

# The Sugar Beat

## SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### From the Pastor

Denominational Sunday is February 7th. We celebrate the theology of the CP Church and the rich history of the people who make up the CP Church. In 1810, three ministers, Samuel King, Samuel McAdow, and Finis Ewing, met in Dickson Tennessee to determine God's will for their ministries. After a season of prayer, McAdow decided to join the other two to form a new presbytery (Cumberland) within the Presbyterian Church. However, since these men did not believe in the Presbyterian Confession of Faith dealing with fatalism, the Presbyterian Church did not accept them. Therefore, the Cumberland Presbytery became the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The points of dissent from the Westminster Confession of Faith are:

1. That there are no eternal reprobates.
2. That Christ died not for a part only, but for all mankind.
3. That all infants dying in infancy are saved through Christ and the sanctification of the Spirit.
4. That the Spirit of God operates on the world, or as coextensively as Christ has made atonement, in such a manner as to leave all men inexcusable.

Easter is April 4th this year. It is the highest holy day of the Christian year. All other Sundays are considered "little Easters". The Lenten season is 40 days long excluding the Sundays in Lent. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will observe the imposition of ashes which symbolizes and reminds us of our being—ashes to ashes. It also shows our humbleness and our neediness for a Holy Savior.

I want to encourage each of us to utilize this 40 day period to allow God time and space in our lives specifically to transform us. It is my experience that I focus better when there is a time constraint put upon me. There is biblical precedent for a period of 40 days in the Old and New Testaments, but there is nothing special about 40. For me it is not too long a time to focus nor too short a time that is not meaningful. If you have never 'given something up' for Lent or "taken on something new" for Lent, please consider it this year. Something that has surprised me in reading the Bible through this year, is that in reading a different translation has allowed me to see the old stories in a different way. I believe if we are willing to change it allows God to change us. May this Lent be very meaningful to you.

Bro. Gary

## Our Stewardship

### December 2009

Beginning Balance	\$ 21,546.75
Deposits	\$ 9,046.76
Expenses	<u>\$ 10,655.82</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 19,937.69</u>
Pastor Salary	\$ 2,810.15
Pastor Housing	\$ 511.00
Pastor Retirement Contribution	\$ 661.20
Christmas Gift	\$ 500.00
Funeral Flowers / Food	\$ 35.00
Benevolence - Local	\$ 626.37
Curriculum - Books	\$ 470.82
Pastor Mileage/Expenses - Nov	\$ 917.51
Janitor	\$ 280.00
Maintenance - Building	\$ 450.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 211.30
Clerk -	\$ 200.00
Treasurer	\$ 200.00
Bulletins	\$ 100.58
Telephone	\$ 93.66
Our United Outreach (10% of Giving)	\$ 897.69
Presbytery	\$ 709.07
Security	\$ 60.00
Utilities	\$ 321.47
Monthly Transfer to Missions Account	\$ 500.00
Monthly Transfer to Building Account	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 10,655.82</u>

#### **A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER.....**

Did you know along with the General Fund that we use to pay our bills, we also have four savings accounts? Well, we do. We have a Mission Fund account that holds \$7,288.32, a Building Fund that holds \$1,507.02, a Cancer Fund (Relay for life fund) that holds 149.50 (this is where our birthday and anniversary money goes) and a Scholarship Fund that holds \$470.99. The Mission Fund is used for mission abroad as well as for at home. If someone is in need of assistance, it comes from this fund. The Building Fund is to be used if our Church is in need of repairs. As you can see, our balance isn't very much. If our building or our heat/AC units need to be replaced or maintenance we would have to pull money from our General Fund. Our Cancer

## Reading Through the Bible

### February Readings

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| 1. Ex. 15, 16 / Ps. 15, 16 | 16. Lev. 6, 7 / Acts 6        |
| 2. Ex. 17, 18 / Matt. 24   | 17. Lev. 8, 9 / Acts 7        |
| 3. Ex. 19, 20 / Matt. 25   | 18. Lev. 10-12 / Ps. 22       |
| 4. Ex. 21, 22 / Ps. 17     | 19. Lev. 13, 14 / Acts 8      |
| 5. Ex. 23, 24 / Matt. 26   | 20. Lev. 15, 16 / Acts 9      |
| 6. Ex. 25, 26 / Matt. 27   | 21. Lev. 17, 18 / Acts 10     |
| 7. Ex. 27, 28 / Matt. 28   | 22. Lev. 19, 20 / Ps. 23, 24  |
| 8. Ex. 29, 30 / Ps. 18     | 23. Lev. 21, 22 / Acts 11     |
| 9. Ex. 31, 32 / Acts 1     | 24. Lev. 23, 24 / Acts 12     |
| 10. Ex. 33, 34 / Acts 2    | 25. Lev. 25, 26 / Ps. 25      |
| 11. Ex. 35, 36 / Ps. 19    | 26. Le. 27 / Num. 1 / Acts 13 |
| 12. Ex. 37, 38 / Acts 3    | 27. Num. 2, 3 / Acts 14       |
| 13. Ex. 39, 40 / Acts 4    | 28. Num. 4, 5 / Acts 15       |
| 14. Lev. 1-3 / Acts 5      |                               |
| 15. Lev. 4, 5 / Ps. 20, 21 |                               |

### Season of Lent

**L**ent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

<http://www.kencollins.com/holy-04.htm>

fund is used for whatever we have planned for our Relay for Life in the spring. The Scholarship Fund is used to help our young adults with their education. \$250 is given to our college students at the beginning of each semester with the stipulation that they attend a service during the previous semester.

## Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Judy Banister	Llya Rizzo
Mary Ann Brewer	
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Pam Grace	Maudie Summers
Haiti Earthquake Victims	
David Hayman	
Don Heiss	Llya Rizzo
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
David Hunt	Ed Hunt's brother
Pauli Impastato	(Employment)
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMMain	
Jackie Moore	Bernice Travis
Luciel Odom	Shane Rizzo's Aunt
Glynn Patmore	Anna Kirby-Hunt
Leigh Anne Pettes	Darl Henley
Lynn Phillips	Darl Henley
Tommy Roberson	
Lucille Roberts	
Kay Shewcraft	Barbara Brown
Kristen Stone	Joyce Travis
Greg Traxler	Darl Henley
Mark & Crissy Williams	

### 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 February 4th 6:30 PM

We will enjoy breakfast at our meeting.

### CPWM News

Meet Tuesday, February 2nd, at 6PM

**Birthdays Celebration of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church**—February 6, 2010, Milburn Chapel 11 AM. There will be singing of old songs, a look at the past, members of presbytery will be portraying our founding fathers, and a look forward to the future presented by Dr. J. David Hester. Following the program, refreshments will be provided by Milburn Chapel.



### Shrove (Fat) Tuesday

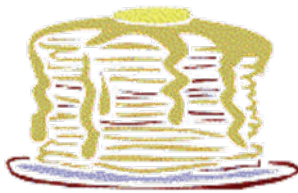
February 16th we will observe Shrove Tuesday. This is a time of fellowship as we consume pancakes to use up all the fat in preparation for the Season of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began.

As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do?

Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes. And lots of 'em.



<http://www.chiff.com/a/shrove-tuesday.htm>

