

Current Session Elders

Clerk of Session
Melanye Lunsford

Administration
John Gurney

Congregational Care & Welcome
Wes Ashworth

Christian Education
Kevin Robinson

Fellowship & Pastoral Care
Suzanne Dunn

Property
Jim Barkley

Meaningful Service
Linda Stamps

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2021
Wesley Ashworth, Suzanne Dunn,
Kevin Robinson

Class of 2022
Jim Barkley, John Gurney

Class of 2023
Linda Stamps

 **walking humbly
with God...together**
Collierville Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor's Desk

HAVE YOU GROWN IN YOUR FAITH?

Has anyone ever asked you that question? It's a popular question, and it's a good question - especially when we ask it of ourselves. It can mean a number of different things though. Does it mean that the faith you first learned has gotten stronger? Does it mean that the faith you first learned has changed over time? I think they are both important ways to examine our faith as we grow older. Some parts shouldn't change, but some parts should.

I can think of so many ways my understanding of who God is (Jesus and Holy Spirit too), what God wants, who we are made to be, what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus, etc. have changed - have grown. Almost always, in one way or another, the growth of my christian faith and understanding has come through interactions with others. Usually interactions with fellow believers, but not always. Sometimes it's through conversation, sometimes through reading and study, sometimes other ways. The most growth, I am sure, has not come through people who think like I do, but through people who don't think like I do. Trying to understand what and how they really think, not assuming I know or that they think the way I do, is the first step. Asking questions about why they might think differently, about where they are "coming from," is the next. But we also have to consider where we are "coming from" and how that colors our opinions. We should ask ourselves "are they right, and my direction of thinking needs to change?" An affirmative answer is a hard one for us to accept. It's probably better for us to reserve our final judgement and give ourselves some time first. It's often been a way I've found that God leads me to grow in ways that I never would have thought possible. When I think back over the years, that has happened to me a lot.

A final thing that is important for us to ask ourselves is, "Who is responsible for growing my faith?" The answer, of course, is always ourselves.
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Pastor Mark Wright
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~ PASTOR'S DESK

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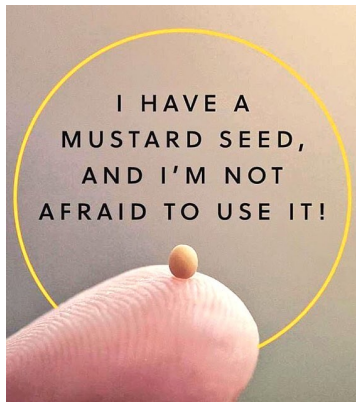
We can't hold anyone else responsible. Even God won't force us; it's simply not how God works. It's not in God's character to compel us.

I am so happy and so grateful that my faith and understandings have grown so very much over time.

And I am looking forward to the ways, through God's goodness and the people I encounter in whatever ways that will be, my faith will grow—and change!

How about you?

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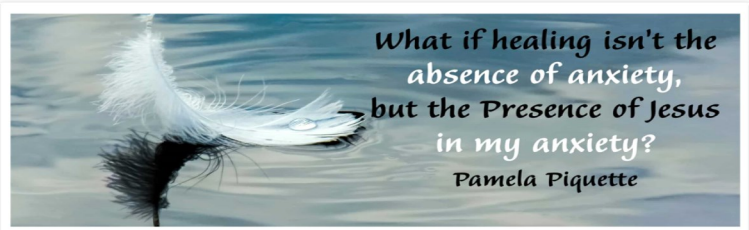


~ WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

John Gurney

"Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed." Mark 14: 32-33

This scripture gives us the insight that Jesus can relate to our earthly stress and anxieties and how He sought the presence of His closest friends during the most difficult of days. Let this be a reminder to us to seek support from your friends and family and to rely on a God that can relate to the things in this life that stress us out.



