

March 21, 2026, Minutes
of
Covenant Presbytery
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Hosted by Milburn Chapel CPC, West Paducah, KY
Pastor Host – Rev. Larry Buchanan
Moderator – Rev. Brad Henson
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Includes
Minutes of May 16, 2026, Called Meeting

Next Meeting
of
Covenant Presbytery
September 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Fredonia CPC, Fredonia, KY

MEMORIAL ROLL

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Wendell Ordway

April 12, 2026

DECEASED ELDERS

Billy Lane Blankenship (Lisman)

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Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

Covenant Presbytery

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May 16, 2026

To: All Who Receive Covenant Presbytery Minutes

From: Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery

Re: Covenant Presbytery Minutes for Regular Meeting on March 21, 2026
Covenant Presbytery Minutes for Called Meeting on May 16, 2026

Dear Friends,

Please contact me if you see any incorrect information. Errors are easily made; however, I would like to correct these things in future publishings. I apologize for any mistakes made. I don't know of any, but I feel sure they are there.

May God bless,

Reese Baker

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Standing Rules for Covenant Presbytery

1.00 General Regulations

- 1.10 NAME:** The name shall be "Covenant Presbytery," hereafter called "The Presbytery."
- 1.20 DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION:** The Presbytery is a governing body of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Synod of the Midwest.
- 1.30 BOUNDRIES:** The Presbytery includes Hopkins, Trigg, Henderson, Webster, Union and all counties that lie west of them in Kentucky including areas of Christian County five miles in diameter around the Hopkinsville Church and a corridor three miles wide along the little river, westward to the Trigg County line. The Presbytery also includes the following counties in Illinois: Alexander, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, and Williamson with the exception of the Lebanon South Church, one mile north of Galatia.
- 1.40 MEMBERSHIP:** The Presbytery consists of its ordained ministers, and all Cumberland Presbyterian churches located within its boundaries.
- 1.50 MANUAL OF OPERATION:** The Presbytery shall use the "Presbytery Manual of Operation" as a guideline for matters that are not covered by these Standing Rules.
- 1.60 SUSPENSION OF, OR AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING RULES:** These Standing Rules may be suspended or amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.
- 1.70 BOARD OR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Any board or committee making recommendations to the Presbytery shall indicate in their report any recommendation requiring a 2/3 vote for passage.

2.00 MEETINGS

- 2.10 DATE AND TIME:** The Presbytery shall convene in 2 regular meetings which shall be on the third Saturday of March and the third Saturday of September at 9:00 a.m. When the March meeting date falls in Holy Week, that meeting shall be delayed for 1 week. The Presbytery shall also have such adjourned and called meetings as necessary.
- 2.15 WORSHIP:** Each stated meeting of Presbytery shall open with a worship service which includes a ten (10) minute devotional by the moderator and serving of Communion. After each noon recess the meeting shall be reopened with a ten (10) minute devotional led by a probationer designated by the Committee on the Ministry.
- 2.20 PLACE:** The place of all regular meetings of the Presbytery shall be chosen by invitation from the member churches.
- 2.30 ATTENDANCE:** All ordained minister members, except those permanently excused, all probationers including candidates and licentiates, and elder delegates from each church in the Presbytery shall fully attend each meeting of Presbytery.

If for a valid reason one is unable to attend, an excuse should be sent to the stated clerk requesting an excuse and stating the reason. Excuses for individual churches or elder delegates must be submitted by the session clerk. All excuses submitted to the stated clerk shall be referred to the Committee on Overtures & Resolutions for review and that committee shall make recommendations to the body prior to the adjournment of Presbytery.

A valid and acceptable excuse is one supported by a "providential hinderance," which refers to an unforeseen, serious circumstance or emergency, permitted by

God's sovereignty, that prevents someone from attending a planned event, and it implies an unavoidable barrier rather than a personal choice to stay away. Common examples of qualifying events which would support an acceptable excuse include but are not limited to the following: sickness, including illness of the minister, minister's family, or illness/death of church family requiring minister's presence, funeral duties, existence of weather impediments or other unforeseen travel hinderances, accidents, and other unavoidable and urgent emergencies or circumstances. Any excuse that is not properly supported by a justified qualifying event shall be deemed unexcused. Any absence that is not properly excused by presbytery, even those excuses that might otherwise be acceptable, shall be deemed unexcused.

Any ordained minister or probationer who misses three consecutive meetings of Presbytery without an acceptable excuse shall be requested via written communication from the Committee on the Ministry to present himself or herself for a hearing before the Committee on the Ministry. If the person does not appear as requested before the Committee on the Ministry, the committee shall direct the stated clerk to send written notification, return receipt requested, to the person to appear before the body at the next meeting of Presbytery. Unless resolved by agreement of the parties, any non-disciplinary action taken as a result of any hearing before the Committee on the Ministry shall be reported to the Presbytery. Further, any recommended disciplinary actions or non-attendance following receipt of the stated clerk's notice shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee/Commission to be addressed in accordance with the Constitution, Rules of Discipline and the Standing Rules.

- 2.40 ENROLLMENT:** Prior to each regular meeting of Presbytery, the moderator shall appoint a Credentials Committee. During the period of registration thirty minutes prior to the stated time for the meeting, the committee will receive and certify the enrollment cards. Their report to the body, at the time set on the agenda, will serve as the opening roll call for the determination of a quorum.
- 2.50 AGENDA:** The agenda for each meeting of the Presbytery shall be prepared by the moderator, stated clerk, and pastor host.
- 2.60 HOST CHURCH:** The host church shall be reimbursed \$200 for each stated meeting of the Presbytery.

3.00 OFFICERS

- 3.10 MODERATOR:** The moderator shall be elected for a one-year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. The moderator shall serve as an advisory member of all Presbytery boards and agencies. See the Presbytery Manual of Operation, Section 3.1 and the Rules of Order, Section 1. The moderator shall appoint someone to fill vacancies on boards and agencies until the next stated meeting. Prior to the stated meetings of Presbytery, the moderator shall appoint a Committee on Overtures and Resolutions to serve during the meeting.
- 3.20 VICE-MODERATOR:** The vice-moderator shall be elected for a one year term and shall serve until a successor is elected. It is expected that the vice-moderator shall succeed the

moderator, but this is subject to the will of the Presbytery. See the Presbytery Manual of Operation, Section 3.2 and the Rule of Order, Section 2.

- 3.30 STATED CLERK/TREASURER:** The stated clerk/treasurer shall be elected for a three year term and may serve additional terms. The stated clerk may or may not be a member of the Presbytery. The stated clerk shall be an advisory member of all Presbyterian boards and agencies and in this capacity, serve the Presbytery as liaison for planning and budgeting. The stated clerk must be bonded and may not disburse any funds without proper authorization from the Presbytery. The stated clerk shall reimburse members of boards and agencies at the official mileage rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service, adjusting the rate on January 1st each year. Preliminary minutes, containing the agency reports and other relevant materials, shall be prepared by the stated clerk and sent to all ministers, probationers, and session clerks at least 15 days before stated meeting of Presbytery. All ministers, elder delegates, probationers, session clerks, agency members, CPWM officers, and other denominational entities who request them shall have electronic or paper copies of Presbytery minutes distributed to them. The minutes shall include a directory of ministers, probationers, church (with location), session clerks, agency personnel and the name of the church moderator for all churches without an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian pastor. Electronic copies shall be made available within 60 days from the stated meeting for those requesting that medium of distribution. Paper copies of minutes will be printed and mailed annually to include all meetings within that year.
- 3.40 RECORDING CLERK:** The recording clerk shall be elected for a three-year term and may serve additional terms. The recording clerk may or may not be a member of the Presbytery. The recording clerk shall record the minutes of the meetings and assist the stated clerk in preparing the minutes for printing.
- 3.50 TRUSTEES:** The members of the Board of Finance shall be the trustees for the Presbytery. The trustees shall be the legal agents of the Presbytery and shall act in that capacity when so directed by the Presbytery.

4.00 AGENCIES

- 4.10 DATE, TIME, PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:** All standing agencies of the Presbytery shall convene for their regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. six (6) Saturdays previous to the regular meeting of Presbytery, at the host church.
- 4.15 AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES:** For agency responsibilities not covered in these standing rules, refer to the "Presbytery Manual of Operation," approved by the 1988 General Assembly, and published by the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.
- 4.20 MEMBERSHIP BALANCE:** In electing members to Presbyterian agencies, care should be taken to maintain approximately a fifty-fifty balance of ministers and laypersons. There should be an appropriate male/female ratio and a fair geographic representation.

- 4.25 REPORTS OF BOARDS AND AGENCIES:** Reports of all boards and agencies shall be submitted to the stated clerk no later than four (4) Saturdays prior to the regular meeting of Presbytery.
- 4.30 BOARD OF MISSIONS:** The board shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms. The president of the Regional Cumberland Presbyterial Women's Ministry shall be an advisory member of this board.
- 4.31 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms except under the following circumstances. If the Permanent Nominating Committee cannot find anyone to replace someone rotating off after his/her third or more consecutive term, PNC can approach the person and ask him/her to remain for another term. The person rotating off may not seek to stay but must be approached by the committee.
- 4.32 RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Presbyterial Fellowship and the Regional Cumberland Presbyterial Women's Ministry will be under the supervision of this board and shall channel their reports to the Presbytery through it. The board will maintain a file of all pastoral contracts, including both stated supply and installed relationships. The board will appoint moderators for all sessions not served by ordained Cumberland Presbyterian Ministers. For other responsibilities refer to the "Presbytery Manual of Operations," Section 5.25.
- 4.33** Any commission to install pastors must include at least one member from the Board of Missions.
- 4.34** Upon the closing of a church in Covenant Presbytery, the session clerk of the closed church is to be responsible to forward a complete membership roll of that congregation to the session clerk of the church specified to have the members attached to it.
- 4.35 BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The board shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms.
- 4.36 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms except under the following circumstances. If the Permanent Nominating Committee cannot find anyone to replace someone rotating off after his/her third or more consecutive term, PNC can approach the person and ask him/her to remain for another term. The person rotating off may not seek to stay but must be approached by the committee.
- 4.37 RESPONSIBILITIES:** The board shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting the Presbyterial camping program, including retreats and conferences for all ages.
- The board oversees sponsoring the ongoing youth fellowship program in Covenant Presbytery and encouraging the youth programs in the local churches.
- The entire Christian Education Program of the congregations of Covenant Presbytery should be of concern by the board as they plan workshops, seminars, etc. to assist and encourage the local churches.
- 4.40 BOARD OF FINANCE:** The Board of Finance shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms.
- 4.41 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms except under the following circumstances. If the Permanent Nominating Committee cannot find anyone to replace someone rotating off

after his/her third or more consecutive term, PNC can approach the person and ask him/her to remain for another term. The person rotating off may not seek to stay but must be approached by the committee.

