

Announcements

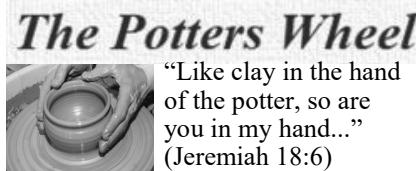
- ◆ The church office will be closed on **Thursday, January 1**, in observance of New Year's Day.
- ◆ Mark your calendar! We will be having a Chili Cookoff on **Sunday, January 18, at 11:30am**. Whether you're a master chef or just enjoy good food and company, this is an event you won't want to miss. More information will be forthcoming.
- ◆ 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 2026. 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.

November



Received in General Fund:	\$ 30,955.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 690.00
Total Received:	\$ 31,645.00
Expenses:	\$ 24,279.00

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NextGen Ministries

A New Year with the Same Faithful God

As we step into a new year, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. This past season at CBC was truly special—from our beautiful Christmas play to Simple Christmas and our Community Christmas event, we were reminded once again how powerful it is when our church comes together to serve, love, and point others to Jesus.

Thank you to every volunteer, family, leader, and supporter who gave their time, talents, and hearts to make these moments possible. Your faithfulness made an eternal impact on our children, students, and families.

As we look ahead, we're reminded of this truth: *new year, same Jesus*. The One who carried us through last year is already at work in the year ahead. We are praying boldly for our NextGen ministries and for all of CBC—that this year would be marked by growth, unity, and lives changed for Christ.

With grateful hearts,

Coley & Alyson



New Members

Jeromy & Kristen Moore

Events & Opportunities

Event	Date	Time	Location
Baptist Women	Tues., Jan. 6	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., Jan. 14 & Jan. 28	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Church Council	Thurs., Jan. 15	6:30pm	Family Life Ctr
Chili Cook-off	Sun., Jan. 18	11:30am	Family Life Ctr
Quilting Group	Mon., Jan. 19	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Adult Game Night	Tues., Jan. 27	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr

From Your Bible Study Director

Funny how a phrase will stick in your mind. Like Yogi Berra's "*It's Deja Vu all over again.*" Several years ago, I was the Bible Study Director (aka Sunday School Director). I was recently asked to do that job again. I turned it down. Twice. After all, I have a good excuse. I'm disabled now. Poor pitiful me.

- 1) My mornings are unpredictable. Well, Dennis Whitfield comes and opens up the building and turns on all the lights on Sunday mornings. Charlie and Elaine Knight come early and make coffee and stay late and clean it up. Some folks greet and welcome other folks. Mary Ann Ellington makes sure new people get to a class.
- 2) But, I can't go upstairs or downstairs to count attendance. Stephanie Kromelis takes the count.
- 3) Well, what about teachers and literature? Eleanor Whitfield checks on nursery workers. Brenda Thurmond checks on children's workers. Jeromy Moore leads the young adult class. Elaine Knight and Donna Voight teach the Ruth/Friendship class. Charlie Knight, Ranny Voight, and Stan Brookshire rotate teaching the Boaz class. Sam Thompson, Cary Miller, and I take turns trying to keep the discussion on point in the Lanier class. Sara Payne orders the literature and even distributes it. They each believe what Keith Ivy said in a sermon while Grady was away: "If you're breathing, God's got something for you to do."

Shoot, my excuses are gone. So I'm going to be the new/old Bible Study Director. I'll be talking to those teachers and trying to help and encourage them in any way I can. I'll be sharing announcements and prayer needs with the classes. And I'm going to try to find ways to encourage each of you to become involved in Sunday School. I believe you need to come. I know we need you.

As Grady has preached, "*We're Better Together.*"

So, how will you answer this question Sam Thompson asked in Sunday School: "If you want to get something more out of church, whatcha gonna put in it?"

Carol



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