

**Church Calendar**

**Jan. 29** – Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

4:00 p.m. – Hope 101 Class

**Jan. 31** – Tuesday

8:30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast

**Feb. 1** – Wednesday

5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

**Feb. 4** – Saturday

9:30 a.m. – Elder’s Meeting

**Feb. 5** – Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Youth Group

**Feb. 7** – Tuesday

8:30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast

**Feb. 8** – Wednesday

5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

**Feb. 10** – Friday

6:30 p.m. – Valentine’s Banquet

**Thank You!**

Thank you to **Selah Caldwell & James Myers** for all their help setting up for the Midnight Madness Youth Event last Fri., Jan. 27! Thank you to everyone who helped clean-up after the event: **Jodi Ashley, Ryan & Sara McMahan, & James Myers.**

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

Jan. 1 - \$4,282.00

Jan. 8 - \$705.00

Jan. 15 - \$1,321.00

Jan. 22 - \$2,330.00

Jan. 29 -

**Monthly Tithes & Offerings**

October        \$15,705.04

November     \$ 7,869.00

December     \$25,227.00

**Great Quote of the Day**

“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.”

**Max Lucado** – (1955-present) He was born in San Angelo, TX and his dad was an oil field mechanic & his mother was a Nurse. He began his ministry in Miami, FL as an Associate Pastor. He met his loving wife, Denalyn there. They spent several years together planting churches in Rio de Janeiro. He is a highly successful American Christian author & Pastor of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, TX. Reader’s Digest awarded him the title of “The Best Preacher in America.” His books have sold more than 145 million copies in 50 languages worldwide.

# The Vine

**Columbia First C.P. Church**

***Jan. 29, 2023***

**Denomination Birthday**

We will be having a Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination Birthday **Breakfast** on Sun., **Feb. 5**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. We are asking everyone to bring a food item for this event. There is a sign-up sheet for food items in the Narthex outside the sanctuary. (i.e. Eggs, Egg Casserole, Fruit, Muffins, Hashbrowns, Oatmeal, Danish, etc.) The church will provide Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee, Milk, & Orange Juice. It will be our 212<sup>th</sup> Birthday as a denomination. This would be a great opportunity to get to know people in the church. Please mark your calendar & come join us for this wonderful Fellowship Event!

**New Kids’ Sunday School**

We will offer a new Kids’ Sunday School beginning Sun., **Mar. 5!** We have ordered our new Bible curriculum from Lifeway called **The Gospel Project**. **Jason & Sandy Bratton** have offered to lead this program. The Spring Quarter is March, April, & May.

**Community Involvement**

Praise the Lord! FCA has allowed Pastor Chris to serve as a Character Coach for **Culleoka High School’s Boys’ Baseball Team** for 2023. **Coach Vince Springer** gave his approval to let Pastor Chris speak to his team on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. at the Culleoka Baseball Fields. So, last Mon., **Jan. 23**, Pastor Chris did an encouraging 20-minute Bible talk for the team! There were 10 of their 17 players in attendance (7 boys are currently playing for the Culleoka Basketball team). Pastor Chris had to submit a lengthy online FCA application & go through a background check to serve.

Pastor Chris has a deep love for Jesus & Baseball! He played baseball for 18 seasons & was a 1st team All-KIL pitcher for 2 yrs at Farragut High School. They won a state championship his sophomore year. His travel team lost in the State Championship his Senior year. He received 10 college scholarship offers & was offered try-outs by the Atlanta Braves & Montreal Expos. He was a preferred walk-on at UTK but quit the team during Fall Practice. He coached baseball for 19 Seasons in Knoxville. His two oldest sons, Noah & Caleb, both won State 4-A Baseball Championships at Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK).

### Prayer Request List

Betty Ruth Bates – health issues  
Ted & Suzanne Bruun & John Gold –  
UK Tour training in Ireland for 2 wks.  
Larry Burke – eye swelling & shots  
Lois Burke’s brother, Dennis Chandler  
– cancer in his brain; chemo  
Lois’ brother, Don Chandler – he had a  
blood clot in his brain & 2 strokes.  
Lois’ great-nephew, Kelton Richardson  
– cancer has returned.  
Bob Good – back; hip  
Carolyn Good – tail bone; energy levels  
Patsy Hedrick’s aunt, Iris Daniels –  
stroke effects  
Patsy’s cousin, Robin Jack – cancer  
Bobby Johnson – back; insurance issues  
Sam Kislow’s dad – oncologist appt  
Sara McMahan’s friend, Chris – passed  
away; he had been in a coma.  
Sara’s friend, Krista G. – Stage 4 cancer  
Kailey McMahan – driver’s license test  
Amber Myers’ friend, Carly McGee,  
aggressive cancer; St. Jude’s  
Margie Owens – ear surgery on Jan. 27  
She had surgery on her ear last Fall.  
Margie Owens’ son, David – stroke;  
Dr’s appt – ALS or Huntington’s  
Margie’s husband, Ron – Diabetes issue  
Ron’s other sister, Pat, - Dialysis  
Deborah Skillington – bipolar  
Ashlyn Upshaw – pregnancy  
Ashlyn’s grandfather – hospital in AL  
Jimmy Upshaw –shoulder therapy

