

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Bill Black is in the hospital with a low blood count from his medicine, and all of his liver tests are still normal. No visitors are allowed. Keep Bill and June in your prayers.

Bud Brown - recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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 had her g tube removed and her blood work looks great.

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, had his kidney removed.

They also found a blood clot in his adrenal gland.

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 Ruyl, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Dick Schreiber, Brother of Meg Schreiber, serious health issues.

Beth Selweski, a friend of Mary Rhodes, passed on Wednesday, February 26. Keep her family in your prayers.

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March 3, 2025



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

Every Wednesday, March 12th through April 16th, at 6:30 p.m. 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!



MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE FEAST



We will have a special worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 17th. Instead of a formal worship service with Holy Communion, we will have an *Agape Feast*. This is how the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was practiced when the early Christians gathered and shared a common meal. After the meal, they would take the elements of bread and wine, bless them, and all would share the *Eucharist*, "in remembrance of Jesus." We will have a Fellowship Dinner on Maundy Thursday, and Communion elements will be on each table in the fellowship hall to be shared by those at that table following the meal. Join your church family for an *Agape Feast on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m.*

UPCOMING SERMONS

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Children's Time: *Amelia Shelton*
Sermon: *Church of the Living Dead*
Scripture: *Revelation 3:1-6*

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Children's Time: *Patricia Pace*
Sermon: *Characteristics of a Christian Community*
Scripture: *Acts 2:42-47*

Our Faithfulness

February 23rd:

Sunday School: 26

Worship: 98

Offering: \$17,525.22

March 2nd:

Sunday School: 20

Worship: 74

Offering: \$6,930.00

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Glenn Clemons
Mitzi Griffin
Jon Keck

Class of 2026

Pam Leckey
Thom Smith
Sidney Thurmer

Class of 2027

Margaret Harper
Theresa McKenrick
Barry Shelton



BIRTHDAYS

3/6	Jon Keck	3/15	Mike Magill
3/7	Crystal Huskey		Thomas Qualls
3/8	Tina Silva	3/16	Kay Terrell
3/10	Barbara Urbaniak		Donna Caswell
3/11	June Black		

SUNDAY FUNDAY



We would like to welcome all children of the church to our Sunday FunDay event on **March 30th**. Please join us from **1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.** for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and creativity!



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.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING



Would you like to become a Stephen Minister?

A new training class will begin September 23, 2025. Stephen Minister training is an engaging, energizing experience that features a mixture of presentation, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities. Stephen Minister training teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others. It gives you new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting, equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life, helps deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver, builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among all those in your class, and is highly interactive, engaging, and a lot of fun! If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Ann Gentry.

CAMP CHILHOWEE VOLUNTEERS



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.

DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO:

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



WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Word Bible Study Group started a new study this month. They are exploring *The Letters to the Thessalonians*. These two letters speak to the faith, love, and hope of believers. They reveal strong bonds of concern and love in God's family. The Thessalonian letters show not only the hope of living eternally with Christ but also the need for godly living in the meantime. We see the pain, hard work, and rejoicing that come with being a follower of Christ.

They meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Bible Discussion classroom.

Sunday, March 9: *Memories of Paul's Visit* (1 Thessalonians 2:1-16)

Sunday, March 16: *Hope for Another Visit* (1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13)

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— Rev. Larry Blakeburn

Secretary— Tracy Dunlap

Organist— Barbara Spence

Facebook Administrator— Harold Ketterer

Youth Leaders— Duncan & Amelia Shelton

Treasurer— Blake Shelton

Interim Music Dir.— Rev. Harper

Pianist— Kim Keck

