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Clarksville  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
1410 Golf Club Lane  
Clarksville, TN 37040

Return Service Requested



January 27, 2019 Report	
Sunday School	183
Worship	218
Offering	\$10,119.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,573.00

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR FERUARY 3:**

**Liturgist:**

Rev. John Routzahn

**Ushers:**

Tavis Gibson- Lead Usher  
George and Sue Kettle  
Richard and Carmela Davis

**Acolyte(s):**

Aiden Gibson, Braden Taylor

**Children's Message:**

Punky Goudard

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 3:**

Communion  
Poverty meal following worship  
5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party

**Wednesday, February 6:**

9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters  
11:00 a.m. W.W.A.  
5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal  
6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, February 9:**

9:00 a.m. Project Linus  
Room in the Inn

**Sunday, February 10:**

Sunbeam girls meet following worship

**Monday, February 11:**

8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline  
11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle



NEWS FROM  
**CLARKSVILLE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1410 GOLF CLUB LANE ~ CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE 37040

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**Senior Pastor: Stephen L. Louder**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

**CHOOSE THIS DAY**

Joshua 24:15: "And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The gift of each day brings choices. There is God's plan or a watered down half choice of worldly standards. We have immediate self gratification, what is in the future, what is right, what is easy, what is temporary or what is eternal. God has gifted each of His children with the ability to make right choices and the ability to choose Him. The dilemma is that we have not completely chosen God's absolute standard to measure our choices. It has become acceptable to make partial choices while we are straddling the fence causing us to lose sight of what is right and wrong. The past several years has created an environment establishing a "gray" area where "values" is a relative term. It is a fact that what is right or wrong does not depend on the insight of the prevailing attitudes. It should go without saying that God has not changed and the changes we see are from our inaccurate perceptions. The writer of Joshua teaches that we must make a choice, either we serve God or not, but we cannot "adapt and assign" new values to an unchanging God. His plan has never been, nor will it ever be multiple-choice. The mighty

**BROTHER STEVE**

acts of God have been proven in history. God's plan is unchanging and right; we must decide whether we are going to choose God or not.

The gift of choice demonstrates the greatness of God. His gift didn't end there for throughout human history He has continued to reach out to His rebellious children. The choice to choose Him comes with a complete picture of his grace. God entered this world personally completing the plan of strength and salvation. The gift of Jesus Christ is the most perfect gift ever offered and it requires a choice. The gift of grace clearly shows that no matter who we are, where we have been or what we have done, no matter how many bad choices we have previously made the offer is for us to choose Him. The most important decision in life is to choose God and in doing so we don't look back or around for there is nothing greater. There are times when God's Holy Spirit will come mightily on us and stirs unbridled excitement. This blessing renews our determination to not only choose God but to serve Him as well. As we spend time with God in quiet reflection we seek wisdom to make right choices and the strength to be faithful to a loving and seeking God. We have two choices—choose God!

**Sunday Schedule:**

Fellowship - 9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday School - 9:30 A.M. ~ Worship - 10:30 A.M.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Tammy Tyler	Mike Robinson
Ann Anderson	Kathie Roby
Dee Brock	Homer Salyer
Jack Bumpus	Shirley Shemwell
Susie Burchett	Linda Shipes
Jace Coakley	E.G. Sims
Amanda Cochran's family	Allysa Smith
Kim Copeland	Earleen Smith
Gary Coplen	Mike Smith
Joe Creek	W.L. Smith
Margaret Farmer	Margie Stooksbury
Charlston Fisher	Marcus Thornhill
Tanya Hammond	Bettye Tidwell
Teresa Hite	Bob Tidwell
Max Hochstetler	Greg Troupe
Peggy Hunter	Tammy Valverde
Ken Kirby	and family
Timothy Logan	Kay Watkins
Dave Marr	Kenneth Watts
Beverly Martin	Stephanie Wheeler
Walker McCutcheon	Ron Williams
Allison McLeod	Pam Wilson
Ricky Mixon	Jessie Winfield
Vicki and Jim Muzzall	missionaries,
Bruce Myers	law enforcement
Noble Noel	officials,
Russ Parchman	first responders,
Mary Lu Persinger	school staff,
Alyce Powers	our students,
Barbara Richardson	our youth,
Garrison Roberson	our military,
	our nation,
	our world.

