



### Mountain Laurel Festival Parade and Yard Sale

You may start bringing items for our Mt. Laurel Yard Sale to the Family Life Center beginning May 1.

No clothing items please. The Mt. Laurel Festival will be held on **May 20**. If you can help set up for the yard sale, please be at the church at **8:00 a.m.** If you would like to help with the parade float, please contact Carol McCarty.



### Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, May 29**, in observance of Memorial Day.



### Adult Game Night

**Tuesday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m.**  
in the Family Life Center



### Potluck Fellowship Meal

**Wednesday, May 31, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite dish, and join us!



Change of Address

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## March

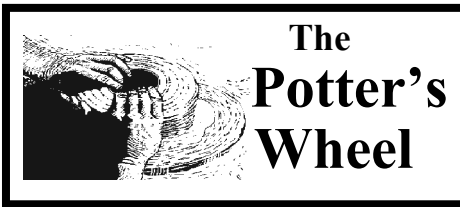


Received in General Fund:	\$	24,098.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	152.00
Total Received:	\$	24,250.00
Expenses:	\$	24,494.00

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## Monthly Newsletter from Clarkesville Baptist Church

### May 2023

“The Living Last Supper” was a glorious event for the CBC family that touched the hearts of so many. I cherished the opportunities to help create and fulfill a dream to bring “The Table” to life. I owe a sense of gratitude to each and every person involved who helped create, build, design and decorate the set. So many gave of themselves to make “The Table” speak to you the moment your eyes focused on it. And that it did!

But to those Disciples, I will forever be grateful. Guys, you gave of yourselves in so many ways: the practices, learning your lines, enduring my changes and my lack of directing skills. You endured so much to offer yourselves to our Lord, and He blessed your efforts. I will always be thankful for you and your dedication to complete this undertaking. I personally offer my thanks and gratitude to each and every person who dedicated themselves to our version of “The Living Last Supper.”

Easter was a glorious event this year for the CBC family. But now we press forward to continuing to do Church. We are currently looking at Vacation Bible School in July. Please pray and consider how God could use you to serve during this event. Several thoughts are being discussed for VBS, but the reality is that we/CBC should be doing VBS this year. Also another need dear to our hearts is Camp Hawkins. I know we all have our limitations of abilities, but please think of how you could serve the camp this year. Please contact Carol; these kids and their families need this camp.

Finally, on a personal note, on behalf of Lisa and myself, thank you for all the ways you have loved and supported our children through the years. In the past several, you’ve encouraged Brian to learn and help CBC to gain an online presence through our media services outreach. He is departing this week to get married. Wow, it’s going to happen in a small family gathering on Sunday, April 30. We gain another daughter-in-law, Olivia, as well as her son, Will. May the grandparenting begin!

We love and cherish the opportunity to be your pastor and friend.

*Grady*

## 🎵 From Your Music Minister 🎵

Jesus set the perfect example of giving the rightful glory to our heavenly Father because he was willing and took the very nature of a servant. In Philippians 2:5-8, we find the following: <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

From this scripture, we are called to a daily lifestyle of vigilance in maintaining Christ as the center of our lives. Right thinking should produce right actions! Yet, it is so easy for us to wander!

Sing a verse with me of one of my favorite hymns, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*:

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my **wandering heart** to Thee.  
**Prone to wander**, Lord, I feel it, **prone to leave** the God I love.  
Here's my heart. O take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.

When we have our Lord's attitude, we will not be defending our own rights, promoting our own selfish interests and living for ourselves. I should daily ask myself, "How did I begin my morning today?" Did I choose to put on Christ and His attitude or was I influenced by the world's culture which incessantly promotes and "exalts" selfishness?

Christ, who is "gentle and humble in heart" is to be our daily example of selflessness. He was lowly-minded, and we should be like-minded. As followers of Christ, we should imitate His "example" and "follow in His steps." The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. Our life should match our lips!

As Robert Murray M'Cheyne said ... "It's not great talents that God blesses, but great likeness to Jesus."

May God richly bless you as we seek together to follow Jesus more closely.

*Curt*

### Women on Missions

**Tuesday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m.**  
in the Family Life Center



### National Day of Prayer Service

**Thursday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.**  
at the Clarkesville Gazebo



## Missions Matter

Jesus spoke often of caring for the widows and orphans and to focus on the things not of this earth. Reaching out to those who don't know Him and serving "the least of these" is God's heartbeat. Missions can take on a number of forms. Some are called to go to Africa, to the Middle East, or to another state, etc. Some are called to serve families and children in need, the homeless, the refugee, the lonely, or the victims of abuse. Others are called to support monetarily and through prayer. Everyone is used to serve the Kingdom in a different way, yet we are all called. Missions can serve as a great vehicle for reaching and discipling for Christ.

So far this year, CBC has been involved in missions by:

- Providing binders, snacks and flash card bags to the ESL classes at Habersham Central
- Providing Easter goodie bags to the children at Sutton Place that included Biblical references
- Distributing invitations to the Easter services to Sutton Place residents
- Providing plastic utensils to the Clarkesville Soup Kitchen
- Providing wipes and diapers to the Family Resource Center
- WMU providing snacks to Alternative School/Success Academy monthly
- Raising \$3,025 for the Annie Armstrong Offering
- Providing canned fruit to the Clarkesville Soup Kitchen

Galatians 6:10 says "Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people." Some of the opportunities coming our way include:

July – Community VBS  
Aug – Supplies for start of school  
Sept – Some sort of food ministry  
Oct – Grandparenting seminar  
Nov – Backpacks  
Dec – Freedom Hill tea, Lottie Moon

If you are a member of CBC – if you are a Christian – you have been called – you **are** called.



### The Sewing Ladies

**Wednesday, May 10 & 24, at 10:00 a.m.**  
in the Holcomb Center

### Mission Opportunity

Boxes will be in the vestibule and Family Life Center through **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 Conference  
**Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m.**  
in the Family Life Center