

The Sugar Beat

SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

Summer is about over, at least for school aged children. Vacations are a memory and the daily routine of work—School returns for many families. It is no secret that church attendance and offerings fall off during the summer. It is a time for families to enjoy fellowship gatherings, visiting and other time consuming activities. It is not that our commitment to God and His church becomes less important it is just that we devote more time to family during the warm weather.

But now it is time to regroup and continue our worship of the God who gives us time and ability to worship Him.

At the beginning of the year, I handed out bookmarks with several items for you to give yourself a grade. With the year half over it is a good time to find your bookmark and review yourself to see if you have progressed or regressed. If you have progressed, congratulations! If you have regressed, don't give up, there are several months left to improve your score. So make room for some time to be in the presence of God and to allow His Word to find a place in your life.

One possibility for you to consider is to be a part of a Sunday School Class. At SGCP more people do not attend a class than do. I have always enjoyed being in a class to hear how God is working in people's lives and to learn from other's experience. The Bible study helps give a foundation as to how we interpret our lives. It is through the class that relationships are developed.

I do have a request, if you are not attending a class and have an idea about a class that you would like to attend, please let me know.

I believe one of the main missions of the church is to teach disciples. It is through education that a deep relationship with God is nourished.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^a the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **and teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)

Bro. Gary

Digital Piano

To the session of the church, we would like to say thank you for the new addition of the electric piano. With some experimentation and patience on our part, we know it will be a blessing to our services for many years to come. Thank you again for this wonderful instrument.

To Marvin Roberts and his family, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to you for providing the organ we have used for many years. It was given in love, used in love and we couldn't have appreciated it more. Your act of kindness and devotion to this church over the years has certainly not gone unacknowledged. May God bless each of you.

The Music Department

Denomination News

Bethel College is now Bethel University. It continues to grow and is a blessing to the denomination. Bethel had a record spring 2009 enrollment of 2,626, and its master of business administration (MBA) program is the 2nd largest in Tennessee.

Headquarters

Thursday, July 30, at about 5:00 PM, a tornado touched down in the area of the denominational headquarters. A shopping center across Germantown Road from the Center and Quality Inn and Shogun restaurant on the same side of Germantown Road as the Center were heavily damaged.

No employee of the Center was injured. There is minor damage to the roof and two trees were felled by the tornado.

Are You Off Your Rocker?

In order for families with small children to be more comfortable, the back pew will be removed and rocking chairs will be provided. We hope this will be a benefit to parents who make the effort to attend worship with infants. If you have a rocker that you would like to donate to the church or one you will lend to the church, please let Bro. Gary or an elder know.

Men's Fellowship - August 6th

6:30PM

CPWM Tuesday, August 4th

6:00PM.

All ladies of the church are members of CPWM and are encouraged to attend. A salad supper is on the menu.

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.

New Chairs in Office

Thanks to Jim and Gladys for locating chairs for the church office/conference room. They are really nice and comfortable. Bro. Gary did find the following warning label: **Warning! Meetings may tend to last longer than before. Sit at your own risk!**

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Sue Browning	Barbara Brown
Mary Ann Brewer	
Barron Collins	Steve Crider
Mason Crider	David Travis
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Zac Mason	Debbie Carlton
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Evelyn Roberts	
Jim Travis	David Travis' brother
Marilyn Travis	
Mark Travis	David Travis' nephew
Kay Shewcraft	Barbara Brown
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Janice Stovall	Debbie Carlton

Scholarship Fund

Sugar Grove CP Church is indebted to David Travis for his vision of establishing a scholarship fund. David has shared his vision with the session on many occasions, keeping it alive. The session caught the vision and has made it a reality. Education has always been important but is even more so in today's world. Jesus commands us to learn not only about Him but also about the creation He has given to us. Every member of SGCP should be proud of this historic event as we honor our scholarship recipients.

This year's recipients are:

Bailey Travis, Mackenzie Dixon, Katie Head, Kellye Crider, Devan Roberson.

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 all,

Thank you and God bless you -

Thank you for having us for bible school . We had great fun and learned a lot.

The Templeton Family

Dear Sugar Grove Congregation,

Thank all of you who offered up prayers, visited, sent cards and called during my recent hospital stay. Prayers have been answered and I am home again with my family and caregivers. Sometimes, God answers our prayers through special people like all of you.

Thank you so much,

The Family of Anna Collins

May kindness return to you in the same beautiful way that it was given. We would like to thank you for donating the bibles in Mom's name. She would have really loved that. Thank you for all the prayers and cards you have sent. May God bless each and everyone of you. Thank you so much. Love,

The Family of Debbie Brown.