

# BEAVER CREEK CPC OUTLOOK

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## INTERIM PASTOR DR. ROBERT WATKINS

Dr. Robert B. Watkins has been selected as Interim Pastor of Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2026. He will serve in this capacity as the church seeks a new Senior Pastor.

Dr. Watkins brings more than 50 years of experience as a minister, author, missionary to Colombia, South America, and as a denominational executive. He also served as the Interim President of Bethel University from January to July, 2023.

Prior to his service at Bethel University, Watkins was the Director of Global Missions for the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination from 1991 to 2013. He holds a B.S. from Bethel University, a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Vanderbilt University. He has pastored churches in Tennessee, Kentucky and Colombia, South America. Robert and Marji have five children. Dr. Watkins was pastor of the Oak Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church from 1987-1991.

Dr. Watkins' first Sunday in the pulpit will be February 1st, please come to worship to give Bob and Marji a warm welcome.

## THANK YOU - ELDERS

As we prepare to install new elders this month, we want to thank the elders who will no longer be serving on session:

Doug Koontz, April Oaks, Richard Shanton, Karen Sampls, Cindy Shepard, Christy Woodruff, Alyssa Atchly, Angela Lowe and Martha Raby. We want to thank Mary Tucker for the time she served prior to accepting the Children's Ministry Team Leader position with the church.

Thank you!

## ELDER TRAINING

The training for newly elected elders will be held in the Youth Room in the Family Life Center on Sunday, January 11th after worship service. The elevator will be available. The ordination of new elders and installation will be during worship on Sunday, January 25th.

## LOVE AND SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to the family of Bea Prater upon her death on Saturday. Information regarding the arrangements will be forthcoming.

## YOUTH

### **New Year Celebration & Lock In**

A special thank you to Sarah Verneuil, Mary Tucker, Jackson Tucker, Stacey Cox, and Eva Myers for their leadership in helping us pull off another wonderful New Year Celebration with our older children and youth this past Friday. It was a great time together as we celebrated the start of a new year!

### **Grace Convo 2026**

Grace Convo is coming up January 16-19, and our youth will be heading back to Gatlinburg for a weekend of worship and fellowship together.

Those who have signed up, please be on the lookout for the schedule and packing list, which will be shared later this week via email and on our Youth Facebook page.

### **Wednesday Night Youth Returns – January 14**

Wednesday Night Youth resumes NEXT week on January 14th.

We'll gather in the youth area from 6:00-7:15 PM. We can't wait to be back together soon!

### **Winter JAM – Interest Check**

Winter JAM is coming to Knoxville on Saturday, February 7. BJ and Sarah are putting out feelers to see who might be interested in going together.

Winter JAM is a national Christian concert tour, and tickets are only \$15.

If you're interested, let us know! You can see full details and the artist lineup here: <https://jamtour.com/02-07-knoxville.html>

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church begins next Sunday, January 11th in the Fellowship Hall, following Children's Time during the 10:30 worship service. It's open to children ages 5 through 5th grade and will replace the 9:30-10:15 Children's Sunday School. Children may still attend the nursery with Mrs. Cindi if parents are attending adult Sunday School. Reach out directly to Ms. Sarah for any questions or concerns! We are excited to launch this new program for our kids!

## BLESSING BOX BAGS

A new batch of bags will be available outside the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday. You are encouraged to grab two black bags (to throw away). Sometime within the next couple of weeks, use them to restock the Blessing Box when you see it needs it. Thank you for your support with this ministry.

## 2025 STEWARDSHIP PICTURE – January 4, 2026

Worship Service Attendance – 119 (online – 25)

Sunday School Attendance – 74

2026 BUDGET	\$520,421.68\$
Needed weekly	\$10,008.11
Given 1/04/2026	\$4,143.00
Given by 1/04/26	\$4,143.00
Needed by 1/04/2026	\$10,008.11
Under Budget	\$5,865.11

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
Carpet Fund	\$10,000
Roof Repair	\$50

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 1/11/26:

Isaiah 60: 1-6, Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14, Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

ACOLYTES FOR 1/11/26:

Reagan Fowler & Veera Jimenez

LEAD USHERS/GREETERS FOR 1/04/26:

Doug & Karla Koontz

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS FOR 1/04/26:

Julie Stansberry

### MEETINGS/EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL – Monday, January 5th, 6:00 pm (Gym)

HELPING HANDS – Tuesday, January 6th, 9:00 am (Family Life Center)

LAUGHTER EVER AFTER – Thursday, January 8th, 12:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

PICKLEBALL – Thursday, January 8th, 5 – 7 pm (Gym) & Sunday, January 11th, 2-4 pm (Gym)

### GARDEN CIRCLE

There will not be a Garden Circle meeting in January.

### LAUGHTER EVER AFTER

The Laughter Ever After ladies are meeting on Thursday, January 8th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and games. Bring your lunch.

### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Friendship Circle is not meeting in January.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you again to everyone that has supported Operation Chri Child by donating items, making precious gifts, prayed over the boxes, packed boxes, helped with bringing boxes downstairs and for delivery of our boxes. We learned that our OCC boxes were shipped to Ghana on Saturday, November 29, 2025!

In preparing for 2026, we are leaving our OCC Christmas Tree with wish cards, in the hallway at the church through January. Other items that would be helpful to have are new or gently used Barbie dolls, Match Box or Hot Wheel cars and small stuffed animals.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2025

Thank you for all your gifts to the church in the past year. Your thoughtfulness and commitment allow the Beaver Creek church to accomplish what God sets before us. Just a reminder that all contributions for the year 2025 need to be received at the church by December 31st for them to be credited toward giving records for 2025.

### GIVING ENVELOPES

The Giving envelopes for 2026 are on the table outside the sanctuary.

### HVAC/ROOF PROJECT

“Keeping the Spirit warm, the Fellowship cool with a roof over our head.”  
REMEMBER TO HELP FUND OUR NEW HVAC/ROOF PROJECT.

### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2026

There is a sign-up sheet for 2026 Altar Flowers on the table outside the sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Regena Richardson	Ann Creigh (Chris Cunningham & Carol Mahler's aunt)	Brenda Owens (broken ankle)
Larry Edwards	Lauren Cox	Mike Whittakere-friend,cancer
Alex & Bev Lilly (Dawn Butler in-laws)	Heather Roach (hip replacement) – O.E. & Mary Evans' daughter	Derek Cardwell
Anita Pennington	Dave Elko (death of son)	Rodney Lott
Susan McKesson (Doug Koontz's sister)	Anthony Adams (Mac & Gwen's nephew)	Miller Jimenez
Steve Holmes (back surgery)	David Smith (Dawn Butler's brother-in-law)	Rob Harrison
Martha Petree (surgery)	Ellie Bramlett (Linda Neal's great niece)	Gayle Smith
Becca (& Babby Hadley) (Cindi Stooksbury's daughter-in-law)	Margaret Reese	Troy Cox
	Nancy Shannon – Melinda Davis' sister-in-law	Matt McCready – nephew of church friend

### Scripture:

*“Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal.” Philippians 3: 13-14 (NIV)*