*If you wish to add or remove someone to the Prayer Concerns, please fill out a prayer request card or call the church office at 648-0817. Names remain on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.*

## SOLES 4 SOULS

It is time to clean out that closet of those old shoes you no longer wear. We will be collecting unwanted shoes for Soles 4 Souls to be given to needy people in the U.S. and around the world. The Soles 4 Souls organization distributes 5 million pairs of shoes every year. If possible, but not a requirement, please tie the pairs together with the shoe strings, twine, or rubber bands. We will accept any shoes in any condition, flip flops, sandals, dress shoes, tennis shoes, boots, etc. There is a great need for children's shoes. They also need single shoes. Talk with your friends and neighbors about helping with this shoe drive. Bring your unwanted shoes to the Family Life Center starting Friday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They will be delivered to the Soles 4 Souls world headquarters in Nashville the first week of March. Thank you for your donations to this worthy charity.

For further information call 931-217-8738  
Mike & Shari Salyer

## J.O.Y. GROUP

The J.O.Y Group will have their annual planning meeting in **February**. Due to snowy weather in January, the planning meeting did not take place. **Mark your calendar for Monday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m.** We hope you'll join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall as we discuss and plan trips for 2019. Please bring \$5 for lunch (pizza, salad, desserts and drinks).

The deadline for information for the Sunday bulletin is Fridays at 8:00 AM and the deadline for the newsletter is Mondays at 8:00 AM prior to each newsletter mailing.



February 17 is  
Urban Ministries Sunday.

### Items needed for February

#### Adult Classes:

Boxed Macaroni and Cheese  
Canned Peaches  
Spaghetti Noodles  
Spaghetti Sauce

#### All other classes bring Personal Items\*

\*Personal Items: Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, etc.

## 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2019 flower calendar is posted across from the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones for a specific Sunday, please sign up for your desired date if available. Please see Jessica if you have any questions.



## "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY CPWM POVERTY MEAL

Sunday, February 3, 2019  
Immediately following Worship  
Family Life Center

#### Lunch Menu:

Ham and Beans  
Vegetable Soup  
Cornbread  
Desserts

Hot dogs and chips for children

#### Cost:

Donation only


All donations go to the Hot Lunch Program in Colombia, South America.

## NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

BE ENCOURAGED – God Can Turn Your Trials into Triumphs a study of 2 Corinthians. Discouragement is no respecter of persons. The message of 2 Corinthians is one of encouragement and as we become encouraged, we are to go out and encourage others.

Each Wednesday at 11 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.  
Study Guides are available each week in the Narthex.

## NEW PHONE #? NEW ADDRESS?

 Please remember to call Jessica in the church office (648-0817) with your new address and/or change of contact information so our church directory and mail lists can be updated. The post office will not forward newsletters. Don't miss out on church news!

## YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Super Bowl Party will be **Sunday, February 3rd** from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the McGowan Home. Taylor will send out an address. There is a food sign up list (see Taylor).

The youth will be visiting Uffelman Estates again in February. Be on the lookout for a specific date. This is such a blessing to both the youth and the residents.

### It's the time of year when the weather is so unpredictable. Inclement Weather Policy:

If the roads are icy, the Sunday schedule will remain the same. Please use your discretion. On Wednesdays, if schools are closed due to bad weather, we will not have W.W.A., W.O.W. or Choir Practice (unless otherwise notified).

## CHURCH FAMILY

### MATTHEW 12:46-50

If you read this verse it can initially seem shocking. Jesus' family is asking to speak to him, yet he points out that the people who do the will of God are his family. Could Jesus really be rejecting his flesh and blood family? Is that what it means to be a believer? Not necessarily.

If we read on, we find that Jesus' family is still quite present through his death and resurrection. His brother James even goes on to be a leader of the church. So it wouldn't contextually make sense that Jesus is cutting off his family for the church in this moment.

It does, however, emphasize how close the community of believers really should be. To Jesus we are family members. Not the distant relatives that you may see on very rare occasions at holidays, but family like you would see when you go home at the end of a long day. We are brothers, mothers and probably sisters too. We are in direct relationship with Jesus, and it also implies that we are in relationship to one another as well.

