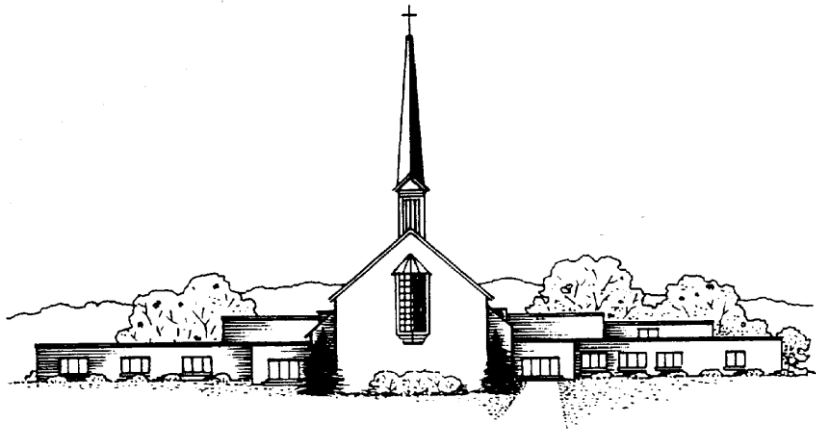


**Christian Education
at
Beaver Creek
Cumberland Presbyterian Church**



“...To prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12-13 NIV)

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Welcome to Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church! We offer a number of Christian Education Activities ranging from Sunday School, Bible Studies, activities for children and youth, as well as opportunities for individual study. We value security and seek to follow the Safe Sanctuary Protocol.

All Sunday school classes meet at 10:00 on Sunday morning in the designated rooms. Feel free to select a class that you feel can best nurture you in your spiritual growth. If you have questions, please contact any of the persons listed or call the church and speak with Rev. Fran Vickers.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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CLASS NAME: BIBLE 101 CLASS

SYMBOL: The Bible

MEETING PLACE: Entering the Family Life Center from the front, turn right and the Bible 101 Class meets in the second classroom on the right.

TEACHERS: Mark Shedden and Margo Puckett

We are people who grow our members in their daily walk of faith, trusting the Holy Scriptures, as our guide. We believe we have a responsibility to share our faith with our class, families, friends, and in all of life.

Come join a class of individuals who share their thoughts and insights as we read through the Bible and study God's word. We also read and discuss other current books and topics when they arise and then we come back to the Bible.

We have a wide range in ages from late twenties to retired plus. We share personal prayer concerns and joys.

We participate in the Feed-a-Friend program and also provide help for others during the holidays or when it is needed. Any and all are welcome to join us.

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CLASS NAME: THE LAMPLIGHTERS CLASS
SYMBOL: A shining light
MEETING PLACE: The Lamplighters meet in the main building in the education wing, room A105.
TEACHER: Tom King

The Lamplighters Class is a class of senior adults. The material for study is a basic Bible study, presenting the Word. Class ends as the group stands in a circle, saying a pledge that is on the wall and having a closing prayer.

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CLASS: THE KITCHEN CLASS
SYMBOL: A Hug
MEETING PLACE: The Kitchen Class meets in the fellowship hall in the room beside the Kitchen
TEACHER: Shared Responsibility

The Kitchen Class is an open and welcoming collection of Christians. Our class revolves around love, sharing, celebration of family and mutual support. We enjoy candid conversations and respectfully sharing of ideas and openness as we study a variety of topics and Christian materials. The group makes the decision of materials to study on what addresses where we are on our journey of faith or what is happening in the world

around us that affects our faith. We support church services, activities, denominational projects and missions.

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CLASS: THE EXPLORER'S CLASS
SYMBOLS: One single Lit Candle
MEETING PLACE: The Explorer's Class meet in the church library, Room A111
TEACHER: Shared Responsibility

The Explorer's Class provides support, friendship, and fellowship for those who, regardless of age or circumstance, are looking for their place in the church and its work. We seek to know more about the Bible (Bible history and geography) as the basis for our lives. We are a caring, supporting group who enjoy being together at church and social settings.

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CLASS: THE CHALLENGERS CLASS
SYMBOL: Chalice
MEETING PLACE: The Challengers meet in the main building in the Education Wing, Room A109
TEACHER: Shared Responsibility

We are a group of adults who come to study the Bible and use it as our main resource. We also use the Encounter curriculum, published by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We support each other and our faith community with prayer. We strive to grow in God's grace and be an inspiration to the Christian community. We contact class members when they have special needs and are absent from class. We believe in serving our God as well as studying and

we carry that out by participating in the feed-a-friend program and we reach out at other times when there are needs. Numerous social activities are enjoyed throughout the year. We welcome any interested adults to come join us.

