

Dear Church Family,

October has always been one of my favorite months in the life of the church. The air is crisp, the colors of fall are bursting forth, and there's a sense of both gratitude and anticipation of what is to come. It's the season when we pause to reflect on the faith-



fulness of God in the year behind us, and at the same time look forward to all that God is preparing for us in the year ahead. What a joy it is to be on this journey with you!

This October, we find ourselves in the heart of our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, and the theme this year could not be more fitting: Planted for a Purpose. Taken from Colossians 2:6-7, it reminds us, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Just like a tree planted in rich soil, our church is rooted deeply in Christ, nourished by God's Spirit, and strengthened by the love and commitment of this congregation. And just like that tree, we are not planted for ourselves alone-we are planted for a purpose. That purpose is to bear fruit, to share God's love generously, and to be a blessing in this community and far beyond.

Over the past year, we've seen beautiful evidence of that purpose. Since January, we've welcomed 35 new members into our fellowship, each bringing their own unique story, background, and gifts to enrich our life together. We've celebrated worship that lifts our spirits, ministries that extend care and compassion, and mission efforts that make a difference both locally and globally. Every time I see a hand extended in service, every time I hear a voice raised in song, and every time I witness one of you offering care to a neighbor in need, I am reminded: God has planted us here for such a time as this.

As we look toward 2026, we have exciting opportunities ahead. Our proposed budget reflects both faith and wisdom - faith that God will continue to provide as we grow, and wisdom in setting aside resources for the future through an expanded Building Maintenance Reserve. These practical steps remind us that stewardship is not just about maintaining what we have; it's about preparing for what God will do next.

I also want to celebrate the tireless work of our Minister of Congregational Care Search Team.

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Their prayers, discernment, and dedication reflect the very best of what it means to be rooted in Christ and guided by the Spirit. We trust that, in God's perfect timing, the right leader will be called to join us in caring for this congregation we love so much.

Of course, none of this happens without you-your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service. When you complete a pledge card, when you volunteer time, when you offer talents, you are helping to nurture the good soil of this church. Together, we are cultivating a place where faith can grow deep and strong, and where the fruits of generosity, compassion, and joy can flourish.

As your pastor, I cannot tell you how grateful I am for the privilege of walking this journey alongside you. I truly believe the best is yet to come. With God's help, and with your faithful support, we will continue to be a church that is firmly Planted for a Purpose-rooted in Christ, flourishing in love, and overflowing with gratitude.

Let's embrace this season with hope, with joy, and with a shared commitment to the mission God has given us.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve



J2B2 is an all-star bluegrass supergroup featuring four legendary, award-winning musicians delivering bluegrass like no one has ever heard it before. The four form a spot-on union of impeccable musicianship, incomparable songwriting, incredible harmony vocals and seasoned showmanship that has the bluegrass world buzzing. This is the "high lonesome sound" of American roots music at its finest. Expect fireworks and amazing playing from some of the best string players in the world.

50 Years Old

By Jeannine Wolf

When Kenneth Haugk finished seminary and graduate school, his desire to provide pastoral care to a congregation and community "quickly set in." There were so many needs. So few hours in the day and only one of him. He had a church full of people, and some he knew could help. From Ephesians he put



the message to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" into practice. He trained 9 lay caregivers from very different backgrounds. He was impressed with their enthusiasm and with the care they gave their assigned care receivers. It was a success!

The Stephen Ministers recognized that this ministry was too important to be limited to one congregation so they went to Dr. Haugk and encouraged him to offer it to other churches. On November 3, 1975, the Stephen Ministry was founded. For the next few years Dr. Haugk and his wife, Joan, along with a few seminary students traveled to congregations, primarily throughout the Midwest, to train Stephen Ministers. The ministry grew and grew. Since they were limited in the number of congregations and people they could provide in this way, they considered how best to share this ministry so that it could continue to grow. In 1978 they held a leaders training course in St. Louis. Lay leaders and ministers then returned to their home church to recruit, train, and supervise their own Stephen Ministers. These were annual affairs with some in later years held also in Florida. Now most leadership training occurs on zoom sessions offered several times a year.