~ PRAYER FOR THE CITY

Dianne T. Richardson

Burst my bubble, Lord, for through it
I see only distortions of *neighbor*.
And who, Lord, is my neighbor?
All I know is this sphere of iridescent protection.
I launch iridescent projections into lives I don't know.
My bubble—a drug. I'm in no condition to love.
We put conditions on our love: "Don't spend this on drugs."
I don't know how to talk to these people—my neighbors.
Show me how to love the undesirable neighbor.
I only see my neighbors through a veil.
I can only see my neighbors through a tear in the veil.
This rainbow meniscus is a cage of fear.
What I thought protection is just a bubble of fear.
Bursting out is the only way to see through it.



~ NOTES OF LOVE



Isn't it a wonderful feeling when you open your mailbox to find a card or note? This is exactly why CPC sends notes on a regular basis to those needing to be lifted up.

CPC is looking for a volunteer that would like to take over this ministry. Is this something that interests you? Everything is provided—notes, stamps, and envelopes. Contact Linda at the church office to learn more.

~ STEWARDSHIP REPORT

as of June 25, 2021

YTD Tithes & Offerings Rc'd:	\$60,899
YTD Tithes & Offerings Bdg't:	\$38,887
YTD Total:	\$22,012
YTD Income:	\$66,192
YTD Expenses:	\$67,307
YTD Net Ordinary Income:	(\$1,115)

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

~ MEANINGFUL SERVICE ~



LUNCH MINISTRY

Thanks to those who provided for July's lunches:

Hollis & Karen Wimpee

Roger & Pat Albee

Meredith Hall

Linda Stamps

Our next day to provide lunches is August 3. We need your help by providing sandwiches, complete lunches, other items (desserts, fruit cups, or chips). Volunteers are also needed to help deliver lunches. Contact Meredith Hall at mtm352000@yahoo.com or call the church office at 901.853.4226 if you'd like to help.



COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Our second bin is back and looking much better! Let's start filling it up. Some of the greatest needs:

- Men and women's underwear
- Men and women's jeans
- Women's summer shirts
- Insect repellent
- Reading glasses
- Men's short-sleeved shirts and shorts are the biggest immediate need.

**Off-season items are always welcome (coats, gloves, etc). Just remember there is no need for dressy clothes such as suits and dressy shoes. Items should be casual and comfortable. Questions? Contact Linda Stamps at lindastamps@comcast.net or 901.359.7898.*



TIME TO PACK SOME MANNA BAGS

We'll be gathering after worship on Sunday, July 11, to put together manna bags. All helping hands are welcome! We can still use items for our bags. See the list below. These can be dropped off in the bins outside or in the grey bins by the kitchen.

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| • Vienna sausages, jerky, tuna and chicken salad | • fruit cups | • travel size hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste |
| • peanut butter crackers | • Insect repellent | shaving cream, razors |
| • protein bar | • lip balm | shampoo, soap/body wash |
| • fruit bars | • Wipes (sanitizing wipes, body wipes) | • SOCKS! SOCKS! SOCKS! |
| • Raisins | • Kleenex | |

~ GET INVOLVED...IT TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE

As we get back into the groove of things, your help is needed in various areas of the church.

• **Worship**

⇒ Serve as Lector or Usher

⇒ ~~Help pickup and maintain Sanctuary cleanliness and stock pews~~ **Thanks Karen & Meredith for volunteering!**

⇒ Fold/stuff bulletins

• **Christian Education**

⇒ Teachers needed for adult, youth, and children

◆ No training needed...just a heart for God!

◆ Everything needed supplied

◆ Safe sanctuary must be practiced at all times (2 adults always present with those under 18)

Need more information? Contact the church office at colliervillepresbyterian@gmail.com 901.853.4226 (call or text).



