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

Return Service Requested



June 4, 2017 Report	
Sunday School	151
Worship	221
Offering	\$12,633.75
Needed Weekly	\$7,312.00

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE 11:**

**Liturgist:**

Andy Kettle

**Ushers:**

Chad Koyama—Lead Usher  
Danny Grant, Justin Kettle  
O’Neill and Cindy Winters

**Acolyte(s):**

Kyleigh Koyama, Wesley Kettle

**Children’s Message:**

Teri Sims

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, June 11:**

1:00 p.m. Project Linus

**Sunday, June 11-Saturday, June 17:**

Youth Mission Trip to Baton Rouge

**Monday, June 12:**

11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle

**Wednesday, June 14:**

9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters

**Sunday, June 18:**

Father’s Day  
Urban Ministries Sunday

**Monday, June 19:**

8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline  
10:00 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Trip to  
Loveless Café—Nashville

**Wednesday, June 21:**

9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters



NEWS FROM  
**CLARKSVILLE**  
**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1410 GOLF CLUB LANE ~ CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE 37040  
Church Office: 931-648-0817 ~ Email: office@clarksvillecpc.com ~ Website: www.clarksvillecpc.com  
**Senior Pastor: Stephen L. Louder**  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

**MEDITATION**

Meditation, as a Christian discipline, has been pushed aside by the modern Church. In fact, most think meditation is an Eastern religion practice. We envision sitting cross legged in the floor, emptying the mind while making a humming noise. Biblical meditation is much different. Instead of emptying the mind the forager fills the mind with thoughts of God and with words of the scripture and concentrates on them. Throughout the scripture this is a practice often urged to promote spiritual growth. It has been reported that less than one fifth of American believers read scripture daily; surely we understand the importance of study. There is also a chance if we schedule Bible time, in order to stay in good graces with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as a task, it will bring less than desired results. Bible study should be like a good meal. We take small bites and chew it well to enhance not only the flavor but also glean the desired nutrients that come. Bible reading greatly benefits and will expand our understanding and enables us to see how it applies to our own experience. Thomas Watson, a Puritan pastor spoke of this as he states, “The reason we come away so cold from reading the Word is because we do not warm ourselves at the fire of meditation.” Taking time to assimilate even small portions of scripture will bring a clearer perception of God and our purpose.

Charles Spurgeon refers to this integration progress as “The machine in which raw material of knowledge is converted to its best use.” He identifies those who read the Bible and can even recite large portions and still have no idea of the power contained. He contends it is a failure to convert the truths into a useful state. If we were to journey out

to Beachaven Winery at the end of the growing season we would see plump grapes ripe for the harvest. While the harvest might be bountiful if they were allowed to stay on the vine they would rot. Instead they are pressed in order to extract their sweetness. Meditation and reflection on the Word enables us to extract the sweetness of God speaking to us. It is this strange warming of being in His presence, we not only learn more; there is a joy that returns each time we read and study. Bible reading does not equate holiness and if not cautious can become drudgery.

If we decide to worship in our community of faith we simply can’t unlock the front door thinking our church family will show up; we make the effort to go. It is the same with God. If we want to grow spiritually we must go where He is and He is found in His Word, in meditation and prayer. It is not just going there; it is putting oneself in a position to receive. Meditation can be seen as the instrument to being changed into His likeness. Early Christians had a specific step by step process called the Lectio Divina, reading a scripture, mediating on it, praying it and contemplating the Word. Following this process would indicate we should take a small portion and read it over and over till familiar. While doing this we search for the meaning as it applies to our lives. Reading the Word should not become a routine to be checked off of our “to do list.” Meditation helps us not to be like the one James writes of as “...A hearer of the word and not a doer.” We have the glorious opportunity in reading scripture to meet our Lord and be changed.