Now, more than 14,000 congregations and other organizations have enrolled in Stephen Ministry. They represent 190 Christian denominations from all 50 dates, 10 Canadian provinces and 30 other countries. More than 80,000 people have been trained as Stephen Leaders, and more than 600,000 laypeople have been trained as Stephen Ministers. They have provided one-on-one Christian care and have cared for millions more in less formal relationships.

Here at CCTV Pastor Emeritus, Marty Singley, promoted Stephen Ministry in the spring of 1997, and he and 2 leaders went to St Louis for training. That September fifteen lay members of our congregation began training. We've trained 128 Stephen Ministers in our 28 years of service plus 6 who transferred from other churches and had updated lessons with us. In January, the 17th class with 9 more ministers will be commissioned into our group. We have been a successful, caring and dedicated group of ministers. We reach out to those in our surrounding community as well. This has been possible because we've had the support of our ministers. Our congregation can be grateful to them for seeing the contribution we can make with their support.

Jan Elliott • Lori York • Jeannine Wolf • Marjorie Stephens

Women's Conference



It is time again for the Women's Ministry Conference! Traditionally, the Women's Ministry has alternated between a retreat taking place off site, and a conference. This year's conference will be held at CCTV on Friday, October 24 from 4-6pm and Saturday, October 25 from 9am-6pm. Light breakfast snacks will be served as well as lunch on Saturday.

Three speakers will guide us through our theme of "Pause, Reset, Play." Rev. Sylvia Contess, a retired Lutheran pastor, will begin our journey with what it means to Pause from our day to day and rest in the presence of the Spirit. Then, Rev. Magan Stubblefield, a Methodist pastor, will provide a pathway for us to Reset some of our habits and recognize the Spirit in our midst. Finally, Rev. Melissa Smith, a Methodist pastor, will lead us in a celebratory session, teaching us how to fold our faith into our Play! We will welcome guest musicians who will help to lead music and provide musical interludes during the day.

The conference will also include two opportunities for breakout sessions. A few of the session options include: dabbling with testimony and memoir through a personal spiritual timeline, engaging in reflective art-making, hearing a panel on maintaining faith through life's resets, exploring the use of the Bible in one's life, and

learning what it means to grandparent in a largely unchurched world. On Friday night, participants have the opportunity to join with a small group to dine at a restaurant in the area if they so choose. Participants will cover their own tab but may sign up for a reservation in the narthex for available restaurants. Also, in line with the theme, we will enjoy a lunch on Saturday with laughter and fun that will certainly make you smile.

You may pick up a registration form in the church office or at a table in the narthex and return it to either place. A sign-up booth will be available in the narthex beginning September 28. The cost to attend is \$45. There are a few scholarships needed, including some for Beauty for Ashes participants. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship, you may indicate that on your registration form.

We invite you, the CCTV family, to be in prayer for this event. Ladies, we hope that you will consider joining us to pause, reset, and play at this year's Fall Conference. This conference is for adult women of all ages, so please bring a friend, family member, or neighbor! For questions or to pick up a registration form, please contact the church office or stop by the table in the narthex. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Katie



Items Accepted:

- Caps and Lids
- Cellphones
- Eyeglasses
- Ink Cartridges
- Postage Stamps (canceled; leave 1/4" edge)
- Pull Tabs
- Toiletry Items (new; any size)

Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- Please put your items in the appropriately labeled baskets. There are two larger plastic bins for caps and lids.
- Please only donate the items that are requested.

 There are 3x5 cards in a stand on the top of the Wishing Well that list all of the collections on one side and the specifics for the cap and lid collection on the other side. Feel free to take one home with you as a reminder.
- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate baskets.
- For those responsible for picking up the donated items for an agency, please clear out the basket(s) on a regular basis. If you are unable to do so, please ask someone to do it in your place.

