



Adult Game Night  
 Tuesday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m.  
 in the Family Life Center

International Missions Study

The WMU will join with CBKids on **Wednesday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m.** to present an International Missions Study focusing on Zambia. We will also provide a "Taste of Zambia." Join us for a fun night of fellowship.



Valentine Goodie Bags

WMU will be providing Valentine goodie bags for the Alternative School and Success Academy. Donations of candy or fun Valentine items will be appreciated.

Sanctuary Flowers

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

Joyce Long  
 Grady & Lisa Walden  
 Chris & Rhonda Smith

**December**



Received in General Fund:	\$	24,071.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	12,811.00
Total Received:	\$	36,882.00
Expenses:	\$	32,384.00

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Monthly Newsletter from  
 Clarkesville Baptist Church

February 2024

Do you believe that God is in control of our world and lives? We often find ourselves questioning if "God really knows or cares about us and this world." We are so often trying to discover what is next or how we will survive in this crazy mixed up world. But I would boldly remind you that our Lord is in control!

When I recently walked to my truck in the parking lot, I was totally reminded that God is in control of everything. The holly trees near the Outreach Center are loaded with a new crop of red berries. In the very near future, I know that flocks of birds will descend upon those trees and consume every berry leaving nothing behind but empty branches. I have watched them perform their magic, and it is so amazing. For me, this serves as a constant realization that God does love and provide for His children.

Every one of us is facing a struggle of some sort. Our lives are in constant motion and change. We often find ourselves perplexed beyond imagination. For me, when I see those little red berries upon those holly trees, I know that God is in control of our lives. If He cares for the little birds the way He does, He truly cares for us no matter what we face in life. God is in control. May we come to the point where we totally depend upon Him for everything.

Our worship service on Sunday, January 28, will be the Deacon Ordination service for John Hanington as a new deacon and the affirmation of Warren Stubbs as an active deacon for our church. Please pray for these men and all our other deacons as they help guide our church in the way Our Lord wants.

Finally, we will keep you updated on the back parking lot and retaining wall as information comes forth. Your safety and care for others is so important during all of this.

I look forward to our worship services and Bible Study times.

Your pastor and friend,

*Grady*

## 🎵 From Your Music Minister 🎵

Once we have experienced Jesus' love, it casts out the fear concerning the differences of others. We should continue to learn to love as Jesus loved. When we begin to celebrate our differences, we see the strength and beauty in all of God's creatures.

The Bible tells us that God's judgment is not based on appearances but what is on the inside. "For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). We are to treat one another with love. "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You will love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well" (James 2:8).

Consider James 2:1-5. My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

The Bible condemns racism, prejudice and discrimination. Instead of avoiding those that are different, engage them in a thoughtful conversation about how much you have in common as God's loved creatures. Celebrate their differences! Speak with the influence of God's abiding love and grace.

*Curt*

## From Your Bible Study Director

The new year brings us many changes in our lives. Here at CBC, we have two new Deacons joining our Board of Deacons. The Constitution & By-laws Committee has finished updating the Constitution & By-laws, along with the Policy and Procedures Manual. Our CBKids group is growing and very active.

Another change took place at the end of December as Carol McCarty retired as Director of Sunday School/Bible Study. I have learned so much from Carol and respect her more than I can say. As of January 2024, after being asked by the Nominating Committee and a lot of praying, I have agreed to make my best effort to serve CBC as the new director.

I hope that you will pray for me and share any thoughts or ideas that will help us grow in our Bible Study.

*Linda Watson*



### Clarkeville Baptist Kids

CBK kicked off 2024 with a New Year's Eve Party. We learned to resolve to seek God's help in living a life pleasing to Him. And we ended the night with a balloon drop and sparklers in the parking lot. We spent the rest of January learning that being a peacemaker helps others learn to love God. Romans 12:18 says, "Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Thanks to all who are finding ways to contribute to CBK. You are providing our kids with a loving, excellent environment for learning about God and His love. CBKids - Love God, Are Kind, Have Fun!!!

*Alyson*

### Women on Missions

**Tuesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. All women are welcome to attend!



### Revised Constitution/By-laws and Policies



A Question & Answer Session on the revised Constitution & By-laws will be held on **Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. The Constitution & By-laws will be voted on at the Church Conference on **Wednesday, February 21.**

### The Sewing Ladies

**Wednesday, February 14 & 28, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Holcomb Center



### Potluck Valentine Luncheon

Please bring a dish, and join us for some great food and fellowship following worship service on **Sunday, February 18,** in the Family Life Center!

### Church Conference

**Wednesday, February 21,**  
at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center



### Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins

**Wednesday, February 21.**

Lent Ends **Saturday, March 30.**

