

**PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS**

Bill Black had a check-up at the Mayo Clinic on April 6th and received good news from his evaluations!

Donna Binnie is recovering from hiatal hernia surgery.

Larry Gentry is dealing with kidney stones.

Thom Smith is now cancer free, but will need further treatment.

Kay Terrell had eye surgery 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, will have knee surgery May 12th.

Gary Hagenauer, the son of Richard & Emily Hagenauer, lung cancer.

Norma Hohman, mother of Alan Hohman, was diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer.

James Jones, friend of Mary Rhodes, health issues.

Bill & Sandra Mahaney, friends of Becky Bullard, are both in the hospital.

Ron and Linda Norton, friends of Tina & Vernon Sansom. Ron is undergoing chemo for Lg B cell Lymphoma.

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, Vanderbilt will use specialized equipment to try and identify the mass on her aortic valve at the end of the month.

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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**UPCOMING SERMON**

April 20

Easter Sunday

Children's Time: Pastor

Youth Choir: He Is Risen!

Adult Choir: Acclamation for Easter

Sermon: The Miracle of Christianity

Scripture: John 20:1-18

**Our Faithfulness**

April 6th:

Sunday School: 27

Worship: 95

Offering: \$4,777.34

April 13th:

Sunday School: n/a

Worship: 108

Offering: \$5,309.58

**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



**The Promoter**

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April 14, 2025

**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*. 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.**

**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**.



**CPWM SPRING MEETING AND BRUNCH**

CPWM will have their Spring Brunch and joint meeting on **Saturday, May 3rd at 10:30 am**. All the women in the church are invited to come for a delicious brunch and wonderful fellowship. You do not have to attend one of our Circles in order to attend. Barry, Maria, and Rebekah Shelton will be our guests and give us an update on Camp Chilhowee and their vision for the camp. So, please save the date, come get to know the women of FCPC, and make some new friends! You won't be disappointed.

## PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery of East Tennessee met on Saturday, April 5, at the Greeneville C.P. Church. Our delegate to this meeting was Barry Shelton. Pastor Blakeburn, Linda Diggs, and Maria Shelton also attended.

- Dr. Larry Blakeburn, Moderator of the 193 General Assembly, had a short devotion prior to the business meeting of Presbytery.
- Elected Rev. Tammy Greene to serve as Moderator of Presbytery and Rev. Jamie Lively to serve as Vice Moderator.
- Elected Drew Brandon of the Beaver Creek C.P. Church to serve as Youth Advisory Delegate.
- Elected Rev. Andy Blackwelder (Greeneville Church), and Harold Ketterer (Oak Ridge Church) to serve as administrators for the Presbytery of East Tennessee website.
- Announced that the Synod of the Southeast will meet on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. eastern time at Silverdale C.P. Church in Chattanooga, TN.
- Received a report from the Camp Chilhowee Board. Introduced Barry Shelton as the new Caretaker and praised the work that Barry, Maria, and Rebecca are doing with the camp. Junior Camp will be held Sunday through Friday (June 1-6), and Youth Camp (Jr. & Sr. High) will be held Sunday through Friday (June 8-13).
- Received a report from the Camp John Speer Board. 2025 Retreat, Camp and workday dates were given.
- Received a report from the Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care, which included a memorial service for church members and ministers in presbytery who died during 2024. Their names were read during a special service at the conclusion of Presbytery.
- Received a report from the Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care and licensed Griffin Smith (Beaver Creek Church) to preach the gospel. He serves as Director of Children and Youth Activities as well as pastoral intern at Loudon CPC.
- Concurred in the report and adopted the recommendations of the Board of Missions. Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship between Rev. Andy Eppard and the Cedar Hill C.P. Church. He is leaving our denomination. Accepted the resignation of Dr. Thomas Sweet from the Beaver Creek C.P. Church. He is retiring after 30 years of ministry with them. Rev. David McBeth is also taking retirement status. Rev. Dale Watson resigned from Young's Chapel C.P. Church. The Board also drew our attention to *ENGAGE*. This program is designed to help congregations reach the unchurched, strengthen discipleship, and develop an outwardly focused two-year ministry plan.
- Concurred in the Report of the Board of Finance and adopted its recommendation to approve the financial reports for 2024.
- Concurred in the Report of the Board of Christian Education and adopted its recommendations. Recommendation 1: Denomination Day celebrations will be held on February 1, 2026. Recommendation 2: That the CP'S CONNECT event be held on July 12, 2025 at the Talbott CPC.
- Approved a Memorial to the 194<sup>th</sup> General Assembly resolving that the General Assembly declare the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast was illegitimate, that the CP Church investigate the Synod of the Southeast and take appropriate action, and to consider disciplinary actions against specific persons and/or entities, if warranted. (There was a heated and lengthy discussion on this Memorial.)
- Adjourned to meet with the Knoxville First CPC on October 4, 2025.

## Happy Birthday and Anniversary to...



### ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 Brad & Sarah Makin  
4/18 Alan & Wendy Hohman

### BIRTHDAYS

4/16	Amy Butcher	4/19	Ace Edwards
	Milo Griffin	4/20	Alexandra Sands
4/17	Claire Pace		Jimmy Stetzel
4/18	Debbie Magill	4/27	Jeanetta Nutter
	Carolyn Qualls		

### THANK YOU

The CPWM thanks everyone for supporting our *Sandwiches-to-Go* fundraiser. Some of you got the sandwiches and some of you made generous donations. As a result of your support, we raised about \$850.00. This will allow the CPWM to support the church and its many projects.

-Kay and Margaret



### THANK YOU

To my dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls that encouraged me while I had to deal with various health issues for the past months— (if it wasn't one problem, it was ten). I am also very pleased by all the happy 85th birthday greetings. God's blessings on you all.

In His love,  
Meg Schreiber



### 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 20: *Guidance on Christian Conduct* (1 Thessalonians 5:12-28)

Sunday, April 27: *Persecution and Justice* (2 Thessalonians 1)



### JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

The Journey Study Group began a study of *Life Lessons from Philipians: 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.

Sunday, April 20: *Triumph in Trouble* (Philippians 1:12-18)

Sunday, April 27: *Standing Firm* (Philippians 1:19-30)