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Monthly Newsletter from Clarkesville Baptist Church

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"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." This year your Thanksgiving may look a little different than normal. Maybe there's still time to salvage the season. Believe it or not, it's more important than ever to express your gratitude for your loved ones. Here are a few things I would like to suggest you do this Thanksgiving season:

Start out having a conversation with the people you love. This is the simplest and greatest way to let others know your admiration for them. I'd especially say have a special talk with your Heavenly Father and His son, Jesus. Take some time to personally reflect on those grateful things in your life; and in whatever way you can, express your gratitude.

Please remember that Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day. Gratitude helps us to see what is there instead of what isn't. What will you make of this Thanksgiving?

I express my sincere gratitude for each and every one of the CBC family and friends. Our lives are blessed daily by each one of you. I am so thankful to be your pastor and friend. As I sign each newsletter with those words, my gratitude to God grows even more. He truly blessed the Walden Family when He directed us to Clarkesville Baptist Church. This Thanksgiving season is so very special to us and I hope to you as well.

Your pastor and friend,

Grady



From The Staff of CBC

Grady Walden

Becky Lombard Sara Payne

Curt Frederick Joyce Long

↓ From Your Music Minister **↓**

I look forward to worshiping with you this Advent, beginning Sunday, November 27. The Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists, hand bell ringers, youth, children and soloists will present music messages of Jesus' coming. Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming") is a season of the Christian church, the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus; in other words, the period immediately before Christmas.

On December 2 & 3 at 7:30 PM, four of our Sanctuary Choir members (Sabrina Frederick, Paula Hanington, Lisa Walden, and Phil Watson) are presenting Christmas music at Piedmont University. The Lessons and Carols will be presented at the Chapel on Piedmont's Demorest campus, 1021 Central Ave. Attendance is free.

On Sunday, December 18, the Sanctuary Choir will present selections from Mary McDonald's new "Five Carols for the Eve of Christ."

Our 5:30 PM Christmas Eve service will include cellist, Henry Stubbs. Come participate in this meaning worship!

Sabrina and I hope that your Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays include holy and meaningful times with your Savior and those who mean the most to you. May God continue to bless you richly. It is an honor to serve our Lord with a wonderful group of believers who seeks to honor our Lord through service to others.

Curt

To The CBC Family Family of Jack Frye

Sanctuary Flowers

Please sign up to provide flowers for our Sunday Worship Services for any Sunday in 2023. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby of the church office, or you can call the church office. They can be given in memory or in honor of someone, or just to decorate the sanctuary.



Thank

Thanks to all who donated and helped to fill 120 backpacks for the Christmas Backpack Project. Many children will be blessed by your generosity!



CBC. Be sure to designate on your check and envelope that it is for "Staff Christmas Bonus." Gifts will be given out Sunday, December 18, in the morning worship service.



Women on Missions Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office is open in the Family Life Center. Christmas cards for attending members of the church will be



delivered until Wednesday, December 14. A donation to the Lottie Moon Offering is requested for this service.



Soup/Chili/Stew Christmas Meal Wednesday, December 14, at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up to bring a pot of your favorite soup, chili, or stew; trimmings (combread, crackers, sandwiches, salad); or dessert. The sign-up sheet is in the church office lobby.