BEAVER CREEK CPC OUTLOOK

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ELDERS: FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP AND THE ROAD AHEAD

Our Confession of Faith reminds us that "Elders are the immediate representatives of the people, elected by them to share with ministers in the government and leadership of the church." It goes on to say that elders "should exemplify the gospel by their good character, sound faith, wisdom, maturity of judgement, discretion, conversation, knowledge of the doctrine and government of the church, and competency to perform the duties of the office."

Beaver Creek has been blessed by the faithful service of our Class of 2026 Elders over the past three years. These men and women have worked hard to represent our congregation well, and I am deeply thankful for their commitment and leadership. They have served through significant pastoral and staff transitions, as well as some challenging seasons in the life of our church. Through it all, they have continued to give their time, energy, and gifts in service to Beaver Creek.

To Elders Sheena Beal, Pat Bolton, Mike Clabough, Angela Lowe, Martha Raby, Ralph Sharp, and Katie Webb: Thank you! As you rotate off the Session this year, please know that your service has been noticed, valued, and greatly appreciated. We are grateful for the ways you have helped lead and care for this congregation.

One of the responsibilities of our current elders has been to bring a slate of nominees before the congregation for the Class of 2029. At our Session meeting this past Sunday, the elders carefully considered the names recommended by members of the congregation. After prayer, discussion, and voting, the Session has decided to nominate the following individuals to serve as elders. These names will be presented at our Congregational Meeting next Sunday, November 22, immediately following worship:

- Elder Barry Jones
- Diedre Randles
- KayE Sweat
- Grant Webb
- Elder Weston Woodford

As a reminder, for the next few years, we will be filling five positions in each class as we evaluate the possibility of reducing the size of our Session. If this arrangement functions well, we will take the necessary steps to formally change the number of elders serving on our Session from 21 to 15.

As we look toward this next season of leadership, I encourage us all to be in prayer. Pray for Beaver Creek, for the elders who are completing their service, and for those who have been nominated to serve. May we approach this process with grace, humility, and a shared desire to discern God's will for the life and leadership of our church. As Scripture reminds us:

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be."— 1 Peter 5:2 (NIV)

May God continue to guide those who serve, strengthen those who lead, and unite us all in the work of Christ's church.

Pastor Patrick

BIBLE STUDY

The weekly adult Bible study is Wednesday, November 18th from 6 – 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall following our meal.

BEAVER CREEK YOUTH

We'll see you this Wednesday, November 18th, from 6:00 to 7:15 PM in the youth room!

We'll take a break next week for Thanksgiving, so there will be **no Wednesday night meal or youth gathering on November 25th.** I hope you and your family have a happy Thanksgiving!

Grace Convo 2027 sign-ups are OPEN! We'll be in Gatlinburg January 15–18 with students in grades 6–12. Registration closes Wednesday, December 9th, and the $150 payment for Beaver Creek Youth is due by then as well.
Here is the sign up link:
https://forms.gle/7FQBggZegy8wrDtK6

A "Grinchy" Advent starts Sunday, November 29th!
Youth and adults are invited to join me at 9:30 AM for *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes*, a festive four-week Advent study. Come revisit the Grinch with us as we get ready for Christmas. Don't be a Grinch. Come join us! Or be a Grinch and come anyway. We've got room for you, too.

BEAVER CREEK KIDS

Wonderful Wednesdays are back this week! Join us at 6 pm in the choir room to make thanksgiving cards for our church members and rehearse for the Christmas program!

Upcoming Dates:

- **December 6:** Dress rehearsal – 2-3 pm in the sanctuary.
- **December 13: Children's** Program in the Sanctuary at 5 pm with a family Christmas Party to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

*Please note: Children's church will no longer be held on the first or fifth Sundays of each month to allow families to worship together on Communion and special Sundays! If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah. *

SESSION MEETING NOTES – NOVEMBER 15TH

(1) Stacey Cox gave the devotional and Rev. Wilkerson led in prayer; (2) approved Minutes of the October 18, 2026 meeting with a correction; (3) financial reports were approved; (4) received Jessica, Bella and Jackie Wilkerson by transfer; approved the transfer of the membership of Annette and Ron Jones to Powell Church; (5) approved VBS dates of July 11-14, 2027; (6) discussed elder nominations; (7) scheduled next meeting for December 20, 2026, at 4:00 pm; (8) meeting closed in prayer by B.J. Mathis.

WEDNESDAYS AT THE CREEK

Our Wonderful Wednesday Meal is served from 5:00–6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **Menu this week: Brisket, potatoes, veggies, mac-n-cheese, salad, dessert and pizza.**

- **Adults & Youth:** $7
- **Children:** $5
- **Preschoolers:** FREE

THANKSGIVING WEEK

There will **not** be an OUTLOOK next week and the church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th. Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

ALPHA CIRCLE

Alpha Circle is working for Operation Christmas Child at the Expo Center on November 19th from 9 to 11 am.

