

# Clarkesville Baptist Church



## Church Staff

Reverend Grady Walden, Pastor  
Reverend Curt Frederick, Minister of Music  
Shauna Widding, Interim Youth Worker  
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Becky Lombard, Pianist  
Sara Payne, Church Secretary

## Regular Weekly Services

### Sunday Morning

9:15 Bible Study  
10:30 Worship Service  
12:00 Youth Activities

### Wednesday Evening

5:00 Youth Activities  
6:00 Prayer Service  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Come and join us!



Monthly Newsletter from  
Clarkesville Baptist Church

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I cannot think of a more audacious assignment than to stand before a group of people and speak on behalf of God! It is a task every preacher assumes each time they fill a pulpit. But what is the basis of our authority as preachers?

Years past, the preacher was thought to be one of the most important members of the community we served. But, I think we can all agree that things have changed. People will not automatically listen because you just stand in front of them. What is the basis of our authority to preach?

**The Authority of Our Call.** When Moses stood before the burning bush, he received his call to preach. Paul, many years later, found that same authority when he shared that his authority had been entrusted to him by God. In our day, we need to hear that those called by God are to stand before God's people because they have been commissioned by God to do so.

**The Authority of the Church.** Sunday after Sunday when we preach, the authority not only comes from God. It also comes from the church. We are given the task of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. People come searching for "the word of the Lord." We speak for the church in our message because this is what we believe. Sometimes we speak to the church because we feel this is what God wants us to do. Whether we are speaking to the church or for the church, we remember the authority to do so comes from the church's commission.

**The Authority of the Bible.** The message we preach is found in the Bible. The Bible is the Word of God and stands as the foundation of our preaching. Standing in the pulpit is when we are exposing our people to God's words. We must be faithful to communicate the message given to us. Our authority is in the message.

It is an audacious undertaking to preach each time we gather together. We will continue to preach the Gospel each week because of the authority of our commission, our calling, and our source, the Bible. Can I count on you to be a part of the family of God as often as you can?

Look forward to seeing you at Bible Study and worship!

Your pastor and friend,

*Grady*

♪ **From Your Music Minister** ♪

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

Robert Robinson lost his father at only eight years old. After he was sent to a boarding school at age 14, Robert made some reckless choices and got mixed up with others making bad choices. Later, when he listened to the preacher George Whitefield, he gave his life and ways to God and wrote this hymn at age 22. This hymn described his spiritual journey.

In stanza two: "Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come." refers to 1 Samuel 7:12: "Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'" The name Ebenezer, means "Stone of Help."

As believers, we may relate to Robinson's text even if our life story is different. Do you identify with the words of stanza 3? Phrases include, "Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it," and the victorious text of, "O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!" It is a great feeling of comfort and joy that Jesus gives us grace every day. This is one of my favorite hymns!

*Curt*

**New Member**  
Becky Lombard  
306 Woodcrest Drive  
Clarkesville, GA 30523



**May**

Received in General Fund:	\$ 26,391.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 7,573.00
Total Received:	\$ 33,964.00
Expenses:	\$ 14,939.00

Altar Flowers

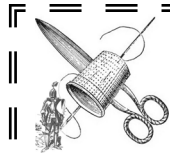
Please sign up to provide flowers for the altar. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby of the church office, or you can call the church office.



To The CBC Family  
Ronnie & Joanni Conrad

Women on Missions

**Tuesday, July 13, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Please join us!



The Sewing Ladies  
**Wednesday, July 14 & 28, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Holcomb Center.

Adult Game Night

**Tuesday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Come share in some fun and fellowship!

