

# Announcements

- You are invited to a Baby Shower Brunch for Brian & Olivia Walden on **Saturday, October 5, 10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. They are registered at [my.babylist.com/baby-olivia-walden](http://my.babylist.com/baby-olivia-walden).
- Please invite your family & friends to our Homecoming & Pastor Appreciation Day on **Sunday, October 6.** There will be special singing by the Hicks Family during the Worship Service, and a covered dish luncheon will follow. Bring your favorite dish(es), and join us! We will be honoring our pastor with an appreciation gift. 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."
- We will kick off Backpacks for Appalachia on **Sunday, October 6.** Backpacks and instructions will be available in the Family Life Center. WMU will be providing a throw for each backpack. Deadline for returning filled backpacks is **Sunday, October 27.**
- Join us on **Mondays, October 14-November 18, at 1:00 p.m.** for a Women's Bible Study that will help us see God as El Roi, "The God who sees." We'll learn what that means, how it shapes our faith, and how it can enrich our daily lives. Cost of book is \$12. Sign-up sheet is in the church office lobby.
- Our first annual Fall Family Fun Night will be held on **Wednesday, October 30, 5:00pm-7:00pm,** and we need your help to ensure its success! We need donations of individually-wrapped candy, home-baked goods, and 2 liter bottles. We would also appreciate donations of mums for this event. Additionally, we need to borrow a firepit, four tents, and flannel blankets. *If you are interested in volunteering or have items to donate or lend, please reach out to Coley Mize or Alyson Stubbs by Wednesday, October 2.*
- Halloween Outreach (Trick or Treat) will be on **Thursday, October 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** We need volunteers to help bag the popcorn at 10:00 a.m. and to help with handing out candy starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be a collection bin for candy donations in the lobby of the church office.

## Missions Moments

- \*The Missions Committee voted to purchase a much-needed commercial washing machine for Camp Hawkins.
- \*The Ladies Sewing Ministry packed 125 dresses (made by the ladies), headbands (hand-made), and undies for the Habersham Baptist Association to take to Peru at the end of September.

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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

### October 2024

Fall is finally in the air, and I am ready for it! Our First Annual Fall Family Fun Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, from 5-7pm. This will be an exciting way to reach out to our community showing them that the CBC family loves and cares for them. The very next night, we will join in the downtown Trick or Treat event. We will need volunteers to bag popcorn on Wednesday morning as well. Please tell others about these events and see where you could plug in and help.

We are just a few days away from celebrating our Homecoming for 2024. The "Hicks Sisters" will be sharing their music with us during the morning service, and a covered dish luncheon celebration will follow the worship service. PLEASE plan on joining this day of worship and celebration.

As you are well aware, the retaining wall repairs have been a huge undertaking. The work has come with several surprises and change orders in the price due to mandated changes to bring it all up to code. You, our congregation, were most fortunate to have placed extra funds in reserve for needs we knew that could arise. But now, those funds are quickly being depleted. I am saying all of this to let you know of the financial needs facing our congregation going forward. Our Deacons, Trustees, and Finance Committee members are preparing a plan to recover; but as you know, all of this work will take time to roll out. Personally, I would ask you to pray about all of this and determine what extra you might be able to do or give. Shortly, we will start budget planning for the 2025 church year. I know and I hope you realize that we will need to grow our budget to meet the needs of our growing children's and youth work and other programs. There will always be other repairs needed within our facilities. But, I pray that we would not face having to stop anything that God is directing us to do.

I know that these are difficult times. However, I know beyond a doubt that we serve a gracious and loving Lord. He will provide!

Blessings to each of you. Thanks for all the love and support that you shower upon your CBC staff and church family.

Your pastor and friend.

*Grady*

*Welcome!*

New Members

Sam & Ann Thompson

## 🎵 From Your Music Minister 🎵

Rehearsal with the Sanctuary Choir brought enthusiasm while working on our new Christmas musical, “*O Holy Light*” by Mary McDonald. If you enjoy singing, please join us. The Sanctuary Choir will present this music during the December 15 Sunday morning worship.

**Ephesians 1:18** “. . . having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, . . .”

Blessing upon blessing, God has showered us with loving gifts of friends, family, and brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a time to be grateful. I am blessed to have a caring, supportive wife. She is a voice of care, of reason, and of extending ourselves to be helpful to others. I have learned to live a better life because of her. There are so many rewards by finding ways to help others or care for others.

Come, let's make some music this Sunday morning! Count your many blessings, see what God has done!

*Curt*

## From Your Bible Study Director

“To God be the glory, great things He hath done.” September has been a month of changes and adjustments. We had to change our location for our “Back to Church Bash” which turned out to be attended very well with approximately 60 people in the FLC. Our Sunday School attendance is growing slowly with our average now being about 29. We look forward to this number increasing in the coming months.

October will kick off with Homecoming and Pastor Appreciation on October 6, and lunch will follow in the Family Life Center.

Hope to see you in Bible Study on Sunday mornings.

*Linda*

## August



Received in General Fund:	\$	18,355.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	808.00
Total Received:	\$	19,163.00
Expenses:	\$	92,907.00

## Youth Ministry



We're thrilled to share some exciting updates about our youth activities! CBL, CBK and IMPACT had a fantastic kick-off on August 7, setting the stage for an energetic and faith-filled season. Our fundraiser at Your Pie in August was a great success, raising \$610 for our children's and youth ministries—thank you to everyone who supported this effort!

Currently, we're enjoying an average of 7 regular attendees each Wednesday night at IMPACT. We pray that God continues to bring students to our church. We are gearing up for our first annual Fall Family Fun Night on **October 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, which promises to be a wonderful community outreach event. We're hopeful this will be a shining opportunity for our church and a great way to connect with local families.

Additionally, our youth are preparing for the Hearts on Fire youth conference in Pigeon Forge **November 22-24**. This event is a significant opportunity for our young people to deepen their faith and strengthen their commitment to Christ.

Please keep these upcoming events in your prayers, and consider how you might support our ongoing efforts. Thank you for being a crucial part of our ministry's growth and success!

*Coley*

## Opportunities & Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
WMU Meeting	Tues., Oct. 1	6:00pm	Holcomb Ctr.
Pastor Appreciation & Homecoming (luncheon to follow)	Sun., Oct. 6	10:30am	Sanctuary/ Family Life Center
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., Oct. 9 Wed., Oct. 23	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Women's Bible Study	Mondays, Oct. 14–Nov. 18	1:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Church Council	Thurs., Oct. 17	6:30pm	Family Life Ctr
Adult Game Night	Tues., Oct.29	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Fall Family Fun Night	Wed., Oct 30	5:00pm- 7:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Halloween Outreach (Trick or Treat)	Wed., Oct. 31	5:00pm- 7:00pm	Family Life Ctr