

PRAYER CONCERNS - MEMBERS

Dean Binnie is in Room 468 of MMC.
Dave Ellison is having tests run.
Betty Hitchcock is recovering from Covid.
Janis Poulin is recovering at home.
Thomas Qualls is in Room 253 of MMC.
Nancy Stephenson's granddaughter passed away recently.
Kay Terrell is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Kimberly Williams was diagnosed with multiple myeloma.

PRAYER CONCERNS - FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Carol Dunn, mother of Maria Williams, broke her wrist, had surgery April 15th.
Revonda Hale, friend of Becky Bullard fell and broke her right ankle.
Lisa Hollis, Mitzi Griffin's sister, has Parkinson's, awaiting medication trial.
Charlie Jackson, a friend of Jim & Betsy Pease, has serious health issues.
Sarah Lieske, niece of Tom & Barb Urbaniak, diagnosed with brain cancer.
Patricia Long, sister of Ollie Nolan, upcoming reconstructive nasal surgeries.
Dorothy Minch, sister-in-law of Betty Hitchcock, broke her hip and is in the hospital in SC.
Bob Minch, Betty Hitchcock's brother, moved from the hospital to Pruitt Health.
Ethan Mistica, a friend of Troy Welch, passed away on April 6th.
Wanda Murray, needs housing.
Gwendaline Parrish, great granddaughter of Helen Harwell, health issues.
Andy Peryam, brother of John Peryam, has stage 4 lung cancer.
Sue Pommenville, sister of Amy Butcher, had surgery on April 2nd.
Lois Richardson, Wendy Hohman's mother, being cared for at home.
Wayne Williams, Theresa McKenrick's great niece's son, born at 31 weeks.

UPCOMING SERMONS

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Children's Time: *Pastor*
Sermon: *What Happens When We Die—Part 2*
Scripture: *1 Corinthians 15*

Our Faithfulness

April 19:	April 26:
Sunday School: 23	Sunday School: 31
Worship: 87	Worship: 86
Offering: \$3913.36	Offering: \$6295

THE SESSION

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

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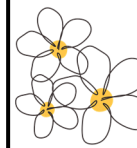
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April 27, 2026

WELCOME AMY YU

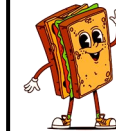
Hello First Cumberland Presbyterian of Oak Ridge! My name is Amy and I have been a resident of Knoxville, TN since 2004. I've lived in Los Angeles, CA, Taipei, Taiwan and also different parts of Maryland including Baltimore.



My hobbies include reading, antiques, cooking and music. I'm excited to be here and worship and serve with a community of believers passionately affirming their faith in Christ.



CPWM UPCOMING EVENTS



Sandwiches To-Go/Bake Sale Fundraiser
Sandwiches will be ready for pickup after church on May 3.

Spring Meeting & Brunch on Saturday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited, bring your favorite brunch dish for a wonderful time of fellowship.

Our guest speaker will be Therica Breazeale, from CAM Cabin Crafts in Townsend, TN. CAM stands for the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries and our denomination is a part of the coalition. CAM Cabin Crafts is a fair-market outlet for handcrafts made in all 13 Appalachian states to help artisans provide basic necessities for their families. The crafters receive 100% profit from the sale of their goods. There are no imported items sold.

If you have thread, buttons, yarn, etc. that you would like to donate, please bring them. Therica will get these items to crafters to help supplement their materials.

Therica will bring a wide variety of beautiful crafts to sell and possibly a few crafters. Please plan to come, eat, shop, fellowship and learn more about this wonderful organization. Invite your friends and neighbors!



Baby Shower for Khari Hughes, Sunday, May 31 at 3:00 p.m. Khari is the granddaughter of Barbara Spence. She is having a boy and is registered at Amazon & Target.



BIRTHDAYS

4/27 Jeanetta Nutter
 4/30 Becky Bullard
 Mary Lea Hall
 Jim Menefee
 5/07 Mildred Scott
 Scottie Welch
 5/08 Mike Bradshaw
 Pam Leckey
 5/11 Paula Shelton

ANNIVERSARIES

5/03 Jason & Crystal Bolen
 5/04 Kevin & Alexandra Sands

CELEBRATE!

