

Church Calendar

Jan. 1 – New Year’s Sunday

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Jan. 4 – Wednesday

5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class Warm-Up

5:15 p.m. – Fitness Class in Gym

6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Jan. 5 – Thursday

11:30 a.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive

Jan. 7 – Saturday

9:30 p.m. – Elder’s Meeting

Jan. 8 – Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Jan. 11 – Wednesday

5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class Warm-Up

5:15 p.m. – Fitness Class in Gym

6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Church Treasurer

Our long-time Treasurer, **Patsy Hedrick**, will be stepping down from her position early in 2023. We will need someone to step-up & take over this important position. Please take time to pray with us for this position.

Thank you, Patsy, for all your valuable years of faithful service to Jesus Christ & to our church! She has been a trustworthy Treasurer & detailed Accountant. Your work-effort will not soon be forgotten.

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

Dec. 4 - \$3,860.00

Dec. 11 - \$2,233.00

Dec. 18 - \$834.00

Dec. 25 - \$2,065.00

Special Gifts: \$14,535.00

Loaves & Fishes: \$434.00

Rent: \$1,700.00

Monthly Tithes & Offerings

September \$ 8,855.50

October \$15,705.04

November \$ 7,869.00

December \$25,227.00

Great Quote of the Day

“Your life as a Christian should make non-believers question their disbelief in God.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – (1972-Present)
He attended the University of Berlin & became a German protestant theologian. His father, Karl, was a Professor there in Psychology. He spent a year as an exchange student in the U.S. at Union Theological Seminary. He pastored several German churches & was a leading protester against the Nazis. He was arrested & imprisoned on April 4, 1943. After an attempt on Hitler’s life in 1944, documents were discovered linking Bonhoeffer to the plot. He was interrogated & executed.

The Vine

Columbia First C.P. Church

Jan. 1, 2023

Elder Nominations

If you would like to nominate a person to serve as an Elder at CFCPC for 2023, please see Pastor Chris. We ask that you please check with your nominee first to make sure that they would be willing to serve. It is a 3-yr commitment (2023-2025). On Sun., **Jan. 8**, we will take nominations from the floor at the end of our worship service.

Christmas Day Worship

For 2022, Christmas Day fell on a Sunday, Dec. 25. This will not happen again for 11 yrs. Thank you to all of you who rearranged your Christmas morning with your family to attend our 11:00 a.m. **Sunday Worship Service**. We had a great crowd! Thank you to **John Hassell** for playing the Pipe Organ for us throughout the Christmas season! We had tons of Visitors at our Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services! I hope you took the time to introduce yourself to them & invite back for worship in 2023.

TV Personality!

Our own **Bob Good** was interviewed by Channel 5 News in Nashville last week. His segment has already appeared on their news broadcast two different times. Bob is an accomplished artist & painter. He has designed greeting cards & you can buy them at Riverside Antiques here in Columbia. Carolyn is also an artist & she has designed beautiful porcelain. Bob & Carolyn are faithful members of the Bethany Sunday School Class.

Midnight Madness

Our Youth will be having an Outstanding 2023 kick-off event on Fri., **Jan. 27**, in the gym from 6:00 p.m.-Midnight. We will have Dinner together, a Guest Speaker, enjoy Live Christian Music, play Volleyball, have a photograph Scavenger Hunt, Sing Karaoke, & Shoot a Video to show in church on Sun., Feb. 5. For food planning purposes, please R.S.V.P. with Pastor Chris by Sun., Jan. 22. Who are you going to invite?

Congratulations!

Did you know that **Kailey McMahan’s** art work is being exhibited at the Spring Hill Library for the whole month of January 2023. It’s a free exhibit, so go check it out!

Prayer Request List

Dixie Austin – kidney issues
Betty Ruth Bates – vascular dementia
Larry Burke – eye swelling & shots
Lois Burke’s brother, Dennis Chandler
– cancer in his brain; chemo
Lois’ brother, Don Chandler – back
Lois’ great-nephew, Kelton Richardson
– cancer has returned.
Jenni Cummings’ friend, Renee Cullin –
bone marrow transplant.
Bob Good – back; hip
Carolyn Good – back; tail bone
Patsy Hedrick’s aunt, Iris Daniels –
stroke effects
Patsy’s cousin, Robin Jack – cancer
Bobby Johnson – needs back surgery
Insurance approval is slow for surgery
Kinsey Kislów’s sister – pregnancy
Sam Kislów’s sister – lung issues
Sara McMahan’s grandma, Betty – flu &
pneumonia.
Sara’s friend, Krista G. – Stage 4 cancer
Amber Myers’ friend, Carly McGee,
aggressive cancer; St. Jude’s
Brenda Montgomery – virus
Margie Owens’ son, David – stroke;
He’s had tests on Dec. 8 & Dec. 13
Margie’s husband, Ron – Diabetes issue
Ron’s other sister, Pat, is in Hospital in
Indianapolis.
Deborah Skillington – bipolar
Heidi Upshaw – hip physical therapy
Jimmy Upshaw –shoulder surgery 10/26

