

Opportunities & Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
WMU Meeting	Tues, Sept 3	6:00pm	Holcomb Ctr.
The Sewing Ladies	Wed, Sept 11 Wed, Sept 25	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
“Fall” Back to Church Picnic	Sun, Sept 15	9:30am- 2:00pm	Pitts Park
Adult Game Night	Tues, Sept 24	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr

Thanks

To The CBC Family
Greg & Lydia Dowis

News & Announcements

- The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, September 2**, in observance of Labor Day.
- Week of Prayer for State Missions will be **Sunday, September 8-Sunday, September 15**. The State Missions offering will be taken on Sunday, September 22, but you may give anytime during the month.
- Morning Bells will start back on **Monday, September 16**, at **11:00am**.
- If anyone is interested in going to see “Sound of Music” in Anderson on **Thursday, October 3**, please let Mary Ann Ellington know by *Tuesday, September 10*.
- CBK needs your empty, UNCRUSHED aluminum cans. We will have collection bins in the Family Life Center.

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The Potters Wheel



“Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand...”
(Jeremiah 18:6)

Monthly Newsletter from
Clarkesville Baptist Church

September 2024

Please take this opportunity to read through what I shared with those present for the Annual Church Conference this week. I feel our entire congregation should hear my thoughts. Therefore, I’m using this for my article this month.

CBC is making strides to bring children, youth, and new families back into the fold. I personally express my gratitude to Alyson Stubbs and Donna Allen for their great work in the areas of Preschool and Children. Our programs are spirit-filled and faith-based. I cherish the fact that during a recent Church Council planning session, Alyson requested a certain period of time for Bible Study with the children. We have little ones coming; and more workers are needed, please.

We have been able to add a Youth Worker, Coley Mize. I am so grateful for her willingness to come on board. She has directed a massive renovation project of the Youth areas. I’d put up our facilities to any other churches in the area. I’m praying for this work to grow greatly in the days ahead.

Our Sunday School work needs much prayer and a great influx of people. I have a great desire to start some discipling groups outside of the traditional SS classes. I covet your prayers for God’s guidance and direction.

May we pray for God to direct us to our next accompanist. We were so blessed to have Becky Lombard these past years. Pray for God to bring our next person to us soon.

Lisa and I say thanks for loving and caring for us through these years. We are excited about the guys that keep coming into all of our lives. Thanks for loving all of our family.

I cannot close without mentioning the financial needs that CBC is facing. There is so much more than just repairing the wall and drainage issues. We have other maintenance issues we must complete soon so we can keep operating. We must also give serious thought as to how we can fund a growing budget due to growing programs and staff needs.

As I mentioned last Sunday in my sermon, we all need to be honest about being salt and light to this community and beyond. What kind of witness are we these days?

Your pastor and friend.

Grady

♪ From Your Music Minister ♪

Teens, men, and women have an open invitation to join our Sanctuary Choir. If you enjoy singing, please join us for the 6:45 PM Wednesday rehearsals. We celebrate joyful singing, a warm fellowship, friendship, and music that praises God.

Thank you, Elisabeth Terry for playing for our August 11 worship. Her senior recital is coming up Friday, September 27 at Truett McConnell University Chapel. You may wish to join a group of us planning to attend and support her musicianship.

When Should Worship Begin?

Worship begins with the prelude. Our sanctuary is a place for worship. We can use the time immediately before worship to quietly meditate. Centering our attention vertically to God is the purpose of the prelude. You have always been a friendly congregation to welcome guests and offer encouragement to fellow believers. Continue this important ministry before the prelude and after the postlude. Yet when the prelude begins, listen intently, listen respectfully, listen expectantly, not only to the music, but to God. Allow the instrumental music to guide your meditation. Concentrate more on your relationship to God than merely blocking out distractions. Let the prelude guide you through the myriad of feelings that instrumental worship music can bring. Can you experience the majesty and greatness of God while listening to a dramatic musical setting? Can you sense God's deep and abiding love for you during a lyrical and expressive piece? Can you name your blessings listening to blissful music? Can you make confessions hearing solemn sounds? Corporate worship is a union of God's people joining together in communication with God while praising, praying, listening, and singing. By your spirit and enthusiasm, allow the people around you to be encouraged to join you in corporate worship.

In the ninth chapter of 2 Corinthians we read, ¹² "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

Curt

From Your Bible Study Director

So school has started back for most, and CBK & CBL here at Clarkesville Baptist has started back. Also, a new Young Adult Sunday School Class has started. So this means it is time for all of us to get back to Sunday School and Worship. Summer will be over soon, and Fall will be upon us before we know it. So we are saying goodbye to summer and "Hello Fall" with a church-wide picnic. See enclosed flyer for more details.

God bless us all.

Linda

Children's Ministry



CBL and CBK have gotten off to a great start.



A HUGE thank you to our church family for all you have done to get us to this point—switching Sunday School classrooms, putting together furniture, buying supplies, volunteering to help cook on Wednesday nights and helping teach the kids.

Please continue to spread the word about the great programs CBC is offering to families. Mostly, please pray for God's direction and blessings on these programs. As Coley has said, CBC is a hidden gem in our community—now it's time to shine!

Alyson & Donna

July



Received in General Fund:	\$ 21,092.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 4,010.00
Total Received:	\$ 25,102.00
Expenses:	\$ 109,027.00