

Adult Game Night
 Tuesday, January 31, at 6:00 p.m.
 in the Family Life Center



CBC would like to thank the decorating and flower committees and all others that helped with the beautiful flowers and decorations over the holidays.

Offering Envelopes

If you would like a packet of offering envelopes, they are available at the entrances of the sanctuary and in the church office.



To The CBC Family
 Michael Dorsey

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.



November

Received in General Fund:	\$	26,396.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	1,081.00
Total Received:	\$	27,477.00
Expenses:	\$	18,933.00

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Monthly Newsletter from
 Clarkesville Baptist Church

January 2023

Can you truly believe that Christmas is here! This is such an exciting time of the year. I often find myself thinking what did Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and even those Angels feel as Christmas arrived? What are you feeling this year? Isaiah reminds us that "His name shall be called Wonderful." A true sense of Wonder fills the air. What if Christmas had never come? I wonder about all the differences we would be facing in our lives.

There is no doubt that Christmas is a unique time of the year. We find in Matthew and Luke Gospels that Christmas dates back to Roman Emperors and High Priests. But in John, he reaches way back to, "In the beginning...and the word became flesh..."

But Christmas is most of all about giving! You see, the greatest gift ever given was to all who believe that God sent His only Son to save them if they would only receive His gift of salvation. Remember this, you can never buy Christmas. You can never earn it. You can never merit it. You receive it. Have you received His gift this Christmas?

From all of our family to yours, may you have a very Merry Christmas. Thanks for ALL of your love, support and blessings you have showered upon us this year of 2022. We love you so much...

Your pastor and friend,

Grady



From The Staff of CBC

Becky Lombard
 Sara Payne

Grady Walden

Curt Frederick
 Joyce Long

🎵 From Your Music Minister 🎵

I am learning Health is relative to your Spiritual Condition.

Jeremiah 33:6 (ASV): “Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal unto them abundance of peace and truth.”

There are wonderful promises in scripture! We should claim them and seek to live in the promises. But we should be careful how we claim them. On one hand, we cannot expect our health to always be available without sacrifices.

One way Jesus described the Christian life was as carrying our own crosses in suffering. Mark 8:34-35: “Jesus called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.’”

Paul describes the marks of a true apostle are weakness! He lived with a constant pain the Lord would not heal. In 2 Corinthians 12:10, Paul revealed, “For Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

God works through His people, the church, today to improve people's lives as we look after the poor and weak. In the church's care for the weak, this promise is partly fulfilled.

The more excited we are about the future, the more active it will make us work out our salvation, that in which Jesus called us. When we are living in Christ, we are seeking to grow in Christ-likeness and godliness. May God richly bless you in 2023 with peace and truth while claiming His promises of curing.

Curt



The Church Office will be closed
on **Monday, January 2,**
in observance of New Year's Day.

CARING Through CHRIST Support Group
Tuesday, January 10, at 2:00 p.m.
in the Outreach Center



Women on Missions
Tuesday, January 10, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

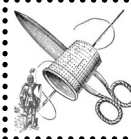
From Your Bible Study Director

What did Christmas mean to you? If you used the past tense, you've missed the boat. Instead of what it meant to you, let's shift to what it means to you. During the Women's Advent Bible Study, we used the story of the Grinch to help us prepare for Christmas. But it also challenged us to “make Christmas” all year long.

At the risk of getting in trouble with some folks, I have to admit that I don't have a problem saying or hearing “Happy Holidays.” After all, Thanksgiving reminds me to give thanks for so many things—particularly the grace God keeps bestowing on me; Hanukkah—yep, even the Jewish festival of lights is a reason for me to celebrate since it is a reminder of God's miracles (the Hannukah prayer ends with “. . . to express thanks and praise to Your Name for Your miracles, Your wonders and Your salvations.”); then there's Christmas eve, Christmas day, and now New Years eve and New Years day. Each of these days make me happy—joyful, hopeful. They are all “happy holidays.” In 2023 there will be more holidays—in fact, according to my calendar, there are about 40 more (including January 24, Belly Laugh Day). Let's try to make every day Christmas—and learn and share and praise and celebrate on Sunday mornings together.

As the Grinch carved the roast beast for Cindy Lou Who and Max, the antlered dog we heard: “Christmas Day is within our grasp as long as we have hands to clasp; we'll always have Christmas as long as we are heart to heart and hand in hand.” Happy Holidays.

Carol



The Sewing Ladies
Wednesday, January 11 & 25,
at **10:00 a.m.** in the Holcomb Center

Committee Meetings

Vision Committee - **Thursday, January 11, 5:15 p.m.**
Constitution Committee - **Tuesday, January 24, 11:00**



Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 18 at 5:15 p.m.
in the Friendship Classroom

Potluck Fellowship Meal
Wednesday, January 25, at 5:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

