

# THE CUMBERLAND CHRONICLE

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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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## Memories

At Christmastime, my mind wanders back to my Christmas's growing up. I grew up in a rich family, not with money, but with LOVE. I didn't realize that we didn't have a lot of money, because I had all I ever needed.

Christmastime was always special. Every Christmas, my Daddy, sister, and I would go up to the Helton's farm and hunt for just the right Christmas tree. It would always be a cedar tree. We would talk Daddy into a tree that he said was too tall but he would cut it down anyway. There was a lot of walking and we would get tired. One time when we got tired walking back, Daddy put Anne Lacy on his back and then I got on her back plus Daddy pulled the tree home. When we got home, Daddy always had to cut about 2 feet off the tree because it would be about 10 feet tall and we only had an 8 foot ceiling. Then Anne Lacy and I would decorate the tree and Mother would referee. She divided the tree so that I decorated one half and Anne Lacy the other half. I was a fast decorator!!!! It was obvious which side was mine. Then the wait began for that special day!!!

I have so many special memories growing up. Church was also a special place for me. We were at church for all services. One of my first memories was Mrs. Annie Austin's Sunday school class at the back of the church around a little wooden table. The Easter egg hunts, the hikes up to the top of Crockett's Ridge (of course before it was developed.) Sitting in my pew, during a revival, and knowing at the end of that service that I had could not stay there. I just had to walk to the altar to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior!!! I became a Christian and a member of Economy UM Church. When my family began coming to Talbott CP Church, we changed our membership here. I had memories at Economy and now I have many memories at Talbott. Our sons grew up here and have their "church" memories. They have grown up and have families of their own but one thing is the same, they have found a church where they live and have moved their membership to this new church. Now their families are making memories at their church.

Thank you for letting me reminisce about some of my memories. Memories make up our lives – some good but some not so good. Whatever happens, may Jesus Christ be at the center of your life.

Merry CHRISTmas!!!

*Jeanie Saunders*

## ADVENT 2016

at

Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church

November 27 – The First Sunday of Advent  
6:00pm Hanging of the Greens Service

December 4– The Second Sunday of Advent  
12:00 noon 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "New Church" Luncheon  
6:00pm Service of Lessons & Carols

December 11 – The Third Sunday of Advent  
11:00am Choir Cantata – "Christmas Carol Celebration"  
Gift to the King Offering  
6:00pm Children's Christmas Program

December 18 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
5:00pm Family Night

December 24 - Christmas Eve  
5:00pm Communion Service

December 25 – Merry Christmas!  
10:30am Worship Service (no Sunday School)

**Sunday December 4, 2016, we observe the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in our "new church". Following the morning worship service, there will be a catered luncheon.**

**Our first morning worship service here was The Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 1996.**

Forward in Faith It's hard to believe that we have been worshiping in this facility for twenty years. The journey to be here was a tribute to the congregation's faith, dedication, stewardship, and hard work. After determining that the existing building on Talbott-Kansas Road was structurally unsound, the commitment to relocate was started in the late nineteen eighties. God opened the door to obtain this property which was part of the Cornwell farm. The church agreed to build a new building with a targeted budget of three hundred thousand dollars plus the property. Several preliminary drawings were done and Fred Ward in Johnson City was hired as the architect. Numerous drawings were completed before one was agreed to. When half the projected cost was in the bank, we broke ground in late fall, 1994. Gary Epps was the contractor and Quentin Herron was the job superintendent. As work continued, things were added and I became concerned that costs were greatly exceeding the original budget. I continued to pray hard, keeping Philippians 4:6&7 as my theme verses. The Building Fund continued to grow. I stayed in touch with our banker, Randy Hall at Union Planters Bank and he assured us to not worry, and they would take care of the loan increase. Work continued through 1995 and into 1996. We wanted to be completed by October for the fall meeting of presbytery which we had committed to host. Even though carpet and tile was not down, we used chairs and hosted the event including the first worship service October 5, 1996. We continued our Sunday worship in the old location until December 1, 1996. We started that service at the old building and all who were able, walked to the new building for our first congregational service. The new pews arrived in mid-December and the project was completed. In the end the total cost including furnishings and organ was almost a million dollars. The church contributions were over six hundred thousand dollars and the original bank loan was three hundred and seventy five thousand which was paid in less than ten years. The Lord had truly blessed the church and its efforts. I have learned many things from my twenty seven years at Talbott. God is always faithful and when he gives you a vision and a call, stay on task and through faith remain committed to see it completed. Faithful living is demonstrated through faithful giving of time, talents, and money. Ninety percent of the relocation project was given by the congregation and its extended family. When concerns and disagreements arise, pray earnestly and God will provide a solution. The Holy Spirit works for unity, not disharmony. Finally, it's easier to build a church building than a church congregation. We stand at the threshold of continuing that journey. Pray as earnestly, work as diligently, and give as generously toward that effort as the congregation of the last century did in theirs. Find your place of service and join in the ministry walk to bring Jesus Christ into the lives of this community.