Celebrating the Baptism of Kurt Jacob Locastro

*Son of
Nealy & Will
Baby brother to Isabella (Izzy)*

*Grandson of
Beth Dunn Jett (BeBe). CPC Member
Kurt & Angie Roe (Funpaw & Gigi)
Jay & Michelle Locastro (Pops & Mamaw)*

*Great grandson of
Janet Roe (Nanny)
Tony and Debbie Stamps (Papa & Grammy)*

*And of course we can't forget
CPC Member and Great Aunt
Suzanne Dunn (Zuzu)*



Celebrating Independence Day



*Thanks to Mark &
Ashley Wright for
having everyone over
for a special
Independence Day
celebration!*





COX PARK
440 W POWELL ROAD
SATURDAY, JULY 3 | 6:30PM - 10PM
RAIN DATE: MONDAY, JULY 5
DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS!

Join us for a community celebration for our nation at the 2021 Collierville Independence Day Celebration! food vendors open at 6:30 PM, entertainment at 7:00 PM, and the fireworks show at 9:30 PM.

Entertainment will be provided by Party Planet and a special live performance by 25 members of the Tennessee Mass Choir. The Choirs' high-energy vocals will provide the soundtrack to the largest firework demonstration in the Town's history.

There are more announcements about this year's event to come! Stay up to date with event information by following the Town's social media: @townofcollierville.

SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED THIS YEAR!

God of Love, We've Known Division

November 18, 2020 by [Carolyn Winfrey Gillette](#) [Leave a Comment](#)

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

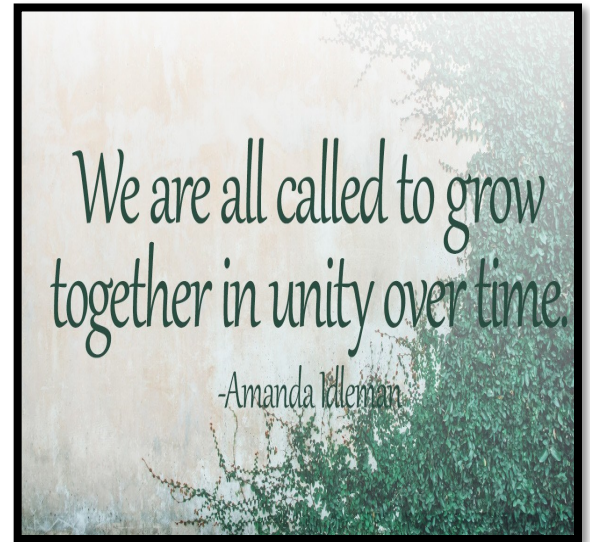
God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost.
We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost.
We have been a house divided — and, divided, we can't stand.
May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart,
greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart.
May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other's pain,
care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well.
May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell.
May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview;
May we serve with one another — loving others, loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way.
It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day.
May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear.
Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.

Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844; attributed to Benjamin Franklin White ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")
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COLLIERVILLE ARTS COUNCIL

JULY 9-18, 2021

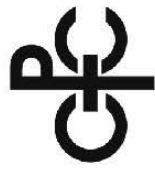


Shows run Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 & Sundays at 2:30 PM.

Pay What You Can Night is Thursday, July 15 at 7:30 PM

Tickets for this show are general admission.

www.colliervilleartscouncil.org 901-457-2780



☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary

JULY 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 6th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	5 Drop off CA Lunches (by noon) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	6 Lunches Delivered to Constance Abbey ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	7 ☺ Hollis Wimpee	8 ☺ Everett Robinson	9 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ☺ Ethan Williams ☺ Cody Wolfe	10 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ☺ Mary Ammend
11 7th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ Manna Bag Project (11:45am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	12 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	13 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Joy Sutherland	14	15	16 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ☺ Kate Gurney	17 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
18 8th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ Session Meeting (11:45am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ☺ Mark Free	19 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	20 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	21 ☺ Tingting Davis ☺ Melanye Lunsford	22	23 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ☺ Ethan Lunsford ☺ Kara Robinson	24 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ♥ Ron & Nancy Drewry ♥ Billy & Lynn Staggs
25 9th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	26 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	27 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	28 ☺ Robin Allen	29	30 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	31 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)