### Praises

**Jason & Baker Bratton** had a fun &  
successful duck hunt in West  
Tennessee! They shot over 30 ducks!  
**Selah Caldwell** was awarded the part  
of “Sandy” in Grease at Expression  
City in Franklin on Apr. 27-30!  
**Selah Caldwell** got her official Driver’s  
License on Jan. 26 in Columbia!  
**Teana Falconbury** has lost 40 pounds  
on a Keto type meal plan!  
**John, Abbey, & Bethany Gold** moved  
back to Columbia on Jan. 25!  
We had a good turn-out for our  
“Midnight Madness” Youth Event on  
Fri., Jan. 27! **Sam Kislow & Victor  
Torres** did an outstanding job  
Performing/Leading music and giving  
their testimonies!  
**Ryan McMahan** had safe travel home  
from Miami, FL!  
**Margie Owens** had successful ear  
surgery on Jan. 27! She is recovering  
at home.  
Pastor Chris was blessed to have lunch  
with **Margie Owen’s Family** last  
Sun., Jan. 22. **Teana Falconbury**  
made her homemade Lasagna!  
Teana’s son, **Scotty**, treated everyone  
to a song on Karaoke!  
**Pam Rochelle** did a fantastic job  
sharing our church history at our  
Hope 101 New Member’s Class last  
Sun., Jan. 22!

### Joke of the Week

A New Orleans lawyer sought an  
FHA loan for a client. He was told the  
loan would be granted if he could prove  
satisfactory title to a parcel of property  
being offered as collateral. The title to  
the property dated back to 1803, which  
the lawyer took months to track down.  
After sending the info to the FHA, he  
received the following reply.

After receiving the lawyer’s  
application, the FHA replied: “Upon  
review of your letter adjoining your  
client’s loan application, we note that  
the request is supported by an Abstract  
of Title. While we compliment the able  
manner in which your have prepared &  
presented the application, we must  
point out that have only cleared title to  
the proposed collateral property back  
to 1803. Before final approval can be  
accorded, it will be necessary to clear  
the title back to its origin.”

The annoyed Lawyer wrote a letter  
back to the FHA stating: “Your letter  
regarding title in case No. 189156 has  
been received. I note that you wish to  
have title extended further than 206  
years covered by the present  
application. I was unaware that any  
educated person in this country,  
particularly those working in the New  
Orleans property area, would not know  
that Louisiana was purchased by the

### Joke of the Week (cont.)

U.S. from France in 1803, the year of  
origin identified in our application. For  
the education of uninformed FHA  
bureaucrats, the title to the land prior  
to U.S. ownership was obtained from  
France, which had acquired it by Right  
of Conquest from Spain. The land  
came into the possession of Spain by  
Right of Discovery made in the year  
1492 by a sea captain named  
Christopher Columbus, who had been  
granted the privilege of seeking a new  
route to India by the Spanish monarch,  
Queen Isabella. The good Queen  
Isabella, being a pious woman & almost  
as careful about titles as the FHA, took  
the precaution of securing the blessing  
of the Pope before she sold her jewels  
to finance Columbus’ expedition. Now  
the Pope, as I’m sure you may know, is  
the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of  
God, and God, it is commonly  
accepted, created this world.  
Therefore, I believe it is safe to  
presume that God also made that part  
of the world called Louisiana. God,  
Therefore, would be the owner of  
origin & his origins date back to before  
the beginning of time, the world as we  
know it, & the FHA. I hope you find  
God’s original claim to be satisfactory.  
Now may we have our loan?

## January/February

### Congratulations!

**Kailey McMahan's** art work exhibit at the Spring Hill Library is about to end. It has been on display for the month of January 2023? If you haven't been, you should go check it out!

### Hope 101

If you have been thinking about joining our church, we would love for you to attend Hope 101. We'll offer two of these sessions on Sun., **Jan. 22**, & Sun., **Jan. 29**, at 4:00 p.m. upstairs in the Bethany S.S. classroom.

### Prayer Breakfast

Come join us for our weekly Prayer Breakfast this Tue., **Jan. 31**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We take time to pray for all the people & situations on our church prayer list. For food planning purposes, please R.S.V.P. with Pastor Chris (865-599-1044).