2026 STEWARDSHIP PICTURE – November 15, 2026

Worship Service Attendance – 158 (20 online)

Sunday School Attendance – 65

2026 BUDGET	$520,421.68
Needed weekly	$10,008.11
Given 11/15/26	$11,874.50
Given by 11/15/26	$407,680.19
Needed by 11/15/26	$465,740.33
Under Budget	$58,060.14

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Building & Grounds	$325
OCC Fund	$20
Blessing Box	$50
Memorials Undesignated	$200

LECTIONARY TEXT FOR 11/15/26:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:25-23; Matthew 15:31-46
LEAD USHERS FOR 11/15/26:	John Washburn & Brian Patty
GREETERS FOR 11/15/26:	Ken Woodford, Lynette Brown, Judy Fleenor & Becky Shanton
NURSERY VOLUNTEER FOR 11/15/26:	Rachel Hickey
ACOLYTE FOR 11/15/26:	Bella Wilkerson
ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 11/15/26:	Altar flowers are given by Penny Evans in memory of John Evans.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

HELPING HANDS – Tuesday, November 17th, 9 am | Family Life Center
FOOD TRUCK – Tuesday, November 17th, 5 pm | Breezeway
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL– Wednesday, November 18th, 5-6 pm | Fellowship Hall
YOUTH & CHILDREN ACTIVITIES – Wednesday, November 18th, 6 pm | Family Life Center
CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesday, November 18th, 7 pm | Sanctuary
ALPHA CIRCLE – Thursday, November 19th, 9 am | Expo Center
GARDEN OF LIFE CIRCLE – Thursday, November 19th, 10:15 am | Westwood Mansion & Gallery
PICKLEBALL – Thursday, November 19th, 5 – 7 pm | Gym & Sunday, November 22nd, 1:30-4 pm | Gym
VOLLEYBALL – Monday, November 21st, 6-8 pm | Gym
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday. November 22nd, 11:30 am | Sanctuary
AGAPE MEAL – Sunday, November 22nd, 5:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

ADVENT

Join BJ Mathis beginning **November 29** for *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch*, a special four-week Sunday morning offering.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND THE AGAPE MEAL

On Sunday, November 22nd , we'll gather for two meaningful events in the life of our church! Following morning worship, our annual congregational meeting will take place in the sanctuary to elect elders and receive the 2027 budget.

Later that evening we will share in the Agape Meal together in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the entrée and everyone is invited to bring side dishes and desserts. Signup sheets for the dishes are on the table outside the sanctuary, as well as assisting with transportation needs and cleanup. Please put this date on your calendar!

SPECIAL ADVENT SUNDAY MORNING STUDY

Join BJ Mathis for **"The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch,"** a special four-week Sunday morning series for **adults and youth**, beginning **November 29th!**

Through Matt Rawle's study of the Christmas classic *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, we'll explore what a certain green Christmas skeptic can teach us about faith, love, and hearts open to change. What changed the Grinch and how might the good news of Christmas change us, too? Together, we'll rediscover the gifts of Advent that come without packages, ribbons, or bows.

Sundays, November 29–December 20 | 9:30 AM
Led by BJ Mathis | Location TBA

And there's something for the kiddos, too! Sarah and Mary will lead a special children's class based on the same study for school-age children (K-5) during the same hour. Make room in your Sunday mornings and your heart for Advent at the Creek!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Jessica, Bella and Jackie Wilkerson by letter of transfer from Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, Texas.

GARDEN OF LIFE CIRCLE

The Garden of Life Circle is touring the Westwood Mansion ^ Gallery on November 19th. They will meet at church at 10:15 am to carpool

LAUGHTER EVER AFTER (LEA)

December 8 - Christmas Party at the home of Carolyn Shular. They will play CHRISTMAS BINGO! More info to come.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2027

It is time to think about flowers for the altar in 2027. There is a sheet on the media table outside the sanctuary. Please sign up to remember or honor your loved ones with flowers.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dan Arp, Scott Atchley (surgery), Barbara Barlowe (cancer diagnosis), **Will Branch** (Tara Woodford's father), **Chuck Brantley, Derek Cardwell, Harry & Norma Cardwell, Chintal Chohan** (Nepal), **Colombia**, **Troy & Wanda Cox, Larry Edwards, Diane Disbrow** (Dee West's niece), **Dwight and Linda Flynn, Nancy Goodman** (in Hospice), **Chris Hinkle** (Gary Cunningham's friend), **Joanne Holmes, Josh Hurst** (Vanessa Hurst's nephew), **Gertrude Johnson, Vickie Mathis** (B.J.'s mother), **Ethel Monday, Marty Myers**, **April Oaks** (stroke), **Patrick O'Daniel** (Janie Pipkin's great-grandson), **Brenda Owens, Martha Petree, Laura Pierce** (surgery), **Marticia Queen, Clif Rawlings family, Charlie Shanton, Rick Shanton** (Becky's husband), **Ralph & Candy Sharp, Susie Tries, Allison Turner** (Candy & Ralph's daughter-in-law), **Kay Wallace, Dee & Morgan West ,George White, Paul Wilkerson.**

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

SCRIPTURE

"[1]Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. [2]Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. [3]Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his [b]; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. [4]Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. [5]For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100