4.42 PRESBYTERY BUDGET: The Presbytery budget shall be a percentage of the current income received by the churches to be equal to the proposed budget. Income is the total amount that is given through the church and Sunday school treasuries. Exemptions are:

1. Money raised by the Youth Fellowship, CPWM, Men's Fellowship, and other auxiliaries of the church.
2. Memorial gifts.
3. Money that is borrowed by the church.
4. Gifts that are designated by the donor for a specific purpose such as the purchase of an organ.
5. Building fund money that goes toward the erection of a new sanctuary, church addition, or manse.

Regular maintenance that does not produce additional space, including remodeling, is not exempt.

Churches shall remit payments on apportionments to Presbytery on a monthly basis. Churches experiencing circumstances preventing timely payment of assigned percentage, shall contact the Board of Finance for possible assistance and to allow the board sufficient information for planning purposes.

4.42.1 COVENANT PRESBYTERY NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND: This fund shall receive all proceeds from property sold by Covenant Presbytery. Expenditures from this fund shall be restricted to grants made to official NCD projects within Covenant Presbytery for the purpose of purchasing property and/or building programs. Available funds in the account, not in immediate need, may be loaned as an "on demand loan" to congregations within Covenant Presbytery for building and/or remodeling.

4.43 RESPONSIBILITIES: The Board of Finance and their successors in office shall be the trustees of the Presbytery.

The board shall encourage the churches to give full support to the Presbytery and Synod budget and the Denominational "Our United Outreach" (OUO).

The board, in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Missions, shall plan, publicize, and implement seminars on stewardship, and utilize other means to develop good stewardship practices within the congregations of the Presbytery.

The board shall be the agency responsible for the maintenance of the Presbytery's physical assets such as real estate, office equipment, etc.

The board shall oversee the program of ministerial aid to needy ministers and minister's widows.

The board shall receive the proposed budgets of the other agencies, amending them as necessary, and submitting one unified budget to the Presbytery for action.

The board shall receive loan applications from churches in the Presbytery, making recommendations to the Presbytery concerning these requests.

All requests to the Presbytery for additional funding beyond the approved annual budget shall be directed to the Board of Finance for review, determination, and recommendation to Presbytery at any subsequent meeting.

(In an emergency the Board of Finance shall be endowed with the authority and responsibility of funding from surplus funds, the needs created by any such emergency. – action of Presbytery 4/7/01)

4.45 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:** The committee shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms. The committee shall include both ministers and laypersons with at least two members being elders.

4.46 **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms except under the following circumstances. If the Permanent Nominating Committee cannot find anyone to replace someone rotating off after his/her third or more consecutive term, PNC can approach the person and ask him/her to remain for another term. The person rotating off may not seek to stay but must be approached by the committee.

4.47 **RESPONSIBILITIES:** The committee shall direct and nurture persons in preparation for the ministry. Those considering becoming candidates for the ministry shall be interviewed by the committee prior to their appearance before the Presbytery.

The committee also has responsibilities relating to the persons and ministries of the ordained ministers of the presbytery.

Any contractual pastoral relationship in Covenant Presbytery who is not an ordained CP minister or who is not an approved candidate for CP ministry should meet with and /or communicate with the COM prior to filling the pulpit.

There is an extensive description of the duties and responsibilities of the Committee on Ministry in the "Presbytery Manual of Operation," Section 5.4.

4.50 **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:** The committee shall consist of nine members in three staggered terms.

4.51 **TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms except under the following circumstances. If the Permanent Nominating Committee cannot find anyone to replace someone rotating off after his/her third or more consecutive term, PNC can approach the person and ask him/her to remain for another term. The person rotating off may not seek to stay but must be approached by the committee.

4.52 **RESPONSIBILITIES:** The committee shall review annually the session records of the churches and report its findings and recommendations to the presbytery. The session clerks shall send the session records for the previous year (or a certified copy) to the Judiciary Committee at the time and place specified by said committee.

The committee shall study all questions coming before the presbytery by appeal, dissent, or protest, and advise the presbytery on their legal and constitutional aspects.

The committee shall make rulings on such judicial questions as are referred to it.

The committee shall impose discipline when a minister acknowledges to the Judiciary Committee an error or offense and consents to the discipline proposed by the committee. If the minister acknowledges the error or offense, but does not consent to the discipline, the Judiciary Committee must refer the matter back to the Disciplinary Commission.

The committee shall hold a hearing (following the directions set forth by the General Assembly) to determine guilt and, if appropriate, impose discipline in those cases where

the minister does not acknowledge guilt and consent to discipline. The committee shall report its actions to presbytery. (This is a report only, not a recommendation to be voted upon by presbytery.)

The committee shall conduct a supplemental hearing upon a minister's request if new evidence is discovered. After a hearing, the committee may restore a minister who has been suspended or deposed if he or she meets the criteria of Rule 3.415.

The committee will hear and decide appeals from sessions under the presbytery's jurisdiction and give a report of appeals to the presbytery.

4.55 HERITAGE COMMITTEE: This committee has been dissolved and will be reactivated if the need arises.

4.60 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: The committee shall be composed of six (6) members in three staggered terms.

4.61 TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be three years and members will not be eligible to succeed themselves. Members of this committee may serve on the Permanent Nominating Committee and other agencies concurrently. Members of this committee may not advance themselves above others who are willing to serve on other boards, agencies, commissions, and committees whether serving concurrently or consecutively. Members may, however, continue to serve their normal three consecutive terms above others wishing to come onto said committee. A member appointed or elected to fill the unexpired term of another person shall be eligible to serve a three-year term after completion of the unexpired term. The members should include at least one (1) minister and two (2) lay persons.

4.62 RESPONSIBILITIES: The committee shall make nominations to the October meeting of Presbytery: names to fill all vacancies on Presbyterial agencies, commissioners to General Assembly and their alternates, youth delegates to General Assembly and the alternate, delegates to Synod and their alternates, and youth delegates to the Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC) and their alternate.
The Committee on Nominations should be especially sensitive to the need for including fair representation on all agencies and in all positions. (See standing rule 4.20.)

4.63 COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DELEGATES TO SYNOD:
Election of General Assembly commissioners: The Presbytery shall elect one minister commissioner and one elder commissioner for every 1,250 active members on its roll as its commissioners to General Assembly. See Section 9.2 of the Cumberland Presbyterian Constitution.

The election of commissioners to General Assembly will be as follows: three (3) commissioners on the part of the ministry and three (3) commissioners on the part of the elders shall be elected. Three (3) ministers and three elders shall be elected and listed in a 1, 2, 3 order to serve as alternate commissioners in the event any of the principal commissioners are unable to attend General Assembly.

The election of delegates to Synod will be as follows: three (3) delegates on the part of the ministry and three (3) delegates on the part of the elders shall be elected. Three (3) ministers and three (3) elders shall be elected and listed in a 1,

2, 3 order to serve as alternate delegates in the event any of the principal delegates are unable to attend Synod.

Reports from the commissioners to General Assembly and the delegates to Synod shall be given at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

- 4.65 DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:** The commission shall be composed of five (5) members elected on staggered terms.
- 4.66 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.67 RESPONSIBILITES:** The commission shall receive complaints made in writing from the victim or a person with reliable and compelling information or from the stated clerk of presbytery who has received the written complaint from one of the above persons.

The commission shall conduct an appropriate investigation of any written complaint. The commission shall not decide innocence or guilt. They investigate to determine if there is enough evidence for a hearing.

If the Disciplinary Commission, upon investigation, finds no basis for the charges, it shall close the matter and report that action to the accused, the complainant, and the Judiciary Committee.

If the commission finds that there are grounds to believe that an offense was committed by the accused, and the accused acknowledges the error or offense and gives evidence of a sincere effort to correct the matter, the commission shall so report to the Judiciary Committee and recommend appropriate disciplinary action.

If, upon investigation, the Disciplinary Commission determines that "there are grounds to believe that an offense was committed by the accused," they will refer the matter for a hearing before the Judiciary Committee. At this time, the commission should (1) appoint 1-3 members to represent the Disciplinary Commission in the hearing process (2) make a complete report of the investigation to the Judiciary Committee.

If the charges concern matters of potentially serious consequences, the Disciplinary Commission may at any time place limitations on the person's ministry or suspend the person from any position of ministry until the conclusion of the hearing and of any appeals.

If necessary, the Disciplinary Commission may appeal a disciplinary decision of the Judiciary Committee.

The commission may informally counsel a minister if there is an unwritten complaint against him or her.

4.70 INSURANCE COMMISSION:

4.71 TERM OF OFFICE:

4.72 RESPONSIBILITES: The commission shall deal with all presbyterial insurance needs and transactions including pastoral insurance.

5.00 OPERATING GUIDELINES

- 5.10 FINANCIAL REPORT:** The treasurer shall prepare a detailed annual report at the end of each fiscal year (calendar year), quarterly reports during the fiscal year, and such supplemental reports as the agencies of the Presbytery may need. The treasurer shall present the financial reports for an annual audit by a three-person audit committee appointed by the Board of Finance each year.
- 5.20 MEMORIAL ROLL:** A memorial roll of deceased ministers and elders shall be carried in the Presbytery minutes each year. The stated clerk shall purchase a one-hundred-dollar Patron Membership in Theological Education in the name of each deceased minister. Also, the same patron membership is to be purchased for each deceased elder who has served as moderator of Covenant Presbytery. The certificates for the patron memberships shall be presented to the families of the deceased (or representative of the family) at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.
- 5.30 PRESBYTERY YEAR:** The Presbytery year shall follow the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.
- 5.40 NEW BUSINESS:** All resolutions, memorials, and other items of new business must be presented prior to the noon recess of the meeting of Presbytery.
- 5.50 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS:** All meetings of the Presbytery shall be conducted according to the Rules of Order of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Any case not covered by these rules shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
- 5.60 INFORMATION REPORT:** A form for churches to submit information needed by the agencies of the Presbytery will be available at the April meeting each year. The session clerk shall send this information to the stated clerk's office by August 1st each year.