### Wednesday Nights

We will meet this Wed., **Feb. 1**, for our Wednesday evening activities. We will have Fitness Class (5:00 p.m.) in the Gym, Celebration Dinner (6:00 p.m.), & Bible Study (6:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall.

## February

### Elder's Meeting

We will have our regular Monthly Elder's Meeting on Sat., **Feb. 4**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom.

### Denomination Birthday

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### Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Our Youth Group will meet on Sun., **Feb. 5**, at 5:00 p.m. We will have Youth Group each week in January. This group is designed for kids who are in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. For more info, please see Pastor Chris.

### Valentine's Banquet

We will host a wonderful Valentine's Banquet on Fri., **Feb. 10**, at 6:30 p.m. Our Family Life Center will be fabulously decorated & each table will be beautifully adorned with flowers. We will have a delicious meal, which will include your salad, entre, bread, homemade dessert, & drink. Mark your calendars now to attend!

## February

### "Stupendous Bowl" Party

Due to IRS regulations, we have re-branded this annual celebration as our Stupendous Bowl Party. We will watch the big game on Sun., **Feb. 12**, at 5:00 p.m. We will serve Pizza & Drinks, but we are asking everyone to bring their favorite snack to share with the group.

### Covenant Circle Meeting

We will have our regular monthly meeting on Mon., **Feb. 20**. We meet in the Fellowship Hall downstairs at Noon. Please bring your sandwich & join us for the lunch. All the women in our church are invited to attend. This is part of the CPWM (Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry).

### Red Cross Blood Drive

We will host our monthly Red Cross blood drive here in the Fellowship Hall on Thur., **Feb. 23**, from 11:30-5:30 p.m.

### The Season of Lent

The 40-Days of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, **Feb. 22**. In the Protestant Church, Lent continues through Palm Sunday, **Apr. 2**. This is a remembrance of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness for 40 days.

## March/April

### Bethel University Renaissance

The **Bethel Renaissance 80-member Choir** will be performing at our church on Sun., **Mar. 19**, at 5:30 p.m.! This is a joint venture with Columbia Presbytery & will be open to all of our churches. They are highly trained & outstanding! We will host a Fellowship Dinner after in our Gym.

### Spring Break Dates

Williamson County – Mar. 11-19  
Maury County – April 1-9

### Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday – Apr. 2  
Holy Week Services – Apr. 2-5  
Maundy Thursday – Apr. 6  
Good Friday – Apr. 7  
Easter Egg Hunt – Apr. 8  
Easter Sunday – Apr. 9

### Holy Week Services Schedule

Sun., Apr. 2 – Faith Fellowship CP  
Pastor Steve Rogers @ 6:00 p.m.  
Mon., Apr. 3 – Mt. Pleasant CP Church  
Pastor Chris Caldwell @ 6:30 p.m.  
Tue., Apr. 4 – McCain's CP Church  
Pastor Steve Schauf @ 6:30 p.m.  
Wed., Apr. 5 – Columbia 1<sup>st</sup> CP Church  
Pastor Jimmy Peyton @ 6:30 p.m.

### QR Code

This QR Code will direct you to our PayPal “Donate” button on our website.



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 22 – James Myers  
Jan. 23 – James Upshaw  
Jan. 27 – Ellie Bratton  
Jan. 29 – Catherine Upshaw  
Jan. 29 – Conner Upshaw  
Jan. 29 – Victor Torres  
Feb. 6 – Sam Kislow  
Feb. 13 – Larry Burke  
Feb. 16 – John Gold  
Feb. 18 – Lois Burke  
Feb. 21 – Sara McMahan  
Feb. 22 – Billie Galloway

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### Counseling Available

We offer individual, marriage, & family counseling here at CFCPC. Simply contact Pastor Chris Caldwell for an appointment (865) 599-1044.

### Nursery Worker

Since we have several newborn babies at church, we are currently searching for an excellent, experienced Nursery Worker for Sunday mornings during Sunday School & Church. They will need to be able to pass a background check. This is a paid position. If you would like to recommend someone, please contact Pastor Chris or one of our Elders.

### Congratulations!

On Sun., **Jan. 8**, we nominated & elected **James Myers** as an Elder at our church. On Sun., Jan. 15, we installed James as an Elder by asking him the prescribed questions from our Confession of Faith. He will serve a 3-yr term from 2023-2025. James is married to his wife, **Amber**, and they have one son, **Nathan**. They live in Santa Fe next door to Amber’s mother, **Willie Goodman**.

James runs his own garage door business, Myers’ Door Company, in Maury Co. Amber is a Teacher’s Assistant at Creekside Elementary School in Williamson Co. She was recently named “Creekside’s Classified Employee of the Year” She teaches with Jill Caldwell. Nathan attends Bethel University in McKenzie, TN & is a Freshman. He is there on a shooting scholarship.

