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

Return Service Requested



March 25, 2018 Report	
Sunday School	165
Worship	229
Offering	\$6,614.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL 1:

Liturgist:

Rev. Paula Louder

Ushers:

Brandon Kettle-Lead Usher
Bill and Jan Herndon
Justin Kettle, David Silvus

Acolyte(s):

Lily McClellan, Melody Moyer

Children's Message:

Punky Goudard

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 1

7:30 a.m. Youth Led "Son-Rise" Service
8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Wednesday, April 4:

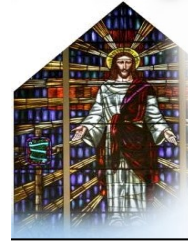
9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters
11:00 a.m. W.W.A.
5:15 p.m. W.O.W. meal
6:00 p.m. Programs for all ages
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 8:

9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
Sunbeam girls meet following worship
1:00 p.m. Project Linus

Monday, April 9:

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, March 27, 2018

SPENDING LIFE WISELY

Brother Steve

Matthew 10:39 says "Those who try to hold on their lives will give up true life. Those who give up their lives for me will hold on to true life." We have two choices; to move forward and pursue a God like life or we can try to standstill, which is moving backwards. The number of years we achieve is not as important as what we achieve with the years with which we are blessed. It is a fact each passing day means we are growing older. This fact should also encourage us to first be thankful for the gift of life and then allow God's leading to show usefulness of the gift. We should not be concerned with living long rather how we live in praise of our Lord. The thought that is becoming dominant is that if we are all mediocre then we will not feel as guilty. Life is a gift and there are many perils along the way. We have been mentored by some as they share their wisdom and we should be excited to do the same. Each of us has the opportunity and privilege of making a difference. While we may not change the whole world we certainly have occasions to touch lives of family, friends and even casual acquaintances. Morgan Freeman, in the movie *Shawshank Redemption*, commented "we must get busy living or get busy dying;" actually we are doing both. The important question is how faithful are we with living the gift God has

given us?

If we were to begin a cross country journey we would have in mind a specific destination. In fact we would have in mind certain benchmarks which measure our progress. Very few of us would prepare for a trip without making some preparations; we don't travel for the sake of moving. We have an intended destination. Children of God are anticipating a glorious destination and our short time on this celestial orb is our time of preparing. If we travel across the state of Texas we might think the journey will never end, but it does and so it is with life. If we are going to the western side of Texas we wouldn't want to waste time because we look forward to our objective. Using God's gift of life wisely brings joy to Him. We misunderstand God's disappointment if we think He is angry with us. His distress comes by wanting only the best for us and when we do not achieve it His hurt is because He knows His intent and He wants the best for His creation. We are not to focus on our characteristics and strengths rather on the power of God. God doesn't call us because of what we have to offer; rather He receives us as children because of what He desires for each of us. Spend the gift of life wisely!

Sunday Schedule:

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Angela	Russ Parchman
David Borders	Janeel Parks
Dee Brock	Mary Lu Persinger
Sue Watts Camp	Alyce Powers
Garry Chadwell	Susan Powers
Loretta Chiles	Garrison Roberson
Madie Christiansen	Jimmy Roberts
Jace Coakley	Mike Robinson
Amanda Cochrane	Kathie Roby
Gary Copen	Ed Shephard
Christine Cummings	E.G. Sims
Glenn Campbell	Scott Sitter
Christine Durham	Earleen Smith
Margaret Farmer	Nadine Smith
Ollie Faircloth	Bettye Tidwell
Jake Gambino	Bob Tidwell
Ethebet Gibson	Shawn Tidwell
Mike Gibson	Karen Trana
Randi Gibson	Gary Wallace
Kim Gordon	Lori Waller
Punky Goudard	Eileen Weatherford
Beatrice Grant	Jessie Whitfield
Harper Greene	Dan Williams
Catherine and Andrew Heckel's son	Eddie Williams Williams family
Ellen Henderson	Alex Wilshire
Andrea Herrera	Darryl & Jackie Winfree
Kenny Hill	Suzie Wolf
Frances Hinson	Karen Woodall
Karen Hodges	Jim Vickers
Jaime James	Linda Wyatt
Ray Johnson	Emily Yarbrough
Dr. Susan Jones	Wes Klein
Wes Klein	Ken Kirby
Ken Kirby	Lecroy Family
Lecroy Family	Melissa Lewis
Melissa Lewis	George Lile-Henley
George Lile-Henley	Bill Longhurst's family
Bill Longhurst's family	Rhyann Loos
Rhyann Loos	Charlie Marklin
Charlie Marklin	Shirley Marklin
Shirley Marklin	Chris Miracle
Chris Miracle	Nancy Neal
Nancy Neal	Debra Norris
Debra Norris	



Sunday, April 15
is
Urban Ministries Sunday.

Items needed for April

Adult Classes:

Applesauce
Vienna Sausages
Canned Tomatoes
Boxed Macaroni and Cheese

All other classes bring Personal Items*

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

WHAT IS URBAN MINISTRIES?

Each month you see 'Urban Ministries' Sunday on the calendar along with a list of items needed in each newsletter. But, what is Urban Ministries? Urban Ministries is a non-profit organization in Clarksville that provides services such as utilities assistance, food, prescription medication, homeless programs or other needs. The food pantry receives donations from churches, schools, businesses and organizations. Your donations are taken each month to Urban Ministries and it has a huge impact on our community. Our church also sends monetary donations received to Urban Ministries to distribute to the community. They are able to verify the need and reach a greater portion of our community.



MEALS ON WHEELS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Meals on Wheels is in desperate need of drivers. You can choose a day (or more than one day) that is convenient for you. If you are interested, please call Jill Crow at 931-645-5629.

