

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Bill and June Black - Bill received a liver transplant December 5th.
Colby Bolen - Health issues.
Jackie Early - fell and broke a rib.
Geneva Empfield - fell and broke her femur, is in NHC.
Mitzi Griffin - broke her right elbow.
Dotty Herron - Has been diagnosed with Hyper Parathyroid Disease.
Thomas Qualls - Saw a neurosurgeon Jan 16th for evaluation of cervical surgery.
Tina Sansom - Had surgery Dec. 18th and is recovering at home.
Thom Smith - Stage 3 multiple myeloma. He is undergoing chemo.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jennifer Boneta, friend of Kay Terrell, unable to take chemotherapy due to health issues.
Caleb Boulware, 17 yr old relative of Mitzi Griffin, bone and lung cancer.
Frank Bullard, nephew of Becky Bullard, health issues.
Ford Deese, will have an MRI every 3 months.
Alethea Earl, Thomas Quall's sister, being treated for leg pain, improving.
Gary Hagenauer, the son of Richard & Emily Hagenauer, stage 4 lung cancer.
James Jones, friend of Mary Rhodes, health issues.
Ed LaPan, Nephew of Betty Hitchcock, passed away December 17th.
Sue Ellen Mosler, sister of Mary Rhodes, in the hospital with pneumonia.
Creta Ross, sister of Carolyn Qualls, diagnosed with A-fib, congestive heart failure, a clot in the heart, and infection in the aortic valve.
Dick Schreiber, Brother of Meg Schreiber, serious health issues.
Suzette Stiles, Ollie Nolan's niece, dealing with several health issues.
Bonnie Wills, great aunt of Alexandra Courtney, has lung cancer.

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January 20, 2025

SESSION REPORT FOR JANUARY 14, 2025

- Devotion and Opening Prayer:** Theresa McKenrick
- Present:** Rev. Blakeburn, Glenn Clemons, Mitzi Griffin, Jon Keck, Pam Leckey, Sidney Thurmer, and Margaret Harper.
- Clerk of the Session:** Elected Mitzi Griffin to be the Clerk of the Session for 2025.
- Treasurer's Report:** Received in November: \$20,963.36. Expenses for November: \$16,324.03. Received in December: \$35,259.99. Expenses for December: \$27,205.69. Received in 2024: \$288,147.50. Expenses for 2024: 220,968.99.
- Pastor's Report:** a. Received Jim & Betsy Pease as our newest members by email vote on Sunday, November 24th. Jim came to us on Profession of Faith and Baptism. Betsy came to us Reaffirmation of Faith. b. Encouraged every ministry to meet and map out their vision for 2025 and report to the Session at our February meeting. c. Moderator Blakeburn will be preaching at the Denomination Day Celebration in Ft. Worth, TX on Sunday, February 16th. Rev. Harper will lead worship and preach for us on that Sunday. d. Noted that we had 136 for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.
- Administrative Ministry:** An updated Shepherd List was given to each elder. Corrections were made to that list.
- Christian Education:** The Children's Easter Program will be on Palm Sunday, April 13, during the Sunday School time. A light breakfast will be served. The play is *The Easter Tree*.
- Communications and Marketing:** The Kite Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26th.
- Missions Ministry:** Expressed deep appreciation to our congregation for its generous support of our various projects in 2024.
- Worship Ministry:** a. Expressed appreciation for the Music Ministry under the guidance of Carlton Harper. b. We are excited about the addition of a Youth Choir.
- Properties Ministry:** a. Discussed taking care of our cabin at Camp Chilhowee. b. Discussed the need for an updated appraisal for our church property.
- Other Business:** Discussed the proposal of rezoning the property on the west side of our church. One proposal is to build Town Homes on the 3.6 acres between us and the Masonic Lodge. Glenn Clemons and Jon Keck will try to attend the council meeting when they discuss that proposal.

