

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Bill Black will go to the Mayo Clinic for a check-up on April 6th.
Donna Binnie is recovering from hiatal hernia surgery.
Larry Gentry is dealing with kidney stones.
Mildred Scott - still has a cast on her arm, but is healing.
Thom Smith is now cancer free, but will need further treatment.
Kay Terrell will have eye surgery on Wednesday, April 2nd.

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, blood work looked good and she will have an MRI April 17th.
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.
Bill Mahaney, a friend of Becky Bullard, is in Park West Hospital with a bleeding colon.
Dan McCarthy, father of Chris McCarthy, is recovering from surgery.
Ron and Linda Norton, friends of Tina & Vernon Sansom. Ron is undergoing chemo for Lg B cell Lymphoma.
Nicole Pappono, friend of Dennis & Suzy Sauerwein, is in stage 4 cancer.
Melissa Peele, niece of Pam Leckey, passed away March 20th.
Bill Ross, brother of Betty Sellers, passed away on March 22nd.
Creta Ross, sister of Carolyn Qualls, has a-fib, and a clot in the heart.
Dick Schreiber, Brother of Meg Schreiber, serious health issues.
Carolyn Welch, mother of Scottie Welch, fell and broke her pelvis. She is also dealing with heart issues, the flu and pneumonia.

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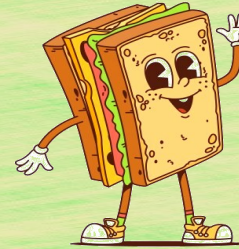
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March 31, 2025



CPWM SPRING FUNDRAISER: SANDWICHES-TO-GO



Support our CPWM fundraiser by getting sandwiches-to-go on Sunday, April 6th. A reservation form will be available through the church office through the week.



Return your reservation form to Kay Terrell or any CPWM officer. Each Sandwich is \$8.00, which includes a pickle and a bag of chips.



CHILDREN'S EASTER PROGRAM



Please Join us on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**, for the Easter program being presented by our kids: *The Easter Tree*. In *The Easter Tree*, the true message of Easter is discovered through scripture based clues. Children on a mysterious "hunt for Easter," their Bibles as their only maps, discover the meaning of Easter in Jesus Christ, God's Son. It will begin at 9:45 a.m. and a light brunch will be provided by the Christian Education Ministry.



STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

A new training class will begin September 23, 2025. Stephen Ministry 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 and equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life. It helps deepen our faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver, and builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among all those in your class. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact *Ann Gentry*.



UPCOMING SERMONS

April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Children's Time: *Amelia Shelton*
Sermon: *When Life Falls Apart*
Scripture: *Revelation 2:8-11*

April 13

Palm Sunday

Children's Time: *Patricia Pace*
Sermon: *A Tale of Two Parades*
Scripture: *Matthew 2:1-11*

Our Faithfulness

March 23rd:

March 30th:

Sunday School: 21 Sunday School: 30
Worship: 78 Worship: 99
Offering: \$1,855.00 Offering: \$6,495.00

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

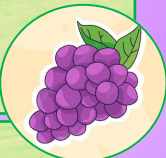
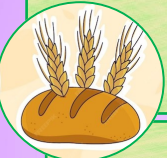
Glenn Clemons
Mitzi Griffin
Jon Keck

Class of 2026

Pam Leckey
Thom Smith
Sidney Thurmer

Class of 2027

Margaret Harper
Theresa McKenrick
Barry Shelton





BIRTHDAYS

3/31 Hal Hughes
4/02 Don Winn
4/11 Sarah Makin

ANNIVERSARIES

4/11 Mike & Debbie Magill
Barry & Maria Shelton



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 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."

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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.**



CHURCH STAFF

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



FAMILY KITE FESTIVAL



Saturday, April 26th—Noon until 4 p.m.
*Free treats, fun and flight for the entire family—
Bring a kite or we'll help you make your own!*

Registration and flight schedules begin at 12 p.m. on the lawn of 1st CPC. Every Flyer will receive a Family Kite Festival certificate.

The Family Kite Festival Workshop begins at 12 p.m. and is available throughout the festival.

Event staff will offer free instruction and supplies. Each child will receive one kite kit to build & decorate their own unique personalized kite. Kite kit includes: plastic kite, sticks, kite tail & handle with string.

Pre-registration is recommended to ensure your position in scheduled flight times and availability of kite workshop supplies.

Registration forms are located in the Narthex, and also on the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church website www.1stcpc.org.



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, April 6: *Life in Anticipation of Christ's Coming* (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

Sunday, April 13: *Guidance on Christian Conduct* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)

JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

The Journey Study Group will begin a study of *Life Lessons from Philippians: Guide to Joy* by Max Lucado on Sunday, April 6th. "In an era marked by frustration, could you use more contentment? In a world filled with anxieties, worries, and fears, could you stand to have a bit more joy? The believers in Philippi were struggling. They were trying to grow in faith and live for Christ. Trying to deal with conflict and threats of persecution. The apostle Paul was stuck in a Roman prison when he wrote to this young church. His letter could have focused on his own troubles. Instead, he wrote about living a life full of joy, peace, and contentment. Paul's confidence reminds us of God's wisdom and control in the difficult moments of life. His excitement challenges us in this guide to joy."

This class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.