



- ◆ Week of Prayer for International Missions is **Sunday, December 1-Sunday, December 8**, with the Lottie Moon Christmas offering being taken on the 8th. Our goal is \$3500. Karen Pace, State WMU, will be our guest speaker on December 1.
- ◆ The deadline for returning unwrapped “Angel Tree” gifts for the children of the residents of Freedom Hill is **Sunday, December 8**.
- ◆ Order your poinsettias in honor or memory of church or family members during the Christmas season. Cost is as follows: X-large - \$25; Large - \$15; Medium - \$12. Order forms are available on the credenza in the church office lobby and at the entrances of the sanctuary. Deadline for ordering is **Wednesday, December 11**.
- ◆ The Lottie Moon Post Office is open in the vestibule. Christmas cards for regular attendees of the church will be delivered until **Sunday, December 15**. A donation to the Lottie Moon Offering is requested for this service.
- ◆ The Deacons are collecting donations for our church staff through **Wednesday, December 18**. 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.”
- ◆ The church office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24**, and **Wednesday, December 25**, in observance of Christmas.
- ◆ There will be no church activities on **Wednesday, December 25**.
- ◆ End of the Year Contributions need to be in the Church Office or postmarked by **December 31**.
- ◆ 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.

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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

December 2024

It seems that this time of the year, the pace of everything kicks into high gear. I know for my family so much has centered upon the arrival of our grandson, Preston. He arrived safe and sound, and we give thanks. But, our world and lives have not slowed down yet, and I don't think they will. But isn't life just like that!

Our congregation will gather and give thanks together, and then the race begins once again for Christmas. How many of us have paused to tell God “Thank You” for all of the blessings in our lives. Or, have we focused on completing our Christmas list so that all can review it. I suggest that before we finish our wish list that we pause and count the blessings within our lives.

My list continues to grow more than I could ever imagine. But maybe a place for me to start is reading the names of my fellow coworkers of CBC. Each and every one of them is such a blessing. They continuously use their talents to touch and change the lives of our church family. Their gifts are blessing lives with everything they try to do!

I pray that you know how much you are loved and appreciated. CBC has been blessed in so many ways this past year. I pray that we will just give back to our Lord during this Christmas season. Make way for a glorious Christmas.

Your pastor and friend.

Grady



From the staff of CBC

*Sara Payne
Joyce Long*

Grady Walden

*Curt Frederick
Coley Mize*

♪ **From Your Music Minister** ♪

The Sanctuary Choir will present our new Christmas musical, “*O Holy Light*” by Mary McDonald, Sunday, December 8, at the 10:30 worship. Christ enters our world and we look to Jesus, the light of the world, as we again light the advent candles and hear the joyful message of His coming.

Philippians 2:2-8: Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. . . .

Having this same mind and the same love each new day will give us unity with the Spirit and the unity with others we so desperately need. Jesus set the only perfect example of giving the rightful glory to our heavenly Father because He was willing and took the very nature of a servant.

As Sabrina and I begin our twenty-sixth year with you at Clarkesville Baptist in January 2025, we recall with appreciation and fondness the many words and acts of kindness and encouragement this body of believers have offered over the years. It is a pleasure to serve our Lord with you. It is a joy to work with such a caring pastor and people.

Curt

October



Received in General Fund:	\$	20,837.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	18,522.00
Total Received:	\$	39,359.00
Expenses:	\$	28,931.00

Children’s & Youth Ministries



CBL, CBK, and IMPACT have had an incredible season, filled with meaningful moments like our Fall Family Fun Night and Trick or Treat on the Square—both of which provided wonderful opportunities to connect with our community. We are so grateful to everyone who has volunteered, offered financial support, and lifted us up in prayer. Your generosity and love have made all these events possible and have touched so many lives.

IMPACT had an amazing time this past weekend at the Hearts on Fire Conference. It was a very spiritual-filled weekend, and we spent a lot of time getting closer to God and each other.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas play on December 8, as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with a simple, heartfelt enactment. We are truly blessed by your ongoing support and prayers—
thank you for walking alongside us in this journey!



Coley



SAVE THE DATE

Event	Date	Time	Location
Backpack Dedication	Sun., Dec. 1	10:30am	Sanctuary
Hanging of the Greens	Sun., Dec. 1	10:30am	Sanctuary
WMU Meeting	Tues., Dec. 3	11:30am	Grille52
Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata	Sun., Dec. 8	10:30am	Sanctuary
Children’s & Youth Christmas Play	Sun., Dec. 8	6:00pm	Sanctuary
Freedom Hill Tea	Sun., Dec. 15	2:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Potluck Christmas Dinner	Wed., Dec. 18	5:30pm	Family Life Ctr
Christmas Eve Service	Tues., Dec. 24	5:00pm	Sanctuary