### The Electric Bill

We are having an issue with folks leaving lights on when they are the last one to leave the building. Recently, we have had lights left on upstairs, downstairs, & even in the gym. It is usually the next day before someone is able to turn those lights off. This leads to large increases in our electric bill. Please help us reduce those costs.

### Children’s Church Schedule

#### January

Jan. 29 – Heidi Upshaw

#### February

Feb. 5 – Jodi Ashley  
Feb. 12 – Selah Caldwell  
Feb. 19 – Ashlyn Upshaw  
Feb. 26 – Amber Myers

#### March

Mar. 5 –  
Mar. 12 –  
Mar. 19 –  
Mar. 26 –

\*If you would be willing to teach, please see Jill Caldwell.

### Girl Scouts Cookies Sale

Two of our sweet Kids at church, **Ellie Bratton & Harper Ford**, are selling Girl Scouts Cookies right now. If you would like to buy a box or two, they have order forms with all the details. The boxes of cookies range in price from \$4.00-\$5.50.

### Did You Know?

Our friends **Logen Bradley & Connor Cook** are in West Tennessee for military training for the weekend. They are camping out & receiving training using their air-soft weapons.

### Thank You!

A huge thank you to **Sandy Bratton** for working with Pastor Chris to update our **Church Website!** It is located at [www.columbiafirstcp.org](http://www.columbiafirstcp.org). There is a new yearly **Church Calendar** under the “**More**” button. Sandy is currently entering all of our church services & activities into the calendar.

There are icon links to our **Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube** pages. Pastor Chris’ weekly **Sermons & Bible Studies** are available there. In addition, you can find a copy of the bi-weekly **Vine Newsletter** there.

Right now, there is a “**Donate**” button that allows folks to give using [PayPal](#). To simplify our online giving, we are researching other giving methods such as: [Venmo](#), [Cash App](#) & [Square](#). We have included a **QR code** in this edition of the Vine. If you are curious, simply focus your phone camera on the QR Code & click the link it displays. Currently, it should direct you to our website & online giving through our PayPal Donate button.

### Opportunities to Serve

Here are several specific areas where you can volunteer to serve at Columbia First CP Church:

#### Worship

- 1) Helping print & fold the Newsletter
- 2) Helping print & fold the Bulletin
- 3) Serving as Greeters at Front Door
- 4) Creating slides for the songs that are not in the Hymnal each week.
- 5) Performing special music – singing, playing an instrument
- 6) Volunteering to lead a Prayer or Scripture reading
- 7) Learning to run the Sound System & being available on Sundays to run it.
- 8) Recruiting & setting up for our quarterly Communion service.

#### Leadership - Kids

- 1) Kid’ Sunday School Program
- 2) Kids’ Wednesday Evening or Sunday Afternoon Program
- 3) Children’s Church Director
- 4) Vacation Bible School Director
- 5) Kids’ Christmas Musical Director

#### Leadership – Youth

- 1) We need additional Adult Teachers for our Youth Group on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.
- 2) We need a Sr. High Sunday School Teacher on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### Leadership – Adults

- 1) We need another Adult Sunday School Teacher for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.
- 2) We need a person to plan Quarterly Service Projects for our people to volunteer to serve in the Maury Co. community.
- 3) We need a person to plan Quarterly Fellowship Events for our people to get to know one another.

#### Service

- 1) Change the church sign each week.
- 2) Make sure there is Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels in all the restrooms in the church & gym each week.
- 3) Spray the weeds in our parking lot with weed killer.
- 4) Setting up & coordinating the Red Cross Blood Drives at Church
- 5) Planning & Coordinating Church Work Days.

#### Prayer

- 1) Organizing Prayer Meetings
- 2) Collecting Prayer Requests & communicating with Pastor
- 3) Recording answered Prayers

#### Evangelism

- 1) Planning apologetics training classes.
- 2) Planning 4x4 Fellowship events
- 3) Planning Visitation days

### Ministries

Inmates – Jail, Prison  
Families of Prisoners; Kids  
Victims of Crime  
Battered Women  
Divorced Folks – Singles  
Single Moms  
Special Needs  
Down’s Syndrome, Blind, Deaf, Wheelchair,  
The Poor  
Homeless  
Jobless – Untrained, Criminal Record  
Mentally ill  
Fixed Income  
Disabled  
Addicts  
Kids who struggle in school - Tutor  
Orphans  
Foster Care  
Emergency Care  
Elderly  
Widows/Widowers  
Shut-ins  
Assisted Living  
Veterans – James Patterson Foundation  
Families of Veterans; Kids  
Disaster Victims  
Tornado, Fire, Flood, Hurricane  
Tsunami, Earthquake,  
Terminally ill  
Sickness, Disease  
Foreigners - Refugees