

BEAVER CREEK CPC OUTLOOK

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May 19, 2026

A VISIT TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE

I hope you were at worship Sunday to make a personal visit to the potter's house, compliments of Martha Raby, Dave, Steve, and myself. If not, I urge you to go to the Beaver Creek Facebook page and watch the service in its entirety. In fact, I think you'll be blessed if you go back and watch it a second time.

Here are seven lessons Jeremiah learned at the potter's house.

First, The Divine Partnership (The potter and you; God and you)

We explored God's desire from our birth to establish a divine partnership with each one of us.

Second, The Divine Planning

We learned that God has a plan for us to accomplish the most possible with our life.

Third, The Divine Entry

We watched as the potter pushed his finger into the heart of the clay to take control and ownership just as God reaches into our hearts to request our permission to direct our lives.

Fourth, the Human Resistance

We quickly saw that humans tend to resist God's desire to lead their life and as a consequence, and we faced many negative experiences because of our ego and unwillingness to obey God.

Fifth, the Divine Restoration

God never gives up on trying to form a intimate relationship with us.

Sixth, the Human Surrender

And whenever we are ready, we can have that new restoration from our sinful life to our obedient life.

Seventh, The Divine Heat

Then we learned from our potters that once the vessel is complete, it still has to go into the fire to be a servant vessel.

Finally, God and you live the rest of your life in a divine partnership to serve the world.

Pastor Bob Watkins



BEAVER CREEK YOUTH

Below you'll find information about our upcoming Summer Events! Please note that registration deadlines are quickly approaching, so be sure to get signed up soon.

Beaver Creek Youth Service Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th beginning at 10:00 AM here at the church. We'll be helping clean tables and chairs and tackling a few projects around campus. BJ needs to know who plans to help, so please let him know ASAP!

SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Chilhowee

Kids Camp (Grades 3-7) - June 14-19

Youth Camp (Grades 8-12) - June 21-26

Cost is \$100 (Pay through church)

Registration Link: https://linktr.ee/campchilhowee?utm_source=linktree_profile_share&itsid=48ff1829-f089-4b88-b5ae-cb706abf2cb2

Deadline: May 31st

CPYC 2026 (Grades 8-12)

July 5-10 at Bethel University

Registration is OPEN (April 1st) follow the link below.

Be sure to put "Beaver Creek CPC" as your congregation and "East TN" as your presbytery. We will be paying for our entire group together with one church check. So please select "church paying by check" for payment.

Registration Link: <https://cpcmc.org/cpyc-2026-registration-form/>

Cost is \$175 (Pay through church)

Deadline: May 31st

SESSION MEETING – MAY 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bob Watkins, (2) excuses granted to Sheena Beal, Pat Bolton Ralph Sharp, and Darryl Shepard, (3) Dr. Watkins presented the devotional and prayer, (4) April 19, 2026 minutes were approved with corrections, (5) received a report from Session Clerk on actions taken via email after April meeting (April 23 – elected Sheena Beal and Amy Brandon as delegates to the May 2, 2026 meeting of the Synod), (6) approved financial reports showing actual versus budgeted, motion made and approved to form an Audit Committee to ensure more transparency with financials, (7) noted the transfer of Daniel Verges to Fletcher UMC in Fletcher, NC, (8) received and approved report from Building & Grounds on the roof fundraising project and expressed a need for volunteers to help with maintenance projects, (9) approved report by Christian Education Committee identifying details regarding VBS, volunteers for the nursery and Summer Kids Camp, (10) approved Mission and Outreach report identifying their outreach programs, (11) approved recommendation by the Policy Committee that the CE chairperson be appointed for a three-year term, reported the development of a Personnel Manual is nearing completion, (12) received an oral Worship Committee report from Gwen Roddye, motion made and approved for funds (more than \$500) to assist with food for two events – a farewell for Rev. Bob Watkins and a welcome for the Wilkerson family, (13) received communications from Stott-Wallace regarding offering; letter from Rev. Patrick Wilkerson and report of delegates to Synod, (14) a called meeting of Presbytery will be held May 31st to elect Commissions to General Assembly and elect a commission to install Rev. Patrick Wilkerson at BCCPC (15) set next meeting for June 26, 2026, (16) closed in prayer.

HATS OFF TO BOB – JUNE 7TH

Pastor Bob's last Sunday is June 7th. We will celebrate during the Sunday school hour with a light breakfast and shared time together.

Don your best hat, cap, bonnet or fascinator and let's send him off with a Big Orange Farewell!

