

Church Calendar

Feb. 12 – Sunday
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
5:00 p.m. – Stupendous Bowl

Feb. 14 – Tuesday
8:30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast

Feb. 15 – Wednesday
5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class
6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Feb. 19 – Sunday
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship
5:00 p.m. – Youth Group

Feb. 21 – Tuesday
8:30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday
5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class
6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Feb. 23 – Thursday
11:30 a.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive

Did You Know?

Pastor Chris had safe travel to Knoxville on Sunday afternoon, **Feb. 5**, to celebrate his son, Caleb’s 25th birth-day. He got safely back to Columbia on Tue., **Feb. 7**, in time for the Culleoka Boys’ Varsity Baseball Practice at 3:00 p.m. & then the Culleoka Girls’ Varsity Basketball Game against Richland at 6:00 p.m. It was Senior Night!

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

Feb. 5 - \$2,793.00
Feb. 12
Feb. 19
Feb. 26

Monthly Tithes & Offerings

November \$ 7,869.00
December \$25,227.00
January \$10,908.00

Great Quote of the Day

“Lukewarm people don’t really want to be saved from their sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of their sin.”

Francis Chan – (1967-present) He is a Christian author & former teaching Pastor at Cornerstone Community Church in Simi Valley, CA. He helped start the church in 1994 & it grew to over 1600 members. He was born in San Francisco, CA & his mother died during his birth. His parents were immigrants from Hong Kong. He father was a Baptist Pastor & died when Francis was 12 years old. Francis wrote the bestseller “Crazy Love.” He & his wife, Lisa, have seven (7) kids. Since 2004, he has given away 55% of his yearly income to ministries that rescue sex slaves in Asia.

The Vine

Columbia First C.P. Church
Feb. 12, 2023

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 1st CP Church
Pastor Jimmy Peyton @ 6:30 p.m.

Columbia Presbytery will be offering Easter Week Services at four (4) of our C.P. churches. Each night we will celebrate Jesus in worship. Then, we will enjoy a fabulous fellowship meal. Our church will provide the meal on Wed., **Apr. 5**. Our church will provide the meat & bread. We’re asking you to bring a vegetable & a dessert to share.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., **Apr. 8**, at 10:00 a.m. in our Gym. We will play fun Games, enjoy making Crafts, get our picture with the Easter Bunny, hear Jill Caldwell tell the Jesus’ Resurrection story, search jubilantly for Candy-filled Eggs, & have a wonderful Lunch together. For the Easter Egg Hunt, we will separate the kids into age groups to ensure that everyone gets plenty of eggs. Invite your friends & pray for awesome weather!

We will need Volunteers to serve in all the different areas: Decorating, Games, Crafts, Cooking, Clean-Up. Please see Pastor Chris if you are interested in volunteering.

Easter Sunday Activities

On Easter Sunday, **Apr. 9**, we will offer the following amazing options:

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Worship Service
8:00 a.m. – Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Easter Worship

We will set up chairs outside for our sunrise worship service. Sam Kislow will lead the singing & we will also have Special Music. You are welcome to bring a blanket or portable heater!

Prayer Request List

Jack Barron – trip to the ER; severe intestinal issues
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; kidney stones
Lois’ brother, Don Chandler – he had a blood clot in his brain & 2 strokes.
Lois’ great-nephew, Kelton Richardson – cancer has returned.
Doug Cummings step-mom, Marsha – fell & broke her shoulder; flu; tear in her intestines.
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
Ryan McMahan – travel to Ohio
Sara McMahan’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’ son, David – stroke; Hernia surgery; kidney issues
Deborah Skillington – bipolar
Ashlyn Upshaw – pregnancy
Jimmy Upshaw –shoulder therapy;
Skin cancers removed