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Church Locations

- Bayou de Chine** – 2¼ miles southeast of Water Valley, turn at warning light.
- Benton** - At Purchase Parkway exit 41 go south onto Highway 641 spur for ¼ mile.
Take Highway 58 East ½ mile to church at corner West Oaks Subdivision.
- Bethel** - 4.5 miles west of U.S. 62 on KY 286, Kevil, KY.
- Calvary** - 1.1 miles west of U.S. 45 on KY Highway 58, Mayfield, KY.
- Camp Ground** - Union County, Illinois, at the intersection of Road 146 and Interstate 57,
go approximately ¼ mile west. Turn north (right) onto Camp Ground Road for 1
mile.
- Chandler** – 338 South State Street, Chandler, IN 47610
- Ebenezer** - Thompsonville, IL.
- Flat Lick** - 8 miles south of Hopkinsville on State Route 107, Hopkinsville, KY.
- Fredonia** – Highway 641 South, Fredonia, KY.
- Gilead** - Go 8 miles from Vienna on Route 147 to Simpson, IL.
- Good Spring** - From Fredonia, 3.5 miles east, turn right at sign, one mile to church,
Princeton, KY.
- Highland** - 1 mile west of U. S. 45 on Highway 1322 Lovelaceville Road, Paducah, KY.
- Hopewell** - Highway 133, Lola, KY. Five miles from Highway 60 in Salem, KY.
- Hopkinsville** – From I24, take exit 65 and turn left onto Hopkinsville Road/Cadiz Road.
Turn right on Old Major Lane, left at Canton Pike, right onto Country Club Lane,
and left onto Faircourt Street.
- Liberty** - From Hwy. 68 in Aurora, take Hwy. 94, 4.5 miles toward Murray. Turn left on
Hwy. 1346.
- Lisman** - 2085 State Route 270 West, Clay, KY.
- Macedonia** - Highway 291, Dalton, KY.
- Madisonville** – 1540 Anton Road, Highway 85 East
- Marion** - South of West Bellville Street about a block from courthouse.
- Milburn Chapel** – 3760 Metropolis Lake Road, West Paducah, KY 42086.
- Mt. Carmel** - 1.5 miles southeast of Highway 62 on Highway 813, White Plains, KY.
- Mt. Pleasant** - Sullivan, KY, off KY 109.

Church Locations (continued)

Mt. Sterling - 5 miles east of Brookport, IL, then 1¼ miles north of Unionville.

Mt. Zion - 4.5 miles east of Dongola, IL, - 1150 Mt. Zion Road.

New Hope - 7620 Cross Mill Road, Paducah, KY.

North Pleasant Grove - Off 121 North, Murray, KY.

Oak Grove - 1.1 miles south of KY Highway 80, 3.3 miles west of U.S. 641, Benton, KY.

Oak Grove Union - 6.5 miles south of Clay, KY, on Highway 132.

Oakland - 9110 U.S. 68 West, Calvert City, KY 42029. Take Exit 16 on I24. If going toward Paducah, turn left. If coming from Paducah, turn right. The church is 2.5 miles on the left.

Piney Fork - From Marion, KY, on South Main go to East Depot Street (Highway 506) 7 miles from Marion, KY.

Pleasant Valley - 3 miles north of Bandana, KY.

Providence (Kentucky) - Take East Main Street to South Willow. Turn right to Locust. Turn left on Locust.

Rose Creek - From Nebo, KY, go south on Highway 502 to Highway 1034, turn west (right). The church is a short distance on the right.

Rozzell Chapel - 5 miles west of Mayfield off KY Highway 80, 1258 Rozzell Chapel Road.

Sturgis - 504 North Main Street, (on U.S. 60) Sturgis, KY.

Sugar Grove - South Highway 120, 7 miles east of Marion, KY, Sugar Grove Church sign on the right. 585 Sugar Grove Church Road, Marion, KY 42064

Union Chapel - 2210 Droit Road, Galatia, IL.

Unity - ½ mile north of KY Highway 402, 6.1 miles east of U.S. Highway 641, Hardin, KY.

Village - 5 miles southeast of Norris City, IL, in White County.

Wheatcroft - From Providence, Highway 109 North to Wheatcroft. Church is 2 blocks off 109 to the left.

Woodlawn - 3402 Old Benton Road, P.O. Box 3210, Paducah, KY.

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(January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026)

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Term expires 2027

- (2) Doug Phelps, US Hwy 641 N, Fredonia, KY 42411 (270) 703-3014

Term expires 2026

- (1) Jeff Parker, 1049 Park Avenue, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 519-0717

PERMANENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Term expires 2028

Rev. Bobby Spurling, 2701 Faircourt Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (865) 803-8582
Bob Hooper,

Term expires 2027

Gary Goin, 2201 Broadway, Apt. 408, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 556-2535
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Term expires 2026

Elaine Overton, 3915 Lovelaceville Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 217-0240
(to fill the unexpired term of Vicky Cain)
Rev. Troy Newcomb, 748 Johnson Road, Salem, KY 42078 (270) 210-4902

**COMMISSIONERS TO 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JUNE 15 - 19, 2026
ROGERS, AR**

On the Part of the Ministers

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Minister Alternates

Rev. Bud Russell, 9595 Wickliffe Road, Wickliffe, KY 42087
Rev. Nick Ashley, 9355 Lafayette Road, Herndon, KY 42236 (270) 889-1816
Rev. Bernice Belt, 345 Jolee Way, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 217 4623

On the Part of the Elders

Elder Jeff Parker (Highland),
Elder Pat Clark (Wheatcroft), P. O. Box 7, Wheatcroft, KY 42463-0007 (270) 664-2802
Elder Michael Heneisen (Hopewell), 1162 Hampton Road, Salem, KY 42078 (270) 508-0450

Elder Alternates

Elder Rev. Raymond Nelson (Flat Lick)
Elder Baker Thompson (Bayou de Chine)
Elder Brenda Shoulta (Mt. Carmel), 11504 Mt. Carmel Rd, White Plains, KY 42464 (270) 676-3563

YAD's

Jerry Spurling (Hopkinsville), 305 Wayne Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

*These were the delegates voted on by presbytery, but only 1 minister, elder, and YAD were allowed to attend.

**COMMISSIONERS TO 2026 SYNOD
APRIL 25, 2026
MORNINGSIDE CPC, EVANSVILLE, IN**

On the Part of the Ministers

Rev. Cherry Mitchell, P.O. Box 64, Nebo, KY 42441 (270) 836-6229
Rev. Troy Newcomb, 748 Johnson Road, Salem, KY 42078 (270) 210-4902
Rev Joe Stephenson, 122 East Cherry Street, Chandler, IN 47610 (812) 549-1145

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Rev. Roman Lambert, 408 West Main Street, Newburgh, IN 47610 (870) 631-2163
Rev. Nick Ashley, 12278 Herndon-Oak Grove Road, Herndon, KY 42236 (270) 889-1816

On the Part of the Elders

Elder Bob Hooper
Elder Mike Heneisen (Hopewell), 1162 Hampton Road, Salem, KY 42078
Elder Raymond Nelson (Flat Lick), 4851 LaFayette Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (270) 886-7597

Elder Alternates

Elder Randy Erskine (Chandler)
Elder Pat Clark (Wheatcroft)
Elder Brenda Shoulta (Mt. Carmel)

Minutes

Covenant Presbytery – March 21, 2026 Meeting at Milburn Chapel CPC, West Paducah, KY

Opening: Moderator Joseph Stephenson opened this meeting of presbytery and welcomed everyone.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Nick Ashley prayed the opening prayer.

Opening Hymns: The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and "I'll Fly Away."

Moderator's Devotion: Moderator Joseph Stephenson spoke from 2 Timothy 2:3, 15 and Colossians 1:24-25 on suffering to proclaim the gospel.

Communion: Rev. Larry Buchanan presided over the Lord's Supper.

Those Assisting:

Elder Raymond Nelson (Flat Lick)

Elder Isaac Alexander (Village)

Elder Lance Byerly (New Hope)

Elder John William Clapp (Rozzell Chapel)

Call to Order: Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Joseph Stephenson.

Report of Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee consisted of Rev. Phillip Brown, Rev. Donna Davenport, and the Milburn Chapel elder. Rev. Brown gave the report of the Credentials Committee with an enrollment of 23 ministers, 23 elders, and 3 probationers.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to concur in the report.

The motion passed, and a record of the enrollment was filed as

Appendix A.

Quorum Declared: The moderator declared a quorum was present, and Covenant Presbytery was ready to conduct business.

Constituting Prayer: Rev. Robert Goodman led the presbytery in the constituting prayer.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the agenda as the order of the day with the addition of Debbie Hayes and Chris Fleming as denominational representatives.

Election of Moderator: Moderator Stephenson declared the floor open for the nomination of person(s) to serve as moderator for this meeting of Covenant Presbytery. The following person was nominated:

I. Rev. Brad Henson

***Motion:* A motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The motion was seconded and passed.**

The moderator called for the vote, and Rev. Henson was elected as moderator of Covenant Presbytery.

Election of Vice-Moderator: Moderator Henson declared the floor open for the nomination of person(s) to serve as vice-moderator for Covenant Presbytery. The following person was nominated:

1. Rev. Roman Lambert

***Motion:* A motion was made to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The motion was seconded and passed.**

The moderator called for the vote, and Rev. Lambert was elected as vice-moderator of Covenant Presbytery.

Welcome: Rev. Buchanan gave words of welcome to the presbytery from Milburn Chapel CPC and made appropriate announcements.

Seating of Advisory Members: There were none.

Recognition of First Time Elder Delegates:

- 1. Justin Reed, Woodlawn**
- 2. Joyce Travis, Sugar Grove**
- 3. Jerry Hayes, Sturgis**
- 4. Paul Bradford, Bethel**

Reading of Communications: The clerk presented the following communications:

1. Excuses were received.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to refer to the Overtures and Resolutions Committee.**

2. Thank you from Mrs. Mary Catherine Rudolph was read and filed.
3. Letter from Joey Green thanking the presbytery for the donation for the food ministry was read and filed.
4. Letter from Rev. Dale Williams asking for permanent excuse was read.

Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to grant Rev. Williams permanent excuse.

Announcements: The clerk made announcements concerning items at this meeting.

Presentations: Reese Baker presented a thank you gavel to retired moderator, Rev. Joseph Stephenson.

*Please note: This was later overturned until clarification from synod could be received.

Recess (15 minutes)

The moderator called the presbytery to order at 10:21 a.m.

