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

Return Service Requested



February 25, 2018 Report	
Sunday School	180
Worship	221
Offering	\$6,024.50
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH 4:**

**Liturgist:**

Rev. Taylor Young

**Ushers:**

Kathryn Griffin-Lead Usher  
Kenneth Griffin, David Lee  
Bruce and Kendyl Kilby

**Acolyte(s):**

**Children's Message:**

Rev. Paula Louder

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 4:**

9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Youth Rehearsal following Worship

**Monday, March 5:**

10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga

**Wednesday, March 7:**

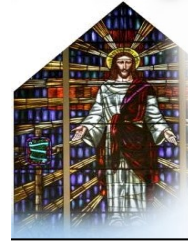
9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters  
11:00 a.m. W.W.A.  
5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal  
6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, March 10:**

Room in the Inn

**Sunday, March 11:**

Daylight Savings Time Begins- Spring Forward  
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal  
Sunbeam girls meet following worship  
1:00 p.m. Project Linus  
1:00 p.m. Youth Rehearsal



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, February 27, 2018

**IDENTIFIED BY ACTIONS**

A pious church member, who thought of himself to be a great Christian, stopped by a children's Sunday School class to say a few words asking, "Why do you think people call me a Christian?" It was quiet for a few moments and then a small voice from the back said, "Because they don't know you?" The general rule is that if we must inform others of our faith; it could not be as strong as we think. Christian faith while being personal must also be developed in a community of faith. Relationships enable us to share our joys, concerns, fears and questions. Encouragement and support are other factors as well as accountability that inspire us to carry through with areas of Christian development and ministry. Sharing visions and goals backed with a plan of action are carried out when we are aware of others' concern. We are responsible for growth in Christ and our actions should present the Good News story in a way that those around choose to follow. Our part is to be invited to share, actions first and then maybe verbally, the difference being a believer has made in our lives. Allowing Christ to be seen through our personal lives and making a conscious choice to invite others is the most effective manner of evangelism. We are prepared to mentor others in the faith. Discipleship is not a one and done either in our lives or in others. It is a journey that is not complete until our last day.

**Brother Steve**

Effective Christian witness is more effective by living what we know and profess to be Biblical, right and good. The new day brings opportunity to speak kindly; react with love, compassion, and forgiveness that demonstrates God's presence in our lives. Abraham lived his life in this manner and King Abimelech came to him with the words recorded in Genesis 21:22: **"God is obviously with you, helping you in everything you do."** Paul writes to the Corinthians in the 2<sup>nd</sup> epistle 8:21 that **"We are to be honorable before the Lord, but we also want everyone else to see that we are honorable."** We are to praise and worship the Lord by acknowledging all things come from him, even the gift of the day. Living in grateful praise we look for opportunities to introduce others to the grace of God. Acknowledging with grateful hearts we honor not only God, but we witness to our neighbors by demonstrating God's loving presence in our lives and sharing that love unconditionally without expecting recognition. We live lives of value by giving God's love to others knowing and showing that it is a resource which has no end, for we can't out give or out love God. Mathew 28:20 brings assurance: **"I will be with you always even until the end of the age."**

**Sunday Schedule:**

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Angela	Russ Parchman
Jane Bagwell	Janeel Parks
David Borders	Lainey Persinger
Dee Brock	Mary Lu Persinger
Sue Watts Camp	Alyce Powers
Matthew Celusta	Susan Powers
Garry Chadwell	Garrison Roberson
Jace Coakley	Jimmy Roberts
Amanda Cochran	Kathie Roby
Gary Coplen	Ed Shephard
Christine Cummings	E.G. Sims
Glenn Campbell	Scott Sitter
Christine Durham	Earleen Smith
Margaret Farmer	Pastor John Smith
Ollie Faircloth	Chris Stanfill
Jake Gambino	Bettye Tidwell
Ethebet Gibson	Bob Tidwell
Mike Gibson	Shawn Tidwell
Randi Gibson	Karen Trana
Kim Gordon	Kalynn Turnbow
Beatrice Grant	Gary Wallace
Harper Greene	Lori Waller
Gene Hamaker	Eileen Weatherford
Catherine and Andrew Heckel's son	Jessie Whitfield
Ellen Henderson	Eddie Williams
Andrea Herrera	Mary Williams
Kenny Hill	Alex Wilshire
Frances Hinson	Darryl & Jackie Winfree
Karen Hodges	Suzie Wolf
Jaime James	Linda Wyatt
Mamie Johnson	Danny Yarbrough
Ray Johnson	Emily Yarbrough
Dr. Susan Jones	missionaries, law enforcement
Ken Kirby	officials, first responders,
Lecroy Family	our school staff, our youth,
Anne Langford	all students, our military,
Melissa Lewis	our nation, and our world.
Rhyann Loos	
Charlie Marklin	
Shirley Marklin	
Chris Miracle	
Nancy Neal	



Sunday, March 18  
is  
Urban Ministries Sunday.

