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

Return Service Requested



April 22, 2018 Report	
Sunday School	168
Worship	206
Offering	\$6,186.00
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR APRIL 29:

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:
Rev. Steve Louder

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 29:
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 1:
Election Day-CMCSS Closed
No Preschool

Wednesday, May 2:
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

Thursday, May 3:
National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 6:
9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 7:
Deadline to submit names for Graduate Sun.
8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline



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, April 24, 2018

FINDING SATISFACTION

Brother Steve

The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11) is the story of a young son's searching, in all the wrong places, for what he thought was rightfully his. Instead of happiness, the son's actions lead him to a low spot in his life both physically and spiritually. One might question how this could happen. It happens whenever we allow our society to dictate what we think we desire as well as what is deemed good and moral. But as children of God, our standard is measured through God's desires and not society. Modern advertising is based on creating a hunger for *things* that the consumer believes must be obtained in order to have a rich and fulfilling life. But as we buy into this belief we hear that old Mick Jagger song, "I can't get no satisfaction... I tried, and I tried, and I tried." As our minds move to this point, we are vulnerable to making unwise decisions. The prodigal son had all he needed, and yet, he wanted more. I'm guilty of opening the refrigerator door, thinking I am hungry, and while there may be food on every shelf, I think, "There has to be something else." And such is life. Part of the reason we can't find that special *thing* is because we lack the knowledge of our true desire and we lack gratitude for the blessings we have already received. The desire to seek could well be God woo-

ing us into a closer relationship with Him, yet we look elsewhere.

C. S. Lewis states that the problem is not that our desires are too strong, but rather they are too weak. We are too easily pleased. We are willing to accept the appetizers of this world when God offers us an endless buffet of genuine intimacy and a quality of life that brings true satisfaction. We are children of God and thus, heirs to a great kingdom; we should settle for nothing less. Just like the father in our story of the prodigal son, our loving heavenly Father is waiting with open arms and joy to receive each person who seeks a personal relationship with Him. No matter what we have or have not done, our loving Father is always prepared to fill our empty lives and love us unconditionally. Held in his arms we have the opportunity for healing and growth. While not all book and movie plots have the happy endings we desire and while some instances in life don't always turn out the way we anticipate, in God we have the ultimate happy ending. God picks us up like a toddler, embraces us, and removes the chill of the world by telling us that He has waited patiently for us and that his love is forever, totally satisfying and the best possible outcome.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Angela	Nancy Neal
Ann Anderson	Debra Norris
Jim Brewer's family	Russ Parchman
Dee Brock	Janeel Parks
Sue Watts Camp	Mary Lu Persinger
Mike Carter	Alyce Powers
Harold Castellaw	Garrison Roberson
Garry Chadwell	Jimmy Roberts
Loretta Chiles	Kathie Roby
Jace Coakley	Sara Saldana
Amanda Cochran	E.G. Sims
Gary Coplen	Scott Sitter
Christine Cummings	Earleen Smith
Glenn Campbell	Nadine Smith
Christine Durham	Bettye Tidwell
Teddy Everitt's family	Bob Tidwell
Margaret Farmer	Irving Tilman
Ollie Faircloth	Karen Trana
Anakin-Eli Frimel	Ina Wallace
Jake Gambino	Lori Waller
Mike Gibson	Eileen Weatherford
Randi Gibson	Jessie Whitfield
Marie Glover	Dan Williams
Keith Griffin	Austin Wills
Marge Head	Alex Wilshire
Ellen Henderson's family	Rick Wilson
Frances Hinson	Darryl & Jackie Winfree
Belinda Horton	Emily Yarbrough
Hester Houben's family	missionaries, law enforcement officials,
Rev. Richard Hughes	first responders,
Peggy Hunter	our school staff,
Ray Johnson	our youth,
Ken Kirby	all students,
Rhyann Loos	our military,
Julie Louck	our nation,
Charlie Marklin	our world.
Chris Miracle	



Sunday, May 20
is
Urban Ministries Sunday.

Items needed for May

Adult Classes:

Soap
Toothpaste
Small size liquid detergent
Small size laundry detergent

All other classes bring Personal Items*

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

STOTT WALLACE

Here at the Clarksville CP the Stott-Wallace Missionary offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. Please be in prayer concerning the gift that you will give. In the past, Clarksville CP has been very generous in its support. Let us continue to serve and support world missions and the spread of the gospel message. Our church goal is \$2000.00. Envelopes will be available in the narthex beginning April 29.



GRADUATE SUNDAY



Attention 2018 Graduates! On **Sunday, May 20th**, we will recognize all active members graduating from pre-school, high school, college or graduate school. Please provide us with the name of your school and your picture for the bulletin cover. Please drop off to the church office or email to (office@clarksvillecpc.com). **The deadline to submit names and information is Monday, May 7th.**

YOUTH NEWS

The youth will be headed out for a **Spring retreat** to Chattanooga on April 27-29. 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-20th
- [Forms are now available for Junior High and Jr Camp in the church office or on the web-site.](#)
- * **Mission Trip to Jacksonville, Florida**
July 22nd-28th

Please be in prayer now for the leaders and youth at each of these events.

