



NextGen

What a beautiful and full season it has been for our NextGen ministries! Coming off of Easter, our hearts are still overwhelmed with gratitude and joy. From our Palm Sunday services, where our CBL kids did such a wonderful job participating, to our Easter Egg Hunt filled with laughter, fun, and an incredible turnout—what a celebration it was! And then Easter Sunday... simply incredible. The worship, the message, the reminder of the hope we have in Jesus—it was a powerful day we won't soon forget.

As we look ahead, it's hard to believe we are already winding down our ministry year. Time truly has flown by. We have been so blessed to walk alongside your children and students this year—watching them grow in their faith, build relationships, and experience God in meaningful ways.

We're excited for what's still to come! Join us on **May 3** for Graduate Recognition and our "Poppin' into the Next Chapter" celebration as we honor milestones and look ahead with excitement. Then on **May 16**, we'll be participating in the Mountain Laurel Festival Parade with a patriotic theme—so come dressed in your best red, white, and blue!

Our final NextGen gathering before summer break will be on **May 13**, and we can't wait to finish strong together.

Thank you for allowing us to pour into your children and students—it is truly a joy and a calling we don't take lightly. We are so thankful for this church family and all that God has done this year, and we are expectant for all that is still to come.

Coley & Alyson

March



Received in General Fund:	\$	27,614.00
Received in Designated Funds:	\$	1,173.00
Total Received:	\$	28,787.00
Expenses:	\$	21,933.00

From Your Bible Study Director

Every single one of us has the same "time budget": 24 hours per day and 365 days per year. How we spend that time looks different for older and younger adults, across age groups and even by gender. But generally, we Americans spend 10.5 hours a week on household stuff, 59.5 hours sleeping, 10.5 hours eating, and 24.5 hours watching tv and relaxing. That leaves about 62.5 hours a week for work and everything else. What about you? Does that 62.5 hours include you coming to worship service for 1 hour a week? What if you came a little earlier and read and talked about God's word with other believers, asked for prayer and prayed with others, and began doing life together with those from the household of faith, from our church? Will you? 60 more minutes a week?

Carol

Save the Date!

Event	Date	Time	Location
Baby Shower for Ashley & Aaron Walden	Sat., May 2	11:00am-1:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Graduate & NextGen Recognition	Sun., May 3	10:30am	Sanctuary
Baptist Women	Tues., May 5	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Watercolor Paint Class	Tues., May 12	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., May 13 & 27	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Mt. Laurel Parade & Yard Sale	Sat., May 16	8:00am-1:00pm	Holcomb Ctr Parking Lot
Quilting Group	Mon., May 18	6:00pm	Prosser's Home
Church Conference	Wed., May 20	6:00pm	Sanctuary
Church Council	Thurs., May 21	6:30pm	Family Life Ctr
Adult Game Night	Tues., May 26	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr



- We are still accepting donations for our Mt. Laurel Yard Sale. *No clothing items please.* Please bring your items on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings when someone is available to open the Holcomb Center and help put the donations inside. Don't bring large items until **Monday, May 4**, and place them in the Family Life Center.
- Let's play with paints! An Adult Watercolor Class will be offered on **Tuesday, May 12, 6:00- 8:00pm** in the Family Life Center. The class will be led by Gwen Hall, and there will be a \$5.00 supply fee. More information will be forthcoming. Come explore the world of watercolors with and without using a paint brush! No drawing or painting experience required!
- The Mt. Laurel Parade & Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 16**. The **yard sale** will be **from 8:00am until 1:00pm**, and the **parade** begins at **10:00am**. The theme this year is patriotic, and we'll be following suit—so we would love for our church family to join us by coming dressed in their best red, white, and blue! NextGen is collecting donations of individually wrapped candy to hand out during the parade. Patriotic candy or anything red, white, and blue would be perfect. But if it is easier, we are happy to accept monetary donations as well and can purchase candy as needed. Collection bins are in the church office lobby and Family Life Center. Monetary donations may be given to Alyson or Coley. We will be collecting **through Wednesday, May 13**.
- The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day.

Welcome New Members!

Corey, Katie, &
Harper Lindsey

Thanks to the CBC Family!

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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

May 2026

I have often told stories about our dog, Bentley. Well, he isn't my dog. He belonged to Caleb, and you know that he lives far away so you know what that means. He is our dog now! We've had trouble with him leaving the yard while wearing his shock collar. The collar makes a beeping sound when Bentley reaches the boundaries we've set for it. I never hear the beeping, but the rest of the family assures me that it's beeping. Well, he still just walks on even with the warning sound going off.

I decided to call the manufacturer about the collar. He helped me do a little troubleshooting on it. I knew it had a shock feature, but we discovered the shock had been turned down low. He said I could check it with a tool or I could walk outside with it pressed against the backside of my hand and wait for the beep and the shock. Needless to say, I never heard the beep but I felt the shock! Maybe Bentley will hear the warning beep and avoid the shock.

What warning symbols are going off in our lives that we are continuing to ignore? If there's a warning going off on our vehicles, we usually get it fixed sooner rather than later. If there's a personal health issue warning that we sense or experience, we react, I hope. If it's a political issue, we are ever so quick to let all know our thoughts.

But what about the warnings we hear from the Church or from our Lord. Do we take action on them or do we ignore them? Read these words found in John 3:17, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Or what about His warning from Romans 3:23-24, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but all can be justified by trusting in Jesus."

When will we take the warnings from our Lord seriously? Or better yet, what will it take to get our attention and cause us to decide to truly follow and serve Jesus as our Lord? I pray that we will stop avoiding and start listening to the warnings in our lives.

I'm praying that you will be in church this upcoming Sunday before it's too late!

Your pastor and friend,

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