### Items needed for March

#### Adult Classes:

Grape Jelly  
Peanut Butter  
Powdered Milk

Breakfast items (Pop Tarts, Oatmeal, Cereal)

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

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

## J.O.Y. GROUP



The J.O.Y Group trip for March will be on **Monday, March 19th** to The Depot in Springfield, TN. The church bus will leave at 10:30 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).

## EASTER LILIES

Two representative Easter lilies will be placed up front in the chancel area for Easter Sunday (April 1st) in lieu of purchasing individual flowers to honor our loved ones. Donations will go the Manna Caf  and Salvation Army. If you wish to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone, please include your information along with your donation in the envelopes available in the narthex starting March 4th. Please place the envelopes in the offering plate or give to the church office. A list will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletins. **The deadline for donations is Wednesday, March 28.**



## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Son Rise Service** rehearsals will be March 4th after church with lunch provided, March 11th at 1:00 with lunch on your own, and Wednesday March 21st during W.O.W. Please sign up with Taylor if you are planning to participate.



**30 Hour Famine** presentation and fundraising info will begin March 7th at W.O.W. with our actual event date being April 13-14. Our goal will be to meet or beat last year's total of \$4,055 to help end world hunger and prepare for a formational service project with Rev. Lisa Cook and Sacred Sparks ministries.

Mark your calendars for April 27-29. The youth will be headed out for a **Spring retreat** to Chattanooga. With the weather canceling our plans for Grace Convo. and the desire for our youth to have a bonded weekend, we will have a retreat put on by our very own youth committee.

Go ahead and mark your calendars for these summer events!

- \* **Senior High (Synodic) Camp:**  
June 3rd-8th
- \* **Cumb. Presbyterian Youth Conference:**  
(for those who are finishing 8th-12th grade)  
June 24th-29th
- \* **Junior High Camp, Crystal Springs:**  
July 8th-13th
- \* **Junior Camp, Crystal Springs**  
July 15th-30th
- \* **Mission Trip to Jacksonville, Florida**  
July 22nd-28th

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're already making plans for our 2018 Vacation Bible School! **Mark your calendars for June 10th-13th.** This year's theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Taylor or any member of the Children's Committee. The next planning meeting will be in April.



## SUNBEAM GIRL FUNDRAISER



The Sunbeam Girls want to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the 'Noodles and Doodles' Fundraiser. We raised a total of \$1,301.00! We are always blown away by the generous support you always show. To those who helped decorate and cook, to those who attended the dinner, purchased art from the silent auction and those who gave donations, this wouldn't have been possible without you. **THANK YOU!** The mission of the Sunbeam Girls is to do ministry work. Our plan is to purchase pocket bibles for church members to distribute on future mission trips, provide support for the Urban Ministries Safe House, and to Lisa Cook's Sacred Sparks Ministry.

## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS

New Address and Phone Number!  
James Alsobrooks  
Uffelman Estates  
215 Uffelman Drive Apt 131  
Clarksville, TN 37043  
931-552-6462



## NOTICE

Just this past week in youth we started a brief Lent study that invited us to “Notice” (lesson title) God more. It was on Matthew 6:1-18 where we were lead to think about spiritual. The idea is that we do things of this nature to notice God more in our daily lives and we will hopefully refine our practices as Jesus has asked us to. There was one practice in particular that stood out to me, though: forgiving

We are well in to the season of Lent and it is worth asking if we are all willing to dive further in to the spiritual practice of forgiveness.

This is a practice we need to exercise more than ever. It could be the practice that rightfully replaces another practice we hold such as resentment, anger, or even pride.

I can look back in to many situations of my life where forgiving someone was incredibly hard for me to do. I sometimes feel like I am caving in or becoming weak to allow myself to forgive. It is the part that feels like it accomplishes something by being self-defined as morally right while someone else was morally wrong. It feels like not forgiving gives a false sense of power to openly exercise spite out of a place hurt or anger. The struggle is to see is the sinful nature we carry around to want to build ourselves up when we feel someone else has torn us down. We sometimes use our own pain as a pedestal to allow ourselves to use anger or hurt as motivational tool to act. These actions cannot line up with perfect grace, which we receive from Jesus and are called to exercise with others.

