

# The Sugar Beat

## SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### From the Pastor

VBS has come and gone for another year. What did God do in this week? What lives did He touch? Sometimes the acts of God are very visible with lives changed. Most times, I believe, lives are changed a little at a time with no dramatic flair. The seed is planted but it may take years for the fruit to be revealed. As for me, my spirit is lifted seeing the church unite for the purpose of God's Kingdom. VBS is ordinary people devoting their time to ordinary things trusting God to do extraordinary things for His purpose. May God bless each one that had any part in VBS.

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July 4th, we will celebrate the freedom we have in the United States. The rebels of the 18th century, those willing to sacrifice all that they had, including their own lives, did so to establish a republic to be ruled by the people. Every American can decide to worship God or not, to vote or not. These are the basic freedoms we have. Today, many Americans decide not to do either one. They are exercising their freedom. I wonder what would happen if that freedom was removed? Would they be up in arms if churches, syna-

gogues, or mosques were closed? Some may be mildly upset. Others would be outraged. If a president decided to be a dictator and discard the vote, would people who never voted be upset? I believe most would be.

People are an odd lot. We want the freedom to do something, but in reality, mostly we want the freedom not to do something.

God gives us freedom to love Him or to ignore Him. We can praise Him and live for Him or let others do it for us.

How are you celebrating the 4th? The real celebration of our freedom happens in the gathering of God's people in His sanctuary.

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"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 8:31-32, NIV)

Let's just praise the Lord!

**Bro. Gary**

## VBS

We had a great week at Son Rock Kids Camp VBS. The theme for this year focused on Jesus (being accepted, protected, saved, forgiven by Jesus, and living for Jesus). We reached out to 49 children and had 35 workers.

After the opening activities, a delicious meal was served each night to the students and workers. The students then participated in a lesson, recreation, craft, and music.

Donna Crider would like to thank all the workers who gave of their time to make VBS a success. A special thanks to Joy Wesmoland and Winona Woodside for driving around and putting hangers on doors to invite children to VBS, and to Eddie and Anna Hunt for driving the van to pick up children that did not have rides.

The church would like to thank Donna Crider most of all for all her time for organizing and planning our VBS. GREAT JOB !!!!!

### The Churchyard Maintenance:

Thanks to Ed Hunt for mowing the church yard. Ed has taken this task on as his ministry. I am sure he would appreciate any help from others.

Also thanks to Billy Joe & Ann Crider, Maudie, Bryan, Cory, and Joyce for mulching around the church. The rubber mulch adds a lot to the appearance of the church.

### 2nd Annual Fredonia "Christian Fellowship" Softball League

This league was established to show others, as well as ourselves, that Christians can have fun too!

This is a Co-ed league and Co-ed rules will apply to insure no one gets hurt. Season starts the 1st week of August. Where: Fredonia Legion Park. Ages: 18 and older. We really encourage our older members to participate. If you would like to help organize a team from Sugar Grove, please let Bro.

Gary know. (League Contact: Donnie Conway 270-625-9162 (White Sulphur Baptist.))



**Men's Fellowship - There will not be a meeting for July due to vacations etc.**

**We will meet in August. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.**

**CPWM Tuesday, July 7th**

at 6:00PM.

### Want to get to know one another?

Then you will want to spend time with one another during the Fellowship Time at 10:40 am on Sunday mornings. Yes there is food, but the real reason is to give everyone an opportunity to fellowship with one another. Jesus was always fellowshiping with others, getting to know them so he could minister to them. Come to the Fellowship Hall to minister to one another in His Name.

### Covenant Presbytery Fellowship

Kenneth and Delight Hopson will be presenting the program. They are missionaries to Uganda. The date is July 27, at 6:30 PM, at the Macedonia CP Church. RSVP by July 20. You will be blessed as Kenneth and Delight share their story. The offering will be given to them to help with their work in Uganda. Please sign up at Information Station if you want to attend.

## Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Eddie Belt	Layla Rizzo
Debbie Brown	David Fritts' mother
Jared Champion	Chad Perryman
John Conley	Eddie Hunt
Anna Collins	Anne Crider's mother
Mason Crider	David Travis
SSG Cooney	Adrian Faught
Danielle Dugger	Michelle Orr's sister
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
Debbie Edwards	Terry Coleman
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Franklin Hazzard	
Mary Herron	Darl Henley
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Perry & Viola James	
Glen Joyce	Anna Kirby-Hunt
David Lovelace	Debbie Carlton
Joyce Lovelace	Debbie Carlton
Zac Mason	Debbie Carlton
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Phyllis McMican	Evelyn Roberts
Dee Mitchell	Darl Henley
Russ Milton	Debbie Carlton
Glenn Patmore	Anna Hunt
Chad Roberts	Marvin & Evelyn Roberts
Jim & Norma Rodell	Valerie Hart's parents
Kay Shewcraft	Becky McKinzie
Wade Shue	Paulino Impastato
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Rebecca Stallion	Valerie Roberson
Alberta Taylor	Maudie Summers
Alberta Travis	David Travis
Marilyn Travis	Madeline Henderson
Tory	Madeline Henderson

## 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

Dear Sugar Grove,

Your love and support through my life means more than I can say. Each of you has played a part in making me who I am.

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and wonderful gifts for my graduation.

I appreciate them and you so much.

Love, Katie

### Beatrice Priest's New Address:

218 Beck Lane  
Mayfield KY 42066  
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## Scholarship Fund

A scholarship has been made available to persons pursuing their post-high school education. This is for undergraduate school. The amount of the scholarship for this coming school year is \$500 per student. The student must submit a letter to the session with the following information: Name of School, Class (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior), your major(s) and minor(s), and the use of the funds (tuition, books, housing, etc). The letter is due by July 1, 2009. Half of the funds (\$250) will be disbursed by August 1, 2009, and the other half will be disbursed by January 1, 2010.

The session has also initiated an endowment fund for future scholarships. The congregation is asked to consider contributing to this fund so that future scholarships can be funded.