YOUTH NEWS

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

J.O.Y. GROUP

The J.O.Y Group trip for April will be on **Monday, April 16, 2018** to The Diner and Golly G's in Pleasant View, TN. The church bus will leave at 10:45 a.m. The church bus fills up quickly, please call Barbara to reserve your spot (931-647-4956).



HE IS RISEN!

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE Two Worship Opportunities!

7:30 a.m. Youth Led "Son-Rise" Service
8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the FLC
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
(No Worship and Wonder, children will remain in the Sanctuary with their families)

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 April 8th immediately following worship.**



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. Many times the post office will not forward the mail. Don't miss out on church news!



IMPORTANT NOTICE! Chair Yoga Classes have been canceled until further notice.

JOHN 3:14-21

Choosing light over darkness is a difficult task for humans. We sometimes like to think that we live in the light, yet there is always a part of us that we like to keep in the darkness. That's dark part can be full of shame, deceit, or wrongdoing.

I think of a way that is true for myself at a young age. It was all centered around Mom's metal cookie jar in the kitchen. Mom would give us the conventional wisdom of only letting us have the occasional cookie or two and encouraged our family to not eat too many. That was what was in the light of what we all saw, and that is what we wanted Mom to think we were abiding by. But the dark held a different story.

Mom's cookie jar was noisy, but if you positioned your hands on it just right it barely made a sound. So I knew what to do when no one was in the kitchen. I knew how to get the lid off, slip the cookies in my pocket, and head off in to my room to indulge myself in instant gratification of cookie goodness. Never mind what we were supposed to do, I knew what I wanted and I knew how the darkness of hiding away could give me what I wanted.

I think we all have a cookie story. There is a part of us that we have in the darkness, but our Lenten season is here to help us focus on pulling more of ourselves out of the darkness. Like cookies, the things we indulge in the darkness are not good for us on both a spiritual and physical level. We may be holding in the darkness our deceit, gossip, gluttony, or something that we hold a great deal of shame for.

Jesus' intervention in our lives should continually move us from our place of darkness to the light, because our transparent life is truly better. It moves us away from the destruction of our own will and vices and in to the will of God. For the result of the will of humans is death and destruction and the will of God is life and restoration.

Our call as Easter people is to choose life and restoration, to choose the light.

Amen,
Rev. Taylor Young

CONSTRUCTION LOAN POST: MARCH 2018

Remaining Loan Balance: \$406,686.25 Amount Repaid to Date: \$391,841.26

Average Monthly Amounts Paid Against Loan:

Actual: \$9,500.00 in **March**

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY THEMES FOR APRIL

April 4th-The Empty Tomb
(John 20: 1-18) Rick Koyama

April 11th-Hitting the After Easter Sales
(Colossians 3: 5-14) Steve Louder

April 18th-Dorcus- Worth a Miracle
(Acts 9: 36-42)- Paula Louder

April 25th-Lydia - the Business Woman
(Acts 16: 11-15, 40)
Sally Noel/AM; Shari Salyer/PM

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.

SUNBEAM GIRLS DESSERT AND CASSEROLE AUCTION



Go ahead and mark your calendars! The Sunbeam Girls will have a Dessert and Casserole Auction on **Sunday, April 22nd** following worship in the Family Life Center. This is a wonderful time to stock your freezer to make those busy nights and weekends that much simpler with a dinner you can just pop in the oven! The Sunbeam Girls also ask that anyone willing to donate a casserole or dessert item, to please bring them that Sunday morning. The proceeds from this auction will go towards the mission outreach projects of the Sunbeam girls. If you have any questions, please see Teri Sims or Cheryl Routzahn.

SESSION NOTES

- The Clarksville CPC met in regular session Sunday March 25, 2018 with 9 Elders present. Elder David Littleton opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.
- The monthly budget was presented. It was noted that while giving is less than previous months the giving is still about 1% above budget.
- Missions and Outreach Ministry team requested the line item budget for advertising be used to fund the Carolyn Jackson Mission Fund. Approved.
- The dates presented by the Children and Youth Ministry teams for upcoming events were approved and dates will be published in coming newsletters.
- A request from the YMCA to use the FLC for the summer months was presented. After review and discussion, the request was denied.
- Approved pastor's request to combine the line items of housing and utilities allowance into one.
- Elected Elder David Littleton as delegate and Elder Gene Stephen as alternate to Nashville Presbytery on April 24th in Dover, TN.
- The Session was adjourned with prayer to meet April 22, 2018, 6PM.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR UPDATE

The Children's Choir is still meeting every Sunday from 9:15AM-9:30AM and will continue through June 10th. The children will present special music in the worship service on **Sunday, June 10, 2018**. If you have any questions, please see Lyndsay Koyama or Cheryl Routzahn.



APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Youth Led "Son-Rise" Service 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 	2	3 9:00 a.m. Preschool	4 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	5 9:00 a.m. Preschool	6	7
8 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal VBS meeting following worship Sunbeam girls meet after worship 1:00 p.m. Project Linus	9 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle 	10 9:00 a.m. Preschool	11 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	12 9:00 a.m. Preschool	13-14 Youth 30-Hour Famine	
15 Urban Ministries Sunday 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	16 10:45 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Trip— The Diner & Golly G's Pleasant View, TN 	17 9:00 a.m. Preschool	18 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	19 9:00 a.m. Preschool	20	21
22 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Sunbeam Girls Dessert/Casserole Auction- FLC following worship 6:00 p.m. Session meets	23 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline	24 9:00 a.m. Preschool	25 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	26 9:00 a.m. Preschool	27-28 Office Closed Youth Spring Retreat (April 27-29)	
29 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Youth Spring Retreat	30					