Jesus calls us to boast only in God. This call is given so that we may freely live in to the better life that He has called us to. This call requires us to put death to our self-righteousness, to put death to our anger, and to seek God’s comfort in our pain.

As the old saying goes: “we become less so God can become more”.

I would like to invite you to give up one more thing this Lenten season. Give up whatever is holding you back from forgiving. In return, replace it with a spiritual practice of grace and forgiveness. Allow God to become greater in your life and notice God more. Amen.

-Taylor Young

## CONSTRUCTION LOAN POST: FEBRUARY 2018

Remaining Loan Balance: \$414,896.81    Amount Repaid to Date: \$383,630.70

Average Monthly Amounts Paid Against Loan:

Actual: \$7,500.00 in **February**

Goal (5-year loan repayment): \$14,000.00

Thank you for your continuous giving to the Capital Building Fund!

With your help, we can achieve our goal to pay off our loan in five years  
(1 year and 6 months faster than current repayment pace),

Which will save us \$25,916.00 of interest versus our current repayment pace.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY THEMES FOR MARCH

**March 7 –**

“The Sinful Woman Who Poured Oil on Jesus’ Feet” (Luke 7: 36-50)

**March 14 –**

“Expecting a Little King – The Triumphant Entry” (Matthew 21: 1-11)

**March 21 –**

John the Apostle of Love

**March 28 –**

**NO WOW – Spring Break**

**March 29 –**

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Adult Bible Studies meet at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall with bring your own lunch and fellowship to follow. OR at 6:00 Wednesday evenings in the Friendship SS Classroom in the FLC.

## EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK SUNDAY, MARCH 18



Join us for a potluck and Easter egg hunt **Sunday March 18th following worship!** The children's ministry team will provide meat, please bring your favorite side dish. The Easter Bunny will be hopping through for pictures. Egg hunt will start immediately following lunch. Bring your family, bring a friend, come enjoy fellowship and fun with our children!

## CHILDREN’S CHOIR UPDATE



We would love to have your child sing with us! Children's Choir practice has resumed! We meet every Sunday from 9:15 AM-9:30 AM. The children will present special music in the worship service on **Sunday, March 18, 2018**. If you have any questions, please see Lyndsay Koyama or Cheryl Routzahn.

## SESSION NOTES

- The Session met in regular meeting on February 25 at 6 PM with 13 Elders present. Elder Lee Persinger opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.
- January budget was reviewed noting for the month giving was above the need-ed weekly by 1.3 %.
- The CPWM report was included in the Missions Team report noting that \$2,948 was sent to the Hot Lunch Program in Colombia, South America.
- Worship Team report was presented and approved the Lily offering to be divided between Manna Café and the Salvation Army.
- Approved March 18<sup>th</sup> as recommended by Children’s Ministry Team, as the annual Easter Egg Hunt following morning worship as well as a church wide pot-luck.
- Approved May 20<sup>th</sup> as graduate Sunday.
- Meeting was adjourned with prayers for the people.



**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.





# MARCH 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 a.m. Preschool	2	3
4 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Youth Rehearsal following worship	5 10:00 a.m. –11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga	6 9:00 a.m. Preschool	7 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	8 9:00 a.m. Preschool	9	10 Room in the Inn
11 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Sunbeam girls meet after worship 1:00 p.m. Project Linus 1:00 p.m. Youth Rehearsal 	12 <b>8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline</b> 10:00 a.m. –11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle	13 9:00 a.m. Preschool	14 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	15 9:00 a.m. Preschool	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 
18 Urban Ministries Sunday 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Children to sing during worship Potluck & Easter Egg Hunt following worship	19 10:00 a.m. –11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Trip— The Depot, Springfield	20 <i>First Day of Spring</i> 9:00 a.m. Preschool 	21 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	22 9:00 a.m. Preschool	23	24 Room in the Inn
25 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 10:20 a.m. Children gather in the FH to prepare for the waving of palms 6:00 p.m. Session meets 	26 <b>8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline</b> 10:00 a.m. –11:15 a.m. Chair Yoga	27 No Preschool	28 <b>Easter Lily Donation Deadline</b> 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters No Bible Studies or W.O.W. No Choir Rehearsal	29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> No Preschool 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service 	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	31
 <b>CMCSS Spring Break (March 26-30)</b> 						