Brother Steve

**Sunday Schedule:**

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Robin Allman	Teresa Poston
David Borders	Alyce Powers
Dennis Bosma	Angie Rhoads
Christine Bragg-Cummings	Garrison Roberson
Dee Brock	Kathie Roby
Glenn Campbell	Ed Shephard
Colton DeVito	Lucille Stanley
Mary Dews	Sherry Spence
Coleen Dorris	Joe Stephens
Christine Durham	Garrett Suiter
Bella Ferretti	Pastor Jimmy Terry
Lonnie Forrest	Bettye Tidwell
Heath Frimel Jr.	Marvin Vaughn's family
Kayla Gatan	Gary Wallace
Dorothy Harris	Lori Waller
Ellen Henderson	Eileen Weatherford
Andrea Herrera	Sandra Webb
Frances Hinson	Heather Whittman
Karen Hodges	Justin Williams
Portia Hodges	Mary Williams
James Hooten	Suzie Wolf
Jason Hundley	Linda Wyatt
Edna Jackson	Emily Yarbrough
Jaime James	our graduates
Patty Knight	missionaries,
Lecroy Family	law enforcement
Melissa Lewis	officials,
Rhyann Loos	first responders
George Marks	our military,
Nancy Neal	our nation
Mike Patterson	our nation,
Mary Lu Persinger	and our world.
Mary Peterson	

### BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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.

## Adults Mark Your Calendars

Wed. June 28th 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Bible Study, Food, and Fellowship  
Although W.O.W. is not meeting during the summer months, let's keep in touch!  
Come join us.  
More information to follow

## STOTT-WALLACE OFFERING

The Stott-Wallace Missionary Offering was received on Pentecost Sunday. Because of your generous giving, we collected over \$4,000.00. Thank you for your support!



## Sunday, June 18 is Urban Ministries Sunday.

### Items needed for June

#### Adult Classes:

Cleaning Supplies  
Paper Towels

Personal items-listed below

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

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

Please drop off in the FLC (box under steps to 2nd floor) or in the Ed. Building (breezeway entrance).

## J.O.Y. GROUP

The J.O.Y Group Trip for June will be on **Monday, June 19** to the **Loveless Café in Nashville, TN**. This is a group favorite! We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. We always have a fun time. We hope you'll join us! The church bus fills up quickly, please call Barbara to reserve your spot (931-647-4956).



## SESSION NOTES:

- Meeting opened with prayer and devotion
- Elected Rev. Paula Louder as Stated Clerk pro tem
- Elizabeth Daniel gave testimony of her call to the ministry and requested the Session to recommend her to Nashville Presbytery. By motion letter will be sent.
- Reviewed budget and noted that with 33% of year past budget is 3.4% over weekly needs.
- Approved Rev. Taylor Young to preach on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and Brother Steve to be liturgist.
- Meeting closed with prayer concerns

## THANK YOU FROM OUR GRADUATES

Dear congregation,

I have been lucky enough to have grown up with your incredible influence on my life. Each of you has helped to shape me into the individual I am today. I am so excited to use the new Bible you all presented to me for graduation, and I cannot thank you enough for your love and support throughout my life.



Sincerely,  
Lainey Persinger

Clarksville CP,

Thank you so much for my graduation gift. I appreciate all the prayers and wonderful support these past few weeks. I am so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation.

Sincerely,  
Miles Wilbur

## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS!

Junior & Junior High camp forms are available now online or a copy can be picked up in the church office.

### Upcoming youth gatherings!

June 7th: 5:30 p.m. –8:00 p.m. Youth will meet for devotion and then to Golly G's for ice cream

June 20th: Youth are going to the Sounds Game! Bring \$17.00 for tickets and money for food etc. We will leave the church at 5pm.

### Do you have these dates on your calendar?

\*Senior High (Synodic) Camp:

June 4-9 at Crystal Springs

\*Nashville Presbytery Mission Trip:

June 11-17 to Baton Rouge, LA

### Please be in prayer for those attending:

Taylor Young, Kathryn Griffin,  
Robyn Brumblay, Bella Allen, Margaret Clark,  
Ella Brumblay, Rylee Sawyer,  
Matthew Celusta, Aaden Stoermer,  
Luke Stovall, Paul Chall-Hutchinson,  
Ethan Rucker, Kailey Sundstrom

\*Cumb. Presbyterian Youth Conference

(for those who are finishing 8th-12th grade): June 25-30 at Bethel University

\*Junior High camp, Crystal Springs:

July 9-14

\*Junior Camp, Crystal Springs:

July 16-21

\*Youth end of Summer fun trip:

July 23-26 Cedar Point—Sandusky, OH

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE NOTE:

Children's Choir will **NOT** meet during the summer months and children should report directly to their Sunday School Classes.