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CLASS: **WOMEN IN PRAYER CLASS**
SYMBOL: Prayer Hands
MEETING PLACE: The Women in Prayer Class meet in the Family Life Center - Room B101
TEACHERS: Martha Raby & Tara Moore

The Women in Prayer class is a group of women who are specifically and wonderfully made by God to be nurturers as mothers, daughters, wives, and friends. We are women seeking God's will for our lives through prayer and fellowship with one another. Through recognizing our different seasons of life, we encourage one another in her walk with God. Through the acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior, we recognize that we have a specific purpose as women. We function as a support group and encourage confidentiality.

We openly accept ladies of all ages and backgrounds. We support and participate in various service projects which include the feed-a-friend program.

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CLASS: **THE OPEN CIRCLE CLASS**

SYMBOL: Community

MEETING PLACE: Upstairs in the main building. Enter via the stairway in the middle of the building. At the top of the stairs, turn right and our classroom is the first room on the right.

TEACHER: Tommy Halcomb

The Open Circle Class is a class that enjoys fellowship, having fun, and growing closer as a community. We offer a variety of ages, personalities and life experiences and are always open to new members. Our class ranges from early twenties to young couples to adults with children (toddlers to college age) and everything in between. We are intentional about being a supportive community for each other, studying scripture, discussing relevant topics, and figuring out how to apply our faith and Jesus's teachings in our very diverse lives. Our class is exciting, it is fun, and it is very open! It is a place that you can come and relax, let your guard down, and be yourself.

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CLASS: **FELLOWSHIP CLASS**

SYMBOL: Two people hugging while another person waves you in!

MEETING PLACE: The Fellowship Class meets upstairs in the main building. Enter via the stairway in the middle of the building and turn right at the top of the stairs where you will find the classroom at the end of the hall.

TEACHER: Shared responsibility

The Fellowship Class provides its members with a place to share life experiences and develop a closer

relationship with God. While most members have school-age children, we welcome and encourage ALL to join us. Our studies are varied and relaxed, usually including a video series and discussion.

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CLASS: **THE SEARCHERS CLASS**
SYMBOL: Open Hands
MEETING PLACE: The Searchers Class meets in the fellowship hall. Going from the sanctuary, it is the class sectioned off in the back right corner.
TEACHERS: Bill Dunn, Penny Evans, & Tommye McGinnis

We are a class that is searching for a closer walk with God and each other. We are looking for a family feeling, group study, and missions and outreach. All people's opinions are valued and respected. Along with study, prayers, and scripture, we also share love, good times, and hot coffee.

We are searching for the truth in scripture, prayer, and fellowship. We believe in laughing, loving, and sometimes crying together. Our curriculum is varied to meet the many interests and needs of the class.

We are people who "SMILE":

S: searching scriptures, study and social times

M: missions and outreach, meditating, meals on wheels

I: interact with each other, intercede in prayer

L: live, love, and laugh

E: experience, enthusiasms, enjoyment, and empathy for each other

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CLASS: CHARACTER BUILDER'S
CLASS SYMBOL: A Shepherd's Crook
MEETING PLACE: The Character Builder's Class meets upstairs in the main building. Entry is made from the hallway in the middle of the building. At the top of the stairs, take the door on the left and the classroom is the first room on the left.
TEACHER: Shared responsibility

We are a group who work full-time jobs and spend time caring for our children and aging parents.

When we come to class we seek to learn more about God and how God desires us to live. We seek to be aware of God's constant presence to develop friendships as a part of a Christian community. We also seek to serve and act in love in our daily lives. We express our desire to serve by participating in the feed-a-friend program and help at other times with our homebound when needed.

Our materials for study are the Standard Publishing Company with scripture that is also used in the Encounter, published by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

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We hope this information will help you select a class best suited for you.

Feel free to try as many as you need to find your place.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Within our Children and Youth ministry we value security and seek to follow Safe Sanctuary Protocol.

Meeting downstairs in the educational wing of the main building are:

- Infant and toddler nursery classes
- 2 year old class
- 3-5 year old
- Kindergarten– First grade class

Meeting upstairs in the educational wing of the main building are:

- Second and third grade class
- Fourth and fifth grade class

*If you need assistance in finding a class for your children, contact Stacey Cox at 207-4269, or e-mail: beavercreekchildren@gmail.com

Sunday school: We offer classes for children ages 2 years old through 5th grade. These classes meet in the education wing of the main church building

Nursery: We provide childcare during both worship services, Sunday school, Wednesday evening activities, and as needed for other church functions. We have an infant nursery for children birth through 2 years old, and a toddler nursery for children 2 through 5 years old. The nurseries are located downstairs in the education wing of the main church building.

