

**PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS**

**Bill and June Black** - have returned home!  
**Bud Brown** - recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
**Jackie Early** - fell and broke a rib.  
**Geneva Empfield** - fell and broke her femur, room 109 at The Courtyards.  
**Thomas Qualls** - Had cataract surgery on Feb. 11th and is being scheduled for back surgery.  
**Mildred Scott** fell and broke the humerus bone in her left arm.  
**Thom Smith** - Stage 3 multiple myeloma. He is undergoing chemo.

**PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Jennifer Boneta**, friend of Kay Terrell, 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** is in remission!  
**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.  
**Dan McCarthy**, father of Chris McCarthy, is having affected kidney removed this week. They also found a blood clot in his adrenal gland that needs addressing.  
**Ron and Linda Norton**, friends of Tina & Vernon Sansom. Ron is undergoing chemo for Lg B cell Lymphoma.  
**Creta Ross**, sister of Carolyn Qualls, doctors are doubling up her medicine to stabilize the A-fib and monitoring the blood clot and the mass on her aortic valve.  
**Pete Ruyf**, recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
**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 Amy Courtney, passed away January 26th.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, Pastor  
**February 17, 2025**

**SESSION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2025**



- Devotion and Opening Prayer:** Margaret Harper
- Present:** Rev. Blakeburn, Glenn Clemons, Mitzi Griffin, Margaret Harper, Jon Keck, Pam Leckey, Barry Shelton, and Sidney Thurmer,
- Treasurer's Report:** Income in January: \$12,678.28. Expenses for January: \$21,580.84. Income was down due to a missed Sunday (snow), and low attendance on another Sunday due to weather conditions.
- Pastor's Report:** a. Prayer concerns were listed. b. Pastor's schedule as Moderator was given for the Spring meetings of Presbytery.
- Administrative Ministry:** a. An updated Shepherd List was given to each elder. b. Barry Shelton was elected to be our delegate to the April 5 meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Glenn Clemons was elected as an alternate.
- Christian Education:** a. Vernon Sansom will teach the Journey Class in April. b. Pastor Blakeburn will lead a study of *The Faith and Beliefs of Cumberland Presbyterians* every Wednesday evening at 6:30 during Lent. c. Sunday FunDay will be on March 30 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. d. The church will provide 100 Lenten devotionals to the congregation. e. 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:** a. The Kite Festival will be held on Saturday, April 26th from noon to 4:00 p.m. b. Family Falloween will be on Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Missions Ministry:** a. Listed all current local and denominational projects. b. Children's Home Sunday is March 16th .
- 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. c. Recommended that we replace the piano in the choir room. d. Updated Worship Ministry Membership for 2025. e. Listed all special services in 2025. Our Ash Wednesday Service is on March 5 at 6:30 p.m.
- Properties Ministry:** a. Discussed taking care of our cabin at Camp Chilhowee. b. Listed possible property actions for 2025, and property actions that could be taken care of by the members of our church.
- 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 attended the council meeting where they discuss that proposal. There were several objections to that proposal.
- Closing Prayer:** Pastor Blakeburn

**UPCOMING SERMONS**

**February 23**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
Children's Time: *Pastor*  
Youth Choir: *They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love*  
Sermon: *Good News for Bad Times*  
Scripture: *Jeremiah 29:4-14*

**March 2**  
**Eighth Sunday after Epiphany**  
Children's Time: *Duncan Shelton*  
Sermon: *How's Your Heart?*  
Scripture: *Proverbs 4:20-27*

**Our Faithfulness**

<b>February 9th:</b>	<b>February 16th:</b>
Sunday School: 25	Sunday School: 19
Worship: 85	Worship: 79
Offering: \$5,095.00	Offering: \$6,700.91

**THE SESSION**

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



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

02/17	Sandy Bradshaw	02/22	Harold Ketterer
02/18	Brian Collins	02/24	Pat Thompson
	Geneva Empfield	02/26	Sherry Ketterer
02/21	Mary Murray		
	Maria Williams		

### ANNIVERSARIES

02/25	Bud & Jean Brown
02/27	Pete & Jessica DeMaster

## CAMP CHILHOWEE VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to get Camp Chilhowee ready for campers!

**When:** EVERY SATURDAY in March 2025 from 9am-4pm  
we will be ready for volunteers to help revitalize the camp.

[Weekdays are available by appointment.]

**Where:** Camp Chilhowee, 1920 Old Chilhowee Loop Road, Seymour, TN

We need help to blow leaves, rake, cut trees, clean buildings (inside and out). We need painters, carpenters, electricians, artists, techies and general labor. **WE NEED YOU!!!**  
**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON SATURDAYS, JUST LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING.**

Contact **Barry Shelton** at **865-405-7849** or email [dbarryshelton@hotmail.com](mailto:dbarryshelton@hotmail.com).

### DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:

Camp Chilhowee, c/o Treasurer, 240 Silo Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. We will have a special worship service at 6:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. The service will conclude with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Imposition of Ashes. After receiving the sacrament that symbolizes our salvation, the sign of the cross will be placed on the foreheads of believers as a sign that we belong to Christ.

## LENTEN EVENING STUDY

Wednesday, March 12 through Wednesday, April 16, we will have a study of *The Faith and Beliefs of Cumberland Presbyterians*. It is a study of the Confession of Faith and Catechism of our denomination. This study will be led by Pastor Blakeburn, Rev. Carlton Harper, and Rev. Vernon Sansom. If you have any questions about what we believe, this will be an excellent time explore those questions. Join us during the Season of Lent!



## ADFAC: CRISIS CUPBOARD

Please help collect new and unused items for ADFAC. Your donation will help people in our communities with items that they cannot afford. The items that we currently need are:

- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers and Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Body Wash & Loofahs
- Disposable Razors
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Household Cleaners
- Sponges
- Dish Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Non-perishable Food:  
*Pasta, Oatmeal, Cereal, Soups, Nut Butters, Beans, Rice, Canned Meats, etc.*

\*ADFAC & TORCH are both ongoing missions projects. There are labeled boxes located in the Fellowship Hall for donations.



## TORCH

During these cold winter months, TORCH is in need of the following items:

- Gloves
- Hats
- Socks
- Hot Hands (*put in gloves or socks*)
- Protein or Granola Bars (*all year*)
- Hygiene Products for Men & Women:

*Deodorant, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Razors, Small cans of Shave Cream, Feminine Hygiene Products, Combs, Brushes, Hand Sanitizer, Wet Wipes, Small Kleenex.*

**THANK YOU!**

## 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, February 23: *Jacob and Joseph Say Their Last Words* (Genesis 47:27-50:26)

Sunday, March 2nd: *Understanding the Bible, Spring 2025 Study Guide Begins*

## 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.

## THANK YOU

"Thank you to all members for prayers, calls, cards, and correspondence received. With extra thanks for the gifts from CPWM, Stephen Ministry, and Ruth Circle. A big shout out to Meg, and many thanks!"

- Nancy Stephenson