Denominational Representatives:

1. Debbie Hayes and Chris Fleming – Ministry Council

Presentation of Memorials, Resolutions, and Other New Business:

There were none.

Presbyterial Business:

Committee on Ministry Report: The report was presented by Rev. Larry Buchanan.

***Motion:* A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.**

Rev. Buchanan asked Shelley Hunt to come forward.

Shelley shared her testimony and call to ministry. Words of encouragement were spoken on her behalf.

Questions from the *Confession of Faith* were asked and answered in the affirmative.

The original motion carried.

Rev. Buchanan prayed over Shelley

Rev. Buchanan read the charge from the *Confession of Faith*.

The report was marked *Appendix B* and filed.

Stated Clerk's Report: The report was presented by Reese Baker.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be taken seriatim.**

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt recommendation #1.**

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to vote yes on amendment 1.**

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to vote yes on amendment 2.**

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt recommendation #2.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt recommendation #3.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the report as a whole.

The report was marked *Appendix C* and filed.

Permanent Nominating Committee Report: The report was presented by Rev. Roman Lambert.

The floor was open for nominations.

The following were nominated from the floor of presbytery.

Roman Lambert for GA minister, Nick Ashley and Bernice Belt for GA minister alternates, Pat Clark and Mike Henneisen for GA elder delegates, Raymond Nelson and Baker Thompson for GA elder alternates, Cherry Mitchell for synod minister, Bobby Spurling for synod minister alternate, Raymond Nelson for synod elder, and Pat Clark and Brenda Shoulta for synod elder alternates.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to cease nominations and elect.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect those people nominated to their respective positions and concur in the report.

The report was marked *Appendix D* and filed.

Board of Christian Education Report: The report was presented by Rev. Bobby Spurling.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in.

The report was marked *Appendix E* and filed.

Board of Missions Report: The report was presented by Rev. Marc Bell.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that the report be concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.

After discussion, it was decided to strike "Participate" and replace with "Attend and support." It was also decided to add a term for the position.

The original motion carried with the editorial changes.

The report was marked *Appendix F* and filed.

Noon Recess: The presbytery recessed for lunch at noon. Rev. Chris Fleming asked the blessing over the food. The presbytery extended the hand of fellowship to the new candidate, Shelley Hunt, and her husband, Brian.

Moderator Stephenson called the presbytery to order at 1:15 p.m.

Devotional: The afternoon devotional was given by Candidate Andrew Clapp from 1 Peter 5:1-7. He spoke about encouraging and supporting one another in love.

Intercessory Prayer: A list of names was given from members of the body for inclusion in the prayer of intercession. Rev. Bobby Spurling had Rev. Fred Fahl come forward for anointing and prayer. Several laid hands on him and prayed for him. Rev. Spurling finished by praying for each request made from the body.

Resume Presbyterian Business: Presbyterian business was resumed at the point where the lunch recess occurred.

Board of Finance Report: The report was given by Rev. Curtis Franklin.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be taken seriatim.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt recommendation #1.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt recommendation #2.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to strike \$30,000 and replace with \$50,000.

Questions: Questions were called, seconded, and passed.

The motion to amend to replace \$30,000 with \$50,000 passed.

The motion to adopt recommendation #2 as amended passed.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt recommendation #3.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adopt recommendation #4.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to amend to add “without accrual of interest.”

The motion to adopt recommendation #4 as amended passed.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the amended report as a whole.

The report was marked *Appendix G* and filed.

Moderator Henson stepped down, and Vice Moderator Lambert took over.

Rev. Henson shared about the fire at Woodlawn Church and their continuing ministry.

Judiciary Committee Report: The report was presented by Judge Daniel Heady.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be taken seriatim.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adopt recommendation #1.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt recommendation #2.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the report as a whole.

The report was marked *Appendix H* and filed.

Overtures and Resolutions Committee: The report was presented by Rev. Bud Russell.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report be concurred in, and its recommendation adopted.

The report was marked *Appendix I* and filed.

Invitations to Host the September 19, 2026, Meeting of Covenant

Presbytery: An invitation was extended by the Fredonia congregation. Due to the fire, Woodlawn will be unable to host for the fall.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept Woodlawn's request to not host the fall meeting and have the fall 2026 meeting of Covenant Presbytery at Fredonia CPC.**

Other Business/Announcements:

After research into the *Confession of Faith*, the following motion was made.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to rescind permanent excuse for Rev. Dale Williams.**

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed to send the following message to synod. "Covenant Presbytery makes official reference to Synod of the Midwest seeking clarification as to the definition of "retired" as it relates to ministries in regard to permanent excuse as outlined in article 6.55 of the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.**

Specifically, what functions or reduction of functions within the service of a church constitute retirement, or does the article solely refer to secular retirement?"

Rev. Bell read a report from the Commission to Close Ebenezer Hall.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed concur in the report and adopt its recommendation.**

The report was marked *Appendix J* and filed.

Due to sickness, the Commission to Install Rev. Roman Lambert as Associate Pastor at Chandler CPC never completed their business.

***Motion:* A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Commission to Install Rev. Roman Lambert as Associate Pastor at Chandler CPC consisting of Rev. Curtis Franklin, Rev. Marc Bell, Rev. Cherry Mitchell, and Elder Brenda Shoulta complete their assignment on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**

Announcements were made on happenings within the presbytery.

Reading and Approving Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes and allow the clerk to make any necessary edits.

Final Roll Call: The final roll call cards were collected and placed on the clerk's table with the record of this roll call being included in *Appendix A*.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn and meet at Fredonia CPC on September 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer and Benediction: The moderator recognized Rev. R.B. Mays who led the presbytery in the closing prayer.

Roll Call of Churches & Fellowship

Church	Delegate	Open	Close
Bayou de Chine	Baker Thompson	P	P
Benton		A	A
Bethel	Paul Bradford	P	A
Calvary	Joseph Green	P	P
Camp Ground		A	A
Chandler	Lyn Zoll	P	P
Ebenezer		A	A
Flat Lick	Raymond Nelson	P	P
Fredonia	Doug Phelps	P	P
Gilead	Dan Field	P	P
Good Spring		A	A
Highland	Jeff Parker	P	P
Hopewell		A	A
Hopkinsville		A	A
Liberty		A	A
Lisman		A	A
Macedonia		A	A
Madisonville	Mark Cannon	P	P
Marion	Bob Cook	P	P
Milburn Chapel	Evelyn Glisson	P	P
Mount Carmel	Brenda Shoulta	P	P
Mount Pleasant		A	A
Mount Sterling	Carol Stacey	P	P
Mount Zion		A	A
New Hope	Lance Byerly	P	P
Oak Grove		A	A
Oak Grove Union	Mark Heady	P	P
Oakland		A	A
Piney Fork	Ercel Rushing	P	P
Pleasant Valley		A	A
Rose Creek	Michael Thorp	P	P
Rozzell Chapel	John W. Clapp	P	P
Sturgis	Jerry Hayes	P	P
Sugar Grove	Joyce Travis	P	P
Union Chapel		A	A
Unity		A	A
Village	Isaac Alexander	P	P
Wheatcroft	Pat Clark	P	P
Woodlawn	Justin Reed	P	P

Appendix B

Committee on Ministry Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Committee on Ministry submits the following report and recommendations:

Shelly Hunt of the Marion CP Church met with the Committee on Ministry expressing her desire to become a candidate for ministry under the care of Covenant Presbytery. A letter of support was presented from the Marion CP Church session in support of Shelly. After hearing Shelly's testimony and following her examination in accordance with the *Confession of Faith*, the Committee on Ministry makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1: The Committee on Ministry recommends Shelly Hunt be received as a Candidate for the Ministry in Covenant Presbytery.

Licentiate Mason Scroggins corresponded with the Committee on Ministry and stated that after prayerful consideration, he is requesting that his name be removed from Covenant Presbytery's roll of candidates for the ministry. The COM makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2: The Committee on Ministry recommends that Mason Scroggins be removed from the roll as a Candidate for the Ministry in Covenant Presbytery.

Update on Our Candidates for Ministry

Licentiate Dyllan Simmons – Licentiate Dyllan Simmons continues his Master of Divinity studies at Westminster Theological Seminary. He continues to serve as stated supply at Waverly/Mt. Moriah CP Church.

Candidate Jake Davidson -- Jake continues his studies at Bethel University while also participating in a work/study with the chaplaincy program. He helps with Hispanic services at Bethel and works with students from Venezuela. He has also been filling the pulpit for various churches in Covenant Presbytery and in West Tennessee.

Candidate Andrew Clapp -- Andrew is serving as stated supply at Rozzell Chapel CP Church. Andrew shared with the COM that things are going well, as they have an increase in attendance, have started a men's prayer breakfast, and are developing a social media program for the church. Most importantly, the Holy Spirit is stirring hearts and there have been eleven (11) professions of faith. Andrew continues to work at USEC and plans to begin PAS classes this summer if possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Covenant Presbytery Committee on Ministry

Appendix C

Stated Clerk's Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The stated clerk submits the following report and recommendations:

Just a reminder that you can access Covenant Presbytery website with the minutes at covenantpresbytery.com.

There are two denominational amendments that our presbytery needs to vote on.

Recommendation #1: That presbytery vote on both amendments at this meeting of presbytery.

OFFICIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REPORT FORM

THE AMENDMENT PROCESS

Constitution 11.3 "An amendment to the Confession of Faith, Catechism, or Rules of Discipline shall have been adopted when, on its transmission by both assemblies to their presbyteries, a three-fourths majority of the presbyteries of each General Assembly shall have approved it and such approval is declared by each General Assembly to have been given. The vote of a presbytery shall be by simple majority." Constitution 11:4c "Presbyteries shall act upon an amendment referred by the General Assembly within the first year of the referral and report their vote no later than the next meeting of the General Assembly after the amendment was transmitted to the presbyteries."

TWO AMENDMENTS TO VOTE ON

APPROVED BY THE 194th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. That the Rules of Discipline Section 2.5 be amended to read:

*"2.5 "Each presbytery shall have a standing commission which shall be called the "**disciplinary commission**." Each judicatory above the session shall have a standing commission which shall be called the "**judiciary committee**." Notwithstanding that these bodies may be called "committees," each of these standing commissions shall exercise the powers and responsibilities entrusted to it under these Rules and shall be authorized to deliberate upon and conclude any business submitted to it pursuant to these Rules. A judicatory may assign other duties and responsibilities to its judiciary committee or its disciplinary commission, with or without the authority to act upon or to conclude such other matters."*

NOTE: The current Rules of Discipline §2.5 contains an error. The titles for the "Disciplinary Commission" and the "Judiciary Committee" are reversed in this section.

