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UNIFICATION OF TWO DENOMINATIONS – UNIFICATION MYTHS, PART 2



Last week, we began looking at the myths of unification regarding the proposed *Plan of Unification* of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. In this article, we look at five more.



Myth #6 - CPC is looking to join the PCUSA and desires to grow their membership before that happens.

The reality is that the CPC is not in any kind of conversation with the PCUSA, or any other ecclesiastical body, about unification/merger.

Myth #7 - Unification is actually a takeover.

The reality is that this process is an effort to become one community of like believers sharing the same doctrine and historical roots. The CPCA will not just be absorbed by the CPC. Christ calls us to be one and together we will be able to accomplish so much more in the kingdom of God than we can do alone.

Myth #8 - The two churches are seeking to unify due to financial crisis.

The reality is that the Unification Task Force made a long list of reasons for unity and opportunities for unity. Financial stability was not mentioned once. Unification is about becoming a greater witness for Christ and participating together as brothers and sisters who share common doctrine and historical roots.

Myth #9 – The reason we did not unite the last time we tried is that the CPCA (or CPC) didn't want to unite.

The reality is that though there have been several attempts to re-unite our two denominations, separated in 1874, both churches share responsibility for continuing our separate existence until today. The last "Plan of Union," developed by the Joint Committee on Unification (JCU) in the 1980's and early 1990's, was never put to a vote. The JCU, to its deep sadness, recommended to both GA's in 1991 that all efforts toward unification stop at that time because of their conviction that support for unification was not strong enough in either church to continue. Both GA's concurred in the recommendation. The plan was never submitted to the GA's or the presbyteries for a vote.

Myth #10 - There are no CPC/CPCA churches near me, so unification does not affect me.

The reality is diversity in our denomination affects us all. How will you prepare yourself to work in harmony with a diverse population at Presbyterial, Synodic, and/or General Assembly levels? How do you address diversity within in your community? There will be many answers specific to your particular context. The CPC/CPCA churches are connectional, just as the body of Christ is connectional. What affects one part, affects all parts. Will it be harmony or will it be division that affects the body?

Putting these myths to bed is essential in becoming one church. As you read this, both General Assemblies will have just concluded meeting together in Tampa, Florida. Continue to pray and raise questions as we seek to become one.

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS 2017



What a blast! Thank you to all our Volunteers---the best anywhere!!! To the children, you make all the work worthwhile. Parents, you are doing a good job raising your children! We shared delicious meals, fellowship, Bible stories, music, neat art projects (I love my G.U.T.S.Y. bear!), science experiments and recreation fun in some VERY WARM temperatures. The Brentwood Robotics Team showed up for a demonstration, which was really cool. And we even got a hockey game in to salute our Nashville Predators. Plus we raised over \$400.00 for our mission

project; *Pencils of Promise*. So somewhere in this world, a child is going to learn to read and have a school to attend, because some very caring children at Brenthaven Vacation Bible School decided God created them for a purpose. All of you are a blessing to me. Thank you. *Ms. Cheryl*

CPWM MEETING & LUNCH

Rev. Lisa Cook of *Sacred Sparks Ministry* will be presenting the program at the CPWM Meeting **Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 am** in the Adult Library. Hostess for this meeting is **Donna Blewett**. Everyone is asked to please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided.

All ladies of Brenthaven are considered to be members of the CPWM and are invited to attend. We hope you make plans to attend and check out this mission-minded organization.

CHILDREN'S FEST - REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 30TH

Brenthaven children and volunteers will leave Friday July 7, 3:00 pm to travel to Bethel University for CHILDREN'S FEST 2017. Children's Fest is for children who have completed Kindergarten through completed 6th grade. Cost is \$33.00 per Brenthaven child, which includes three meals, overnight lodging at Bethel and registration fee. **Deadline to register is Friday, June 30.** Contact Cheryl Morris by phone 615-373-4826 or by email at cabmorris17@gmail.com for more information.

CPWM OFFICERS' LUNCHEON

All local officers of the CPWM are invited to an Officers' Luncheon Saturday, July 22, 10:00 am at Dickson CP Church hosted by the Nashville Regional Officers. Please bring any questions or suggestions you may have, as well as your CPWM Manual.

Please **RSVP by Saturday, July 15** by calling 615-828-4084 or email rdtjct@hotmail.com



CPWM YARD SALE

Spring cleaning your house and/or garage? Remember the CPWM Yard Sale and start saving your donations. The sale will be **Friday, July 28** and **Saturday, July 29**. The earliest we will be accepting donations is **Monday, July 10**.

Requested are household items, working electronics, children's toys, seasonal items, books, CD's, DVD's VCR tapes, furniture and miscellaneous items. Please **NO** clothes or shoes will be accepted.

GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES

**THE BIG
BACKPACK
GIVEAWAY**

GraceWorks Ministries Big Backpack Give Away will be held on Saturday, August 5. This event provides needed school supplies to over 2,000 students in Williamson

County and will be held at Liberty Elementary school. Having the needed and required supplies can make a difference between success and failure. If you can donate any school supplies please bring them to the church office and place them in the orange bin marked GraceWorks. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Sunday School 69 Worship 120

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Deborah Deaton, Hardy Moyers

Homebound

Forrest King

Members

Hester Allen, Michael Beaton, Jackie Bryan, Evelyn Davenport, Ben Davis, Mickey Davis, Allen Deckret, Barbara Gentry, Em Ghianni, Madge Graves, Paul Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Jacob Malloy, Jean Overstreet, Larry Pulley, Peggy Rushing, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Rev. Don Tabor