2026 STEWARDSHIP PICTURE – May 17, 2026

Worship Service Attendance – 138 (online – 19)

Sunday School Attendance – 65

2026 BUDGET	\$520,421.68
Needed weekly	\$10,008.11
Given 5/17/26	\$7,949.10
Given by 5/17/26	\$148,506.83
Needed by 5/17/26	\$195,525.09
Under Budget	\$47,018.26

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS	
Roof Repair Fund	\$2,250.00
Helping Hands	\$50.00
Pastor's Discretionary	\$52.42

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR 5/24/26:

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23

LEAD USHERS/GREETERS FOR 5/24/26:

John Washburn & Bill Moore

NURSERY WORKER for 5/24/26:

Lynette Brown

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 5/24/26:

Altar flowers are given by Sheena Beal in memory of Rev. Jean Richardson, Lonnie Beal and Steve Daniel and in honor of Regena Richardson.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

HELPING HANDS – Tuesday, May 19th, 9:00 am (Family Life Center)

FOOD TRUCK – Tuesday, May 19th, 5:00 pm

GROWING SPIRITUALLY STUDY – Wednesday, May 20th, 6:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

ALPHA CIRCLE – Thursday, May 21st, 11:00 am (Lunch at Lulu's)

PICKLEBALL – Thursday, May 21st, 5 – 7 pm (Gym) & Sunday, May 24th, 2-4 pm (Gym)

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – Monday, May 25th, Church office closed.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. The Outlook will be sent out on the regular schedule.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER SENIOR

Caden Lotz (son of Michelle Campbell and great-grandson of Ethel Monday) is graduating this year in Maryland

CHANGE FOR CHILHOWEE!!

Our Camp Chilhowee will be 75 years old this year and always in need of funds for it's upkeep and repairs. You can support Camp Chilhowee by taking a medicine bottle from the table outside the sanctuary.

Fill the bottle with \$10 in quarters, a roll of bills or a check and return the bottle to the table or church office.

This will help with the cost of the repairs.

Thank you for your generous support!!

CAMP CHILHOWEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The camp needs to be cleaned before campers arrive – starting in June. If anyone is interested in joining in on

Work Saturdays – May 16th, 23rd, or 30th, please contact Cindy Scott at (865)310-6986.

We are collecting supplies (canned drinks, candy bars, chips & cookies- variety pack)

Thank you for your devoted support.

As our **Sanctuary Choir** takes a summer break, we are looking for talented instrumentalists and vocalists to help lead in worship through special music during the offertory. If you are interested in sharing your gifts, we would love to hear from you! For more information or to sign up, contact Gabe Loving at 865-387-0945 or GabeLoving33@gmail.com.

ALPHA CIRCLE MEETING

Alpha Circle is meeting at Lulu's on Thursday, May 21st at 11:00 am for lunch.

LAUGHTER EVER AFTER (LEA)

A WIDOW'S MINISTRY

LEA ladies that have paid to go to the Cumberland County Playhouse on May 28th will leave the church at 11 am. They will have lunch and sightsee before the play, "Walk Across Egypt".

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is June 22 – 26 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please reach out to Sarah Verneuil at (865) 806-1546 or beavercreekchildren@gmail.com.

Please use the following link to register as a **Volunteer** or **Participant**:
<https://vbspro.events/p/bccpc2026>

GROWING SPIRITUALLY

Rev. Watkins will continue this adult study through the rest of his time here with us at Beaver Creek. You can join him on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall from 6-7 pm through June 4th. This Wednesday, spaghetti will be served at 5:30 pm if you plan to eat before the studv.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dan Arp, Jill Bowden (Mary Tucker's co-worker), **Ellie Bramlett** (Linda Neal's niece), **Sonny Campbell** (Gayle, Darlene and Penny's cousin), **Derek Cardwell, Harry & Norma Cardwell, Glyn Cook** (hip replacement), **Bernice Conner, Jewele Edwards** (Sarah Verneuil's grandmother), **Larry Edwards, Nathan Fowler** (Penny Blake's son-in-law), **Rob Harrison. Beth Holbert, Joanne Holmes, Family of Patty Hurst** (Vanessa Hurst's sister-in-law) on death of her father, **Josh Hurst** (Vanessa Hurst's nephew), **Fred Kitts, Alex & Bev Lilly** (Dawn Butler's in-laws), **Joe Mahler, Beth Owens, Brenda Owens, Martha Petree. Marcia Queen, Regena Richardson, Mac Roddye, Steve Rogers** (Stacey's dad), **Rick Shanton** (Becky's husband), **Ralph & Candy Sharp, David Smith, Kailee Taborda** (Linda Flynn's great niece), **Susie Tries, George White, Penny Evans, the family of Gabe Loving, Patrick O'Daniel** (Janie's great-grandson), **Kay Wallace, Chuck Brantley, Nigel Bond** (MDO parent – dad of Henley)

As you're able, please help us keep our prayer list current by updating the prayer board, contacting the church office or sharing updates with an elder or staff member.

SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."
(Nehemiah 8:10, NIV)