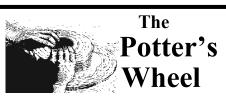


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Monthly Newsletter from Clarkesville Baptist Church

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I find myself piercing out the door daily to discover if the holly berries remain attached to the tree. I know that sooner than later the birds will descend upon the trees and work their magic one more time. I can hardly wait for this miraculous event to happen.

The Easter miracle is only about a month away. We are in our second week of Lent and focusing upon our Baptism. Why don't you consider sharing one of your seashells which might open the door for you to tell another person about your personal salvation through Jesus. I remind you that we will celebrate the discovery of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday, March 31. We begin around the cross for our Sunrise service and the flowering of the cross at 7:00 a.m. Make your plans to join us. We'll gather for Easter Service in the sanctuary at 10:30.

We are awaiting the engineering report for our repairing/replacing the retaining wall and parking lot. I wish I could tell you that this is a minor issue with limited repairs but findings so far say something else. When a plan is developed and the scope of the work is completed, the church family will be informed of what CBC is facing to make these repairs. I'd ask you to be praying about this situation.

Congratulations to Curt and Sabrina for their 25 years of service, love, and dedication to our Lord and the CBC family. Thank you to all who made the day possible for them.

Would you join with me to pray about who God might lay upon your heart to invite to our Easter day service. I would love to see us pack the church that day! We have been blessed with many visitors. Please do your part to reach out to them and welcome them and find out who they are! Make sure that you invite them to return.

Thank you for the blessing to be your pastor and friend....

Grady

♫ From Your Music Minister ♫

Thank you so much, Pastor Grady and Clarkesville Baptist Church family for the wonderful, surprise recognition given to Sabrina and me last Sunday, February 18, 2024. The gracious gifts, appreciative words, delicious lunch and fellowship were truly touching and moved our hearts in the celebration of our 25-year anniversary as your music ministers. Including our daughters, Salina and Shaye and their families was a special touch. You all did so well keeping this secret surprise! Leading music at Clarkesville Baptist Church has been an honor and blessing for us. We have gained many loving friends! We have also observed many in our church family progress to their heavenly home. We appreciate all the friendships over the years. Thank you again for your love and encouragement.

Love is Evident in our Actions

Jesus did not spend his time talking about how compassionate he was. Jesus embodied love in this world in a way that always considered the physical and spiritual needs of people. While it may be nice to tell others about our hearts for compassion via social platforms like Facebook, it's ultimately our actions that provide care for people. *What can you and I do today to bring tangible care to a fellow human being*?

You and I can love people like Jesus. When you're sharing truth, it's essential your love for the person you're talking with be unmistakable. Unmistakable to you, to any observers, and most importantly to the person you're sharing with. When you're sharing truth, the person you're talking with has to *know* you love them. When you're sharing truth, you have to do so with a heart filled with Christ's love.

When you share in unmistakable love, you give the Holy Spirit the best possible chance to reach that person. Build a foundation of grace and love, first. And share truth only when your love for the person you're sharing with is unmistakable. "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1).

Curt



<u>Clarkesville Baptist Kids</u>

CBK celebrated Valentine's and God's love for us in a glorious fashion! Thanks to all who helped. We also participated in the International Mission Study and learned a lot about Zambia and the missionaries there. Thanks for your prayers and support!