Praises

Larry Burke’s sister, **Cathy**, came in
town for Christmas. She had to be
rushed to Centennial Hospital at 1:00
a.m. due to a heart issue. They did
surgery to shock her heart. With her
heart back in rhythm, she was
released the next day. She was able to
enjoy Christmas with her family!
Patsy Hedrick was able to join us for
our Christmas Day Worship Service!
She had been sick with COVID for
over a week.
Bobby Johnson’s step-daughter, **Julia**,
was able to attend the Christmas Eve
Service with him!
Ryan McMahan’s mom, **Laurie**, was
able to attend the Christmas Eve
Service with their family!

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your
generous Christmas gifts to our family!
It was a huge blessing at just the right
time. You all are amazing! Thank you
for your kindness and encouraging
words. We will continue to strive to
serve Jesus here at Columbia First C.P.
Church with our whole hearts. It is
your prayers that lift us up & make our
efforts for Jesus fruitful. May God bless
you all!

Chris, Jill, & Selah Caldwell

Joke of the Week

Randy & Chris went deer hunting at
4:00 a.m. in the morning. Even though
they had been in the field for 4 hours,
they had not even seen 1 deer. Randy
said “We haven’t seen any deer or any
other kind of animal for that matter.”
Chris responded “Maybe it’s because
we’re still sitting in the truck with the
engine running.” Randy said “Do you
want heat? It’s -2 degrees in my deer
blind.” Chris retorted “Well you’ve
gotten out of the truck 3 times to go to
the bathroom.” Randy sighed “Well
you’re the one who brought the
Thermos full of hot coffee for us.”
Chris nodded “Maybe you could turn
the radio down a little?” Randy exhaled
“Then how are we supposed to hear if
there’s a weather alert?” Chris shook
his head “Well maybe you could stop
firing your shotgun out the truck
window at that tree?” Randy smiled
“How do you expect to hit anything if
you don’t practice?” Chris responded “I
don’t think this is the best hunting
spot.” Randy got huffy “Who made you
the expert? My friend, Chet, told me
that he saw deer here all the time.”
Chris sat back “Well, I haven’t seen 1
deer. I’m going to walk across the
street to the Wal-Mart & ask somebody
in customer service. You want
anything while I’m there?”

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. We are asking
everyone to bring a food item for this
event. There will be a sign-up sheet for
food items in the Narthex in the next
couple of weeks. Please place your
name beside the item you would like to
bring (i.e. hashbrowns, fruit, muffins,
sausage links, danish, grits, oatmeal,
cinnamon rolls, etc.) The church will
provide Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy,
Coffee, Milk, & Orange Juice. It will be
our 212th Birthday as a denomination!

Children’s Church Schedule

January

Jan. 1 – Jill Caldwell
Jan. 8 –
Jan. 15 –
Jan. 22 –
Jan. 29 –

February

Feb. 5 -
Feb. 12 -
Feb. 19 -
Feb. 26 -

*If you would be willing to teach
Children’s Church in 2023, please see
Jill Caldwell.

January

Wednesday Nights

We will kick-off our Wednesday evening activities on Jan. 4. We will have Fitness Class in the Gym, Celebration, & Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall.

Red Cross Blood Drive

We will host a Special 2023 Kick-Off Red Cross blood drive here in the Fellowship Hall on Thur., **Jan. 5**, from 11:00-6:00 p.m.

Elder's Meeting

Our Elders will have their monthly meeting on Sat., **Jan. 7**, at 9:30 a.m.

Elder Nomination & Election

You will have the chance to nominate someone to serve as Elder for 2023 on Sun., **Jan. 8**.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Our Youth Group will meet on Sun., **Jan. 8**, at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. We will have Youth Group each week in January. This group is designed for kids who are in the 6th-12th Grade. For more info, please see Pastor Chris.

January

Covenant Circle Meeting

In 2023, Our Women's Covenant Circle will be meeting on Mon., **Jan. 16**, at Noon. 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).