The Wishing Well Care and Share collection area is located under the grand staircase.

Your Neighbors in the Pew: David & Betsy Robertson

By Karen Baber & Diane Sloan

Betsy and David met in Knoxville on the University of Tennessee campus in 1983. David, a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering, volunteered to coach a sorority flag football team. Betsy, playing center made quite the impression on David who was practicing as a nose-guard. After only a few snaps, she told him, "Get your boney elbow out of my eye!" Now, almost 40 years later, they still love football and Tennessee (and he keeps his elbows to himself!).

David was born in Memphis, raised Methodist, and was the oldest of three boys. He attended Briarcrest High School only a year behind Leigh Anne Roberts - portrayed by Sandra Bullock in the movie Blindside about football player Michael Oher. Sports continued to be a high point in David's life. He grew up watching Memphis State basketball games court-side with his father who also instilled in his son a lifelong love of golf. 1987 was a good year for David because first, he won an annual multifamily golf tournament in Destin, Florida. Second, he married the love of his life, Betsy. The couple moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where David continued his father's love of sports and took Betsy and their daughter Callie, to Oral Roberts University basketball games. At one ORU halftime show, David was selected to participate in the local Ford dealership's "Shoot to Drive Challenge." The prize was a new car. Each contestant had to in under 30 seconds, make a layup, a free throw, a 3-point shot, and a half court throw landing in the bucket. And yes, you guessed it, David won the new car.

Betsy was raised Presbyterian, in Morristown, Tennessee with her younger sister. Like David, she grew up loving sports and attending University of Tennessee football games at three years old, with her parents. After graduating high school, she worked at the World's Fair in 1982, overlooking her future campus of UT. She had no idea her future husband was working at the World's Fair at the same time. As, they never crossed paths until the elbow caper. As a student at UT, she was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and a Tennessee Vol hostess for prospective student athletes. In 1987 she earned her degree in Marketing. Despite the elbow intrusion, the pair dated throughout Betsy's college years. Six weeks after graduation they were married in her hometown church.

During David's 40-year automotive career, the family moved nine times, including Oklahoma, Ohio, North Carolina & Michigan. As a young engineer, David worked on improving operational processes and received team awards and multiple patents. He later moved into management. Although he loved the mechanical challenges, management allowed him the serious and humbling opportunity to improve the lives and working conditions of his employees. During this time, he had the started two separate plants, which became Fortune 100 companies.

Betsy has had the key role of raising their daughter while volunteering in numerous local organizations. Helping her community has been top of her list in serving others. She also worked as a medical transcription and still helps her family with the research and spelling of their ailments. Callie now lives in South Carolina and is the event manager for the Charleston Wine and Food Festival.

In 2020 the Robertsons found themselves coming back full circle to their roots in Tennessee and thrilled to be a part of Tellico Village. David is currently working for Volkswagen while Betsy is using her time to volunteer in the church and community. In order to prepare for retirement, David is taking advantage of the driving range working to get back to a single digit handicap. Betsy is concentrating on keeping their beloved Bernedoodle, Dolly, out of mischief and off the driving range. And of course, as season ticket holders to the UT football games, you can catch them in the stadium with locked elbows as they cheer their team on to victory...faith, family, friends, football and fun!





MISSION OUTREACH



THANK YOU to all of our Mission Partners who participated in our recent mission fair and to all of you who stopped by to visit with them and learn more about CCTV's mission outreach through these important partnerships!

It was a wonderful day of Christian fellowship and learning!











"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

The CCTV Mission Team is grateful for the resources God has provided this year that have allowed our church to reach out into the community and make a difference. You, our church family, have been generous with your time, your talents, and your financial gifts.

