The Sewing Ladies Wednesday, June 9 & 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the Holcomb Center.





<u>"Come Back to Church" Celebration</u> On June 13, following worship service, we will have a potluck fellowship meal to celebrate returning to normal church activities. Make plans to attend, and invite others to join you.

Car Show for Kids Saturday, June 19, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the lot next to the Clarkesville Police Station. This event will feature police and fire vehicles, ambulances, utility vehicles and some vintage cars. The Methodist Church will have some type of



bouncy house activity in their parking lot. So, as folks are walking from one site to the other, we will also have some activity options in the Outreach Center parking lot. We want to have various outdoor games, face painting, and possibly some homemade ice cream and/or lemonade. In fact, start making some ice cream now and freeze it. Mark your calendar and plan on making the day a fun day.



Adult Game Night **Tuesday, June 29,** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Come share in some fun and fellowship!





Monthly Newsletter from Clarkesville Baptist Church

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Enough is enough! I know the effects of this pandemic far better than I am willing to admit. But I feel in so many ways it is time for all to try to return to some type of a normal life. And yes, I know that the new norm may be somewhat different. One of my sons and I tried to get a lunch together; but when we ventured to the eatery, we were greeted with a sign saying, "Our Dining area is now closed!" I truly understand all the medical issues of Covid-19 but how much longer will this continue? Enough is enough in every area of our lives.

Sadly, the one area that desperately needs to return to better than it was before is the church! As I talk with my fellow ministers of all size churches, they are facing the same questions. Is it time to return back to church? Will the people return? Can we survive? What is next?

In the last chapter of Hebrews 13:8, we find these words, "... For Jesus Christ doesn't change – yesterday, today, tomorrow, he's always totally himself." Why don't you reread those words several times! Now ask yourself just one simple question, "Do I believe those words?" Do our lives at this very moment reflect what we say we believe? What is so amazing is that the sameness of Christ stands in this text over all the change we witness and experience. This sameness of Christ should become our source of stability as we all attempt to deal with change. There is no doubt that we live in a changing world! It is mind boggling to say the least.

I cannot help but to recall the words of Paul as he wrote to the Corinthians: "If in this life only Christ has given us hope, we are all people most to be pitied." He is trying to remind us that Christ comes to mortals like us who are dying, and He holds and creates before us in God's love and power. God's love never changes; ours do because we are so fickle. We're hot one day and so cold the next! We're so inconsistent; we love people who don't need it and neglect those who are starving for it. But Christ's love never changes.

Sadly, we've all had so much change that we dread to think about any more change. But I'll tell you this, I am not panicked about the change because I have committed myself to Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever. So, in the midst of change, may we give ourselves to Jesus Christ so we can live with meaning and purpose again or for the first time!

Simply said, it is time for each and every one of us to return back to the Lord and His church. Our returning to church celebration is June 13. There's a spot reserved for YOU!!

Your pastor and friend,

Grady

From Your Bible Study Director

Most of us are familiar with the Beatitudes found in Matthew. A Beatitude is a statement of Blessing – or of Bliss or Happiness. In other words, when Jesus says, "Blessed are they...," it means these folks make Him happy. In fact, so happy that He's going to bless them. I read recently of what it would sound like if Satan had pronounced what would make him happy – what his beatitudes would be.

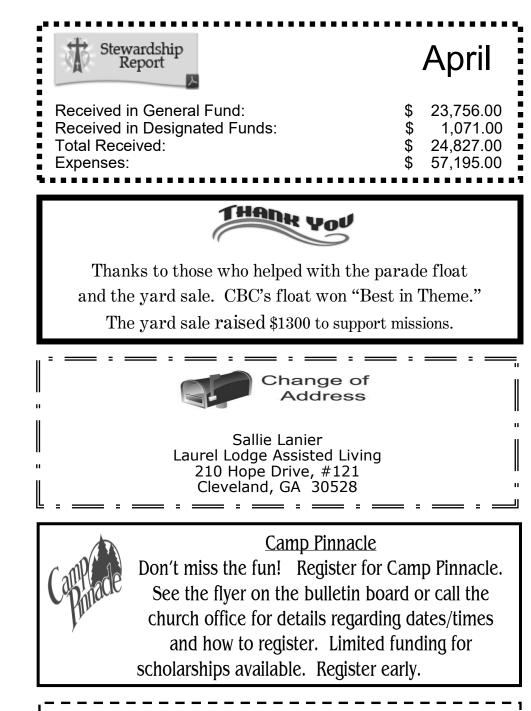
- Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerism and mistakes, for they get nothing out of his sermon.
- Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own church, for he is part of the problem instead of the solution.
- Blessed are they who gossip, for they cause strife and divisions that please me.
- Blessed are they who are easily offended, for they soon get angry and quit.
- Blessed are they who do not give their tithes and offerings to carry on God's work, for they are my best workers.
- Blessed are they who profess to love God but hates his brother, for he shall be with me forever.
- Blessed are the trouble-makers, for they shall be called the children of Satan.
- Blessed are the complainers, for I am all ears to them.
- Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to go to Sunday School and Worship Service on Sundays, for they are my best workers.

Who's blessing do you want to be?

Carol



<u>Altar Flowers</u> 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.



<u>Women on Missions</u> **Tuesday, June 8,** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Please join us!

