

Church Calendar

Mar. 15 – Wednesday

6:30 p.m. – Online Bible Study

Mar. 16 – Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Committee

Mar. 19 – Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:00 p.m. – Bethel Choir Concert

7:30 p.m. – Fellowship Dinner

Mar. 20 – Monday

6:30 p.m. – FCA Banquet at First
Family Church

Mar. 21 – Tuesday

8:30 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast

Mar. 22 – Wednesday

5:00 p.m. – Fitness Class

6:00 p.m. – Celebration Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Mar. 23 – Thursday

11:30 a.m. – Red Cross Blood Drive

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar. 13 – Beverly Fitzgerald

Mar. 13 – Suzanne Bruun

Did You Know?

Thank you to **Selah Caldwell**, who has agreed to teach the Youth Sunday School Class weekly! This is designed for High School & College age students. Thank you to **John Gold**, who has also volunteered to help with our Youth Group.

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

Feb. 26 - \$2,925.00

Mar. 5 -

Mar. 12 -

Mar. 19 -

Mar. 26 -

Monthly Tithes & Offerings

December \$25,227.00

January \$10,908.00

February \$10,008.00

Great Quote of the Day

“Consider how precious a soul must be when both God and the devil are after it.”

Charles Spurgeon – (1834-1892) He was an accomplished Baptist preacher in England, who was blessed with a photographic memory. At 20 years old, he was asked to Pastor New Park Street Baptist Church in 1854. It had been a thriving church of 1200 people but had dwindled down to 200. It was in the inner-city of London. By 1856, they had to rent Surrey Music Hall to accommodate the 10,000 people who attended the church. By 1891, that church had baptized 14,460 people & the church’s membership was 5,311 people. When he passed away, 100,000 people lined the streets as his coffin passed by.

The Vine

Columbia First C.P. Church

March 12, 2023

Bethel Renaissance Concert

We are blessed to host the 75-member Bethel University Renaissance Choir for a Concert on Sun., **Mar. 19**, at 5:00 p.m. in our Family Life Center. This group travels all over the United States performing at Competitions, State Fairs, & Churches. We have invited all of Columbia Presbytery. A love offering will be taken to help cover Bethel’s travel expenses.

After the concert, we will host a **Fellowship Dinner** for the Choir in our Fellowship Hall. We are serving Fried Chicken, Green Beans with Potatoes, Buttered Corn, & Rolls. We are simply asking you to bring your favorite Dessert to share. All the food will be cooked & warming before the concert. No one will need to miss the concert to cook or reheat food. We will be feeding 120-130 people.

Right after worship today, we will need people to help move metal chairs from upstairs to our Fellowship Hall downstairs for the meal. We’ve already set up 300 chairs in our gym.

FCA Banquet

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host its annual Fundraising Banquet on Mon., **Mar. 20**, at First Family Church at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be former NFL Player & Coach, **Sherman Smith**. He was a 1st Round draft pick of the Seattle Seahawks in 1976. He played 7 seasons in the NFL. In 1998, he coached Running Backs (Eddie George) for the Titans. He was also the Washington Redskins’ Offensive Coordinator. The new movie “Show Me The Father” details his life. There will be a Dinner with a Photograph & Autograph session beforehand. There will be testimonials from local high school students. Pastor Chris is an 8-person table sponsor. Would you like to attend this event?

Guest Speaker

We are blessed to have the **Director for Young Life** of Maury County, **Ethan Nieman**, to speak to us today! Ethan trained with many of the same Young Life leaders in Knoxville that trained Pastor Chris. Ethan leads Young Life Clubs at Columbia Central High School & Zion Christian School. Pastor Chris, Jill, & Selah are in Florida today. **Sam Kislow** has graciously volunteered to lead our Worship Service today.

Prayer Request List

Jodi Ashley's friend, Wayne Bolt – Stage 4 Cancer
Dixie Austin – heart issues
Jack Barron – intestinal recovery
Betty Ruth Bates – health issues
Larry Burke- eye swelling & shots
Lois Burke's brother, Don Chandler – 2 strokes; eyesight issues.
Lois' great-nephew, Kelton Richardson – cancer has returned.
The Caldwell's – travel home from FL
Doug Cummings stepmom, Marsha – Hospital; had endoscopy on 1/20
Carolyn Good – tail bone; energy levels
Patsy Hedrick's aunt, Iris Daniels – health issues; depression
Patsy's cousin, Robin Jack – in rehab
Bobby Johnson – back surgery 3/27
Sara McMahan's friend, Krista G., Stage 4 cancer
Kailey McMahan – dealing with a virus
Amber Myers – Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Amber's friend, Carly McGee, aggressive cancer; St. Jude's
Margie Owens' daughter, Shonda – Knee replacement surgery
Deborah Skillington – bipolar
Ashlyn Upshaw – pregnancy; due 7/31
Heidi Upshaw – dealing with a virus
James Upshaw's friend, Cody Jones – serious car wreck on 2/20
Jimmy Upshaw –Skin cancers

Praises

- 1) **Jodi Ashley's** mom, **Elaine**, is out of her coma! She has been in ICU at St. Thomas Hospital fighting pneumonia. Now she is awake, alert, talking, & eating! Please keep praying for her full recovery.
- 2) **James Upshaw** had safe travel home from Philadelphia, PA for work!
- 3) **Bobby Johnson** has rented a bucket truck to repair our steeple & roof leaks before Mar. 27!
- 4) **James Myers** has recruited several of our church members to go shoot in the Breakfast Rotary Club's Charity Shoot on Sat., Mar. 18!