Through work with our Mission Partners, CCTV's financial support helps to pay for school supplies, utility bills, dental care, clothing, for food for families, and additional weekend food for children. We also support programs that reach inside prisons and help those who are trying to rebuild their lives after incarceration. Through our Mission Partners, CCTV helps introduce young children and youth to Jesus Christ in multiple ways. YOUR support helps treat women and children who are victims of abuse and even reaches out to other parts of the world to help with medical treatment, community development, and Christian education.

Just as importantly, our church is filled with loving and giving individuals who serve hundreds of hours as volunteers with our Mission Partners and with other non-profit and community organizations. It is evident that you, our church family, generously serve as the "hands and feet" of Jesus Christ in a multitude of ways. Thank you for your continuing service!

Volunteer Opportunities

Save the Dates

- Kairos Ministry will be selling cookie dough on Sunday, October 5 with cookie collection on October 12. There will also be a dropoff bin in the Fellowship Hall from October 13-15 during church open hours. For questions or more information, contact Ed Solack (248-802-2857).
- The Good Shepherd Center in Madisonville needs additional volunteers. If you have a heart for serving those in need, contact the center (423-420-8888; goodshepherdcenter.net/volunteers).
- Compassion Ministries will have two local pantries and one mobile pantry in October. Contact Jerry Perata (209-768-4507; calscreenguy@gmail.com) for more info.
- The Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City can always use additional volunteers. Complete a volunteer application online (goodsamloudoncounty.org) or give them a call (865-986-1777).
- Friday, November 21 9am-noon (CCTV Fellowship Hall)
 Volunteers are needed to help put together Thanksgiving food boxes that will be given to families in need. We will work with Compassion Ministry to purchase the food, then work with the Loudon County Schools Family Resource Center and the Good Shepherd Center to identify families to receive the food boxes. Plan to join us for this "hands-on" mission outreach project. Everyone is invited to help!
- November 15 December 10 Christmas for Angels
 CCTV will be working with the Loudon County Schools
 Family Resource Center to provide Christmas gifts for families in need. Please be sure to include this mission outreach effort in your holiday shopping! More details to come.

What skills and abilities could you bring to CCTV Mission Outreach?

Let us know how YOU might like to serve by completing the online Mission Interest Form (tellicochurch.com/missions).





Ft Loudon State Park Pavilion // Vonore October 1 & 15 - 10:00-12:00 Optional: BYO Picnic

Join the Women's Ministry for a lakeside devotional and choice of creative reflection or hike. Rain date TBD.



Bring pet food, bleach, peanut butter, paper towels, chicken broth and Dawn (blue) dish detergent donations to benefit Loudon and Monroe County Animal Shelters. All pets must be on a leash.



STARTING POINT

learn about us

meet new people

get connected

Sunday, October 12
Following Each Service · Fireside Room



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God's Special Time

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Drop off your cookies October 12-15 in the CLC. Thank you for your support!







Now that the Crafters garage sale is over, it's time to prepare for the Crafters Fall Sale on Saturday, November 1 from 9:00-noon. The ladies have been working since the spring sale on items you might be interested in - jewelry, mailbox covers, needlework, florals, sewing, cards, painted wood items, woodworking and best of all - plenty of baked goods supplied by the crafters and church members. Proceeds benefit the CCTV Scholarship Fund and various charities in Loudon and Monroe counties. Other than cash or checks only, There is no admission fee; cash and checks are accepted forms of payment. Come browse, visit, bring a friend, maybe meet someone new...but ultimately have a good time.











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FINANCE NEWS

Why pledge?

On September 28, we came together as a congregation and approved the 2026 Preliminary Budget. Of this

budget 85% of income relies on pledges from the congregation. This is the financial foundation of our church.

Your pledge enables us to commit to the proposed budget as presented – something random giving just cannot do. The budget determines our year's activities and ministries. A pledge says you believe in the mission of the Community Church and are part of the community. We started our Stewardship Campaign –" Planted for a Purpose" on that day. If you have not already done so, please take time to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026.

We recognize that this commitment is made between you and God. If your circumstances change, at any time, and you would like to increase of decrease your estimated giving, please contact the accounting office at 865-458-1516.

