

**PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS**

*Bill Black* is out of the hospital now and his white blood cell count is good. He still has to avoid crowds, but they are grateful for the prayers!  
*Donna Binnie* had hiatal hernia surgery March 15th. She is in room 457 of Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge.  
*Bud Brown* - recovering from knee replacement surgery.  
*Thomas Qualls* - Had cataract surgery on Feb. 11th and is being scheduled for back surgery.  
*Mildred Scott* - still has a cast on her arm, but is healing.  
*Thom Smith* is now cancer free, but will need further treatment.

**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.  
*Candace Buttram*, daughter of Rev. Buttram, 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, 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.  
*Eugenia Latimer*, sister of Carol Williams, passed away.  
*Ron and Linda Norton*, friends of Tina & Vernon Sansom. Ron is undergoing chemo for Lg B cell Lymphoma.  
*Nicole Pappano*, friend of Dennis & Suzy Sauerwein, is in stage 4 cancer.  
*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.  
*Dick Schreiber*, Brother of Meg Schreiber, serious health issues.  
*Zac Smith*, nephew of Paulette Missaggia, was discharged from hospital.

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**UPCOMING SERMONS**

**March 23**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Children's Time: *Pastor*

Sermon: *Things That Can Kill a Church*

Scripture: *Mark 6:1-6*

**March 30**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Children's Time: *Duncan Shelton*

Sermon: *The Shocking Secret of Happy People*

Scripture: *Philippians 1:1-11*

**Our Faithfulness**

**March 9th:**

Sunday School: 27

Worship: 82

Offering: \$5,095.00

**March 16th:**

Sunday School: 22

Worship: 76

Offering: \$12,161.03

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2025**

Glenn Clemons

Mitzi Griffin

Jon Keck

**Class of 2026**

Pam Lecky

Thom Smith

Sidney Thurmer

**Class of 2027**

Margaret Harper

Theresa McKerrick

Barry Shelton



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**March 17, 2025**

**LENTEN EVENING STUDY**

**Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** we will study  
*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 to explore those questions.

*Join us during the Season of Lent!*



**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is the last week in Lent, beginning with Palm Sunday, April 13th, and going through Saturday, April 19th (Holy Saturday). It is given special attention because of its significance as we remember the suffering of Christ. On Palm Sunday, we will remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was characterized by the crowds waving palm branches and proclaiming Jesus as the messiah (John 12:13). Our worship will begin with our children waving palm branches as they walk down the isle of the sanctuary during the prelude. Maundy Thursday, April 17th, is the anniversary of the institution of the Lord's Supper, which was held the evening before the crucifixion. The name Maundy Thursday is taken from the Latin mandatum, meaning "command", referring to the "new commandment" Jesus gave us: to love one another just as He loved us.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE FEAST**



We will have a special worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

## Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



### BIRTHDAYS

3/17	Andre Robinson	3/25	George Pace
3/22	Mackenzie Fay	3/26	Joyce Daunt
3/23	Kevin Webber	3/28	Sheryl Richards
3/24	Blake Shelton	3/29	Meg Schreiber

### ANNIVERSARY

3/30 Bob & Tina Silva

### 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!

STEPHEN  
MINISTRY



*If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Ann Gentry.*

### 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!

### CPWM FUNDRAISER

Sunday, **April 6th** the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry will be holding a fundraiser of sandwiches.

*Menu and pricing to be announced, stay tuned!*



### EASTER PROGRAM



For this year's Easter program, the children will be performing "The Easter Tree." It will be held on April 13th, at 9:45 a.m. and a light brunch will follow. We hope to see you there!



### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



We will be ordering Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary again this year. If you would like to order an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out a form (located in the Narthex).

Orders are due by **March 28th**.

Each Easter Lily is **\$22.00**.

*Please make checks payable to **Amy Courtney**, and include the form with your check or cash.*



### 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 23: *A Life of Pleasing to God* (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12)

Sunday, March 30: *Assurance of Christian Immortality* (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

### 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

