PRAYER CONCERNS – MEMBERS

Dave Ellison, began radiation treatment.
Larry Gentry, receiving therapy at home.
Sarah Makin, recovering from surgery.
John Peryam, recovering at home from gallbladder surgery.
Carolyn Qualls, health concerns.
Thomas Qualls, will have shoulder surgery on October 20th.
Tina Sansom, multiple health issues.
Dennis Sauerwein, health concerns.
Maria Williams, health concerns.
Kim Williams, recovering at home.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Megan Bowlby, friend of Betty Hitchcock, has breast & bone cancer.
Ford Deese is two years cancer free and will have an MRI every 4 months.
Revonda Hale, friend of Becky Bullard, will have radiation treatment and enter hospice care.
Rick Hitchcock, Betty Hitchcock's nephew, diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and is undergoing treatment.
Charlie Jackson, friend of Jim & Betsy Pease, was released from the hospital.
Kenneth Minch, Betty Hitchcock's nephew, passed away Sept.19th.
Burch Nolan, brother of Ollie Nolan, was in CCU and is now in a rehab facility.
Nelson Nutter, father of Greg Nutter, is in ICU with low heart rate, underwent emergency Pacemaker surgery.
Mason Pack, son of Robert & Kay Terrell's friend, health concerns.
Kay Sams, friend of Tina Silva, is having serious health issues.
Barbara Urbaniak, had surgery September 16th.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Time: *Duncan Shelton*
Sermon: *Children of Light*
Scripture: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Our Faithfulness

October 4:	**October 11:**
Sunday School: 17	Sunday School: 33
Worship: 82	Worship: 85
Offering: $6,280	Offering: $4,148

SESSION

Class of 2026	**Class of 2027**	**Class of 2028**
Pam Leckey	Margaret Harper	Mike Bradshaw
Sidney Thurmer	Theresa McKenrick	Ann Gentry
	Barry Shelton	Hal Hughes

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October 12, 2026

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 1, we will observe ***All Saints' Day*** during our worship service. *All Saints' Day* is a time to remember the "great cloud of witnesses" whose living memory is a source of inspiration for us. The term *saint* refers to the legion of believers who have served faithfully in the church and who touched our lives in special ways. We will observe this day with a special time of remembering the *saints* of our church who have died this past year. There will be candles representing each person and we ask that a family member or friend come forward during a special litany and light a candle in remembrance of their loved one.

Saints being remembered: *Geneva Empfield, Jim Batch, Jim Luton, Thom Smith*, and *Jim Giles*.

If we have missed anyone, please let us know by Wednesday, October 28th.

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Thank you for the wonderful expressions of appreciation on Sunday, October 4th. I loved the card with the very generous cash gift, the C.S. Lewis Bible, and the beautiful cross that I can hang on the wall! Three great gifts for which I am deeply grateful! It is a privilege and a joy to be your pastor and I pray that God will continue to bless our ministry together! Thank you!!

Pastor Larry

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery of East Tennessee met on Saturday, October 3, at Marietta Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Elder Pam Leckey was our delegate to this meeting. Pastor Blakeburn and Rev. Sansom also attended this meeting of Presbytery.

- Elected Rev. James Carter to be the Moderator for Fall 2026, and Elder Gwen Roddye as the Vice Moderator.
- Announced an Evangelism Conference, *Initiative 5.29 Compelling Ways to Share the Gospel,* to be held in Huntsville, Alabama on May 5-7, 2027. "The church is called into being and exists to reach out to those who have not experienced God's grace in Christ, and to nourish them with all means of grace."
- Received the report from the Camp John Spear Board of Directors giving the Retreat/Camp Dates and cost for 2026-2027.
- Received the report from the Chilhowee Camp Board which gave the Cabin/Church Partnership List. Our church is responsible for Cabin 8. It also gave the camp dates for 2027: June 13-18 will be Kids Camp for 3rd-7th grades and June 20-25 for Youth Camp for grades 8-12.
- The pastoral relationship between the Cedar Hill C.P. Church and Rev. Kevin Wood was dissolved. Rev. Wood has retired.
- The pastoral relationship between Dover C.P. Church and Rev. Jerry Scott was dissolved. Rev. Scott has retired.
- The pastoral relationship between Marietta C.P. Church and Rev. Randall Mayfield was dissolved. Rev. Mayfield has retired.
- Rev. Robert Watkins was approved as Interim Pastor at Marietta C.P. Church.
- Approved a recommendation that beginning in 2027, 50% of the interest earned in the previous year's New Church Development Fund be given to the Denominational New Church Development Fund and the remaining 50% to be transferred to the Presbytery's Operating and Reserves Accounts.
- Approved a Mission Projects Fund of $10,000 to be drawn from reserve funds.
- Approved an Emergency Fund of $5,000 to be funded from reserve funds.
- Approved the 2027 Presbytery Budget. Our presbyterial apportionment for 2027 is $9,473.60.
- Marcy Brooks was licensed to preach the gospel. She is currently serving the Philadelphia C.P. Church.
- Roland Reese was licensed to preach the gospel. He is currently serving as pianist and teaches Bible study at the Corntassel C.P. Church.
- Elders Terry Cannon and Cheryl Fillers were approved to oversee the service of the Lord's Supper at Cedar Hill C.P. Church.
- Elected Rev. T.J. Malinoski, Rev. Alfonzo Marquez, and Martha Marquez as Clergy Delegates to General Assembly.
- Elected Rev. Andy Blackwelder, Rev. Larry Blakeburn, Rev. Thomas Campbell and Rev. James Carter as Clergy Delegates to the Synod of the Southeast on May 6, 2027 at Silverdale C.P. Church.
- Adjourned to meet at the Maryville C.P. Church on the first Saturday in April 2027.

BIRTHDAYS

10/14 Vernon Sansom
Joel Urbaniak
10/21 Pete DeMaster
10/24 Pam Reedy Smith
10/26 Karis Neyman

ANNIVERSARIES

10/15 Robert & Kay Terrell
10/19 Ralph & Linda Aurin
10/21 Harold & Sherry Ketterer
10/25 Jon & Kim Keck
10/26 Tosha & Rusty Heydel

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