Praises

- 1)**Margie Owens’** ear biopsy came back negative for cancer! She was at church last Sunday after having ear surgery on Fri., Jan. 27.
- 2)**John Gold** had safe travel to the UK for the Reach Alliance Training for their upcoming 2023 UK Tour!
- 3)**Jason & Baker Bratton** and **Jimmy & Porter Ford** went duck hunting for Juvenile Day in West Tennessee. Both Porter & Baker bagged a duck!
- 4)**Ashlyn Upshaw’s** grandfather is out of the hospital & recovering at home in Alabama!
- 5)**James Upshaw** passed his class in the Fall at Columbia State. He is currently taking a final class & will graduate in May!
- 6)**Lois Burke’s** brother, **Don Chandler**, got to go home from the Rehab center in Indiana on Feb. 9. He is recovering from a stroke.
- 7)**Noah & Kaitlyn Caldwell** had safe travel to Sault St Marie, MI for the International 500 snowmobile race!
- 8)**Jenni Cummings’** mom, **Susan**, had safe travel in from Michigan!
- 9)**Kinsey & Lucille Kislow** are feeling much better after a severe cold! Sam’s dad got a great report from his oncologist! No cancer!
- 10)**Jans & Patsy Hedrick** had safe travel home from their cabin!

Jokes of the Week

- 1)A pair of cows were talking in the field. One says, “Have you heard about the mad cow disease that’s going around?” The other cow says “Yeah. It makes me glad that I’m a Penguin.”
- 2)John looked at his wife, Lori, & said “Your mother has been living with us for 20 years. Isn’t it time she got a place of her own?” Lori jumped up & said “My mother? I thought she was your mother!”
- 3)Why don’t pirates take a shower before walking the plank? They just wash up on shore.
- 4)The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has a new simplified tax form for 2023. It only has 4 questions:
 - 1)What was your income for last year?
 - 2)What were your expenses?
 - 3)How much do you have left?
 - 4)Send it in.
- 5)Chris & Jill went to a party. Jill said “That’s the 4th time you’ve gone back for cake & ice cream! Aren’t you embarrassed?” Chris kept eating & said “No. Every time I go back to get more, I tell them it’s for you.”

Did You Know?

Catherine Upshaw & her Culleoka Girls’ Basketball Team will host their first district tournament game on Mon., **Feb. 13**. They will play Santa Fe at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$6/person.

Jimmy Upshaw’s cousin, **Ruth Lamar**, who is a member of Pleasant Mount C.P. Church, brought a vintage newspaper clipping to the game last Tuesday. It was a picture of her on the Culleoka Jr. High Lady Devilette’s Basketball Team! Awesome photo!

Being Part of the Solution

The Bible is full of people who were grumblers & complainers. We engage in all kinds of conversations about our government (federal, state, & local), elections, economy, police force, military leaders, schools, churches, & families. We talk a lot about these things, but how much daily Praying do you actually do about these issues? Have you gotten involved in any organizations, ministries, or grass root campaigns to produce positive change in any of those areas? Have you called, emailed, or written any elected officials? We have access to broadcast on all kinds of social media platforms. Have you started a blog or created a page for dialogue & discussion? It’s time to be part of the solution.

February

Congratulations!

Kailey McMahan's art work exhibit at the Spring Hill Library was extended to the end of February! If you haven't been, you should go check it out!

"Stupendous Bowl" Party

Our Youth Group will watch the big game at the Caldwell's on Sun., **Feb. 12**, at 5:00 p.m. We will serve Buffalo Wings, home-made Pizza, Fruit, & Dessert. James Myers is making a Cheesecake! We are asking each Youth to bring their favorite 2-liter of soft drink or juice.

Prayer Breakfast

Come join us for our weekly Prayer Breakfast this Tue., **Feb. 14**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We take time to pray for all the people & situations on our prayer list. Please R.S.V.P. with Pastor Chris (865-599-1044).

Wednesday Nights

We will meet this Wed., **Feb. 15**, 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 downstairs.

February

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Our Youth Group will meet on Sun., **Feb. 19 & 26**, at 5:00 p.m. We will have Youth Group each week in January. This group is designed for kids who are in the 6th-12th Grade.

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).

FCA Banquet

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host its annual Fundraising Banquet on Mon., **Feb. 20**, at First Family Church at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be former NFL player, **Sherman Williams**. There will be a fantastic Dinner with a Photograph & Autograph opportunity beforehand. There will also be local high school students sharing their testimonies. Pastor Chris needs to fill a table of 8 people. If you are interested in coming, please see Pastor Chris.

February/March

The Season of Lent

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

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.

Hope 202 Class

After joining a church, lots of folks find themselves as just "spectators" at church. It's hard to get to know other people in only one hour of Sunday worship. We believe that God has a special Purpose & Calling for each of us. However, it is up to each of us to put forth the effort to find it. It is important for us to move from being "passive" spectators to "active" participators in our walk with Jesus.

