

ANNUAL
MEETING

Habersham Baptist Association Annual Meeting

The HBA Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church starting with a Mission/Ministry Fair 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.

Adult Game Night

Tuesday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m.

in the Family Life Center



Halloween Outreach

Tuesday, October 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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



AARP Smart Driver Safety Course

Thursday, November 2, 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. By completing this course, those 25 or older may save up to 10% on their auto insurance and is good for 3 years.

Please register by calling or emailing the church office. Bring a sack lunch or bring \$8.00 (exact cash only) for a Dominoes sandwich with chips and drink. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. Bring your Driver's License. If an AARP member, bring your AARP member card number. Please bring exact cash or a check made payable to AARP.



World Day of Prayer Service

Saturday, November 4, at 10:30 a.m.,
at First Baptist Church, Cornelia.



August



Received in General Fund:	\$	20,960.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	1,752.00
Total Received:	\$	22,712.00
Expenses:	\$	20,239.00

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**Monthly Newsletter from
Clarkesville Baptist Church**

October 2023

I don't know about you, but I am so thankful that "Fall" is in the air. This time of the year brings so much to enjoy when living in our area such as the leaves, cooler temperatures, and so much more. It also signifies the beginning of a new church year and new opportunities to find our place of serving our Lord here at Clarkesville Baptist Church.

Recently, we kicked off our Sunday School with a greater focus on building our core of members, even starting some new classes. Our Clarkesville Baptist Kids group jumped out with a great start of kids and workers. Please help us to keep the excitement going by reaching out to families and their children. But the greatest part you can have in this event is to constantly make this a permanent item on your prayer list. In the coming weeks, you will hear more from the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee about completing the process for our new church year. I am ever so thankful for all who serve our Lord and His church. May we all do our part to help make contact with those who have been absent lately.

In my sermon last Sunday, I shared about the troubles that Job faced and endured during his life. We all understand the choices he faced of either following God or leaving God behind. We know the choice Job made to follow God. The question that has filled my heart since Sunday continues to make itself known to me, "How can anyone make it through this life without Jesus and His church?" Personally, I'd hate to know that I was trying to live my life without Jesus!

I have worn many hats in my years as a member of the Habersham Baptist Association. For a number of those years, Sharon Fields-McCormick has served HBA in many untold ways. She and her husband, Jack, have decided it is time to take the step and make their transition to retirement. On Saturday, October 6, at Glade Creek Baptist Church from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., a reception will be held to honor Sharon, who have given so much to serve our Lord. All are invited.

I plan to be at church this Sunday to share our Lord's word. I hope you'll be there to hear it. We do need each other and we truly need the Lord.

Your pastor and friend,

Grady

🎵 From Your Music Minister 🎵

Please consider joining Sanctuary Choir, at least for a season. We are preparing our Christmas musical and music. This is a wonderful time to enhance our worship with your leadership in our choir. Our preparation each Wednesday at 6:45 PM includes energetic deep breathing, great comradery, laughs, joy, beautiful singing while becoming better musicians and many spiritual moments of worship and praise. I praise God for our choir and her wonderful work of love.

The best style of music for worship is spirit-led!

Music's use in worship in the church is valuable and can honor God. It is our hearts that honor God when we praise Him or sing of His glory. Music is a communication tool. Music is a vehicle to make worship meaningful. Music is a tool. A Spirit-filled Christian is a singing Christian. A spirit-led Christian looks for ways to honor God in their worship, work and witness.

There are no instructions in scripture about a particular "style" of music that is recommended or forbidden. Musical artists have created many, many various styles to enrich communication. The simple command is to sing "to God with gratitude in your hearts" (Colossians 3:16). Jesus is honored when our church has responded with maturity, grace, and dignity in listening reverently, participating openly with various styles and messages of music. Music is a vehicle. Allow music to move you to hearing His word for you each time we worship together.

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Clarkesville Baptist Kids

Thanks to everyone for support as we prepared to relaunch our Kids' Ministry. You have cleaned, donated, painted, repaired, baked, advised, encouraged and prayed! Sometimes I wonder if reaching out to kids to tell them that

God will always love, care for, and help them really matters in today's world. But then I stop and imagine the difficult times in my own life. And I wonder what those times would be like without knowing God is with me. This always gives me the assurance that reaching out to tell kids this Good News is important. We are just beginning what I pray will be a long-lasting and rewarding outreach to kids and families in our community. Plug in when and where you can!

Backpacks for Appalachia

We will kick off Backpacks for Appalachia on **Sunday, October 1**. Backpacks and instructions will be available in the Family Life Center. Deadline for returning filled backpacks is **Wednesday, October 25**.



From Your Bible Study Director

I remember the first time the new preacher called on Daddy to pray. I almost panicked. Daddy didn't do speaking in public. Would my older sister jump in and pray for him? Would his best friend, Mr. Mathews? How embarrassing this could be! But Daddy did it—with ease. Don't remember anything about the prayer itself—just that he prayed. Daddy later told me that he just talked to God. That's the idea behind the Ladies Bible Study in October. In *Before Amen*, author Max Lucado can help us discover the very heart of biblical prayer, offering hope for doubters and confidence for both prayer beginners and experts.

Carol



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Women on Missions

Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Ladies Bible Study

Mondays (October 9, 16, 23, 30), at 1:00 p.m. The study will focus on "Before Amen" by Max Lucado. Sign-up sheet is on the credenza outside of the church office. Cost of Book is \$10.



CARING Through CHRIST Support Group

Tuesday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m.
in the Outreach Center



The Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, October 11 & 25 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 15**. Monetary gifts may be given to one of the Deacons or placed in the offering plate 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 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. Please put them in the offering plate or turn into the office by **Wednesday, October 18**.