Richard Snowden

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### DECEMBER

05 Garrett Breeden  
08 Jane Brooks  
10 Larry Knoll  
11 Mitzi Sanders  
16 Linda Littleton  
17 Carole Martin  
19 Isabella Saunders  
29 Lance Saunders  
29 Allen Williamson

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/05 Allen & Rita Williamson  
12/27 Eugene & Jean Garrett

## THOSE SERVING FOR THE MONTH

**Elder of the Month – Terry Sanders**

**Deacon of the Month – Ron Saunders**

**Greeters for December- Jane Satterfield &**

**Michael Stanbery**

**Greeters for January- Larry & Gale Knoll**

### Prayer of Gifts and Self

11/27 Gereldean Carmichael  
12/04 Terry Sanders  
12/11 Jeanie Saunders  
12/18 Marianne Sharp  
12/25 Gereldean Carmichael  
01/01 Terry Sanders

## THANK YOU!

**THANKS for the all the special donations given to the church, building or stained glass funds.**

*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.

## CHURCH WEBSITE:

Our new church website with weekly updated information is now up. The new site is [talbottpc.org](http://talbottpc.org)

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 27      **Building Fund Offering**  
**6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens**  
**Service**
- Dec 4        **Church 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Food Pantry Drive**  
**11:00 am Communion Service**  
**12:00 pm Luncheon**  
**6:00 pm Worship Service**
- Dec 11      **Gift to the King Offering**  
**11:00 am Choir Cantata-“Christmas**  
**Carol Celebration”**  
**6:00 pm Children’s Christmas**  
**Program**
- Dec 13      **6:00 pm CPWM Meeting**
- Dec 18      **5:00 pm Family Night**
- Dec 20      **7:00 pm Worship at Life Care Jeff.**
- Dec 22      **Lady’s Night Out!**
- Dec 24      **5:00 pm Christmas Eve. Communion**  
**Service**
- Dec 25      **Merry Christmas!**  
**Building Fund Offering**  
**10:30 am Christmas Worship Service**
- Jan 1        **Happy New Year!**  
**Food Pantry Drive**  
**11:00 am Communion Service**  
**6:00 pm Worship Service**
- Jan 10      **6:00 pm CPWM Meeting**

### LifeCare Service

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

### C.P.W.M. Meeting

The ladies will be having their monthly meeting on Tuesday Dec 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 Dec 22nd @ 6:00pm. Please R.S.V.P. to GERALDEAN CARMICHAEL.

## 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  
Ralph Lamb  
Carole Martin  
Phyllis Knight  
B.J. Rolan  
John Spain  
Michael Stanbery  
Bailey Willis

### Praise GOD!

Kristen Pennington  
Bobby Phillips

### Those Grieving:

The Michael Hulick family  
The Stu Houpt family  
The Bill Tester family  
The Terry Burchell family  
The T. L. Shockley 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.

One Sunday in a Midwest city, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

### 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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