My question to the church today is: do we do a good job of embracing that? Families are messy. They have problems, they hurt each other, they embarrass each other, and we all have family members that it may feel like a chore to talk to.

Somehow, families still feel obligated to be connected to one another and be identified together. Families still come together for meals, they talk, check in on one another, and they help each other. It's great to receive that love, but it's also a lot of work to give that love back. Now look at our church. That's a whole lotta people. That means there can be a whole lotta problems. That means there is a whole lotta opinions. Loving all of that family can be a whole lotta work! If we are all contributing though, that's a whole lotta love and support to receive!

The challenge to our congregation is to keep looking for the places we have more love to give. If we continue to make that our unified goal we might get a little closer to looking like that family that Jesus tells us we are.

-Taylor-

## CHECKED OUT OUR WEBSITE?



For the latest updates, our web site [www.clarksvillecpc.com](http://www.clarksvillecpc.com) has wonderful information about what is happening at our church. The Sunday worship service is available in case you miss a Sunday or just want to revisit one of the sermons. The newsletter is posted on the website as well as the weekly worship bulletin. If you have any suggestions, please share with a member of the Missions/Outreach Team.

## 2019 DIRECTORY UPDATES

Jessica will be printing an updated listing of our member's addresses and phone numbers the first week of February. These will be available for pick up in the Narthex. **In your email, please review the copy provided** and let Jessica know of any changes that need to be made before she prints.



## SESSION NOTES

- \* The Session met in regular meeting January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM with 14 Elders present. Elder Cheryl Routzahn presented the devotion and opening prayer.
- \* The monthly budget was received and approved noting the 2018 giving was 15% above budget and that all expenses were within budget.
- \* Worship Ministry Team: approved following dates March 6 Ash Wednesday Service, April 18 Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Easter "Son-Rise" at 7:30 A.M. and April 28<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service for the cantata, "Victor's Crown."
- \* Received CPWM monthly budget and approved "Poverty Meal" following the February 3<sup>rd</sup> worship service to be used for the Hot Lunch Program in Colombia.
- \* Missions Ministry Team report was received and approved. The MOMT request for a Spaghetti Lunch in Spring for Popayan Church building materials was approved. Granted permission to use Carolyn Jackson Mission Fund to cover expenses for team if needed.

- \* Children's Ministry Team: Approved June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for VBS dates. Approved April 14<sup>th</sup> for Easter Egg hunt and potluck after morning worship and approved a program presented by children ages 5-13 to be presented Easter Sunday morning lasting approximately 10 minutes in lieu of children's message, Cheryl Routzahn and Lyndsay Koyama to direct.
- \* Youth Ministry Team: approved a BBQ lunch fund raiser to fund the youth Triennium trip this summer.
- \* Child Care Ministry Team. The team is in process of seeking an additional paid nursery worker. There is a need for church volunteers to assist the nursery worker until one is secured. We are currently seeking to broadcast the morning service into the nursery, both audio and video in the near future.
- \* Adjourned to meet in regular session on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.

## CALLING ALL CHILDREN...AGES FIVE TO THIRTEEN

The children will be singing in the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 21st during the 10:30 a.m. service. The children will learn four short songs and be part of an Easter music/skit arrangement.



Practices occur in the children's choir room from 9:15 -9:30 a.m. every Sunday beginning February 10th until Easter Sunday. The point of contact for children's choir is Cheryl Routzahn and Lyndsay Koyama.

## WORSHIP SERVICE DVD

If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly worship service on DVD, please contact Paul Bogard.

## LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is located in the Narthex. Unclaimed items are donated at the end of each month.





# FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Poverty Meal– FLC after worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party	4 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice	5 9:00 a.m. Preschool	6 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00 a.m. Preschool	8	9 9:00 a.m. Project Linus Room in the Inn
10 Sunbeam girls meet after worship 	11 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice 	12 9:00 a.m. Preschool	13 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 9:00 a.m. Preschool	15	16
17 Urban Ministries Sunday 	18 <i>President's Day</i> Office Open 11:00 a.m. J.O.Y. Group planning meeting– FH 3:30 p.m. Hand bell practice 	19 9:00 a.m. Preschool	20 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 11:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study 5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal 6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00 a.m. Preschool	22	23 Room in the Inn
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