

OUTLOOK

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WHAT PLEASES?

"And find out what pleases the Lord." (Ephesians 5:10)

I must admit that I spend too much time asking God to make life pleasing to me. My hopes, my desires, my prayers, often center on what would make life better for me. Reading the words above from Ephesians reminds me that a better pursuit would be to find out what is pleasing to God. So, I am thinking out loud this morning about that challenge. Care to join me in reflecting on what would be pleasing to God?

How about opening some doors for folks who are having difficulty getting inside?
How about lowering your voice so as to hear the voices of those around you?
How about loosening the grip, opening and extending your hands to someone who needs you?
How about both reading Scripture and living Scripture?
How about being honest with yourself about changes that need to be made?
How about rearranging your schedule to prioritize discovering and doing what pleases God?

How about let's find out together?

Pleasingly, *Thomas*

MARCH 19, 2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

(1) The session was led in devotion and prayer by Tommye McGinnis, (2) approved February session minutes, (3) approved financial reports showing actual verses budgeted income & expenses through March, (4) granted letter of transfer for Jessica Wilkerson to Shiloh CP Church in Texas, (5) approved Youth Minister's report with information on Sunday School, Wednesday nights, spring retreat, and other events, (6) set next meeting for April 16 at 4:00 p.m., (7) closed in prayer.

WALL OF FAITH

In its February 19th meeting, Session voted to honor our Senior Pastor Thomas Sweet for his more than 27 years at Beaver Creek with a plaque on The Wall of Faith at Bethel University. The Wall of Faith honors or memorializes CP ministers along with their spouses and will be located in the new chapel currently under construction. The contribution of \$5000 will be placed in an endowment that will be used to provide scholarships to ministerial students. If you would like to contribute to the placement of the plaque in honor of Thomas and in memory of Rhonda, please indicate on your check "Wall of Faith." - Gwen Roddy, clerk of the session

YOUTH NEWS

Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church Scholarship applications are available in the church office for all of our SENIOR high school students. Applications are due by Sunday, April 23rd and will be announced on Senior Sunday which is set for May 7th.

YOUNG ADULTS

2023 YOUNG ADULT RETREAT @ Montgomery Bell State Park! April 14-16. Registration is online at cpcmc.org/young-adults. Cost: \$125 and partial scholarships are available upon request. Please reach out to Pastor Billy or BJ if you are interested in attending through our church. Transportation and other details TBD closer to time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES and MEALS

Youth and children activities resume this week starting at 6:00 pm. Meals are served from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. On the menu this week is corned beef and cabbage, sides, salad, and dessert. An alternative choice is chicken nuggets and/or hot dogs.

Holy Land Presentation! All are invited to join us on Wednesday, April 5th (6-7PM) in the fellowship hall as our Youth Minister, BJ Mathis, shares his experiences from his recent trip to the Holy Land. This is open (and friendly) to children (recommended for 3rd grade and up), youth and adults. BJ is excited to be presenting about this meaningful trip during Holy Week as Easter Sunday draws near.

2023 STEWARDSHIP PICTURE – March 19, 2023

Worship Service Attendance – 150 (FB – 27)

Sunday School Attendance – 103

<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	\$546,285.30	<u>SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	
Needed weekly	\$10,755.49	Building & Grounds	\$200
Given 03/19/2023	\$5,697.00	Operation Christmas Child	\$120
Given by 03/19/2023	\$92,853.86	Pastor’s Discretionary	\$50
Needed by 03/19/2023	\$129,065.88	Sunday School	\$103
Under Budget	\$36,212.02	Wall of Faith	\$195

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR 3/26/23: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
 ACOLYTES FOR 3/26/23: Drew & Jax
 NURSERY VOLUNTEER FOR 3/26/23: Holly Cunningham
 ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Janie Pipkin in memory of loved ones.

LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! BCCPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

On April 29, 2023 at 9:30 am there will be a fellowship breakfast for all women at Beaver Creek Church followed by a program at 10:00 am. The speaker will be Ellen Clark from the West Nashville CP Church. You may contact Cindy Scott (865-310-6986) or Mary Rolman (615-979-4314) with any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir will rehearse from 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Wednesday evening.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and text messages during my recent health issues. The prayers and concern of our Church family meant so much to Nancy and me. We are glad to be a part of such a loving Church. Mark Shedden

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will decorate the church on Easter Sunday. You may purchase one to honor a loved one or to remember someone. A sign-up sheet and an envelope for your check are on the table outside the sanctuary or you may call the office. The lilies are \$12.00 each; please make your check payable to the church and specify it is for lilies.

EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 for children up through 5th grade from 3:30 pm until the eggs are found. Check-in will be at the Family Life Center. There will be an Easter story and Easter Bunny. Also, please help us promote this event to all of our children and their family and friends too! We will have an awesome photo op for families at this event.

CANDY-FILLED EASTER EGGS FOR EASTR EGG HUNT

Our Children's Ministry is looking for CANDY-FILLED EGGS and we need YOUR help! Our annual hunt is less than a month away. EGGS can be dropped off on Sunday mornings/Wednesday nights with Stacey Cox or Terah Doster. You can also drop those during the week (9AM - 3PM) by the church office. THANK YOU in advance for your help!

OPERATION CHIRSTMAS CHILD

OCC is needing your HELP. We need someone to make girl’s hygiene items. You will need a sewing machine. Our own professional sewer Ethel Monday will be happy to teach you! For more information, call Carolyn, Pat, or Ethel.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

March 20, 2023