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Finance Facts

AUGUST YEAR-TO-DATE 2025

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME	\$1,425,850	\$1,438,816
EXPENSES (including mortgage principal)	\$1,125,527	\$1,277,195
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$300,323	\$161,621
Mortgage Principal Year-to-Date		\$231,152
Mortgage Interest Year-to-Date		\$30,931
Mortgage Balance		\$1,474,816
Endowment Fund		\$415,736

Memorial Gifts



John Harbrecht and Beverly Harbrecht Eileen Harbrecht

John Orr, Sr.
Charlene Barton

Phillip ScottSharon Scott

Jim Wager Joan Francis

Thank You

This has been a challenging time for me and Jerry. I am so touched and grateful for the beautiful, bright flowers that were delivered to me. Thank you for making me smile! I miss being at church so much - but I always attend online.

Faye Perata

On September 18 our Spaghetti Supper had a record attendance of 218. We thank everyone who volunteers to this ministry which provides camaraderie and a chance to build community.

Victoria McComb

Meet the Daylilies

The Congregational Care Team is sponsoring a group for women who are single by virtue of widowhood, divorce or never married. The group has named itself The Daylilies. They meet monthly for an activity arranged by a member of the group.

So far they have enjoyed a high tea and flower arranging demonstration, a trip to Rainwater Farm in Maryville, and a trip to the Sequoyah Museum and lunch at Pizza Venti. In October there will be a trip to Mercier Apple Farm in Georgia. If you would like to join the group or sign up for emails for information and reminders about activities, call Lynne MacConnell at 865-657-9988.

Columbarium



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GENERAL INFO

Worship Services
Watch our livestream (YouTube) each Sunday at 10:30.
Visit our website to watch Sunday's service live.
Sunday School 9:00
Find us on Facebook facebook.com/tellicochurch
Church Calendar tellicochurch.com/events
Want to explore church membership?
Please call the church office for details if you are
interested. You may inquire about membership
and other spiritual matters.
Pastoral Care

Please contact the church office for your pastoral

STAFF

Senior Pastor	Dr. Stephen B. Prevatte
Pastor of Worship and Music	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Associate Pastor	
Interim Pastoral Care Pastor	
Interim Pastoral Care Pastor	•
Pastor Emeritus	
Office Manager	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Director of AVL	
Director of Communications	
Financial Assistant	
Receptionist/Secretary	
Facilities Manager	the state of the s
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Director of Missions	
Organist/Accompanist	, 00
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The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm and Friday, 9am-noon.

2025 Council Voting Members



care needs.







(L-R): Chuck Martin, Council Chair
Jim Sandridge, Council Vice-Chair, Chair of Personnel Team
Kaye Sandridge, Chair of Engagement Team
Peggy Welch, Chair of Finance Team









(L-R): Lynne MacConnell - Congregational Care Team Leader Leslie Shuman, Chair of Trustees Judy Heard, Chair of Worship & Music Team Don Lucas, Chair of Mission Team

Spiritual Support

Alcoholics Anonymous Every Monday at 7pm Lower CLC

Al-Anon

Every Monday at 10am Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

United Methodist Church - Loudon Every Tuesday at 7pm

Caregivers Support Group

(Includes Alzheimer's Support Group)
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month, 1pm
Lower CLC

Grief Support Group *Scott & Suzanne Duncan*

Guy to Guy Chuck Hitch Hospitalization Support
Contact the church office

Parkinson's Support Group

1st Thursday of month, 1pm Lower CLC

Kathy Milam, Peggy Crowder

Pastoral Counseling

Rev. Dr. Stephen Prevatte

Prayer Chain
Jan Elliott

Prayer Shawls

Knitters & Crocheters

2nd Monday of month, 11am Conference Room Jan Martin

Stephen Ministry

Jan Elliott, Marjorie Stephens, Jeannine Wolf, Lori York

For more information please contact the church office (865-458-1516).