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Jesus said, "I have come as light to the world, so that everyone who believes in me will not remain in darkness. John 12:46

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"Lord Willing"

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." – James 4:13-15 (NASB)

"Lord willing" is a phrase I heard from Dad regularly growing up. The context varied when it was used, but he regularly said it when someone told him we'd see each other at a future time or do something at a future time.

Me: "See you tonight Dad." Dad: "Lord willing."

Me: "See you in the morning Dad." Dad: "Lord willing."

As a child I guess I never really took to heart what it meant; it was just something he said. I knew God controlled everything and that my life was in His hands, but I yet did not have the life experiences to fully understand what that meant. After all, I was just a kid. But, as I grew up, went off on my own, saw life's ups and downs, and saw how God fulfilled Romans 8:28 ("And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.") in my life and the lives of others, I began to understand why Dad said it. He had seen his own plans changed to God's plans. He never planned on being a farmer, a hardware salesman, and a minister. Yet, that is what God designed him to be and called him to do. That is where he is because of the doors God opened and closed throughout his life. "Lord willing" had a special meaning for him from 1966 through 1972 when he served as a Combat Engineer in the Marine Corps Reserve. In Vietnam, that was an extremely high risk job. Thankfully, it was not the Lord's will for him to be deployed. God used a determined Marine Commandant to keep the Marine Reserve (the entire 4th Marine Division) together and not have certain units deployed independently. It was God's will for him to stay here and fulfill an even greater mission for Him.

Personally, my childhood plans changed as God opened doors through college, job opportunities, prison, and being a father. He closed many doors and opened up many others which turned out to be even better than my childhood plans. Even in prison, God worked in ways and gave me opportunities I never dreamed about. That life was filled with daily uncertainty. They could move you from one end of the state to another, and you wouldn't know about it until the morning they told you to pack your stuff. That happened to me once, and it ended up being one of the best things that happened to me. The Lord works His will in amazing ways. At some point "Lord willing" worked its way into my vocabulary. It wasn't out of habit, but out of a better understanding of how God works His will in our lives; an understanding based on experience and trust in Him.

We should all pray for our children, especially that God will work in their lives, bring them into a closer relationship with Him, and teach them to trust Him in everything. On an evening not long ago, Mack and I were turning in for the night. Heading to my room I told Mack, "See you in the morning." As he climbed the stairs to his room, he responded a simple "Lord willing"; a simple response that was sweet music to a father's heart.

Scott Snowden

THANK YOU!

THANKS for the special donations given to the church, building or stained glass funds:

**Thank you so much for my gift. My family and I love it. God Bless you,
Gianna Ella Sanders and family.**

Thank you to my church family.

Thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, calls and cards during my recent surgery. We don't know what we would do without all of you.

Michael Stanbery & family

**Please take a moment and congratulate our newest church couple that were wed here on Aug 20th, 2016
Hector & Kara Soto.**

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SESSION

The Session of Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in a regular meeting on Sunday, August 7, 2016 at the church. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Moderator Pro-Tem Jeanie Saunders. Elder Richard Snowden led in the opening prayer. Elders in attendance were: Lonnie Knight, Jim Rolan, Terry Sanders, Marianne Sharp, Richard Snowden, and Jeanie Saunders. Deacon Peggy Long was in attendance.

A quorum was present.

Business included:

- a) Treasurer gave financial report for Jan – June 2016. Copies have been provided for church members.
- b) Benevolence in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be sent to Donna Reid, widow of former pastor Richard Reid.
- c) Received Kara Horner and Hector Soto into church membership on confession of faith.
- d) Elder Lonnie Knight to be delegate to Presbytery of East Tennessee on Saturday, October 1 at 9:00am with the Pleasant Vale CPC. Elder Richard Snowden to be alternate delegate.
- e) Church Yard Sale to be on Saturday, October 1 beginning at 8:00am.
- f) Name of Peggy Long to be placed in nomination for Deacon Class of 2020 and names of Richard Snowden and Allen Williamson to be placed in nomination for Elder Class of 2019. Names will be presented to the church membership in a congregational meeting on Sunday, August 14 immediately after the morning worship service.

