NextGen

The Christmas season is such a special time to reflect on God's greatest gift to us—His Son, Jesus Christ! Our NextGen children and youth have been working hard preparing for our **Christmas program on December 13**, and we cannot wait to share it with our church family. We pray it will be a blessing to everyone who attends and a beautiful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

As we celebrate this season of giving, may we remember that some of the greatest gifts we can share are love, kindness, encouragement, and the light of Christ. Our prayer is that our NextGen children and youth continue to grow in their faith and discover the joy of sharing God's love with others.

From our NextGen family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, and the blessings of Jesus!

Coley & Alyson

Bible Study

When you read this, you're either recovering from an early Thanksgiving, in the midst of Thanksgiving, or planning yours. But isn't that what Thanksgiving is about? Whether it involves 20 people cramming into your house or a bologna sandwich by yourself, it's a time to celebrate a Biblical truth. God has been faithful to us through our good and bad times in the past, He is right here right now today, and He is our hope for tomorrow.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, His steadfast love endures forever! (Ps 107:1)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Carol

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Week of Prayer for International Missions is **Sunday, November 29-Sunday, December 6,** with the Lottie Moon Offering being taken on *December 6.* Our goal is $5,000.
- Please return your unwrapped "Angel Tree" gifts to the church by **Wednesday, December 2.**
- As we enter the Christmas season, we want to extend our gratitude to the church staff for their service to the Lord. If you wish to make a holiday financial gift, please mark "Staff Christmas Bonus" on the check/envelope and drop in the offering plate or at the church office by **Sunday, December 13.**
- Order your poinsettias in honor or memory of church or family members during the Christmas season. Cost is $15 for a 6.5" poinsettia. Order forms are available on the credenza in the church office lobby and at the entrances of the sanctuary. *Deadline for ordering is **Monday, December 14.***
- There will be no church activities on **Wednesday, December 23 or December 30.**
- The church office will be closed on **Thursday, December 24,** in observance of Christmas.
- End of year contributions need to be in the church office or postmarked by **December 31.**
- 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.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION '26

Sunday, December 13, 10:30 AM

A glorious morning worship service celebrating the birth of Jesus led by our Clarkesville Baptist Choir and Children's and Youth Ministries

(Luncheon to follow)

Events & Opportunities

Event	Date	Time	Location
Week of Prayer for International Missions	Sun., Nov. 29-Sun., Dec. 6	NA	NA
Baptist Women	Tues., Dec. 1	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr
Women's Bible Study	Wed., Dec. 2 & 9	6:00pm	Media Ctr
Community Christmas Celebration (Live Nativity/S'mores, etc.)	Fri., Dec. 4 Sat., Dec. 5	5:00-7:00pm	Front Porch of Sanctuary
Exercise Class	Tues., Dec. 8 & 22	9:30am	Family Life Ctr
The Sewing Ladies	Wed., Dec. 9	10:00am	Holcomb Ctr
Freedom Hill Tea	Sat., Dec. 12	11:30am	Family Life Ctr
Christmas Celebration (luncheon to follow)	Sun., Dec. 13	10:30am	Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Service	Thurs., Dec. 24	5:00pm	Sanctuary
Adult Game Night	Tues., Dec. 29	6:00pm	Family Life Ctr

October Stewardship Report

Received in General Fund:	$	23,225.00
Received in Designated Funds:	$	2,810.00
Total Received:	$	26,035.00
Expenses:	$	33,655.00

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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

November 2026

What a time is ours to offer thanks to God! Some despairing souls might call for a moratorium on Thanksgiving, but I tend to differ. When you read the words of the writer of Psalm 66, you realize ever so quickly that we need to thank the Lord for the past, present, and the future.

Thank you, Lord, for yesterday: "Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on man's behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him." Every Christian can thank God for the great events that have brought us hope for this life and for eternity. Thank you, God, for yesterday.

Thank you, Lord, for Today. We should thank God for life as did the little girl who prayed, "Thank you, Lord, for Mommy and Daddy, for Grandma and Grandpa, thank you John and Joel and thank you, Lord, for me." Let us thank God that we are alive today.

And the Psalm says we should give Thanks to the Lord for Tomorrow. No matter what we may think, I am sure that at the end of this life God's promises will be fulfilled and completed.

As we look toward expressing our THANKS to God, we all should personally ask ourselves have we given our best back to God especially when it comes to supporting the church personally and financially. We are approaching the final month of 2026, and this is a great time to express our thanks to God and CBC, maybe even catch up if possible.

CBC has been blessed, but now is the time for us to give back to our Lord and CBC. May God help us to finish stronger than ever before!

Your pastor and friend,

Grady