

Christmas Eve Service
Candles, Carols & Communion on
Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m.



Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, December 25,**
and **Tuesday, December 26,** in observance of Christmas.

No Church Activities

There will be no church activities
on **Wednesday, December 27.**



End of the Year Contributions

Need to be in the Church Office
or postmarked by **December 31.**

Sanctuary Flowers

Please sign up to provide flowers for our Sunday Worship Services
for any Sunday in 2024. 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.



To The CBC Family
Ken & Brenda Thurmond

October

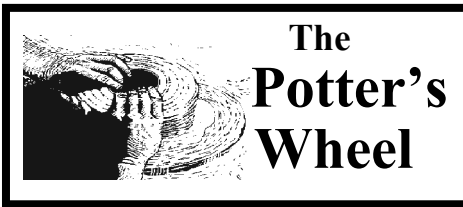


Received in General Fund:	\$ 29,948.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 4,199.00
Total Received:	\$ 34,147.00
Expenses:	\$ 19,334.00

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Monthly Newsletter from
Clarkesville Baptist Church

December 2023

As we continue to give thanks for all that our Lord has done for each of us, we stand amazed. I truly give thanks for so much, especially for my family and for my church family. Thanks for all the love and support you send our way.

Within this Potters Wheel, you find all the Christmas happenings for the CBC Family. Please make plans to support and attend all that you can. You will be the blessed one for sure.

From our family to yours, may you have a Merry Christmas....

Your pastor and friend,

Grady



From The Staff of CBC

Becky Lombard
Sara Payne

Grady Walden

Curt Frederick
Joyce Long

♪ From Your Music Minister ♪

Isaac Watts, known as the “Father of English Hymnody” penned the text of *Joy to the World, the Lord is Come*. Watts was the author of nearly 700 hymns and psalm paraphrases. He was inspired from the spirit of God and the theology of the Scripture. He created a Christian approach to the singing of the Hebrew psalms. *Joy to the World* was inspired from Psalm 98, especially verses 4-9.

- ⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn—shout for joy before the Lord, the King.
⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
⁹ let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Some have considered this hymn as a preparation of the second coming of Jesus. One denomination even changed the verb to read, Joy to the world, the Lord will come. Because it was written by Watts with Psalm 98 in mind, I think this hymn could be and should be sung year round. Our preparations this season should include expressing joy in worship, preparing our hearts for Jesus to rule more, as we view Him as the Christ child, Savior, and coming King.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing!

Sabrina and I wish for you a very Merry 2023 Christmas! May your worship bring you spirit filled joy! Sing this season with fulfilled peace and love.

Curt



Clarkeville Baptist Kids

November was a great month in CBK. We learned that God desires us to be generous people as we assembled backpacks for Appalachia. We wrapped up a great November with our Thanksgiving party on the kid’s hall. On **December 1**, we will head to Helen for a live nativity to kick off the advent season; and on **December 13**, we will have a CBK Christmas Party. Additionally, CBK will be attempting to help busy and overwhelmed parents make room on their calendar to remember Jesus and make time for family this December. We are calling this effort CBK Simple Christmas. There are lots of opportunities for you to contribute. Please be on the lookout for emails from Alyson Stubbs. Thanks for all your support for CB Kids!

Called Church Conference

There will be a Called Church Conference **on Sunday, December 3**, following the worship service, to vote on Deacons and the 2024 Church Budget.



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING

International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Sunday, December 3-Sunday, December 10, with the Lottie Moon Christmas offering being taken on the 10th. Our goal is \$3500.

From Your Bible Study Director

Our sanctuary is filled with symbols at Christmas time. The advent candles. The evergreen wreaths and garlands. The Christmas tree. The nativity. And even the poinsettias are symbolic. The shape reminds us of the star of Bethlehem – and to celebrate Christ’s birth. And the red color reminds us of His sacrifice on the cross. There is a wonderful legend about the poinsettia in Mexican folklore. A poor girl named Pepita was very sad because she had no present to offer baby Jesus at the Christmas Eve service. As she walked to church, she noticed weeds growing alongside the road. She gathered some up into a bouquet and laid them at the feet of the Christ Child in the nativity. The weeds burst into bright red flowers. From that night on, the poinsettia was known as “Flores de Noche Buena,” or “Flowers of the Holy Night.”

Christmas is giving. But the greatest gift of all is the gift of salvation.

Carol



Women on Missions
Tuesday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

Collingsworth Family Concert

If you are going to the concert on **Thursday, December 7**, please be at the church by **4:00 p.m.**



Sanctuary Choir Musical
Sunday, December 10,
during worship service

Troy Burns Family Concert

On **Sunday, December 10**, at **5:30 p.m.**, the Troy Burns Family will present their 2023 Christmas Concert at CBC.



CARING Through CHRIST Support Group

Tuesday, December 12, at 2:00 p.m.
in the Outreach Center

CBC Staff Christmas Bonus

The Deacons are collecting donations for our church staff through **Wednesday, December 13**. Our church staff does a great job keeping things in order for CBC. Be sure to designate on your check and envelope that it is for “Staff Christmas Bonus.”



Christmas Meal

Wednesday, December 13, at 5:00 p.m.
Sign-up sheet on the credenza in the church office lobby.

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 13**. A donation to the Lottie Moon Offering is requested for this service.

