

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Dean Binnie was in the ER on Friday with a hematoma.
Bill and June Black, Bill is awaiting a liver transplant.
Sam Early - Passed away November 15th. Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, December 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville.
Mary Lea Hall— had a procedure for a fractured vertebra on Friday. She is in room 105 of Diversicare.
Dotty Herron- Has been diagnosed with Hyper Parathyroid Disease.
Thomas Qualls— recovering from knee surgery.
Tina Sansom— is scheduled for surgery December 18th.
Thom Smith - Stage 3 multiple myeloma. He is undergoing chemotherapy.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Caleb Boulware, 17-year-old relative of Mitzi Griffin, has bone and lung cancer. He is tolerating chemo treatments.
Ford Deese, 24 month-old friend of Jim & Betsy Pease, will continue to have an MRI every 3 months due to the type of cancer she had.
Ed LaPan, Nephew of Betty Hitchcock, has lung cancer.
Virgie Lowe, Judy Normans sister-in-law, had elbow surgery Nov.13th.
Kenneth Noeltner, Betty Hitchcock’s brother-in-law, passed away Nov. 22.
Dick Schreiber, Brother of Meg Schreiber, serious health issues.
Beth Selweski, friend of Mary Rhodes, has brain cancer.
Bonnie Wills, great aunt of Alexandra Courtney, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will begin treatment soon.
Heather Young, a friend of Becky Bullard, has cancer.

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UPCOMING SERMONS

December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Children’s Time: *Patricia Pace*
Choir Special: *An Advent Alleluia*
Sermon: *The Prophecy: What Child Is This?*
Scripture: *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Children’s Time: *Amelia Shelton*
Choir Special: *Still, Still, Still*
Sermon: *Joseph’s Dream: God with Us*
Scripture: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Our Faithfulness

November 17th:

Sunday School: 25
Worship: 89
Offering: \$4,533.07

November 24th:

Sunday School: 24
Worship: 92
Offering: \$5,167.00

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Margaret Harper
Theresa McKenrick
Barry Shelton

Class of 2025

Glenn Clemons
Linda Diggs
Jon Keck

Class of 2026

Pam Leckey
Thom Smith
Sidney Thurmer



The Promoter

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Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, Pastor
November 25, 2024

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Betsy Pease were born and raised in Kingsport, Tennessee. They both graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1975 and moved to the Oak Ridge area in 1978. Betsy retired in 2010 after 30 years teaching elementary school in Oliver Springs. Jim retired from CNS/Y-12 as an Engineer in 2016. Activities they enjoy include going to the health club, ballroom dancing and biking.



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Betsy- (865) 567-7546

Thomas and Carolyn Qualls are our newest members. A native of Roane County, Carolyn retired in 2018 after eleven years as the Director of School Nutrition for Hamilton County School. Most of her 46 years in the workforce were administrative positions in secondary and postsecondary education. Thomas was born in Middle Tennessee but grew up in Michigan. He joined the Army after high school, serving over 20 years. After retirement, he served as a missionary in Europe and obtained his Divinity degree and completed his Clinical Pastoral Education at UT Medical Center. He served the next 25 years as a Clinical Pastoral Educator, both as a prison and hospice chaplain.



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Please welcome them all into our church family!



BIRTHDAYS

11/27 Chad Early
12/06 Myles Weaver
12/07 Aria McCarthy
Warren Stetzel



**Please see the FCPC calendar for important scheduling changes this holiday season!

SUNDAY FUN DAY

Sunday, **December 1st**, Children aged 4 through middle school are invited to attend this activity filled afternoon! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Along with other activities, we will spend time preparing for our Christmas Program.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in buying poinsettias, please turn in your order form and payment (*made out to Amy Courtney*) by **December 1st**. Forms are located in the Narthex.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of our worship service on **Sunday, December 8** to act on a report of the Nominating Committee and elect elders to replace those rotating off the Session this year. The election of leaders is the most important thing a congregation is asked to do. The success of the mission of our church is dependent upon the effective service of our leaders.

"Elders are the immediate representatives of the people, elected by them to share with ministers in the government and leadership of the church. The elders who comprise the session share with the minister in charge in the pastoral oversight of the particular church" (*Confession of Faith*, 2.70).

We have three elders whose terms expire in 2024: *Margaret Harper, Theresa McKenrick, and Barry Shelton*. All three are eligible for a second term. They have all agreed to serve for another term, if elected (Class of 2027). We have one unexpired term to fill: *Linda Diggs* (Class of 2025). *Mitzi Griffin* has agreed to fill that position, if elected. The Nominating Committee, on behalf of the Session, will nominate these individuals on December 8th. Other nominations may be made by members of the church, with the approval of the persons being nominated. Unless by acclamation, the vote will be by secret ballot, with a majority of votes cast necessary for election.

CPWM CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



CPWM will be holding a meeting and Christmas brunch at **10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th**. If anyone would like to help, we will also be filling 6 Christmas bags for our shut-in—we have 5 women and 1 man—and would like to collect all items by the 7th. *All ladies of the church are welcome!*

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The children will present "*Just a Little Christmas*" on Sunday, **December 15th** at 9:45 am. A light brunch will be provided by the Christian Education Ministry. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to share this very special time.

GIFT TO THE KING OFFERING

On **Sunday, December 15th** a Gift to the King offering will be taken. This year, the offering will go toward completing the construction of a Cumberland church building in Nan Akou in rural Haiti. The funds donated will be used to complete the building project and any additional funds will support medical and nutritional programs in the area.



WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Word Bible Study Group will start a study of the Book of Genesis on Sunday, December 1st. "Genesis is the Book of beginnings. In this book we find the beginnings of the material universe, human life, human sin, divine judgment on human sin, covenant promises, and the Israelite tribes... Genesis provides a foundation for a great deal of what we can know about life and our Lord."

Sunday, December 1: *God Creates All Things* (Genesis 1-2)

Sunday, December 8: *Disobedience Leads to Death* (Genesis 3-5)

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*

Pianist- *Kim Keck*

Treasurer- *Blake Shelton*

Organist- *Barbara Spence*

Interim Music Dir.- *Rev. Harper*

Facebook Administrator- *Harold Ketterer*

Youth Leaders- *Duncan & Amelia Shelton*

