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May 3, 2026

From Your Pastor

Recently, I came across an intriguing article discussing the future of careers. This topic has generated some anxiety among many. The Wall Street Journal explored this issue and posed the question of how parents can help their children prepare for the future. They interviewed four experts in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) to gain insights into their thoughts on their own children's job prospects and career paths.

Several pieces of advice stood out to me. One AI leader mentioned that agility, openness to change, and the ability to adapt quickly will be essential skills for the future. While specific technical skills will always be important, she emphasized that softer skills such as critical thinking, communication, and sound human judgment will play an increasingly significant role.

One leader mentioned that he believes the trend will shift toward general jobs that combine a variety of skills. He asserted that a liberal arts education will be more valuable than ever. (Mom would absolutely applaud this.)

One parent mentioned that as her children grow older, they will need to develop better human qualities, such as the ability to relate, empathize, and interact with diverse people.

What are your thoughts on these reflections? I felt encouraged about the ministry of the church. I've observed that the closer we follow Jesus, the more we naturally develop what experts refer to as "soft skills" such as empathy, communication, and the ability to connect with others.

Computers can collect data quickly, but they cannot offer a hug or a cold glass of water in Jesus' name. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." By doing this, we bring Good News to the world.

Blessings,
Ande

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Important Upcoming Dates

MAY 17: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Bring your commitment cards for the campaign this day. You will receive a commitment card in advance that allows you to plan and commit to the gifts you feel led to provide.

MAY 31: CELEBRATION BRUNCH

Save the Date for this Churchwide Celebration! More details to come.



Save the Date
May 18, 2026
Baccalaureate Service
Honoring Central High School Seniors
Class of 2026
Smithwood Baptist Church
4914 Jacksboro Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918
Service begins at 7pm
Seniors arrive by 6:45pm
Attire: Sunday Dress
Refreshments to follow

Senior Adult Outing
Tuesday, May 19
9am Meet at church
Brunch at Holly's Gourmet Market
Shopping at Thrift stores in
Knoxville, Lenoir City, Maryville
Bring money for brunch, ice
cream, & thrift purchases.
Call Debbie to sign up:
865-688-2421
Save the Date! Senior Adult VBS
Friday, June 12

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 am

There are Bible study classes for all ages!

Visit cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/ for a list of classes.

Media Center

Come take advantage of the resources your church library has to offer! Open Sundays 8:30am - 10:35am

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12pm; 2pm - 4pm; 5:30 - 6pm

Family Life Center

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 8am – 8pm

Wednesday | 8am – 2pm and Friday | 8am – noon

The fitness calendar can be found on our website at

cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/

Wednesday Night LIFE

Pre-K thru 5th grade. 6-7:30pm. Children's Space

6th-12th grade. 7-8:30pm. Youth Space

Wednesday Night for Adults

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8pm. Music Suite

Devotion with Ande Myers. 7pm. Facebook

Preschool Worship Workers

May 3 8:45 - Mike and Janet McConkey

10:45 - Amy Hardy, Elan Hardy, Lexi Coughlin, Kate Cooper

May 10 8:45 - Mike and Janet McConkey

10:45 - Janna Gadd, Josie Gadd, Blake Gadd, Jackson Gadd



Congratulations to our Children's LIFE students who memorized the books of the Bible this semester!

1st - 2nd Grade

New Testament:

Ellie Casey
Grayson Fothergill
Hazel Fothergill
Mac Gadd
Letty Mingie
Jackson Owen
Emma Pendley

3rd - 5th Grade

Old & New Testament:

Haydn Lawson
George Marshburn
Sadie Owen



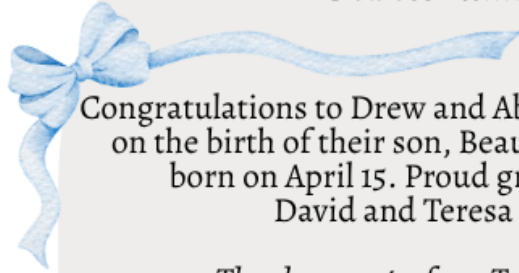
Family Info

Home from the hospital

Pat Wylie

In Sympathy

Kevin Kennard in the loss of his father,
Charles Kennard



Congratulations to Drew and Abby DeBusk Dickenson on the birth of their son, Beaumont "Beau" Hayes, born on April 15. Proud grandparents are David and Teresa DeBusk.