Only a presbytery needs a "Disciplinary Commission", while every judicatory above the session needs a "Judiciary Committee". This proposed amendment simply reverses the titles of commissions used in this section to reflect the use of those titles later in the Rules of Discipline.

2. That the Constitution 10.1 through 10.5 be renumbered as 10.2 -10.6 and a new 10.1 be inserted reading as follows:

"10.1 The Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America having the same Confession and Constitution, shall recognize and accept the ordinations of ministers, elders, and/or deacons should a person ordained to one of these offices transfer from one Cumberland Presbyterian denomination to the other."

In the last few years, our PNC has struggled to fill the necessary committee positions. Twice we have had to set aside the standing rules to accomplish this. In addition, we have had to have many nominations from the floor to avoid having a called meeting. We are offering two recommendations that might help PNC. The excerpt below has been taken from the standing rules related to PNC.

4.61 TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be three years and members will not be eligible to succeed themselves. Members of this committee may NOT serve on the Permanent Nominating Committee and other agencies concurrently. Members of this committee shall not be consecutively nominated to another agency. A member appointed or elected to fill the unexpired term of another person shall be eligible to serve a three-year term after completion of the unexpired term. The members should include at least one (1) minister and two (2) lay persons.

Recommendation #2: That 4.61 be changed to read as follows:

4.61 TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be three years and members will not be eligible to succeed themselves. Members of this committee may serve on the Permanent Nominating Committee and other agencies concurrently. Members of this committee may not advance themselves above others who are willing to serve on other boards, agencies, commissions, and committees whether serving concurrently or consecutively. Members may, however, continue to serve their normal three consecutive terms above others wishing to come onto said committee. A member appointed or elected to fill the unexpired term of another person shall be eligible to serve a three-year term after completion of the unexpired term. The members should include at least one (1) minister and two (2) lay persons.

Below are excerpts from the standing rules found under Board of Missions, Board of Christian Education, Board of Finance, Committee on Ministry, and Judiciary Committee

respectively.

- 4.31 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be for three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.36 TERMS OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.41 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be for three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.46 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
- 4.51 TERM OF OFFICE:** The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms.

In setting aside the standing rules, we have allowed people who have faithfully served their boards to continue to serve when no one else has been willing to serve. If we choose to change the standing rules, the goal is to allow extra terms without making a board or committee that is dominated by a person or group for many years. Consider this change and whether it might accomplish this.

Recommendation #3: That 4.31, 4.36, 4.41, 4.46, and 4.51 would be rewritten to say, "TERM OF OFFICE: The term of office shall be three years, and members may not serve more than three consecutive terms except under the following circumstances. If the Permanent Nominating Committee cannot find anyone to replace someone rotating off after his/her third or more consecutive term, PNC can approach the person and ask him/her to remain for another term. The person rotating off may not seek to stay but must be approached by the committee."

Following are the financial reports for 2025. May God bless each of you, your families, and your churches!

Respectfully submitted,
Reese Baker, Stated Clerk

CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS 2025

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Bayou de Ch	\$ 196.36	\$ 186.25	\$ 210.47	\$ 210.47	\$ 181.25	\$ 278.20	\$ 215.95	\$ 186.00	\$ 207.10	\$ 212.45	\$ 135.65	\$ 153.35	
Benton	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.00	
Bethel	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40		\$ 330.40	\$ 330.40	
Calvary	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Camp Groun	\$ 178.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 377.00	\$ 238.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 311.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 238.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 280.00	
Chandler	\$ 899.04	\$ 761.68	\$ 1,282.32	\$ 818.18	\$ 865.26	\$ 907.16	\$ 900.64	\$ 967.68	\$ 870.24	\$ 1,454.70	\$ 1,014.90	\$ 1,026.49	
Ebenezer													
Flat Lick	\$ 488.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 1,658.00	\$ 659.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 3,206.00	
Fredonla	\$ 1,234.43	\$ 1,145.43	\$ 1,437.42	\$ 1,610.43	\$ 1,426.43	\$ 1,631.42	\$ 1,738.43	\$ 1,673.43	\$ 1,417.42	\$ 2,360.43	\$ 1,890.43	\$ 2,378.42	
Gilead	\$ 416.00	\$ 518.00	\$ 659.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 645.00	\$ 658.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 511.00	\$ 663.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 633.00	\$ 584.00	
Good Spring	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Hghland	\$ 1,546.00	\$ 1,634.00	\$ 1,606.00	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 1,519.00	\$ 1,677.00	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 2,201.00	\$ 1,449.00	\$ 1,429.00	\$ 2,214.00	\$ 2,134.00	
Hopewell	\$ 240.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 273.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 271.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 248.00	\$ 193.00	
Hopkinsville			\$ 570.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 399.00	\$ 490.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 533.00	\$ 595.00	
Liberty	\$ 270.00	\$ 349.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 433.00	\$ 348.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 412.00	\$ 352.00	\$ 318.00	\$ 451.00	\$ 409.00	
Lisman	\$ 274.00	\$ 281.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 451.00	\$ 309.00	\$ 376.00	\$ 341.00	\$ 337.00	\$ 406.00	\$ 375.00	
Macedonia													
Madisonville	\$ 254.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 402.00		\$ 324.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 424.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 304.00	
Marlon	\$ 475.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 673.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 731.44	\$ 790.00	\$ 797.52	\$ 770.56	
Milburn Cha	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Mt Carmel	\$ 69.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 126.00		\$ 113.00	\$ 91.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 94.00	\$ 121.00	\$ 145.00	
Mt Pleasant	\$ 128.50	\$ 128.50	\$ 128.50	\$ 128.50	\$ 128.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 128.60	\$ 128.60	\$ 128.60	\$ 128.60	\$ 128.60	
Mt Sterling	\$ 709.00	\$ 826.00	\$ 1,077.00	\$ 904.00	\$ 789.00	\$ 943.00	\$ 843.00	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 888.00	\$ 745.00	\$ 931.00	\$ 844.00	
Mt Zion	\$ 175.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 275.00	
New Hope	\$ 690.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 2,081.00	\$ 1,248.00	\$ 926.00	\$ 1,442.00	\$ 1,113.00	\$ 1,436.00	\$ 989.00	\$ 771.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 1,193.00	
Oak Grove	\$ 339.00	\$ 342.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 367.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 369.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 346.00	\$ 394.00	\$ 366.00	
Oak Grove U	\$ 206.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 202.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 342.00	\$ 379.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 268.00	\$ 328.00	\$ 325.00	
Oakland	\$ 318.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 492.00	\$ 298.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 362.00	\$ 459.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 376.00	\$ 620.00	
Pinney Fork	\$ 164.00	\$ 218.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 246.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 278.00	\$ 286.00	
Pleasant Valley													
Rose Creek		\$ 428.00	\$ 218.40	\$ 219.28	\$ 174.00	\$ 218.80	\$ 296.80	\$ 83.60	\$ 131.20	\$ 688.80	\$ 210.00		
Rozzell Chap	\$ 361.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 748.00	\$ 413.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 414.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 291.00	\$ 724.00	\$ 786.00	\$ 823.00	
Sturgis	\$ 1,093.00	\$ 1,088.00	\$ 1,415.00	\$ 1,209.00	\$ 1,156.27	\$ 1,299.00	\$ 1,023.00	\$ 1,147.00	\$ 1,033.00	\$ 1,466.00	\$ 1,406.00	\$ 1,116.00	
Sugar Grove	\$ 688.47	\$ 1,214.96	\$ 1,438.73	\$ 366.25	\$ 1,188.64	\$ 562.54	\$ 327.04	\$ 606.08	\$ 613.20	\$ 453.84	\$ 477.68	\$ 669.52	
Union Chapd	\$ 77.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 123.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 163.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 297.00	
Unity	\$ 378.00	\$ 359.00	\$ 644.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 383.00	\$ 902.00	\$ 459.00	\$ 543.00	\$ 384.00	\$ 534.00	\$ 668.00	\$ 562.00	
Village													
Wheatcroft	\$ 179.00	\$ 248.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 183.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 254.00	\$ 277.00	
Woodlawn	\$ 656.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,162.00				\$ 431.46	\$ 229.80		\$ 229.80	\$ 229.80	\$ 229.82	
Total	\$ 13,628.20	\$ 15,367.22	\$ 20,964.24	\$ 16,811.51	\$ 15,622.25	\$ 18,010.52	\$ 17,128.71	\$ 18,233.59	\$ 15,079.60	\$ 17,161.62	\$ 18,580.98	\$ 21,312.16	\$ -

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Category	1/1/2025- 12/31/2025
INGOME	
1000 - Transfer	
1011 - Loan Repay	12,554.24
1015 - Minister's Disability Ins	1,908.66
1020 - Widow's Fund	3,300.00
1055 - Reimb CE Background	550.38
TOTAL 1000 - Transfer	18,313.28
1100 - Apportionment	238,982.77
1200 - Minister Health Ins	4,392.55
1250 - Dental & Vision	1,026.00
1625 - Legal Fees	3,442.75
1650 - Galatia Payment	7,142.88
1700 - Refund	1,379.90
1955 - Money From Closed Church	81,874.05
TOTAL INCOME	356,554.18
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
2100 - Board of Christian Ed	
2105 - Bethel Scholarship	1,000.00
2106 - Vaughn's Chapel Scholarship	1,076.93
2115 - Camps	37,451.55
2140 - Background Safety Checks	924.77
2145 - Storage Unit	1,090.00
2150 - Mission Trip	1,000.00
TOTAL 2100 - Board of Christian Ed	42,543.25
2200 - Board of Finance	
2205 - Presbytery Host Church	400.00
2210 - Board Travel	112.98
2230 - Deceased Minister's Spouses...	7,200.00
TOTAL 2200 - Board of Finance	7,712.98
2500 - Board of Missions	
2535 - Missions	2,000.00
TOTAL 2500 - Board of Missions	2,000.00
2600 - Committee On Ministry	
2605 - Probationers	4,000.00
2615 - Committee Travel	105.00
TOTAL 2600 - Committee On Ministry	4,105.00
2800 - Insurance Commission	
2805 - Pastor's Health Insurance	36,072.03
2810 - Medloare Supplement	3,300.00
TOTAL 2800 - Insurance Commilsson	39,372.03
2900 - Stated Clerk	
2905 - Stated Clerk - Treasurer Salary	6,349.56
2910 - Secretary Salary	3,300.00
2915 - Recording Clerk Salary	225.00
2920 - Postage & Supplies	730.00
2922 - Incorporation	100.00
2925 - Copy Machine Contract	151.95
2936 - Web Host	3,320.00

Banking Summary - Last year

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Category	1/1/2025- 12/31/2025
2937 - Word Pres Subscript	1,499.00
2938 - Beaver Builder Subscript	999.00
2939 - Cloud Backup	2,115.00
2940 - Internet Service & E-Mail	1,450.00
2945 - Synod Apportionment	1,300.00
2950 - G. A. Commissioners	33,418.10
2955 - G.A. Youth Delegates	2,187.80
2970 - Mileage	425.32
2975 - Miscellaneous	536.93
2991 - Grace Covenant	10,758.14
2992 - Vaughn's Chapel	20,050.85
TOTAL 2900 - Stated Clerk	88,916.65
3000 - Money Transfer	
3015 - Long Term Disability Ins	1,361.71
3021 - CE Background Checks	550.38
3035 - Spouses Deceased Ministers	2,250.00
3071 - Loan	100,000.00
TOTAL 3000 - Money Transfer	104,162.09
TOTAL EXPENSES	288,812.00
OVERALL TOTAL	67,742.18

Appendix D
Permanent Nominating Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Permanent Nominating Committee submits the following report and recommendation:

Members Present: Rev. Troy Newcomb, Rev. Bobby Spurling, Rev. Roman Lambert, Elder Bob Hooper,

Members Absent: Excused: Elder Gary Goin

Opening prayer was led by Rev. Troy Newcomb.