The next session meeting will be Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 5:00pm.

The minutes were read and approved. Closed in prayer by Elder Marianne Sharp



September

- 04 Matt Rose
- 10 Dale Case
- 17 Susan Griggs
- 21 Katy Belisle
- 21 Kathleen Garrett
- 23 Mae Ishman
- 27 Amanda Moore
- 30 Connor Rollins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 09/01 Stu & Patsy Houpt
- 09/03 L.D. & Donna Word
- 09/10 Mike & Carolyn McClane
- 09/21 Bruce & Jennifer Baker
- 09/28 Mark & Kristie Woolard

THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH

Elder of the Month – Jim Rolan

Deacon of the Month – Ron Saunders

**Greeters for September– Susan Rollins &
Amanda McClane**

Greeters for October- TBA

Prayer of Gifts and Self

- 08/28 Marianne Sharp
- 09/04 Gereldean Carmichael
- 09/11 Terry Sanders
- 09/18 Jeanie Saunders
- 09/25 Marianne Sharp
- 10/02 Gereldean Carmichael
- 10/09 Terry Sanders

To those of you who are reading this newsletter and do not have a church home, we welcome you to join us!

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship –7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Activities

Meal – 6:00 p.m. T.B.A monthly

Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please make sure we have your correct email address.

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE:

Our new church website with weekly updated information is now up. The new site is talbotcpc.org

Upcoming Events

- Aug 28** **Building Fund Offering**
4:00 pm Family Night
- Sept 4** **Food Pantry Drive**
11:00 am Communion Service
7:00 pm Worship Service
- Sept 13** **6:00 pm CPWM Meeting**
- Sept 14** **6:00pm Monthly Wednesday Night**
Dinner
- Sept 20** **7:00 pm Worship at Life Care Jeff.**
- Sept 22** **Lady's Night Out!**
- Sept 25** **Building Fund Offering**
6:00 pm Family Night
- Oct 1** **8:00 am Church Yard Sale**
- Oct 2** **Food Pantry Drive**
11:00 am Communion Service
7:00 pm Worship Service

LifeCare Service

Please remember to join us for an evening of worship and fellowship at LifeCare of Jefferson City on SEPT 20th, at 7:00PM.

C.P.W.M. Meeting

The ladies will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday SEPT 13th, at 6:00pm at the church. Bring a light snack to pass. Come join us.

C.P.W.M. LADIES NIGHT OUT!

The Cumberland Presbyterian Women Ladies Night Out will be on SEPT 22nd @ 6:00pm. Please R.S.V.P. to Geraldean Carmichael.

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ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Jim Rolan	Lonnie Knight	Richard Snowden
Jeanie Saunders	Terry Sanders	Allen Williamson

Deacons

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2020
Larry Knoll	Ron Saunders	Peggy Long

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Family in our Thoughts and Prayers:

Prayer Concerns:

Dale Case
Amanda Eldridge
Ellen Horner
Ralph Lamb
Carole Martin
Phyllis Knight
Steven McCrary
B.J. Rolan
Ron Saunders
Bill Speck
Michael Stanbery
Mandi White
Bailey Willis

Praise GOD!

Hobert Jenkins

Those Grieving:

Elmer Wagner family
Terry Moore family
Junior Woods family
Sonya Hall family
Rev. Randall Joines family
Charles Miller family
Ryan Norton Carpenter family
C. T. Davis family
Johnny Smelcer family

MISSIONARIES:

Daniel & Kay Jang
Korean Mission
Matt & Heather Wallace
Glenn Watts

Please remember those listed in the weekly bulletins that may not be listed here.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH.

Pastor Dave Charlton tells us, "After a worship service at First Baptist Church in Newcastle, Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety seven-year old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!'

It worked!

Community Food Pantry Needs

Please remember that the first Sunday of the month, is the day we collect for our monthly Food Drive that goes to the local food pantry. Let us challenge ourselves to do all that we can in our giving!

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For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
 Live as children of light-- Ephesians 5:8

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