or people will do something different such as study a book of the Bible they have never studied. Most importantly whether you give up something or take on something new, the forty days should be used to deepen our relationship with God. It is a way to prepare ourselves as we approach Holy Week and Easter. If you have never given thought to Lent, I invite you to do so this year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25th.

A service of Imposition of Ashes will be held on that Wednesday. This is not just a Roman Catholic tradition, as you Bible scholars know. Ashes were used in the Old Testament as an outward recognition of the deep sorrow people felt when they realized they had sinned against God. Of course we are more civilized now and do not go around tearing our clothes and throwing ashes on ourselves. But this can be a very meaningful service in which we are reminded that we are dust and that we rely on a holy God to make us holy through His righteousness.

Bro. Gary

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Rev Dean Atchison	Eddie Rudolph
Maggie Blazina	
Mary Ann Brewer	
Debbie Brown	Llya Rizzo
Gladys Brown	
Jimmy Brown	
Frankie Cook	
Marcia Davidson	Madeline Henderson
Alex Driver	Devin Brewer
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Trish Gage	BJ Crider's Daughter
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Ryan Newberry	Valerie Hart
Larry Parrish	Joy Wesmoland
Lindsay Payne	Heather Spitzer
Jimmy Roberson	Tommy's Father
Evelyn Roberts	
John Rose	Billy Joe Crider
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Nick Taylor	Keith Hart
Alberta Travis	David Travis' aunt
Johnnie Travis	
Nancy Vandiver	Llya Rizzo
Bradyn Williams	
The four duck hunters and their families	

Members of the Military

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

Others

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

Homecoming 2009

If you want a homecoming this year, and are willing to serve/ lead the committee, please see Bro. Gary. It will not happen unless you make it happen.

God's gift arrived to:

Chad and Kelly Perryman and Lilly

Davis Edward Perryman January 24, 2009

Matt and Allison Madding

Nathan Allen Madding, February 4, 2009

May God bless these families.

Out of the Mouth of Babes

From Tiffany

I had to tell you something cute Maggie said Sunday. I wasn't feeling well Sunday afternoon (belly ache) and didn't think I'd make it to church. About 5:15, she asked, "Momma, what time is it?" I told her it was a little after 5 and she asked "What time is church?" I told her at 6. She asked why I wasn't getting ready, and I told her I didn't feel well and we weren't going to make it tonight. She put her hands on her hips and said "Momma, how do you expect me to learn about God if you don't take me!"

From Kelly

I thought this was too cute and I wanted to share it with you. It also made me think that sometimes it takes a child's mind for us to see things in a different way.

Lilly asked me this week if I thought when we both got to Heaven if we would love each other more than we do right now. I told her I wasn't sure and that I had not thought of that before. She told me that she thought we would love each other more because when we were in Heaven we would be even closer to God.