Thank you notes from Tyler Clapp and Steve & Karen Clapp have been received and are on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Central Baptist/ Central High School Partnership

The partnership team will be serving a picnic lunch to the faculty and staff at the school on **Friday, May 8**. Please let us know if you would like to help by providing a food item (dcrowdtrn@outlook.com), through monetary support to help us in purchasing items that we cannot bake, or through your prayers. If you have questions about the partnership, please see Judy Weber, Denise Brown, or Debbie Crowder.

Thank you - your help is always appreciated!



Weekly Record

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
4/26/26	\$31,730.77	\$24,626.22	\$18,384.53
YTD	\$951,923.08	\$945,140.01	\$939,982.48

Worship 8:45am - 68
10:45am - 218

Sunday School 217

VBS 2026 Registration is OPEN!

June 8 - 11
9am - noon



4 teachers are still needed!
Contact Cheyenne at
cduffy@cbcfc.org to volunteer!

Upcoming Events



**CBCFC YOUTH
COLOR WAR**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
7PM
VOLLEYBALL COURT
ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR
WEAR A WHITE SHIRT



**LIFE End of the Year
COOKOUT**

Wednesday, May 13 | 6-8pm | Volleyball Court

CBCFC Kids, Youth, & Families -
Join us for food and games for everyone!
Children up to 5th grade must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



**GRADUATE
Recognition**

SUNDAY, MAY 17
8:45AM & 10:45AM | FLC

*High school, college, and graduate level graduates
will be honored in both worship services.*

Graduates please send in: Name, School, Degree (if graduating from college), Accomplishments, Post graduation plans, Kindergarten graduation photo, and Current graduation photo.
Graduates are invited to lunch with Caleb after worship on May 17.
Email info and lunch RSVP to kpendley@cbcfc.org by May 12!



Hearts & Hands May Meeting

MAY 17
4PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a meeting as we welcome representatives from Susannah's House and hear about the growth and meaningful work taking place in their ministry. Donations from their needs list will be gratefully received. All ladies are invited—bring a friend and enjoy fellowship. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!

Needs List:

- 13 gallon trash bags
- 33 gallon trash bags
- Disinfecting wipes
- Baby wipes
- Dishwasher soap
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Paper plates
- Solo cups

Contemporary Worship *8:45 a.m.*

Welcome

Call to Worship *There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do*

Answering the Call - Children's Ministry Laura Lawson

Praise & Worship *My Jesus*

Worthy Of It All

Message *Journey by Faith* Rev. Ande Myers

Hebrews 11:29

Benediction *Gratitude*

New to CBCFC? We'd love to meet you!

Scan the QR code, fill out the contact form,
and someone from the ministry
team will reach out soon.



Classic Worship *10:45 a.m.*

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* arr. Page

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Ande Myers

Choral Worship *Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise* Althouse

Congregational Hymns

Jesus Is the Song

He Keeps Me Singing

Responsive Reading *God, the Revealer*

Choral Worship *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. Christopher

Congregational Hymn *Thy Word*

Offertory Prayer Don Sheridan

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Evanovich

Bill Robinson, violin and Martha Robinson, piano

Children's Ministry Emphasis *Answering the Call*

Michelle Myers

Message *Journey by Faith* Rev. Ande Myers

Hebrews 11:29

Congregational Hymn *Trust and Obey*

Benediction

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Hustad