



Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, at 5:15 p.m.
 in the Friendship Classroom

Mission Opportunity

Camp Hawkins will have a respite weekend on **Friday, October 21-Sunday, October 23** for children whose needs are too severe to attend summer camp. If you would like to help in any way (making beds, providing meals, doing laundry, preparing parent gifts, etc.), contact Carol McCarty.



ANNUAL MEETING

Habersham Baptist Association Annual Meeting

The HBA Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23**, at Hazel Creek Baptist Church starting with a Mission/Ministry Fair in the church gymnasium from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The Fellowship Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and the Annual Session will begin at 7:00 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Rev. Tim Jones, Leader of the Columbus Baptist Judea Partnership.

Adult Game Night

Tuesday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m.
 in the Family Life Center



Potluck Fellowship Meal

Wednesday, October 26, at 5:00 p.m.
 in the Family Life Center



Halloween Outreach

Monday, October 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

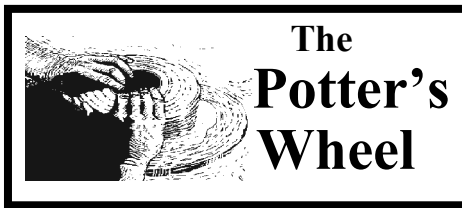
Volunteers are needed to help with this event. If you would like to help, please notify the church office.



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**Monthly Newsletter from
 Clarkesville Baptist Church**

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We all ask ourselves at one time or another, “Do my prayers make a difference?” Please let me share this story with you:

English actress Joan Winmill tells in her autobiography titled “No Longer Alone” about her conversion to Christ. The key figure in her conversion was Billy Graham. Another man was also significant in her conversion, but she only found out about it later. This is her story.

Success as an actress brought no inner happiness. Instead, she became dependent on prescription drugs, had a nervous breakdown, and was on the verge of suicide when a friend invited her to the Harringay Arena where Billy Graham was preaching his first London Crusade. The message touched her, and she made her commitment to Christ.

Later she learned the rest of the story. A man in a remote part of Australia, five hundred miles from Sydney, was looking through an Australian picture magazine one day and the picture of a pretty actress caught his eye. The Holy Spirit burdened him to pray for her conversion, which he did. In 1954, the burden lifted as if the Lord had answered his prayer. He didn’t know if the woman had died or had been converted. The woman for whom he prayed those four years was Joan Winmill. The man who had been praying told this story to J. Edwin Orr who conveyed the story to Ruth Graham via a letter. When she checked dates, she discovered that the day the burden lifted from his heart about this woman that he didn’t even know was the day she attended the Billy Graham crusade and ultimately made her decision for Christ. In ways we cannot even imagine, God uses our prayers to accomplish His kingdom work.

Who or what might you add to your prayer list today? We often think that our prayers will not make any difference, but they do!

I’m praying for each and every person who might read this story today. God loves you and desires for you to become a member of the Family of God. I know that God has a plan for each and every one of us. I pray that you will be a part of church service this Sunday.

Your pastor and friend,

Grady

♪ **From Your Music Minister** ♪

At the beginning of each TV show of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, with vocal inflections of friendliness and kindness, Fred Rogers would sing, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" The song was written by Mr. Rogers in 1967 and was used as the opening theme for each episode of the show.

Soon before Jesus would die and leave His earthly home, He prepared, prayed for, and encouraged His disciples. In John 15:16, He told His disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

Tasty fruit we eat is usually sweet when it has ripened but does not last very long after it has ripened. Jesus has appointed us to bear fruit that will last! When we invest our love into another, it is seen, and it is felt. People know when they are loved. (People can also tell when they are not loved.) Love draws a response. It lasts! When we make a friend, we devote our time, our energies, our patience, and whatever it takes to love, support, and encourage that friend. That will last! If we have become Jesus' disciples and apply His words to our lives, we are chosen to bear fruit, long-lasting fruit.

From the rich and deep verses of John 15, Jesus told His disciples that He taught them everything that He learned from His Heavenly Father. He created much more than a master/slave association. He developed more than a teacher/student relationship. He became a friend that is closer than a brother. From the beginning, He was willing to lay down His life for His friends. His gift of friendship is spectacular and exquisite! This makes me want to bear fruit for Jesus. Fruit that lasts are gifts of love, friendship, and time.

Remember singing . . . Eternal life, Eternal joy; He's my friend.

Let's go find a neighbor to love for Jesus' sake!

Curt



To The CBC Family
Rachel Downs

August



Received in General Fund:	\$	21,790.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	1,329.00
Total Received:	\$	23,119.00
Expenses:	\$	20,252.00



CARING Through CHRIST Support Group

Monday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m.

in the Outreach Center

Girls' Day Out

If you would like to join us **Thursday, October 6**, on a trip to Williamston, SC, please be at the church by **9:00 a.m.**



Backpacks for Appalachia



We will kick off Backpacks for Appalachia on **Sunday, October 9**. Backpacks and packing lists will be available in the Family Life Center. Deadline for returning filled backpacks is **Wednesday, October 26**.

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

In appreciation of our Sunday School Teachers, our Sunday School classes will have breakfast together at **9:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, October 9**, before starting Sunday School at 9:30.



SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST



Women on Missions

Tuesday, October 11, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

The Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, October 12 & 26,
at **10:00 a.m.** in the Holcomb Center



Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

We will be honoring our pastor with an appreciation gift and luncheon on **Sunday, October 16**. Monetary gifts may be given to one of the Deacons prior to that date. Make sure you designate on your envelope/check that it is for "Pastor Appreciation."



Gift Cards for Children's Home

The Habersham Baptist Association of Churches is collecting Walmart gift cards for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. If you would like to donate a card, put the card in an envelope with the amount of the card written on the card and envelope. You may put them in the offering plate or turn into the office by **Wednesday, October 19**.