Wonderful Wednesdays: These meetings are from August through May. This program begins at 6:00 PM and consists of service projects, Christian education activities, including Bible, a library visit, choir (4 years – 5th grade) crafts, singing with Pastor Thomas & friends, and recreation. We also offer a Wednesday evening meal beginning at 5:00 in the fellowship hall for anyone who wishes to attend. The price of the meal is \$3.00 children, \$5.00 adults and youth, with a maximum of \$20.00 per family.

Vacation Bible School: Five evenings each summer, we host a community-wide Bible school for preschoolers and elementary students. During this fun and exciting event, children rotate to various activity stations such as music, Bible stories, snacks, crafts, and games. For children ages 4 through those completing 5th grade.

Other activities: The children also have other planned activities including a lock-ins held in the Family Life Center and a “Birthday Party for Jesus” - an annual celebration in a child-friendly learning center format of Christmas traditions, insights and understandings, enabling children to experience the “reason for the season” in a grand Wednesday night celebration in December. The kids also go caroling to local church members houses on this evening.

Volunteer Opportunities: It takes many dedicated people to create a ministry that meets the needs of our children and families. We are always seeking people who are capable of loving, listening, and respecting our children’s uniqueness as children of God. If you are interested in volunteering or discussing where you fit within this ministry, contact Stacey Cox at 207-4265, or e-mail: beavercreekchildren@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

*If you need assistance in finding a place for your youth to experience Sunday school or youth programming, contact the Rev. Billy Price at the church (865-938-7245) or e-mail:beavercreekyouth@gmail.com

Youth Sunday School:

We offer two Sunday school classes for youth.

The first class is for middle school, students in 6th-8th grade. The middle school classroom is located in the upper level of the Family Life Center and is taught by Cindy Scott. The curriculum focus varies from season to season.

The second class is for high school students, grades 9 through 12. The high school classroom is located in the upper level of the Family Life Center. This class is currently taught by Rev. Billy Price and Brandi Smith. This class is a more in-depth study of scripture and discipleship focus than the middle school class.

College and Career Class: We have a class for college-age youth and this class meets in the youth area in the Family Life Center. Kathy Stover is the teacher of this class.

Wednesday Nights:

The middle of the week gathering involves both middle and high school students together. We meet from 6:00 p.m. -7:45 p.m. in the youth area that is in the upstairs of the Family Life Center. We have no set formal agenda, but there will always be some type of biblical teaching/learning. In this setting, we use a variety of teaching styles: listening, reading, discussing, creating,

media, and activities. There are prayer times and play times. We often break into smaller groups for discussion and presentations. This time frame is led by the youth minister and other volunteer leaders.

Other Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Our growth and faith in Christ is nurtured throughout the year through various events and activities. We serve somewhere locally once a month to keep servanthood always before us. We take a summer youth serve trip somewhere each summer for a week. There are a few weekend retreats that we take each year: a fall and spring middle school retreat and a fall and spring high school retreat. We also attend Presbyterial summer camps for middle schoolers and high schoolers. We encourage high schoolers to attend the denominational Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC).

There are a variety of other events and activities we do throughout the year that are intentional for growth, discipleship, and even fun. In all that we plan and do together, we desire to learn and grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and discover the life Christ has for us.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Young Adult Sunday School: See “The Open Circle”
Class information**

Other Young Adult Ministry Opportunities

The Young Adult Ministry is a relatively new ministry, so we are still trying to grow in our opportunities. We have no set formal agenda, but our focus together is to create a healthy and long-lasting community. To do this, we sometimes study a book of the Bible, a book written by relevant authors, or a video study. At times, we may also choose to share a meal together, get together for some recreation, or get together simply to hang out with one another. Activities in the past have included playing volleyball, playing disc golf, going to the fair, watching a movie, having a bonfire, etc. We enjoy spending time together and tend to make all decisions for our activities as a group. Some of the things the group has already been involved in have proven to be very fruitful. At times, we may attend retreats together or share information about denominational Young Adult conferences. At times, we will serve in local ministries in Knoxville.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIBLE STUDY

We have a fall and spring Bible study running 4-6 weeks. The format is usually a video with a workbook and time for discussion. These sessions are on Sunday night from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. The study and video is also available on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The group selects the topic for the studies. We also have a Bible Study during the Lenten Season on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:45.

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THE BEAVER CREEK CHURCH **LIBRARY OPPORTUNITIES**

The mission of the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church Library is to provide up-to-date materials that promote Christian Education.

Library hours are every Sunday 8 a.m. – noon, with staff available 8:00-9:00 a.m., and 10:45-11:00 a.m. The library is located just across from the sanctuary, Room A111. The Library is also open every Wednesday, September through May when children's activities take place. The children visit the library once each month during Wonderful Wednesday activities.

Our church librarian is Judy Fleenor.