



The Loudon Lamp

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday-Session Meeting**
 - 5:00 Planning
 - 6:00 Dinner
 - 6:30 Monthly Meeting
- **Tuesday-Thursday-Church Office Hours 8-1:00**
- **Thursday-**
 - 10:00 **Habitat** for Loudon County churches at the Lenoir City offices. Let Mark know if you wish to attend as it is RSVP
 - 1:00 Cumberland **Knitters** initial meeting at the church. See the article on **Prayer Shawl Group**.



THIS SUNDAY

9 – Gather for **Fellowship** with coffee, donuts and conversation.

9:30 – **Sunday School** for all ages in the classroom. Wiley Brakebill has the virtual class, and the Seekers, Men and Women’s classes will study “The Lord is Praise,” Psalm 145:1, 10-21.

The Young Adults meet up the back stairway with Merritt Brakebill for Bible Study. Come and share with us!

10:25 – **Welcome & Announcements** scrolling before Worship.

10:30-Worship – Mark’s message, *We’re in it together*, I Corinthians 12:25-27. Griffen has our children’s message. Our January hymn is *Draw Me Nearer*. Our Sunday hymns will be: *Blessed Be the Name, There Is a Fountain, and Softly and Tenderly*. Morning Scriptures: Psalm 19, Nehemiah 8:1-10, Luke 4:14-21.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

The CPW has started a crocheting and knitting group to make prayer shawls, small throws, baby blankets, chemo caps, etc. to donate where there is a need. Can't crochet, but want to learn? Bonnie Womac, our project leader, will teach you. Please join the first meeting this Thursday, January 23, at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall for a time of Christian fellowship to support and encourage one another. Bring your yarn and needles. Needed: a knitting teacher. If you would like to know more, call Bonnie Womac 865-657-9856.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Men’s Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, January 28th. Committee #4: Kyle Burnette, Tim Guider, John Napier, Darrell Tuck, Mark Wisham, Steve Harrison, Ric Wiggall, and Sam Rowe.

PASTORAL CARE

You are invited to a **Drive By Tea** honoring Ellie Narvel and Josh Binkley, on Sunday, February 2nd from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Come as you are, you don’t have to leave your car and gifts are not necessary. Plan to drive by and offer “well wishes” to this couple.

Congratulations to **Charlie Harrison** for receiving The Purple Path To Excellence award for Honesty for the Month of January. We are so happy for this young man and his family.

Our thoughts and prayers this week are needed for: Judy White, Janet Jones, Jannell Costa, Duane Stitzel, Ernest Hendrix (Father of Gary Hendrix), Dennis Rowe, and the Family of Nancy Willis.

We are sharing a hymn challenge where we all listen to and learn one hymn a month. At the end of the year, we will have 12 hymns embedded in our hearts and souls. For the month of January, we are doing “Draw Me Nearer”. You can Google this hymn and find many options for listening. Listen at least once a day for the month of January. I will post one on our Facebook page or I will be happy to get you a copy of the words/music. Absorb the truth of the words and the comfort of the melody!!

"SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY

The CPW is encouraging everyone to bring cans of soup and other ready to eat canned foods, such as chili and spaghetti and jars of peanut butter to the church between now and Super Bowl Sunday, February 9th. Please place your food items on the "giving pew" outside the church office. These will be donated to the Good Samaritan Center.

TITHES, OFFERINGS, & ATTENDANCE

1/19/25: \$6287.00 Building Fund: \$1755.00

Church Attendance: 122

Online Viewers: 32

Sunday School: 66

Online Viewers: 12

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Men’s Fellowship**, January 28th at 6:00, Crew #4
- **Drive-By Tea** for Ellie Narvel and Josh Binkley, February 2nd between 12-1:00
- **Presbytery Worship and Reception** February 2nd
 - 3:00 Worship Program in the Sanctuary
 - 4:00 Reception in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday night** programming restarts on February 19th (Choir and Cumberland Kids)
- **Mission Clinic** meeting February 23rd after worship
- **Worship and Music** Committee February 24th at 6:00
- **Christian Ed** meeting March 3rd at 6:00

WORSHIP AND RECEPTION

We are hosting 14 Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in our area for our Presbytery sponsored Denomination Day Celebration Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the Loudon Church. The program begins at 3:00 (Sanctuary) and is followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments at 4:00 (Fellowship Hall). Attendance is hard to judge. I imagine there will be a few or more than a few from each church but I hope we will have a goodly number from our congregation. After all, we’re the host, and both Griffen and Mark are speaking, and Beth and Claire will be leading the music. In advance, we thank LuAnn Jarnagin and Beverly Harrison for putting the reception together and lining up assistance as needed.

SPECIAL SUMMER DATES

- **Junior Camp** (3rd -5th grades)- June 1-6, 2025
- **Youth Camp** (6th grade – High School) June 8-13, 2025
- **General Assembly** will be meeting at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa - June 15-20th. Plan to attend the Sunday night worship service and more news of what is available during the week will be forthcoming.
- **VBS – Vacation Bible School** – Sunday, June 29 – Tuesday, July 1st. Director – Griffen Smith.
- **VBS SWIM PARTY** Wednesday night, July 2nd at Loudon Pool.

PRAYER LIST

Jeff Pipes, Ann Stafford, Bonnie Ferguson, John R. and Carrie Newman, Judy White, Jannell Costa, the Family of Nancy Willis, Duane Stitzel, Janet Jones, Ernest Hendrix, Dennis Rowe, travelers, and unspoken.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Thank you for your commitment for prayer and giving. To God be the glory! As soon as the latest pledges are reviewed by Lisa and Leigh Ann, I will publish the numbers, but I did not get them in time for this issue. Barger & Nix picked up the organ console as planned, but we didn’t know they were also picking up the pieces that had been in storage upstairs. After 3 hours of loading, our organ is in good hands and hopefully, it will be back and installed before too many more weeks have passed. Thank you, Leigh for your continued leadership on the building project.

DIRECTORY 2025

Please look at your 2024 Church Directory and send any update addresses or contact information into the office no later than February 4th (2 weeks from today). We hope to have a 2025 Directory published and mailed to everyone sometime in February to add to your binder. Please let the office know if you are getting a directory for the first time as yours will come with a new binder.

OUR STAFF:

- Rev. Mark Hester: Pastor
- Beth Brakebill: Director of Music, Education, & Pastoral Care
- Claire Pinkston: Accompanist
- Kimberly Wilks: Administrative Assistant
- Rich and Rhonda Gasper: Building and Maintenance
- Katie Parkin: IT Support
- Griffen Smith: Pastoral Asst., Dir. of Children/Youth Activities

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