Hope 101

If you have been thinking about joining our church, we would love for you to attend Hope 101. We'll offer the 2-sessions on Sun., **Jan. 22 & Jan. 29**.

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Did You Know?

Connor Cook has been taking tutoring classes to prepare for the military entrance exam. He wants to serve his country in the Army!

February

Winter Jam

Winter Jam 2023 will be held on Fri., **Feb. 3**, at Bridgestone Arena at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15/ person at the door. Please see Pastor Chris if you are interested in going with us.

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

We will be having a Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination Birthday Breakfast on Sun., **Feb. 5**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking everyone to bring a food item for this event.

Valentine's Banquet

We will host a wonderful Valentine's Banquet on Fri., **Feb. 10**, at 6:00 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/March

Super Bowl Party

We will be having a Super Bowl Party 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.

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 afterwards in our Family Life Center.

Spring Break Dates

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

Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26
Easter Egg Hunt – Apr. 1
Palm Sunday – Apr. 2
Easter Revival – Apr. 2-5
Maundy Thursday – Apr. 6
Good Friday – Apr. 7
Easter Egg Hunt (rain date) – Apr. 8
Easter Sunday – Apr. 9

Wednesday Night Activities

As most you know by now, each Wednesday we host: 1) Fitness Class in the Gym at 5:00 p.m., 2) Celebration Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m., & 3) Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. We broadcast our Bible Study on Facebook Live & Zoom.

Hope 101

If you have been thinking about joining our church, we would love for you to attend Hope 101. We'll offer the 2-sessions on Sun., **Jan. 22 & Jan. 29**. We discuss the rights, expectations, & responsibilities for new members here at CFCPC. We will meet on Sundays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. For planning purposes, please R.S.V.P. with Pastor Chris if you are planning to attend.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan. 2 – Norah Upshaw
Jan. 8 – Jane Fitzgerald
Jan. 8 – Bobby Johnson
Jan. 16 – Jenni Cummings
Jan. 17 – Carmen Ford
Jan. 19 – Jimmy Upshaw
Jan. 20 – Brandi Bolton
Jan. 22 – James Myers
Jan. 23 – James Upshaw
Jan. 27 – Ellie Bratton
Jan. 29 – Catherine Upshaw
Jan. 29 – Conner Upshaw

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.

Winter Jam

Winter Jam 2023 will be held on Fri., **Feb. 3**, at Bridgestone Arena at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15/ person at the door. We will need to get to the arena early, because it is first-come, first-serve seating (festival). It was packed last year. The artists for this year include: **We the Kingdom, Jeremy Camp, Andy Mineo, Anne Wilson, Disciple, Austin French, Newsong, Thrive Worship, Sean Be, & Renee**. The guest speaker is **Zane Black**. Please see Pastor Chris if you are interested in going with us.

Counseling Available

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

Special Red Cross Blood Drive

We will kick-off the year with a Special Red Cross Blood Drive on Thur., **Jan. 5**, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Blood is in short supply in Maury Co. right now. We all need to do our part to ensure that the Hospitals have the supplies that they need for emergencies.

Fire Inspection

We need your help. We'll have our annual Building Fire Inspection in January 2023. We have a number of issues to address. If you would like to help, please see Doug Cummings.

Glorious Grandkids!

Bob & Myrtle Brooks are blessed with several amazing Grandkids! Recently, their grandson Nick Bolton worked all day splitting a hug pile of firewood for them to be able to heat their house! Nick is the son of Eric & Connie Bolton. He is a sophomore at Spring Hill High School, where he plays Varsity Baseball & Football.

Did You Know?

Pastor **Chris Caldwell** was elected President of the **Maury Co. Noon Rotary Club** beginning July 2024. He is required to serve as VP for a year from July 2023 to July 2024.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We had a gorgeous Candlelight Christmas Eve Service! Everyone was dressed festively with smiles in their hearts & on their faces! Thank you to **Doug, Jenni, Conner, & Morgan Cummings** for reading the Bible & lighting the Advent Candles! Thank you to **John Hassell and Jill & Selah Caldwell** for providing the beautiful music! Thank you to **Caleb & E.J. Caldwell** for their help setting up for the service & for preparing all the kids' Christmas Candy Bags & Gifts! Thank you to **Kailey McMahan & Selah Caldwell** for handing out all the Kids' Gifts! We concluded the night by celebrating the Lord's Supper & singing "Silent Night" together.

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