Suicide Prevention Hotline

My friend, George Vrailas, is helping spearhead a campaign for Suicide Prevention. **C.O.W.B.O.Y. U.P.** is sponsoring the new Hotline that took effect on **March 1st**. They have worked with the State of Tennessee to secure “**988**” as a Suicide Prevention Hotline. Another alternative is to text the word “**Talk**” to “**741741**”. Make sure to encourage your friends & family with the words that “hope is on the line.” George Vrailas owns “The Way Realty” and is the chairperson of the FCA Board. He attends First Family Church in Columbia.

Jokes of the Week

- 1) A man took his family to a seafood restaurant & asked the waitress for a Lobster tail. The waitress sat down & said “Many years ago, just off the coast of New England, a young lobster left his home to make his fortune...”
- 2) Did you hear that the Devil was arrested in Columbia? They got him on a charge of “Possession.”
- 3) The police in our village have gotten out of hand. Marvin Snerdley was simply driving his sheep herd through town & the local police officer gave him a ticket for making a “Ewe Turn.”
- 4) We used to play spin the bottle when I was a kid. A girl would spin the bottle, & if the bottle pointed to you when it stopped, the girl could either kiss you or give you a quarter. By the time I was 14 years old, I owned my own house.
- 5) Chris & Jill were throwing a party at their mansion. They asked their butler “Please stand at the door & call our friend's names as they arrive.” The butler smiled & said “Absolutely! I've always wanted to do that!”

New Kids' Sunday School

Our new Kids' Sunday School began on Sun., **Mar. 5!** We ordered new Bible curriculum from Lifeway called **The Gospel Project: *From Heaven to Earth***. Heaven met Earth when Jesus came to dwell among His people. This is a Christ-centered Bible Study resource that looks at the big picture of God's story-the story of redemption through Jesus Christ.

Thank you to **Jason & Sandy Bratton**, who are leading this program! The Spring Quarter is March, April, & May. Our Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes begin at 10:00 a.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, Skills, Abilities, Spiritual Gifts, & Personality type. We will teach this material for 2 Wednesdays in April.

March

Prayer Breakfast

We will not meet for Prayer Breakfast this Tue., **Mar. 14**. However, we will resume on Tue., **Mar. 21**, 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.

Wednesday Nights

We will not meet in-person this Wed., **Mar. 15**, for our Wednesday evening activities. However, we will offer our Bible Study online on Facebook & Zoom.

We will resume our regular Wednesday Evening Activities on Wed., **Mar. 22**. 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 Fellowship Hall.

Presbytery Executive Council

The Columbia Presbytery **Executive Council** will meet here at Columbia First C.P. Church on Thur., **Mar. 16**, at 7:00 p.m. This committee consists of all the Chairpersons of each of the Presbyterial Committees & the Moderator & Vice Moderator of Columbia Presbytery.

March

Bethel University Renaissance

The **Bethel Renaissance 75-member Choir** will be performing at our church in our Family Life Center on Sun., **Mar. 19**, at 5:00 p.m.! They are highly trained & outstanding! We will host a Fellowship Dinner with their choir & staff afterwards in our Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Columbia Presbytery Called Mtg

We will host a Called Meeting of Columbia Presbytery on Sun., **Mar. 26**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The meeting is to vote to ordain one of our candidates for the ministry, **Emrie Smith Rogers**. She has been hired by the Tusculum CP Church in Nashville.

March

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Our Youth Group will meet on Sun., **Mar. 26**, at 5:30 p.m. This group is designed for kids who are in the 6th-12th Grade.

Covenant Circle Meeting

Our CPWM (Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry) will not meet for the next several months. They are going to concentrate on getting together & visiting all of our homebound members. If you would like to participate, see Patsy Hedrick.

Did You Know?

Our **Youth Group** had their weekly meeting at the new Texas Roadhouse Restaurant in Spring Hill on Sunday, **Mar. 5**? Thank you to **James & Amber Myers** for getting our name on the waiting list early. We had a fantastic time eating, playing a game, & enjoying a Bible Study together!

Thank You!

We would like to thank **Sam Kislow** for teaching the Outreach Sunday School Class today. We would also like to thank **John Gold** for teaching the Youth Sunday School Class today!

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

Ongoing Small Church Projects

- 1)Kitchen Plumbing downstairs
- 2)Install Faucet in Ladies' Restroom
- 3)Repair hole in hallway wall – Done!
- 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 – Done!
- 8)Remove unusable Grills
- 9)Remove items to Dump
- 10)Clean Gym Kitchen – Done!

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 – Done!
- 5)Easter Egg Hunt – Done!
- 6)Youth Mission Trip – Summer
- 7)Vacation Bible School
- 8)Hope 202 Classes
- 9)Elder Apprentice Program
- 10)Social Media Presence

April

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 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 finger foods on Wed., **Apr. 5**. We're asking you to bring a your favorite appetizer & a dessert to share.

April

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 to volunteer.

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 service. Sam Kislow will lead the singing & we will also have Special Music. You are welcome to bring a blanket or portable heater!

April

Columbia Presbytery Spring Mtg

Columbia Presbytery will host their Spring Meeting on Sun., **Apr. 23**, at West Point C.P. Church at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Terry Peery is their Pastor. We will need an Elder representative to attend with Pastor Chris, who is the current Moderator of Presbytery.

Expression City's "Grease"

Selah Caldwell will be playing "Sandy" in Expression City's production of the musical "**Grease**" in Franklin.

The show schedule is as follows:

Thur., **Apr. 27**, at 7:00 p.m.

Fri., **Apr. 28**, at 7:00 p.m.

Sun., **Apr. 30**, at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale online at the end of March.

QR Code

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



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 20-30 member tour team will sleep & eat their meals here at our church.

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.

Children's Church Schedule

If you would be willing to teach Children's Church in March or April, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you would like additional info or you have questions, please see Jill Caldwell.

The Season of Lent

The 40-Days of Lent began 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.

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