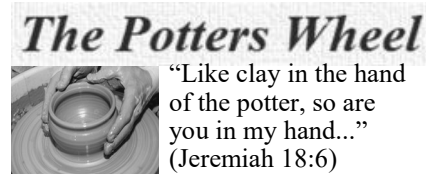




- ◆ The church office will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1**, in observance of New Year's Day.
- ◆ There will be no Wednesday night activities on **January 1**.
- ◆ CBC would like to thank the decorating and flower committees and all others who helped with the beautiful flowers and decorations over the holiday.
- ◆ CBC would also like to thank all who helped make the Backpacks for Appalachia project a huge success again this year.
- ◆ Please sign up to provide flowers for our Sunday Worship Services for any Sunday in 2025. 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.



**Monthly Newsletter from
Clarkesville Baptist Church**

January 2025

Here is one of my prayers for today! "Gracious father, I am caught in the busyness of everyday life, and it is easy to miss what you are doing in my life today. Slow me down and open my eyes, Lord. Make your presence known that I may behold you doing the impossible. In Jesus' name, amen."

We all have filled our lives with so much this Christmas season. I truly wonder who of us will miss the arrival of the Christ child. It is doubtful that anyone mentioned the couple's arrival or wondered about the condition of the girl. They were too busy! The day was upon them. The day's bread had to be made. The morning chores had to be done. There was too much to do to imagine that the impossible had occurred. God had entered the world as a baby.


Will you miss the true meaning of Christmas this year? Little has changed in over 2000 years. Or has it changed? I pray that you are looking for the Majesty's arrival this year as never before.

Thank you for helping me to prepare for the coming of the Christ child this Christmas. From our family to yours, may you truly find the Christ child this Christmas.

With love for each and every one of the CBC family, thank you for everything this Christmas. May we follow Christ into this New Year as well.

Your Pastor and friend,

Grady

November		
Received in General Fund:	\$	21,194.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	8,161.00
Total Received:	\$	29,355.00
Expenses:	\$	166,762.00

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♪ **From Your Music Minister** ♪

Sing a New Song this year!

Psalm 96

- ¹O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
- ²Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
- ³Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
- ⁴For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Singing a new song is more than just rehearsing and seeking to repeat a new melody and a new text. I do believe God honors those who seek to learn and grow musically, but the scripture here is referring to our heart and our intentions. Singing a new song involves giving praise, adoration and thanks to our Lord. Singing a new song involves focusing on Him and drawing others to do the same. Reading and singing a new text with devotion and intending to grow spiritually can be refreshing to us. We intend for a new song to come to our lips by our love, by our patience, and by our faith. God expects our hearts to be developing because of Him.

It is Sabrina's and my prayer that your new year of 2025 brings joy and peace in the Lord. Sing a new song unto the Lord!

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Events & Opportunities

Event	Date	Time	Location
WMU Meeting	Tues., Jan. 7	11:30am	Midtown Grill Cornelia, GA
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., Jan. 8 Wed., Jan. 22	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Church Council Meeting	Thurs., Jan. 16	6:30pm	Family Life Ctr
Potluck Fellowship Meal	Wed., Jan. 22	5:30pm	Family Life Ctr
Adult Game Night	Tues., Jan. 28	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr

Children's & Youth Ministries



As we reflect on the incredible year that has passed, we are filled with gratitude for the vibrant energy that our children and youth bring to CBC. Their joy, enthusiasm, and love for the Lord have touched all of us, and their presence in our church is a true blessing. One of the most heartwarming moments of the year was our beautiful, simple Christmas play. It was a testament to the dedication and love of our children. The play brought 120 people into our church, filling our hearts with the spirit of community and celebration.

Each child and their family holds a special place in our hearts. We are so thankful for the unique gifts and talents they bring to our church, and we cherish the opportunity to walk alongside them in their faith journeys. Their presence brings so much life to CBC, inspiring us to live with greater love and purpose.

As we look forward to 2025, we can't help but feel excited about what the Lord will continue to do in and through these children and their families. Their futures are bright, and we trust that God will guide and shape them into the next generation of faithful leaders. We are eager to witness the continued growth of our children's and youth programs, knowing that they will continue to impact not only our church but also our community and the world for Christ.

Together, as a church family, let us continue to support and encourage these precious children, and pray for God's continued blessings over their lives and the life of CBC.



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Thanks

To The CBC Family
Tyler Downs