The Permanent Nominating Committee submits the following names for nominations to the boards, committees, and positions of Covenant Presbytery.

Board of Christian Education

Term expires 2027

(1) Rev. Roman Lambert, 408 West Main Street, Newburgh, IN 47610 (870) 631-2163
(to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Spann)

Permanent Nominating Committee

Term expires 2026

Elaine Overton, 3915 Lovelaceville Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 217-0240
(to fill the unexpired term of Vicky Cain)

~~The list below are potential delegates for both GA and Synod. If you have interest or know a current session elder that would desire to go to GA, please reach out to us! The names that are *italicized* are potential names we have come up with and are currently calling. Please prayerfully consider!~~

COMMISSIONERS TO 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 15 - 19, 2026

Rogers, AR

On the Part of the Ministers

Rev. Larry Buchanan, 466 North County Line Road, Calvert City, KY 42029 (270) 519-9292
~~Rev. Cherry Mitchell, P.O. Box 64, Nebo, KY 42441 (270) 836-6229~~
Rev. Roman Lambert, 408 West Main Street, Newburgh, IN 47610 (870) 631-2163
Rev. Troy Newcomb, 748 Johnson Road, Salem, KY 42078 (270) 210-4902

Minister Alternates

Rev. Bud Russell, 9595 Wickliffe Road, Wickliffe, KY 42087
~~Rev. Joe Vance, 1740 North Friendship Road, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 564-5111~~
Rev. Nick Ashley, 9355 Lafayette Road, Herndon, KY 42236 (270) 889-1816
~~Rev. Roman Lambert, 408 West Main Street, Newburgh, IN 47610 (870) 631-2163~~
Rev. Bernice Belt, 345 Jolee Way, Paducah, KY 42001 (270) 217 4623

On the Part of the Elders

Elder Jeff Parker (Highland),
Elder Pat Clark (Wheatcroft), P. O. Box 7, Wheatcroft, KY 42463-0007 (270) 664-2802
Elder *Michael Heneisen (Hopewell)*, 1162 Hampton Road, Salem, KY 42078 (270) 508-0450

Elder Alternates

Elder Rev. Raymond Nelson (Flat Lick)
Elder Baker Thompson (Bayou de Chine)
Elder Brenda Shoulta (Mt. Carmel), 11504 Mt. Carmel Rd, White Plains, KY 42464 (270) 676-3563

YAD's

Reese Heim (Chandler)
Jerry Spurling (Hopkinsville), 305 Wayne Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

COMMISSIONERS TO 2026 SYNOD

April 25, 2026

Morningside CPC, Evansville, IN

On the Part of the Ministers

Rev. Bobby Spurling
Rev. Cherry Mitchell, P.O. Box 64, Nebo, KY 42441 (270) 836-6229
Rev. Troy Newcomb, 748 Johnson Road, Salem, KY 42078 (270) 210-4902
Rev Joe Stephenson, 122 East Cherry Street, Chandler, IN 47610 (812) 549-1145

Minister Alternates

Rev. Bobby Spurling, 2701 Faircourt Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (865) 803-8582
Rev. Roman Lambert, 408 West Main Street, Newburgh, IN 47610 (870) 631-2163
Rev. Nick Ashley, 12278 Herndon-Oak Grove Road, Herndon, KY 42236 (270) 889-1816
Rev. Cherry Mitchell

On the Part of the Elders

Elder Bob Hooper
Elder Mike Heneisen (Hopewell), 1162 Hampton Road, Salem, KY 42078
Elder ~~Brenda Shoulta (Mt. Carmel)~~
Elder Raymond Nelson (Flat Lick), 4851 LaFayette Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 (270) 886-7597

Elder Alternates

Elder Raymond Nelson (Flat Lick)

Elder Randy Erskine (Chandler)

Elder Pat Clark (Wheatcroft), P. O. Box 7, Wheatcroft, KY 42463-0007 (270) 664-2802

Elder Brenda Shoulta (Mt. Carmel), 11504 Mt. Carmel Rd, White Plains, KY 42464 (270) 676-3563

Recommendation #1: That the above names be elected to the respective boards, agencies, and positions of Covenant Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Permanent Nominating Committee

Appendix E

Board of Christian Education Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Board of Christian Education submits the following report:

Members Present: Wendy Weaver, Jenna Franklin, Rev. Bobby Spurling, Debbie Gordan, Laura DeHart, Cindy Logan, Becky Weaver, & Rev. Elizabeth Spann.

Members Absent: Rev. Joe Stephenson (joined on FaceTime)

Rev. Bobby Spurling opened the meeting with prayer.

Scholarship Details

The spring Bethel scholarship recipients were Jake Davidson (Woodlawn), and Mikee Buchanan (Bethel) for the spring 2026 semester.

Church Camp 2026

Senior High – June 21-26. Directors: Rev. Bobby Spurling & Rev. Roman/Chasidy Lambert.

Junior/Junior High – July 12-17. Directors: Wendy Weaver, Jenna Franklin, & Rev. Joe Stephenson

The camp cost for everyone is \$150.

The board also voted to amend the safe sanctuary policy to say, "All camp staff who serve at events must be a member or regular attender in good standing of their local church for at least six months or a current member in good standing who transferred."

Despite her new position in another presbytery, Elizabeth Spann has agreed to write literature for 2026 and serve as retreat co-director. The Board of Christian Education wishes Elizabeth the best in her new path and is grateful for her past and continued service in our presbytery. In honor of her service, the board will be using some of their budgeted money to donate to the youth group at Falling Waters CP Church in Chattanooga, TN.

CROSS Retreat 2026

Directors for CROSS Retreat 2026: Rev. Elizabeth Spann, Laura DeHart, and Maci Green.

We have a new location for CROSS Retreat 2026. We will be at The Hill in Hardin, KY.

The dates for CROSS Retreat will be November 13-15, 2026.

The board is also exploring opportunities for young adults to help keep them included and involved after college.

Rev. Elizabeth Spann closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Christian Education, Wendy Weaver and Rev. Bobby Spurling

Appendix F **Board of Missions Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Board of Missions submits the following report and recommendations:

The Board of Missions met in their regularly scheduled meeting at the Milburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church on February 7, 2026. Members present were Rev. Marc Bell, Rev. Nick Ashley, Rev. Robert Goodman, Rev. R.B. Mays, Evan Cruce, Brenda Shoulta, Paula Bell, Debbie Hayes, and Susan Beatty.

The meeting was called to order, and Rev. Marc Bell led the opening prayer.

Job Title: Presbyterian Minister for Covenant Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Reports To: Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery and all Committees of Covenant Presbytery (as needed).

Position Summary: The Presbyterian Minister of Covenant Presbytery serves as a pastoral and strategic leader for the presbytery, supporting congregations, pastors and sessions in their spiritual health, mission effectiveness, and faithful governance. This role provides oversight, guidance, conflict mediation, leadership development, and connectional ministry across the presbytery.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Pastoral Support to Clergy

- Provide Encouragement, coaching, counseling, and pastoral care to ministers.
- Serve as a confidential sounding board for concerns and challenges.
- Support clergy wellness, continuing education, and vocational discernment.
- Assist with transitions, including calls and interim placements.

2. Congregational Support & Development

- Work with sessions and congregations to strengthen ministry, mission and discipleship.
- Assist churches experiencing conflict, decline, or transition.
- Facilitate visioning, revitalization efforts, and strategic planning.

3. Oversight of Ordination, Call, and Accountability

- ~~Participate~~ Attend and support in ordination and installation services.
- Help ensure compliance with denominational standards and polity.

4. Leadership Development & Training

- Plan and lead training events (such as communion) for sessions.
- Provide resources for session leadership, conflict management, and spiritual formation.
- Encourage leadership pipelines and mentoring relationships within presbytery.

5. Conflict Mediation & Crisis Response

- Respond to congregational crises, pastoral misconduct concerns, and leadership breakdowns.
- Provide or coordinate trained mediation and intervention.
- Support reconciliation processes when possible and appropriate.

6. Strategic & Missional Leadership

- Collaborate with presbytery leadership/committees to discern priorities and direction.
- Encourage collaboration between congregations for mission and ministry.
- Support presbytery-wide initiatives and partnerships in the community.

7. Administrative & Connectional Responsibilities

- Attend and participate in presbytery meetings and committees as required.
- Maintain communication with congregations and clergy.
- Keep accurate records of visits, interventions, and ministry activities. A written report given by presbyterial minister shall be in the minutes of every meeting of presbytery.
- In given year, make appearance in as many congregations in Covenant Presbytery as possible (preferably during worship service).
- When needed, minister may fill pulpit for any church in Covenant Presbytery (this may not exceed two (2) consecutive Sundays).

Qualifications

Required

- Ordained minister in good standing within the denomination.
- Demonstrated pastoral experience in congregational ministry.
- Strong knowledge of denominational polity and governance.
- Proven ability in conflict management, coaching, and leadership development.
- Excellent communication, organizational, and relational skills.

