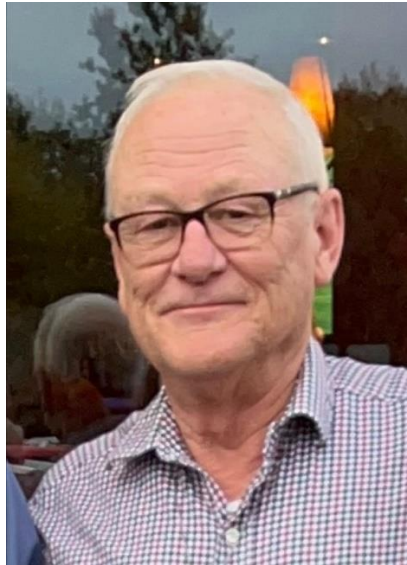


**Joseph H. Butler**  
Winchester, TN



Ordaining Presbytery: Leitchfield

Ordination Date: November 15, 1974

Churches Served: Woodward's Chapel 1971-1974; Atwood 1974-1976; Brunswick 1976-1978; Shiloh 1978-1980; Greensburg as interim 1979; Highland 1980-1984; Margaret Hank as interim 1982-1983; Sturgis 1984-1991; New Hope 1991-1994; Hopkinsville 1994-2001; Mt. Olivet as interim 2001; Mt. Denson 2001-2009; Belvidere 2009- present; Harmony 2009-2022; Goshen 2023-present

Offices Held: Engrossing Clerk West Tennessee Presbytery; Stated Clerk of Cumberland, Mayfield and Princeton Presbyteries; Moderator of West Tennessee, Cumberland, Princeton, Nashville and Murfreesboro presbyteries; Moderator of Kentucky Synod; Commissioner to six General Assemblies; Director of Worship for General Assembly in 1995; Vice-moderator of General Assembly in 2022; Memphis Theological Seminary Board of Trustees 2000-2009; President of Memphis Theological Seminary Board of Trustees 2005-2008; Instructor for Bethel University 2000-2012; Instructor for Program of Alternate Studies 2009-present

Information provided by the donor: One of the beautiful things about Joseph Butler is his love for people. He never meets a stranger and he treats everyone on the same level. Joe came from Louisville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church where his maternal grandparents were members. Unique to Joe's call to ministry was that he surrendered to God's call in Ferncliff, Arkansas, at CPYC. On Thursday evening Joe was sitting beside the lake reading Scripture and praying. While in that moment of devotion, Joe surrendered himself to God to serve as a pastor. When he returned home, he did not tell anyone of his decision. He went to his maternal grandmother, Lelia Goodman. He said to her, "I have something to tell you." To which she replied, "You don't need to tell me. You're going to be a pastor. I saw you by a lake in my dreams last Thursday when you gave your commitment to God." For Joseph, this has always been his needed confirmation.

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