J.O.Y. GROUP

The J.O.Y Group trip for May will be on **Monday, May 21, 2018 to 5 Chefs in Portland, TN.** The church bus will leave at 9:30 a.m. The church bus fills up quickly, please call Barbara to reserve your spot (931-647-4956).



The last W.W.A. and W.O.W. sessions for this semester will be Wednesday, May 9th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Sunday, June 10-Wednesday, June 13
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Who can attend? We have classes for Pre-K through 5th grade (nursery available for younger children).

Can I volunteer? Absolutely! Please see Taylor to get plugged in.

Will there be dinner? If so, how much does it cost? There will be meals each night and donations are accepted to help offset cost.

Can I invite my friends and family? Yes!

How do I sign up? To help us plan and prepare, we ask that you register online as soon as possible.

<https://vbspro.events/p/cpvbs2018>

VBS Committee is requesting donations of 32 Oz Gatorade bottles that have been rinsed and label removed. You may leave these in the church office or under the stairs in the FLC.

Next VBS meeting is Sunday, May 20th following worship. All volunteers are asked to attend.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY THEMES-MAY

May 2nd
The Jailer -
"At the Corner of Today and Forever"
Acts 16: 16-34

May 9th
"The Lion and the Lamb"
Revelation 5: 1-14



Matthew 25:35-40

30 Hour Famine has come and gone this year and we have seen success in beating our goal of \$4,000 (\$4,300) to help feed over 100 kids for an entire month. We challenged one another to gain support as our youth and leaders took on the task to raise funds and help support a mission that God has sent God's people on since the beginning of time: to feed the hungry. As a part of that mission our group went 30 Hours without food to symbolize the average amount of time that many kids around the world go in between meals.

The most challenging part of this program was not to stay focused on our goal, but was to stay focused on where our hearts and minds were in the process. During the time of fundraising we have to check ourselves on what this money means to the people we raise it for and why it is important. We have to prayerfully consider our connectedness to the world around us and pursue humility in our goal. Often times fundraising encourages people to feel as though they are superior in their position as they give to those who are perceived as inferior based on where they are in life. Our goal has always been to encourage our connectedness to our covenant family whom we love and to give what was never ours in the first place. The most challenging part is shaping what it means to be a covenant community.

The second challenge was the service on Saturday. In years past the kids could tell you about their experience of going in to the campsites of our brothers and sisters without housing. They could tell you the experience of knowing and loving people in their own homes, but this year it was raining. It was an equally important, but less immersive experience as our youth served and learned under the roof of a church to separate supplies, meet people, and then feed them. It didn't hold the same experiential attractiveness of years past as they didn't step in to a world that was too unlike what they are used to. Luckily, we don't tell God how and where to work in our lives.

Our group was motivated, understanding, and open to the experience in front of them. In this great weekend we saw the spirit move and lives changed.

We thank you and we thank God.

Rev. Taylor Young

CONSTRUCTION LOAN POST: APRIL

Remaining Loan Balance: \$394,686.25 Amount Repaid to Date: \$403,841.26

Average Monthly Amounts Paid Against Loan:

Actual: \$12,000.00 in **APRIL**

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.

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.

OFFICE HOURS REMINDER

Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m.-noon



SUNBEAM GIRL'S REPORT



The Sunbeam Girls want to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Casserole and Dessert Auction. Thank you to those who donated items and those who purchased. The total raised for missions was \$1,300.00! This isn't possible without your generous support. Thank you, thank you!

SESSION NOTES

- * The meeting was called to order with 12 Elders present. Opening devotion and prayer was given by Elder Gene Stephens. The meeting minutes from the March 25th meeting were read and approved.
- * The budget report was presented and noted the giving to the budget is approximately .5 % above the budget.
- * Youth Ministry Team report was presented noting the 30 Hour Famine offering for World vision exceeded the \$4000 goal.
- * Children's Ministry Team report was presented welcoming Matthew Celusta as a new member. Note was made of VBS planning and the summer camping program as well as family movie night on May 11th.
- * The Session voted to move the May meeting to the 3rd Sunday, May 20th due to the 4th Sunday falling on Memorial Day weekend. This is only for the month of May.
- * Meeting was adjourned with prayer of concern for the people to meet in regular Session on May 20th at 6 PM.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

Join us for a night of *free fun* as we close out the year.

Friday, May 11, 2018 * 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Showing: Coco



Bring your camping chairs, blankets, & snacks.

*Free popcorn * Free Water and juice*

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MAY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Election Day CMCSS Closed No Preschool	2 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	3 9:00 a.m. Preschool 	4	5
6 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	7 Deadline to submit names for Graduate Sunday 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline	8 9:00 a.m. Preschool	9 Last W.W.A./W.O.W. until August 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	10 9:00 a.m. Preschool	11 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night FLC 	12 9:00 a.m. Project Linus
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal Sunbeam girls meet after worship 	14 11:00 a.m. CPWM Day Circle 	15 9:00 a.m. Preschool	16 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 Last day of Preschool 10:30 a.m. Preschool Graduation 	18	19
20 <i>Pentecost</i> Graduate Sunday Stott Wallace Offering Collected Urban Ministries Sunday 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal VBS meeting after worship 6:00 p.m. Session meets  	21 8:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline 9:30 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Trip— 5 Chefs, Portland, TN 	22	23 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 9:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed CMCSS Closed 	29	30 9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	31		