Preferred

- Experience in presbytery/judicatory leadership.

- Training in mediation, coaching, counseling, and/or organizational development.
- Experience working with struggling or transitioning congregations.

Core Competencies

- Pastoral sensitivity and discretion
- Collaborative leadership style
- Strong listening and facilitation skills
- Ability to manage complex interpersonal situations
- High ethical standards and accountability

Work Expectations

- Frequent travel within presbytery
- Attend meetings of GA (when required)
- Combination of office, remote, and on-site congregational work

Term

- One-year probationary period
- Yearly evaluation by BOM in conjunction with any other boards who desire input

Recommendation #1: That the presbytery approves the job title/description for Presbyterian minister of Covenant Presbytery.

Recommendation #2: That the presbytery approves the Board of Missions of Covenant Presbytery to interview candidates and report back to Presbytery during the fall 2026 meeting with a potential candidate.

New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church submitted a letter requesting that the pastoral relationship with Rev. Elizabeth Spann be dissolved.

Recommendation #3: That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Elizabeth Spann and New Hope Church be dissolved.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Chris Fleming be appointed as moderator of New Hope Church.

The board heard a report from Rev. Marc Bell about the continued work to sell the Ebenezer Hall Church property, a report from Rev. R.B. Mays about the Vaughn's Chapel Church Commission, Rev. Robert Goodman about the Calvary Church, and Rev. Nick Ashley about the Madisonville 1st and Village Churches.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Cherry Mitchell be appointed as moderator of Madisonville 1st CP Church.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Rev. Nick Ashley be appointed as moderator of Rose Creek Church.

The board heard an update regarding the One Voice celebration that was postponed due to the weather. The new date is scheduled for May 3, 2026, at Woodlawn Bethel Church.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Board of Missions provide \$5,000 to Jake Davidson, Candidate of Covenant Presbytery, to help cover travel costs and living expenses for summer Spanish language immersion experiences.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Board of Missions provide \$1,000 to the Calvary Church Food Distribution Ministry.

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Nick Ashley.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Board of Missions

Appendix G

Board of Finance Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Board of Finance (BOF) submits the following report and recommendations:

The BOF discussed the financial records shared with us by the stated clerk, Reese Baker, and all is in order. We certainly commend those who continue to honor their presbyterial dues commitment and urge everyone to stand by their commitment.

What follows is a report from the Commission to Close Vaughn's Chapel CP Church.

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

From: Commission to Close Vaughn's Chapel CP Church

R.B. Mays, Chair; Elder Raymond Nelson; Rev. Curtis Franklin; Rev. Robert Goodman

We are honored for your trust and patience that allowed us to see this incidence of death turn into a story of resurrection. We are grateful for the remaining

members of Vaughn's Chapel Church who made the sober decision to end their period of ministry while the facilities were still in good shape, and they possessed significant financial means which allowed us to maintain the property until we were able to secure a new, worshipping congregation.

On November 24, 2025, the Vaughn's Chapel Property was transferred to The Body of Christ Fellowship to begin a new phase of their life in ministry. They are a Saturday Sabbath congregation born out of a United Church of God background, which had been meeting in rented facilities in Paducah. They are a group of approximately 40 people, averaging about 30 weekly. They home-school their children and are excited about the use of the educational wing of the church for those activities. They share an evangelical passion, and they are eager to make an impact on those grounds that ministered for the Kingdom in the CP Church since 1897.

For a sum of \$200,000, the property and parsonage were transferred to The Body of Christ Fellowship (BOCF). Covenant Presbytery is serving as the financier of the project, providing the opportunity for the BOCF to pay monthly installments for 20 years at 4% interest, with no early payoff penalty. They paid \$10,000 down to cover real estate agent commission. (Our real estate agent, Lana Ward, tithed from her portion of the commission back to Covenant Presbytery.) They have the option of paying \$1151.36 monthly or \$1000 per month and an annual additional payment of \$1816.32 to keep on schedule. Should the congregation cease to exist before payoff, the property reverts back to Covenant Presbytery.

The group is excited that our presbytery has committed to using their payments to invest in a new church development. Additionally, they have expressed a desire to do an annual fundraiser to help support the new church development above and beyond their monthly payments. They hope to have a dedication service in late April or early May that would incorporate the members of the former Vaughn's Chapel congregation at the time of closing as well as members of Covenant Presbytery, which they hope will join them in prayer for their new life and ministry.

All historical documents were transferred to the Cumberland Presbyterian Historical Foundation on November 22. A historical marker for the congregation has been placed on the property as part of the flagpole and veterans' memorial that was already on the grounds. We have retained the communion set to use in the new church development project. There are other pictures and worship items that can be placed in another presbyterial congregation or the new church development. All remaining members of the Vaughn's Chapel congregation are attending other congregations, with some joining the Oakland and Marion congregations in our Presbytery.

As our work of transfer has been completed, we respectfully recommend that this commission be dissolved.

We certainly appreciate the work of the commission, especially Reverend RB Mayes, who formed the reports and basically did just about everything. The realtor, RB's aunt, tithed back to the presbytery \$600 of her commission. With all said and done, the BOF makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #1: The report from the Commission to Close Vaughn's Chapel CP be received and that the Commission to Close Vaughn's Chapel be dissolved.

The Board of Missions (BOM) will be sharing a report regarding the creation and employment of a Presbyterial minister. The BOM has requested funding for said person and after consideration we submit the following recommendation:

Recommendation #2: That Covenant Presbytery compensate for the position of Presbyterial Minister for Covenant Presbytery in the amount of \$30,000 \$50,000 annually, as a 1099 contract relationship and include mileage reimbursement.

Our stated clerk, Reese Baker, received a communication from the denominational Board of Stewardship (BOS) regarding Long Term Disability (LTD) for ministers in the denomination, and passed it along to the BOF and the Insurance Commission (IC) of Covenant Presbytery. The carrier of said insurance is requiring all presbyteries, fully participating in the denominational insurance, to provide LTD coverage for their ministers. Covenant presbytery does not fully participate in the denominational insurance; thus we are not required necessarily to participate as such. With that said, the BOF realizes that this would be a great benefit for our ministers. Currently we have 5 ministers participating in the LTD coverage, some ministers are paying out of their own pocket, while others are being compensated by their churches. If your church covers the cost of your LTD coverage and wants to continue doing so, that is fine. If you would like to have the presbytery to start paying this on your behalf, you would simply need to inform Reese Baker. If you are a minister paying out of pocket, this is an option for you as well.

There may be some ministers who realize they don't have it...and should. It is part of good financial planning as each of us look down the path of life, knowing not what the next day holds. Our finances are in good shape and capable of meeting this need. The one thing we would encourage churches to continue to do is meet your presbyterial due obligations. We are blessed to be able to meet this need.

Should ministers decide to get the LTD coverage, you will need to contact the BOS at the denominational center. The number to call is 901-276-4572. You will press #2 for the BOS, to speak with Brittany Meeks or Robert Heflin. With all said, the BOF makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation #3: That Covenant Presbytery approves paying long term disability insurance (LTD) for its ministers.

The Woodlawn congregation has suffered damage from a recent fire. They have been making payments on a loan from presbytery. Not wanting to further burden this congregation as they take the necessary steps to put their church building back into working order, the board makes the following recommendation.

Recommendation #4: That Woodlawn Church be allowed to pause loan payments without accrual of interest and resume these payments on April 1, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Finance

Appendix H **Committee on Judicial Concerns Report**

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Board of Judicial Concerns submits the following report and recommendations:

The Judiciary Committee met on February 7, 2026, to establish guidelines for an “excused absence” along with remedies for cumulative unexcused absences, as recommended by the Committee on Overtures and Resolutions and as directed by presbytery at the September 20, 2025, meeting of Covenant Presbytery.

The current **Standing Rules for Covenant Presbytery** address attendance at presbytery but the current rules do not adequately address what constitutes a valid excuse or what remedy exists for cumulative absences. The pertinent subsection of the standing rules at issue is contained within the **2.00 Meetings** section (from page 1 of rules) and states as follows:

2.30 ATTENDANCE: All ordained ministers (other than those who have been permanently excused,) probationers, and elder delegates from each church in the Presbytery are expected to attend each meeting of Presbytery. If for a valid reason one is unable to attend, an excuse should be sent to the stated clerk requesting an excuse and stating the reason.

According to guidance from the Digest of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, “**No excuse for non-attendance shall be deemed good, unless it be embraced by what is called a providential hinderance.**” 5.1, ADVISORY 1815, Cumberland Synod prior to creation of General Assembly.

A "providential hinderance" refers to an unforeseen, serious circumstance or emergency, permitted by God's sovereignty, that prevents someone from attending a planned event, and it implies an unavoidable barrier rather than a personal choice to stay away. Common examples of qualifying events which would support an acceptable excuse include but are not limited to the following: severe sickness, including illness of the minister, minister's family, or illness/death of church family requiring minister's presence, funeral duties, existence of extreme weather impediments or other unforeseen travel hinderances, accidents, and other unavoidable and urgent emergencies or circumstances.

The committee agreed that a valid and acceptable excuse shall be one supported by a providential hinderance including weather/Acts of God, illness of the minister, minister's family, or illness of the church family requiring minister to be at the hospital or funeral.

The committee looked to the actions and standing rules of other presbyteries for guidance on the creation and adoption of proposed recommendations to remedy cumulative unexcused absences. The Missouri Presbytery has adopted the following standing rule as it relates to attendance at presbytery which states as follows:

14. ATTENDANCE AT PRESBYTERY

All ordained ministers and at least one representative from each congregation shall attend the meetings of presbytery unless excused. Any ordained minister who misses three consecutive meetings of Presbytery without an acceptable excuse will be requested via written communication from the Stated Clerk and the Committee on the Ministry to present himself or herself for a hearing either before the Committee or the Presbytery. Any appropriate action taken as a result of the hearing shall be reported to the Presbytery.

From the options reviewed, the committee unanimously agreed to adopt and incorporate the Missouri Presbytery standing rule on attendance at presbytery as the proposed remedy for cumulative unexcused absences of member ministers.

The committee further agreed that a letter should be sent to the session clerks of all member churches within Covenant Presbytery advising them of these proposed changes related to attendance and absences at presbytery and emphasizing the session's duty to elect and send elder delegates to each meeting of presbytery. Further, the sessions should be advised that excuses for elder delegate absence must come from the session (session clerk) directly and any acceptable absence or excuse must be supported by a proper qualifying event as set out by the proposed changes to the standing rules.

