PRAYER CONCERNS – MEMBERS

***Ralph Aurin*,** recovering from pacemaker surgery Oct. 20th.
Dave Ellison, began radiation treatment.
Larry Gentry, receiving therapy at home.
John Peryam, recovering at home from gallbladder surgery.
Carolyn Qualls was released from Emory University Hospital; more bloodwork being done.
Thomas Qualls, recovering from shoulder surgery on Oct. 20th.
Tina Sansom, multiple health issues.
Dennis Sauerwein, health concerns.
Kim Williams, recovering at home.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Megan Bowlby, friend of Betty Hitchcock, has breast & bone cancer.
Ford Deese, 2 years cancer free, will have an MRI every 4 months.
Revonda Hale, friend of Becky Bullard, passed away on Oct. 16th.
Rick Hitchcock, Betty Hitchcock's nephew, has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor and undergoing treatment.
Charlie Jackson, friend of Jim & Betsy Pease, was released from the hospital.
Jodi Lowe, friend of Judy Norman, had a stroke in her eye, more tests.
Nancybeth McNeill recovering from throat surgery on Oct. 22nd.
Ken Menefee, Jim Menefee's brother, passed away on Oct. 16th.
Kenneth Minch, Betty Hitchcock's nephew, passed away on Sept. 19th.
Burch Nolan, brother of Ollie Nolan, released from rehab and home.
Mason Pack, son of Robert & Kay Terrell's friend, health concerns.
Kay Sams, friend of Tina Silva, is having serious health issues.
Dick & Bonnie Schreiber, brother and sister-in-law of Meg Schreiber, are having serious health problems.

Our Faithfulness

October 18:	**October 25:**
Sunday School: 23	Sunday School: 28
Worship: 88	Worship: 87
Offering: $4,827.44	Offering: $6,785

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 26, 2026

SESSION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 13, 2026

1. **Devotion and Opening Prayer**: Hal Hughes - *Kindness*

2. **Present**: Rev. Blakeburn, Mike Bradshaw, Ann Gentry, Margaret Harper, Hal Hughes, Pam Leckey, Theresa McKenrick, Barry Shelton, Sid Thurmer, and Mitzi Griffin (Session Clerk)

3. **Treasurer's Report:**
   Offering in September: $23,587.87. Expenses in September: $55,207.17. Discretionary Income: $13,475,00 (Memorials and Gifts), $318.32 (Refund), $100.00 (Facility Usage), $37.19 (Interest Earnings from Checking).

4. **Communications**: Thank you letter from The Board of Theological Education and Lay Ministry for our contribution of $2,600 on Seminary Sunday.

5. **Pastor's Report**: a. Prayer concerns were discussed. b. Average Worship Attendance for September was 83 and Sunday School was 26. c. 2026 Property Appraisal: $2,900,000. Previous Appraisal: $1,650,000. d. Pastor will be on vacation Thursday, October 22nd until Monday, October 26th. e. Reviewed Presbytery Report from October 3, 2026 meeting. f. Approved a recommendation to send Pastor Blakeburn and a lay person to the Evangelism Conference to be held in Huntsville, Alabama on May 5-7, 2027.

6. **Administrative Ministry**: Approved the following members to be on the Nominating Committee for the purpose of presenting a slate of candidates to the Session to fill the vacancies on the Session. Vacancies: Pam Leckey, Sid Thurmer and Thom Smith.

7. **Stewardship Ministry**: a. Approved the 2027 budget. b. That the budget presentation be set for November 15th during Sunday School.

8. **Closing Prayer**: Rev. Larry Blakeburn

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.

BIRTHDAYS

10/26 Karis Neyman
10/29 Larry Blakeburn
10/31 Jordan Menefee
11/01 Betsy Coleman
Amy Yu
11/05 Brady Fay
11/06 Addie Weaver
11/07 Tosha Heydel
11/09 Jim Pease

ANNIVERSARIES

10/26 Tosha & Rusty Heydel
11/03 John & Pam Leckey

KIDS GAME NIGHT

Our next Kids game night will be **Saturday, November 14th**. Stay tuned for more information!

LOAVES & FISHES OFFERING

We will distribute offering boxes for Loaves and Fishes on **Sunday, November 8th**. They will be collected on **Sunday, November 22nd** to be placed on the altar for blessing. Proceeds will be distributed as follows: 75% will go to The Brazil Harvest Project, and 25% will remain local to support Second Harvest Food Bank in its efforts to address food insecurity in our community.

This year, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is directing the Loaves & Fishes Offering to The Harvest Project, a ministry of the Mata de São João Mission outside Salvador, Brazil.

Mata de São João, is a town of about 50,000 people sitting on the edge of vast tropical farmland, a short drive from the very different city of Salvador. Our congregation there grew out of an older CP congregation planted by Japanese Cumberland Presbyterians in the countryside, 45 minutes outside of town. As families left the farms for the town over the years, a handful of ordinary believers saw the need and planted a church to meet it. No large budget, no grand strategy. Just people willing to show up where they were.

The Harvest Project is the church serving the Lord with what it has. The mission has identified fifteen families in real need, both within the congregation and in the wider town, and the plan is straightforward: provide those families with food each month for up to two years, alongside visits, encouragement, and prayer. It is not a large program, but it's a five-loaves kind of plan. It is God meeting people in special ways through ordinary means.

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