Our Hope 202 Class is designed to help you figure out your Calling, Purpose, God-given Skills, Abilities, Spiritual Gifts, & Personality type. We will meet on Sundays, **Feb. 26 & Mar. 5** from 4:00-5:00 p.m. This class is open to everyone.

March

Columbia Presbytery Committees

Columbia Presbytery will host their Spring Committee Meetings here at Columbia First C.P. Church on Thur., **Mar. 2**, at 6:30 p.m.

The Columbia Presbytery **Executive Council** will meet here at Columbia First C.P. Church on Thur., **Mar. 15**, at 6:30 p.m. This committee consists of all the Chairpersons of each of the Presbyterian Committees & the Moderator & Vice Moderator of Columbia Presbytery.

Elder's Meeting

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

Bethel University Renaissance

The **Bethel Renaissance 80-member Choir** will be performing at our church in our Family Life Center on Sun., **Mar. 19**, at 5:30 p.m.! They are highly trained & outstanding! We will host a Fellowship Dinner with their choir & staff afterwards.

Spring Break Dates

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

QR Code

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb. 6 – Sam Kislow
Feb. 13 - Larry Burke
Feb. 16 – John Gold
Feb. 18 – Lois Burke
Feb. 21 – Sara McMahan
Feb. 22 – Billie Galloway

Ongoing Small Church Projects

- 1)Kitchen Plumbing downstairs
- 2)Install Faucet in Ladies’ Restroom
- 3)Repair hole in wall in Narthex
- 4)Install heat detectors in Kitchens
- 5)Repair Urinal in Men’s Restroom
- 6)Repair large Ice Maker in Gym
- 7)Clean out Rec Closet in Gym
- 8)Remove unusable Grills
- 9)Remove items to Dump
- 10)Clean Gym Kitchen

Extreme Tour Event

Reach Alliance will be hosting their first ever U.S. Tour Event in Columbia, TN on Mon.-Wed., **June 5-7**. This concert event will be held in a local park (such as Riverside Park). Their tour staff & team will sleep & eat their meals here at our church.

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.

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. This leads to large increases in our electric bill. Please help us reduce those costs.

Ongoing Large Church Projects

- 1)Handicap Ramp at Front Door
- 2)Wi-Fi in the Gym
- 3)Re-Keying the Buildings
- 4)Gym Lights converted to LED
- 5)Steeple Roof Leaks & Ceiling Tiles
- 6)Fellowship Hall lights to LED

Children’s Church Schedule

February

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

March

Mar. 5 – Jenni Cummings
Mar. 12 –
Mar. 19 –
Mar. 26 -

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

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.

Vacation Bible School 2023

Our dates for this year’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) are Sunday-Wednesday, **June 25-28**. We have not purchased our materials yet, so our theme at this time is TBD. Our VBS program consists of the following amazing elements: Dinner, Music, Singing, Bible Study, Crafts, & Games.

Denomination Birthday

Praise the Lord! We had an awesome turn-out for our Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination 213th Birthday **Breakfast** on Sun., **Feb. 5**. Thank you to everyone who brought tasty food items for this event! (i.e. Eggs, Egg Casserole, Fruit, Muffins, Smoothies, Hashbrowns, etc.) The church provided the Biscuits & Gravy, Waffles, Coffee, Milk, & Orange Juice. Thank you to **Jimmy Upshaw** for cooking mountains of Bacon & a vast pans full of cinnamon rolls! Thank you to **Jodi Ashley, Bob & Myrtle Brooks, Lois Burke, Doug Cummings, & Patsy Hedrick** for coming early to help set-up! Thank you to everyone who helped wash dishes, take out trash, & clean-up afterwards!

Top 10 “To-Do List” Ministries

These are the priorities that we are praying for & working toward daily:

- 1)New Church Treasurer
- 2)New Nursery Worker
- 3)3rd Adult Sunday School Class
- 4)Youth Sunday School Class
- 5)Easter Egg Hunt
- 6)Youth Mission Trip – Summer
- 7)Vacation Bible School
- 8)Hope 202: Gift & Skills Assessment
- 9)Elder Apprentice Program
- 10)Social Media Presence

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. 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 3rd 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