

# News & Announcements

- ◆ You are invited to our church-wide Valentine's Fellowship Meal on **Sunday, February 15**, immediately following worship service. An Italian meal will be provided, along with a coffee bar, desserts, family-friendly games and an opportunity for Valentine photos. This event is for everyone—children, families, couples, singles, and friends. Come enjoy food, laughter, and fellowship as we celebrate love together.
- ◆ Our "Senior Life" Group will be attending the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Southern Gospel Singing presented by HUB of Habersham on **Thursday, February 19**, at **7:00pm** at the Habersham Central High School Performing Arts Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [hubofhabersham.com/concert](http://hubofhabersham.com/concert). If you would like to carpool, please contact Mary Ann Ellington.
- ◆ **CHANGES!!!** We are renovating the old library to make it a multi-use area: Lanier Sunday School class space, Women's Bible Study Group site, Media Center with updated equipment and Biblical resources, a heritage nook, and a resource work room. Step 1 is to go through and reduce the current number of books and materials. If you'd be interested in helping with the "de-booking" process, please contact Carol McCarty or Stephanie Kromelis.
- ◆ If you need offering envelopes, please pick up a packet in the vestibule or call the church office.
- ◆ Please sign up to provide flowers for our Sunday Worship Services. 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)

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Might I ask, how did you survive our most recent storm? Did you lose power? Did you sleep too much? Did you complain about the cold? And if you were anything like me, you ate way too much food. Somebody is about to get a care package so that I can get all of the food out of sight. I give thanks that we never lost power! My hat is off to all the power company folks who worked so hard to keep the lights on.

I am reminded of the old TV preacher who said, "If you give your life to Jesus, all your troubles will be over." Sadly, that's not my experience. Has it been yours? Moreover, it's not the story of the people of God. What about Moses? David? Jeremiah? John the Baptist? That's not the experience of the disciples either or of the apostle Paul. In fact, that preacher was wrong. We could learn from Jesus and the way He faced His cross. He told how He faced His troubles and He taught us how to face ours!

We can share our troubles with our friends though we often feel alone. Most have experienced moments of distress and frustration, moments when we were encouraged by the presence of friends who cared. It is important that we allow our friends to bear some of our expressions of love and support.

We can be realistic about our troubles. Jesus showed us what it means to be fully human. Circumstances are not always as they appear. Judas' kiss appeared to be an act of love, but we know better. Dare you and I look beyond the obvious!

We can cultivate our spiritual resources and trust God even when we don't understand. I have walked for years with people through their valleys of the shadow of deep darkness. I have been amazed at the powerful resources that have helped those men and women. Jesus Christ was and is the sustaining presence of the Holy Spirit.

And finally, may we seize the initiative in the face of trouble and walk by faith. We often waste time blaming or waiting to be rescued when faith demands action. H.C. Brown was a professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Toward the end of his life, Brown's son died, followed by Brown's wife. Then, H.C. Brown was diagnosed with a serious heart disease. After having the heart surgery that prolonged his life, he wrote a book encouraging troubled people. He titled the book "A Search for Strength" and encouraged us to face our troubles. I think he may have learned how Jesus faced His troubles. So can we.

May God guide our lives.

Your pastor and friend,

*Grady*



## NextGen Ministries

February is a beautiful reminder of love—and the greatest love of all is found in Jesus. At CBC NextGen, we are excited to spend this month helping our children and students grow in their understanding of Christ’s love for them and how they can reflect that love to others in their homes, schools, and friendships.

We invite our church family to join us for our **Valentine’s Fellowship Meal on Sunday, February 15**, as we gather to celebrate love, faith, and community. This special evening will be a time of food, fellowship, and fun, with opportunities for meaningful conversation and connection for all ages. Whether you’re married, single, young, or young at heart, there’s a seat at the table for you!

We are so thankful for our CBC families and volunteers who pour into the NextGen ministries each week. Thank you for partnering with us as we point the next generation to the love of Jesus—today and always.

*“We love because He first loved us.” – 1 John 4:19*

*Coley & Alyson*

## From Your Bible Study Director

Sunday School. Bible Study Group. Small Group. Community Group. Bible Fellowship. Connections. And the list goes on... But whatever you call it, the purpose is the same. After all, Jesus told us what to do. *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* That pretty much spells it out, doesn’t it. Notice all the verbs. Go, make, teach, observe, baptize. Christianity is not a spectator activity.

At CBC we have Sunday School which is all about reaching, teaching, winning and caring. Each of those activities are vital to accomplishing our mission. In the next few issues of The Potter’s Wheel, we’ll take a look at how CBC can develop and strengthen them through Sunday School: reading and talking about God’s word with other believers, asking for prayer and praying with others, doing life together with those from the household of faith. Don’t miss out.

Sunday School - 9:15 Sunday Morning.

Reach, Teach, Win, Care.

*Carol*

## Events & Opportunities

Event	Date	Time	Location
Baptist Women	Tues., Feb. 3	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., Feb. 11 & Feb. 25	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Valentine’s Fellowship Meal (food provided)	Sun., Feb. 15	11:30am	Family Life Ctr
Quilting Group	Mon., Feb. 16	6:00pm	Prosser’s Home
Senior Life Luncheon	Thurs., Feb. 19	11:30am	Family Life Ctr
Adult Game Night	Tues., Feb. 24	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Church Conference	Wed., Feb. 25	6:00pm	Sanctuary



Dear CBC Family, thank you for the kind and loving “goodbye” to us and for prayers for Phil during his surgery. We miss everyone and send our love for a blessed new year. Linda & Phil Watson

## December



Received in General Fund:	\$ 50,513.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$ 8,762.00
Total Received:	\$ 59,275.00
Expenses:	\$ 30,398.00