Family and Friends

Jim & Christine Alford (*co-workers of Diana Williard*), Carney Allen (*father of Greg T. Allen*), Charles Douglas Ballard (*cousin of Joan Bledsoe*), Dorothy Black (*grandmother of Megan Gregali*), Charles Bloom (*friend of Barry Campbell*), Jacob Boling (*nephew of Ann White*), Bowles Family (*friends of Angie Johnson*), Penny Bucher (*sister-in-law of Carol Perryman*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Peggy Byrd, Jimmy Carson (*friend of Miab Faircloth*), Betty Collins (*friend of Rose O'Hara*), Sue Cook (*mother of Lisa Cook*), Marion Day (*father of Jim Day*), Glen DeWitt (*father of Suzanne Ghianni*), Rob Dollar (*friend of Tim Ghianni*), Kathy Dozier (*daughter-in-law of Bob Dozier*), Mary Edwards (*mother of John Edwards*), Bill Garrett (*son of Beverly Garrett Shaw*), Frank Gillespie (*step-father of Russ Deaton*), Tommy Graves (*son of Paul & Madge Graves*), Wendy Graves (*granddaughter of Paul & Madge Graves*), Deborah Irwin (*friend of Jonelle Summitt*), Judy Jones (*friend of Scott Felts*), Lori Lindley (*friend of Mike & Julie Murphy*), Shirley Malborough (*grandmother of Angie Johnson*), Adam McDougal (*nephew-in-law of Cheryl Morris*), Marisa Morgan and Family (*friend of Heather and Ian MacDonald*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Ben Osburn (*former member*), RheAnn White Peacock, Judith Plucker (*friend of Nanette Ricker and Shali Scott*), Martha Pulley (*mother of Larry Pulley*), Brenda Reed, Earline Rolman (*mother of Deborah Rolman*), Pat Simpson (*mother of Sheryl Day*), Susan Simpson (*sister of Sandra Moyers*), Kevin Sisk (*brother of Kimberly Crowe*), Debby Turner (*sister of Cheryl Tabor*), Cleo Underwood (*sister of Barbara Loyall*), Kelly Wallace (*daughter of Fred & Carol Ford*), Barbara Woodward (*mother of Sandra Moyers*), Judith Wright (*grandmother of Carolyn Hallbright*), those serving our country

Deaths

Family of David Burrows (*friend of Sandra Shepherd*)



MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mary Scott

Joyce Burch
Larry & Jan Davidson
Bob Dozier
Jan Marshall
Ron & Brenda Medlin
Hardy & Sandra Moyers
Wylene Nix
Guy & Loretta Sneed

In Memory of Beverly St. John

Joan Bledsoe
Robert & Connie Gee
Elwyn & Bonnie Pierce
Bob & Cheriadeth Rutledge

In Memory of Ed Bryan

Betsy Canupp

In Memory of Dot Ghianni

Em Ghianni

In Memory of David Burrows

Bart King

In Honor of Cheryl Morris

Ronny & Becky Jones

In Honor of Suzanne Ghianni

Ronny & Becky Jones

PLEASE PRAY

From the Ends of the Earth is the theme for CYPC 2017, June 25 - June 30 at Bethel University in McKenzie, TN. Our Youth ROCKS will join other CP youth from across the country and around the world for this event. Please pray for everyone involved to have safe travel, good health, changed lives, and hearts and minds open to God. May all come away with a deeper understanding of God's love and plan for their lives.

BIG THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all the people who contributed the things that I had on my Wish List for CYPC.

I am well prepared and I thank you dearly for your contributions.

Sandra

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 25 9:30 am** Sunday School
10:45 am Worship
- June 25 - 30** CPYC *Bethel University*
- June 27 10:30 am** CPWM Meeting & Lunch
- June 29 11:00 am** Knitting/Creative Craft Ministry
- July 2 9:30 am** Sunday School
10:45 am Worship

SERVING WEEK OF JUNE 25

- Acolytes:* Leah McCulley, Sophia Summitt
- Lector:* Barry Campbell
- Greeters:* Otis &Carolynn Hallbright
- Nursery:* Betsy Canupp, Barbara Dial (*Sunday School*)
Betsy Canupp, Laura Winslow (*Worship*)
- Ushers:* Billy Dial, Greg Allen,
Cindi Edwards, Charlie Floyd,
Tim Garrett, Otis Hallbright,
Elwyn Pierce, Frank Scott
- Wee Worship:* Sheryl Day,
TBD

SAVE THE DATES

- CPWM Yard Sale **Fri., July 28 - Sat., July 29**
- Church Wide Picnic **Wednesday, August 9**
- Consignment Sale **Fri., Aug 17 – Sat., Aug 19**
- Pet Blessing **Sunday, October 1**
- Brenthaven Bazaar **Saturday, October 28**
- Trunk or Treat **Sunday, October 29**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 18

	OPERATING & DEBT RETIREMENT BUDGET
Dedicated Giving	628.68
Donations towards Budgeted Expense	7,632.11
Weekly Need	10,772.37
Received for Budget Year-to-Date	227,419.42
Need Year-to-Date	269,309.25 (41,889.83)
Monthly Principal & Interest Payment	10,000.00
Mortgage Principal Balance	529,302.17

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

- Kip J. Rush**, Pastor
- Sandra Shepherd**, Associate Pastor of Christian Discipleship
- Cheryl Morris**, Children’s Ministry
- Linda Pulley**, Director of Music
- Amity Marsh**, Organist
- Penni Reitmeyer**, Office Administrator

Session - The Elders

<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Suzanne Ghianni	Barry Campbell	Russ Deaton
Jill Weisz Keller	Bill Dobbins	Chris Fleming
Rhonda Mossbarger	Jennie Ford	Renee McCulley
Christi Peppers	Julie Murphy	Julie Travis