


Potluck Fellowship Meal  
**Wednesday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite dish, and join us!




**The Potter's Wheel**

**Monthly Newsletter from  
 Clarkesville Baptist Church**

**April 2023**

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendar for the Women's Retreat at Camp Pinnacle on **Saturday, April 29**. The program will begin at **10:30 a.m.**, with registration at **10:00**. Guest Speaker will be Lisa Thompson with music by Mary Turner, and the fee is \$12 (includes lunch). Camp age girls are also welcome to come for a free mini-camp during this time. The first 30 people to register and pay will receive a gift. Please notify Mary Ann Ellington if you plan to attend.




*thank you!*

To The CBC Family  
 Eureka Jackson

Shopping Day


Ladies, if you are interested in a shopping day, please let Mary Ann Ellington know.



Edith Smith  
 Magnolia Hills (Room 36)  
 504 N. 441 Historic Hwy  
 Demorest, GA 30535

Change of Address 

**February**



**Stewardship Report**

Received in General Fund:	\$ 24,110.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 116.00
Total Received:	\$ 24,226.00
Expenses:	\$ 21,329.00

Well the birds came and completed their task before I ever saw any of them. I totally missed the whole event. They completed their task and I never saw it happening. So I guess that I'll have to wait another full year to see if this happens all over again.

I can only hope that you will not miss the Easter events happening during the upcoming Easter celebration weekend. On Friday, April 7, the Community Cross Walk begins at the Methodist Church, and you are invited to join this event. We have our Sunrise Service scheduled for Easter Sunday at 7am. We will also be flowering the Cross, and your help is needed to create a living cross by bringing your flowers or just fresh young greenery. But the event of the day that I hope you will not miss is our Easter Day Service.

Since I have been preaching my series of sermons on the Lord's Supper, I asked our men to help; and they have responded. Our Easter Sunday service will be a "Living Lord's Supper." I hope that you will not miss this special service. Please invite some of your family and friends to join us.

Thanks for your care and concern for our family through these years of serving here. You have loved and cared for our children greatly. Lisa and I appreciate the ways you've welcomed and supported them ever so graciously. Our Brian is getting married on Sunday, April 30, in a small family ceremony. His soon-to-be wife, Olivia Weaver, comes with a 4-year-old named Will. They have visited some; and, hopefully, we'll see more of them from time to time. Brian's departure creates a need for operators of the video system. We are trying new workers, so please pray that we can continue this wonderful ministry going forward.

I cannot wait for Easter Weekend to arrive. I just hope I don't miss any of it. I'm staying off the roads until then for sure...LOL

Your pastor and friend,

*Grady*

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## 🎵 From Your Music Minister 🎵

Be Complete by Completely Resting in Jesus

I need to be more reliant on Jesus and rest in His promises. From Oswald Chambers' book, My Utmost for His Highest, we read that having completeness is fully relying on Jesus and developing a greater Christ-consciousness. Jesus says, "Come to me." A child of God does not pray to be conscious that God answers prayer. He is so restfully certain that God always does answer prayer. The person resting in the Lord is living in the will of God. Self-consciousness has been replaced with Christ-consciousness. When we come to Jesus, He establishes rest; we are abiding in Him. Jesus says, "Come to Me and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

We know what it is like to be unhealthy for a period of time. It is the sick man who knows what health is. This person is self-conscious and has self-pity and may even be depressed because of his condition. When we lose health, we then tend to ask for Jesus to be present, to help, and to heal. When trusting in Jesus and living in the spirit, we continue to be conscious of Jesus' presence and healing. We can become more whole (spiritually) while at a loss of health.

When there has been a deviation from the will of God, we begin to ask, "What is Your will?" Be complete by completely resting in Jesus.

*Curt*

### Men's Ministry Work Day

April 1, at 9:00 a.m.

Light breakfast will be provided. Come and help if you can.



### Wedding Shower

Please join us for a Wedding Shower honoring Brian Walden & Olivia Weaver on **Saturday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Family Life Center. They are registered at Target and Amazon.



### Easter Sunrise Service/ Flowering of the Cross

Sunday, April 9, at 7:00 a.m.

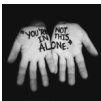
Light breakfast will follow.



### CARING Through CHRIST Support Group

Tuesday, April 11, at 2:00 p.m.

in the Outreach Center



### Women on Missions

Tuesday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m.

in the Family Life Center



## From Your Bible Study Director

I got a gift in the mail today. Or rather I got a blessing in the mail today. Come to think of it, I got a blessing from a blessing. My wonderful friend Rosemarie sent me a book subtitled "100 Blessings for Imperfect Days." Just look at the names of some of the chapters: Ordinary Life, Tired Life, Lovely Life, Grief-Stricken Life, Overwhelming Life, Beautiful Life. Do those ring a bell? Mountain Tops and Valleys. Haven't we all had those in our lives?

One of our highest mountaintops was in the hallway of Franklin Woods Maternity Center in July 1999 when Madelyn Lane McCarty was born. Our lowest valley was sitting in the ICU waiting room of Bristol Regional Medical Center in Sept 2014 when her father's life hung in the balance. There have been lots of mountains and valleys between and after those two events. And God was there for all of them. We sang His praises from the mountain tops – usually. We cried out to Him from the valleys – always. But, we haven't just needed God to be a part of our mountaintop and valley moments, but we've needed His love to be recognizable to us the rest of our days too. And that's where you come in. You can exhibit His love when someone is on a mountaintop. You can exhibit His love when someone is in a valley. And just as importantly, you can exhibit His love in the middle of a mundane day.

So, let's copy what God does best – let's go about blessing others. And Sunday mornings at CBC will be a great place to start.

*Carol*

### The Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, April 12 & 26,

at 10:00 a.m. in the Holcomb Center



### Mission Opportunity

Boxes will be in the vestibule and Family Life Center **Sunday, April 16-Sunday, May 14**, to collect canned fruit for the soup kitchen

This can be peaches, pears, pineapple, oranges, apples, and/or fruit cocktail. No applesauce. The cans may be any size, including the big #10 cans.

### Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, at 5:15 p.m.

in the Friendship Classroom

Church Council  
MEETING

### Athens Botanical Garden

We will be taking the bus to Athens Botanical Garden on **Thursday, April 20**. Admission is free.

More information will be forthcoming.



### Adult Game Night

Tuesday, April 25, at 6:00 p.m.

in the Family Life Center