Church Picnic



Join us for our church picnic on Sunday, May 24!

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery of East Tennessee met on Saturday, April 11, at the Loudon C.P. Church. Elder Margaret Harper was our delegate to this meeting. Rev. Blakeburn and Rev. Harper also attended.

- Elected Elder Pete Carter as Moderator and Rev. James Carter as Vice-Moderator.
- Elected Rev. Mark Hester as Stated Clerk of Presbytery and Elder Amy Brandon as Assistant Stated Clerk.
- Expressed appreciation to retiring Stated Clerk, Ron Longmire, for his many years of dedicated service.
- Passed a recommendation that all ministers and probationers of presbytery participate on at least one committee. We have 19 ministers who are not on any committees.
- Adopted a recommendation that “any church who has not paid their previous year’s annual apportionment will lose their voting rights at Presbytery until the apportionment has been paid.”
- The pastoral relationship between Beaver Creek C.P. Church and Rev. Billy Price was dissolved, effective December 31, 2025.
- Rev. Robert Watkins was approved as Interim Pastor of the Beaver Creek C.P., effective February 1, 2026.
- Licentiate Chandler Anderson was approved as Stated Supply of the Lebanon C.P. Church, effective April 12, 2026.
- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between New Bethel C.P. Church and Rev. Abby Cole Keller, effective December 31, 2025.
- Approved the Financial Reports from the Board of Finance of Presbytery. This report showed that our church paid 100% of its apportionment for 2025. This was based on an active membership of 147 and an income of \$228,749.00.
- Adjourned to meet at the Marietta C. P. Church in Knoxville on October 3, 2026.

NEW CHURCH LIBRARY

I’m excited! We have a new church library downstairs. We haven’t had a functioning church library since I have been here. Now we do! Hal and Becky Hughes painted the room. Hal made the book shelves and he and Becky stained them. Mary Murray organized and catalogued all the books. This has taken months to complete. We have free Bibles and sections for Bible Commentaries, Bible References, Bible Study, Church History, Cumberland Presbyterian History and Theology, Christian Living, Music and Hymns. Check it out!

MEMORIAL DAY CHAPLAINS FUND

Military chaplains minister to members of the Armed Forces as well as to wives, husbands, children and parents who must wait and pray. The ministry of all federal chaplains is an extension of the outreach of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies, a partner ministry of four denominations, provides support to federal chaplains and their families and has over 120 chaplains serving in the military and Veteran’s Administration hospitals.

On **Sunday May 24th**, we will honor these chaplains with an offering to show them our heartfelt appreciation for all they do for our Armed Forces, Veterans and their families.

THANK YOU

Dearest church family,
 Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards and concern you’ve shown for me as I recover from my surgery. This is hard, I couldn’t do it without my Lord and His angels (you). Each missive has arrived just when I needed it most. I cant wait to get back to you all, I miss you and just being in my Father’s house.

- Kay Terrell

JOURNEY STUDY GROUP

The Journey Study Group is being led by Margaret Harper in a study of Romans. They are reading the book *Be Right - How to Be Right With God, Yourself and Others* by Warren W. Wiersbe.

This class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Sunday, May 3: *Freedom & Fulfillment (Romans 8)*
Sunday, May 10th: *Did God Make a Mistake (Romans 9)*

WORD BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Carlton Harper is leading the Word Bible Study Group in a study following the Spring Study Book *Being the Best for Christ: The Book of 1 Corinthians*.

Sunday, May 3: *Love- the Most Excellent Way (1 Corinthians 12:31)*
Sunday, May 10: *Spiritual Gifts in Perspective(1 Corinthians 14:1-40)*

YOUNG ADULT CLASS

Maria and Mason Williams are leading the class in a study of Max Lucado’s book *Make Every Day Count*. They will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room until the Library is ready.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor—*Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn*
 Admin. Assistant— *Natalie Gibson* Treasurer— *Blake Shelton*
 Music Director— *Amy Byrd* Pianist— *Kim Keck*
 Organist— *Barbara Spence* Accompanist—*Rachelle Hall*
 Facebook Administrator— *Harold Ketterer*
 Youth Leaders— *Duncan & Amelia Shelton*

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