UPCOMING SERMONS

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Children's Time: *Pastor*
Sermon: *The Weeds in Our Wheat Field*
Scripture: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-39*



February 2, 2025
Denomination Sunday
Children's Time: *Duncan Shelton*
Sermon: *God So Loved...*
Scripture: *John 3:16-21*

Our Faithfulness

January 12th	January 19th:
Sunday School: NA	Sunday School: 14
Worship: NA	Worship: 60
Offering: NA	Offering: \$5,594.09

THE SESSION

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Glenn Clemons	Pam Leckey	Margaret Harper
Mitzi Griffin	Thom Smith	Theresa McKenrick
Jon Keck	Sidney Thurmer	Barry Shelton

Commemorate the Past



Inspire the Future

Denomination Day Celebration
Of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 2, 2025
3:00 p.m. at the
Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church
503 College Avenue
Loudon, Tennessee

Everyone's invited! Please join with our Cumberland Presbyterian brothers and sisters to celebrate the birthday of our denomination which dates to 1810. We will **Commemorate the Past** with memorial tributes to six past Moderators of the General Assembly who were members of the Presbytery of Tennessee at some time in their pastorates. These tributes will be presented by Rev. Ron Longmire, Rev. Leonard Turner, Rev. Mark Hester, Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, Rev. Mike Wilkinson, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Sweet. These will be followed by speakers who will encourage us to **Inspire the Future** of our denomination. Speakers are Griffen Smith (Candidate for the Ministry), Gina Wood (Candidate for the Ministry), and Rev. Billy Price. It will be a time of celebration through these presentations, through music, and through fellowship. We hope to see you there!

The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship.

BIRTHDAYS

01/23	Paulette Missaggia	01/31	Jim Luton
01/25	Jessica DeMaster	02/02	Robert Terrell
	Linda Diggs		
	Jennifer Menefee		



THANK YOU

"I just want to thank my wonderful church family for your prayers, cards, and calls during this time that I've been recovering from my broken elbow surgery. It is such a blessing to have such a loving and caring church family. You have always been such a blessing to me and my family."
-Mitzi Griffin

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

We have four ways of notifying our members and friends about cancellations due to weather conditions.

Email: An email message will be sent notifying everyone on the congregational email list of any changes in church activities.

Phone Call: We will activate a phone chain and attempt to call everyone listed.

Answering Machine: Call the church office and you will hear a recorded message concerning cancellations.

Church Sign: The electronic sign will display a message regarding cancellations.

ADULT CHOIR

I have heard from many of you how much you enjoyed the choir's music during the holidays. Now I would like for you to consider joining us. There are really only two requirements. One, be at least 14 years old, and two, be able to "carry a tune." It isn't necessary to read music, although that is a help. If you enjoy singing, if only in the shower, we would like you to join us. We will have choir practice following worship. I hope to see you there!

Carlton Harper, Interim Choir Director

YOUTH CHOIR

We are starting a youth choir for all kids in the church. We will practice during Children's Chapel after they have their lesson. It is our hope that the children will sing in church one Sunday a month. Please encourage your children to participate! *Theresa McKenrick and Margaret Harper* will be leading the choir, please contact them for more information.



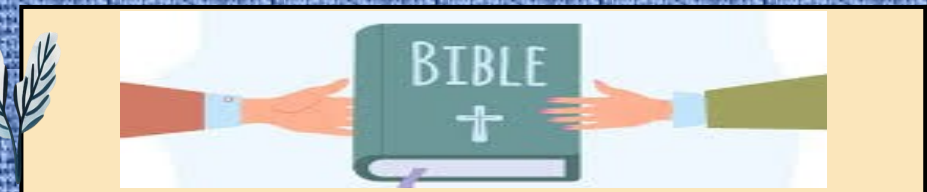
WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Word Bible Study Group is studying the Book of Genesis. "Genesis is the Book of beginnings. In this book we find the beginnings of the material universe, human life, human sin, divine judgment on human sin, covenant promises, and the Israelite tribes... Genesis provides a foundation for a great deal of what we can know about life and our Lord." They meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Bible Discussion classroom.

Sunday, January 26: *Jacob Joins Laban's Family* (Genesis 27:41-31:55)
Sunday, February 2: *Jacob and Esau Are Reconciled* (Genesis 32-36)

JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

The Journey Study Group is exploring "Knowing God" by J.I Packer. "Packer helps you know more about God and know God more through a close relationship with Jesus Christ. Engaging, practical, and thought-provoking, it will enliven your faith and fill you with wonder and joy." This class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor– <i>Rev. Larry Blakeburn</i>	Treasurer– <i>Blake Shelton</i>
Secretary– <i>Tracy Dunlap</i>	Interim Music Dir.– <i>Rev. Harper</i>
Organist– <i>Barbara Spence</i>	Pianist– <i>Kim Keck</i>
Facebook Administrator– <i>Harold Ketterer</i>	
Youth Leaders– <i>Duncan & Amelia Shelton</i>	