

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Please join us on **Wednesday, February 12, at 5:30pm** for our Potluck Valentine's Dinner in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite dish!
- ◆ If you need offering envelopes, please pick up a packet at the entrance of the sanctuary or call the church office.
- ◆ 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.

December



Received in General Fund:	\$ 37,357.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 192,556.00
Total Received:	\$ 229,913.00
Expenses:	\$ 35,260.00

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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

February 2025

When Caleb and Taylor came home for Christmas a few weeks ago, they spent several nights with us in our basement apartment. Caleb asked me if we could start a fire in the pellet stove to warm up the basement. We worked together and finally got the stove to it's old glory days when Lisa's mother lived with us. I have continued to keep the fire going especially during these cold days,

In order to keep the fire burning, I have had to keep up with putting the pellets in the stove. So, I have to make many trips up and down the stairs to the basement. I have passed by a saying that Lisa has on the way so many times thinking that I knew what it said. But recently, I stopped in front of the printed sign and read it one more time: "Happiness is not a destination, it is a way of Life." Please take a moment to reread it like I did, and allow it to sink into your mind and heart!

How many of you can read this, "Happiness is not a destination, it is a way of Life" and truly understand where I'm trying to go? Every one of us has some issues and struggles in our lives that we are currently facing and trying to handle ourselves. Our struggle is that we have let these issues or struggles rule and control our outlook on our lives. We have totally forgotten the words of Proverbs 3:4-6, where we are told to trust in the Lord and He will direct the path of our lives! What and where is the focus of your life currently? Or to put it another way, "where is the happiness in your life?"

I'll be the first to say, I have been struggling to find some happiness in my life. But as I prepared for last Sunday and reread the saying several times, I knew that I had to find some happiness back in my life. And, God did just that for me! He put a man in the path of my life who had lost his lower leg and foot during his service to our Country. We talked and before I knew it, he had removed his leg and foot to show me how he was living his life. His happiness about living his life was out on display for all to see and experience with him. He reminded me without even trying that we have a God-given responsibility to help others find and experience happiness from our lives daily.

I leave you with a challenge: why don't you first make sure your happiness is present in your life and then do everything you possibly can do with God's help to restore happiness to the lives of those around you. You can start by lifting those who are searching for happiness up in prayer. Remind yourself and them that God loves them and cares. Maybe they will see that you do too!

Remember, "Happiness is not a Destination, it is a way of life." God knows where you are at this very moment.

May you find some happiness in your life.

Your Pastor and friend,

Grady

♪ **From Your Music Minister** ♪

Live at Peace with All

The seventh point of Jesus’ sermon on the mountainside and the seventh Beatitude of Matthew 5 is Matthew 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.”

The peacemakers, those with a slow temper, and those who endeavor to promote peace in others, shall be called children of God. When we have the greatest likeness to Him, we are known to be His for God is love. These peacemakers not only avoid strife or contention, but intently seek to heal differences among others. Reconciling one to another is a goal. A peacemaker preserves peace wherever it is found and seeks to restore peace whenever it is broken. We become most like God when we utilize the fruits of the spirit to influence others to forgive and live with kindness and love. We all will have opportunities to promote peace.

Indeed the work of a peacemaker is to be proactive and prevent peace from being broken. A soft, kind word may prevent a most unnecessary, hurtful quarrel. Blessed are the peacemakers!

Being blessed or being happy depends on our relationship with our Lord. Our prayer should be, “Lord, help me to never repay anyone evil for evil. Lead me to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on me, guide me to live at peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:17-18)

Shalom,

Curt

Thanks

To The CBC Family

Joyce Long
Curt Frederick
Sara Payne

Children’s & Youth Ministries

A New Year, A New Season of Growth



As we step into this new year, our hearts are full of hope and excitement for what God has in store for our children’s and youth ministries. We are eager to see how He will continue to move in the lives of our young ones, drawing them closer to His love and truth. This year, we are committed to walking alongside them, supporting their growth in faith, and creating spaces where they can experience God’s presence in meaningful ways. With your continued prayers and support, we trust that 2025 will be a year of transformation, deepened relationships, and strengthened faith for our children and youth. Thank you for being a part of this beautiful journey.



With gratitude,

Coley & Alyson



Events & Opportunities

Event	Date	Time	Location
WMU Meeting	Tues., Feb. 4	11:30am	Midtown Grill
Potluck Valentine’s Dinner	Wed., Feb. 12	5:30pm	Family Life Ctr
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., Feb. 12 Wed., Feb. 26	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Church Conference	Wed., Feb. 19	6:00pm	Sanctuary
Adult Game Night	Tues., Feb. 25	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
International Missions Study	Wed., Feb. 26	6:00pm	Sanctuary