Recommendation #1: That section 2.30 of the standing rules of Covenant Presbytery, related to attendance at presbytery be amended to address what constitutes a valid and acceptable excuse for non-attendance at presbytery and to include proposed remedies for cumulative unexcused absences, with the

specific and complete language of section 2.30 of the Standing Rules of Covenant Presbytery to be modified to the following:

2.30 ATTENDANCE: All ordained minister members, except those permanently excused, all probationers including candidates and licentiates, and elder delegates from each church in the Presbytery shall fully attend each meeting of Presbytery.

If for a valid reason one is unable to attend, an excuse should be sent to the stated clerk requesting an excuse and stating the reason. Excuses for individual churches or elder delegates must be submitted by the session clerk. All excuses submitted to the stated clerk shall be referred to the Committee on Overtures & Resolutions for review and that committee shall make recommendations to the body prior to the adjournment of Presbytery.

A valid and acceptable excuse is one supported by a "providential hinderance," which refers to an unforeseen, serious circumstance or emergency, permitted by God's sovereignty, that prevents someone from attending a planned event, and it implies an unavoidable barrier rather than a personal choice to stay away. Common examples of qualifying events which would support an acceptable excuse include but are not limited to the following: sickness, including illness of the minister, minister's family, or illness/death of church family requiring minister's presence, funeral duties, existence of weather impediments or other unforeseen travel hinderances, accidents, and other unavoidable and urgent emergencies or circumstances. Any excuse that is not properly supported by a justified qualifying event shall be deemed unexcused. Any absence that is not properly excused by presbytery, even those excuses that might otherwise be acceptable, shall be deemed unexcused.

Any ordained minister or probationer who misses three consecutive meetings of Presbytery without an acceptable excuse shall be requested via written communication from the Committee on the Ministry to present himself or herself for a hearing before the Committee on the Ministry. If the person does not appear as requested before the Committee on the Ministry, the committee shall direct the stated clerk to send written notification, return receipt requested, to the person to appear before the body at the next meeting of Presbytery. Unless resolved by agreement of the parties, any non-disciplinary action taken as a result of any hearing before the Committee on the Ministry shall be reported to the Presbytery. Further, any recommended disciplinary actions or non-attendance following receipt of the stated clerk's notice shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee/Commission to be addressed in accordance with the Constitution, Rules of Discipline and the Standing Rules.

2/3 VOTE NOTICE per Standing Rule 1.70: While the Judiciary Committee believes that proper notice of these proposed changes to the standing rules has been provided, any changes to the standing rules without notice requires a 2/3

vote and the committee requests passage by a 2/3 vote to avoid inadequate notice concerns and/or other arguments.

Recommendation #2: That a letter be sent from the Judiciary Committee to the session clerks of all member churches within Covenant Presbytery advising them of the standing rules, and any changes/modifications that may be approved by Presbytery, related to attendance and absences at presbytery and emphasizing the session's duty to elect and send elder delegates to each meeting of presbytery. Further, the sessions should be advised that excuses for elder delegate absence must come from the session (session clerk) directly and any acceptable absence or excuse must be supported by a valid reason consistent with section 2.30 of the Standing Rules.

No other formal referrals were made to the Judiciary Committee that would require action or approval at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

The Judiciary Committee
Elder Daniel M. Heady, Chairman
Rev. Cherry Mitchell, Secretary
Elder Mark Cannon
Rev. Joe Vance
Elder Eddie Rushing

Appendix I

Overtures and Resolutions Committee Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The Overtures and Resolutions Committee submit the following report and recommendations:

We give thanks to God for the opportunity to gather in service of Covenant Presbytery and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on this beautiful day.

We wish to thank the Rev. Buchanan and Milburn Chapel for making us feel welcome and for the wonderful meal.

We received 10 requests. In accordance with the actions taken by presbytery, we submit the following.

Recommendation #1: That Rev. Brian Hayes and Rev. David LeNeave be excused.

Recommendation #2: That the remaining requests be unexcused.

Recommendation #3: That those requesting permanent excuse be denied.

Respectfully,
The Committee on Overtures & Resolutions
Rev. Bud Russell, Rev. Roman Lambert, and Sturgis elder

Appendix J
Commission to Close Ebenezer Hall CPC Report

To: Covenant Presbytery in session with Milburn Chapel CPC, March 21, 2026.

The commission submits the following report and recommendation:


On February 25, 2026, a Notice of Reversion of Title written by Alan W. McIntyre, Attorney at Law, was recorded in the Union County, Illinois, courthouse. This document reverted Ebenezer Hall property back to the local Mason Lodge (as stated in the church deed.)

The only surviving member of Ebenezer Hall CPC, Mrs. Carol Hammon, has yet to move her membership to another congregation.

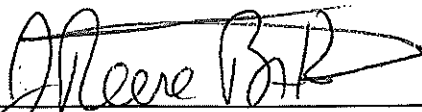
As our work of closing the church has been completed, we make the following recommendation.

Recommendation #1: That this commission be dissolved.

**These are the minutes of the March 21, 2026, meeting of
Covenant Presbytery.**



Moderator



Stated Clerk

Minutes

Covenant Presbytery – Saturday, May 16, 2026 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: Covenant Presbytery was called to order by Stated Clerk Reese Baker.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that in absence of the moderator and vice moderator that Stated Clerk Reese Baker be allowed to conduct the meeting.

Roll Call: There was a verbal roll call. The roll was marked Appendix K.

Quorum Declared: The clerk declared a quorum was present, and Covenant Presbytery was ready to conduct business.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Drew Gray prayed our opening and constituting prayer.

Call: The clerk read the call aloud to the presbytery.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried that all ministers, probationers, and churches not present be excused.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to grant a letter of dismissal in good standing for Rev. Elizabeth Spann to TN-GA Presbytery.

Reading and Approving of Minutes: The minutes of this meeting of presbytery were not read because the meeting was recorded.

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn and meet at Fredonia Church on September 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer and Benediction: The moderator recognized Elder Raymond Nelson who led the presbytery in the closing prayer.

1. To the moderator of Covenant Presbytery: The undersigned members of the presbytery respectfully request that you call a meeting of presbytery to be held by Zoom on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of granting a letter of dismissal in good standing to TN-GA Presbytery for Rev. Elizabeth Spann.

Signed:

Rev. Marc C Bell

Rev. Conti Cilli

Ruling Elder James Graves

Sugar Grove congregation

Ruling Elder Doug Phelps

Fredonia congregation

2. In response to the above request, I hereby call the presbytery to meet as above, at the hour and date as set out, and for the purpose herein specified.

Signed:

Moderator Dr Brad Henson

Attest:

Stated Clerk Jesse Bate

Covenant Presbytery Moderators

<u>Elected</u>	<u>Name</u>
March 21, 2026	Rev. Brad Henson
March 15, 2025	Rev. Joseph Stephenson
March 16, 2024	Rev. Bobby Spurling
March 18, 2023	Elder Jeff Parker
March 19, 2022	Rev. Nick Ashley
March 20, 2021	Rev. Bud Russell
September 21, 2019	Rev. Daniel Hopkins
September 15, 2018	Rev. Chris Fleming
September 16, 2017	Rev. Glenn Warren
September 17, 2016	Rev. R. B. Mays
October 3, 2015	Rev. John Shoulta
October 4, 2014	Rev. Ken Richards
October 5, 2013	Rev. Fred Fahl
October 6, 2012	Rev. Dee Ann Thompson
April 14, 2012	Rev. Steve Guarneros
October 1, 2011	Rev. Bud Russell
April 2, 2011	Rev. Brent Ballow
October 2, 2010	Rev. Chris Fleming
April 10, 2010	Rev. David LeNeave
October 3, 2009	Rev. John Shoulta
April 4, 2009	Rev. Curtis Franklin
October 4, 2008	Elder Raymond Nelson
April 5, 2008	Rev. Paul Stone
October 6, 2007	Rev. Fred Fahl
April 14, 2007	Rev. Dee Ann Thompson
October 7, 2006	Rev. Chester Cannon
April 1, 2006	Rev. R. B. Mays
October 1, 2005	Rev. Wendell Ordway
April 2, 2005	Rev. Randy Lowe
October 2, 2004	Rev. John Shoulta
April 3, 2004	Rev. Dean Atchinson
October 4, 2003	Rev. Rebecca Salisbury
April 5, 2003	Rev. Danny Potts
October 5, 2002	Rev. Loyce Estes
April 5, 2002	Rev. Hillman Moore
October 6, 2001	Rev. Jesse Freeman
April 7, 2001	Rev. Jack Ferguson
October 7, 2000	Rev. Roger Reid
April 1, 2000	Rev. Steve Guarneros
October 2, 1999	Rev. David LeNeave
April 10, 1999	Rev. Ray Board
October 3, 1998	Rev. Dare Aden
April 4, 1998	Rev. Charles Pope
October 4, 1997	Rev. Chester Cannon
April 5, 1997	Elder Reese Baker
October 5, 1996	Rev. Bert Owen

Covenant Presbytery Stated Clerks

<u>Term of Service</u>	<u>Name</u>
January 1, 2005	Elder Reese Baker
Until Present	
January 1, 1998	Rev. Bert Owen
December 31, 2004	
November 11, 1988	Rev. John Shirey
December 31, 1997	

Commissioners to General Assembly (during the past five years)

On the Part of the Ministry

2025	Rev. Curtis Franklin
	Rev. Larry Buchanan
	Rev. Marc Bell
2024	Rev. Bernice Belt
	Rev. Troy Newcomb
	Rev. Joseph Stephenson
2023	Rev. Larry Buchanan
	Rev. Bud Russell
	Rev. Marc Bell
2022	Rev. Bobby Spurling
	Rev. Dennis Weaver
	Rev. Phillip Brown
2021	Rev. R. B. Mays
	Rev. Bud Russell

On the Part of the Elders

2025	Mike Hardesty	Sturgis
	Laura DeHart	Highland
	Albert Russell	Hopkinsville
2024	Brenda Shoulta	Mt. Carmel
	Margaret Ramage	Hopkinsville
2023	Mike Heneisen	Hopewell
	Brenda Shoulta	Mt. Carmel
	David Darnell	Macedonia
2022	Jeff Parker	Highland
	Jeff Gordon	Oak Grove
	Jean Glisson	Milburn Chapel
2021	Dennis Potts	Bethel
	Brenda Shoulta	Mt. Carmel
	Elaine Overton	Highland

April 23, 2022, Minutes for Covenant Region CPWM Regular Meeting