

The Sugar Beat

SUGAR GROVE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor

As we approach Easter, every Christian must answer the question, "What does the resurrection mean to me?" For Christianity as a whole, the resurrection is the basis of our belief. Otherwise, the Jews would be correct in saying that Jesus was a devout Rabbi, a prophet of God. without the resurrection we would be Jews, Pagan, or some other religion based on God's revelation to us.

February's theme was love. We began with John 3, Jesus explaining to Nicodemus the meaning of love, specifically God's love for the world. Easter, the cross, is the message of love demonstrated literally in the flesh. Jesus died for each one of us and was raised from the dead to make a way for us to follow him. Easter is about God's love for you. The resurrection means that you have the ability to be in relationship with God himself. But the Word teaches us something else about the resurrection.

Jesus gave himself not just for the individual believer but also for the church. *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make*

her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25–27 (NIV) Did you notice that Jesus gave himself up for the church. How important do you think the church is to Jesus? Apparently enough to die for. Some look at the church and can take it or leave it, after all, we can worship without the church, believe without the church and live without the church.

What does the resurrection mean to you? Before you answer that, think about what the church means to you. How important is it to you? It seems that the resurrection is intertwined with God's love of the church. If that premise is true, then the resurrection for us has to be related to our love for the church. It is something for you to ponder during this season of Lent.

Bro. Gary

Our Stewardship

January 2010

Beginning Balance	\$ 19,937.69
Deposits	\$ 8,830.85
Expenses	\$ 9,592.70
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 19,175.84</u>

Pastor Salary	\$ 2,243.98
Pastor Housing	\$ 421.67
Pastor Retirement Contribution	\$ 528.96
Benevolence - Local	\$ 850.00
Food Bank	\$ 100.00
Insurance - Building	\$ 787.40
Janitor	\$ 280.00
Maintenance - Building	\$ 181.39
Snacks	\$ 180.72
Van Fuel	\$ 30.00
Telephone	\$ 187.51
Advertising	\$ 130.00
Our United Outreach (10% of Giving)	\$ 886.22
Presbytery	\$ 1,563.88
Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Security	\$ 216.00
Utilities	\$ 329.97
Pest Control	\$ 75.00
Pulpit Supply	\$ 100.00
Monthly Transfer to Missions Account	\$ -
Monthly Transfer to Building Account	\$ -
	<u>\$ 9,592.70</u>

Reading Through the Bible

March Readings

1. Num. 6, 7 / Ps. 26,27	16. Deut. 2, 3 / Acts 26
2. Num. 8, 9 / Acts 16	17. Deut. 4, 5 / Acts 27
3. Num. 10, 11 / Acts 17	18. Deut. 6, 7 / Ps.33
4. Num. 12 - 14 / Ps.28, 29	19. Deut. 8, 9 / Acts 28
5. Num. 15, 16 / Acts 18	20. Deut. 10, 11 / Rom. 1
6. Num. 17 -19 / Acts 19	21. Deut. 12 - 14 / Rom. 2
7. Num. 20, 21 / Acts 20	22. Deut. 15, 16 / Ps.34
8. Num. 22, 23 / Ps. 30	23. Deut. 17, 18 / Rom. 3
9. Num. 24, 25 / Acts 21	24. Deut. 19, 20 / Rom. 4
10. Num. 26, 27 / Acts 22	25. Deut. 21, 22 / Ps. 35
11. Num. 28, 29 / Ps.31	26. Deut. 23, 24 / Rom. 5
12. Num. 30, 31 / Acts 23	27. Deut. 25, 26 / Rom. 6
13. Num. 32, 33 / Acts 24	28. Deut. 27, 28 / Rom. 7
14. Num. 34, 35 / Acts 25	29. Deut. 29, 30 / Ps. 36
15. Num. 36 Deut. 1 /	30. Deut. 31, 32 / Rom. 8
	31. Deut. 33, 34 / Rom. 9

**Ministry Teams meet tonight
(February 28th) at 5 PM**

This is a big deal

**Plan on joining a team and share
God's gift with others!**

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Charles Black	
Jesse Campbell	Chad Perryman
Don Deboe	Valerie Roberson brother
Ray Drennan	Lucille Roberts
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
David Fritts	(Back Injury)
Kay Greenwell	Keith Hart's sister
Don Heiss	Llya Rizzo
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Richard (Tiny) James	Chad Perryman
Michelle Kelly	David Travis cousin
Junior Martin	Donna Crider
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Herman McMain	
Glynn Patmore	Anna Kirby-Hunt
Doug Roth	Chad Perryman
Kay Shewcraft	Barbara Brown
Lillian Thomas	Chad Perryman
Claudena Travis	
Jerry Travis	David Travis brother

CPWM News

Meet Tuesday, March 2nd, 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
Jeff Hollamon		Troy Woody

Others

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

Men's Fellowship

Alert!!!

Men's Fellowship will dine at a fine restaurant, Friday March 5th. After supper, they will go to the Kentucky Opry to enjoy the music by the *Possum Wranglers*. The church van will leave the Farmers Bank parking lot at 4:30 PM.

Thank You Notes

Thank You Very Much

Thank you for your show of love and support and your many prayers for my surgery and recovery. God has blessed us through you. Thank you again for supporting us with your visits, calls, cards and CPWM for the delicious fruit basket. We feel so blessed to be part of such a loving family.

In Christian Love,
Charles and Faye Black

Thank You for being Such a Blessing in My Life

When I'm counting all my blessings, There's one thing I always do— I stop and say a "Thank You, Lord!" for a very special you. For you're someone who'll forever be a dear and precious part of the warm and treasured memories I hold with in my heart.

Thank You Sugar Grove for all your thoughtfulness and love.

Devan Roberson