



September 2022

Mustard Seed

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

From the Pastor's Desk

We had a good turnout and a lot of fun bowling this week after church! Thanks to Meredith and all the people working with her to make it happen!

There's a lot going on at CPC. And not just the church activities. Our friends from Epiphany Lutheran love to take part in some of the mission projects we have going on, and there are a number of groups that we might forget that regularly meet here, doing their own mission with people in our community. People who need support are very appreciative that they can come be a part of one of the AA meetings held here, and kids come for the fun, learning, and character building of both Boy and Girl Scouts -just to name a couple.



Last week, I was reminded of the importance of these things -ministries of the church, even if we don't run them- when I had the privilege of attending a special event in the life of a young man and our Boy Scout Troop 65. Barrett Smith received his Eagle Scout award at an Eagle Court of Honor. It's a great

achievement for Barrett and a testament to the caring of his Scout leaders who give so much time to the troop, and also CPC, that graciously provides space for their meetings.

Don't forget how important CPC is to our community!

Blessings <><



Pastor Mark

Clerk of Session

Mary Ann Epperson

Administration/Treasurer

John Gurney

Congregational Care & Welcome

Patrick Seiler

Christian Education

TBD

Fellowship & Pastoral Care

Meredith Hall

Property

TBD

Meaningful Service

Linda Stamps

Worship

Jessica Williams

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2022

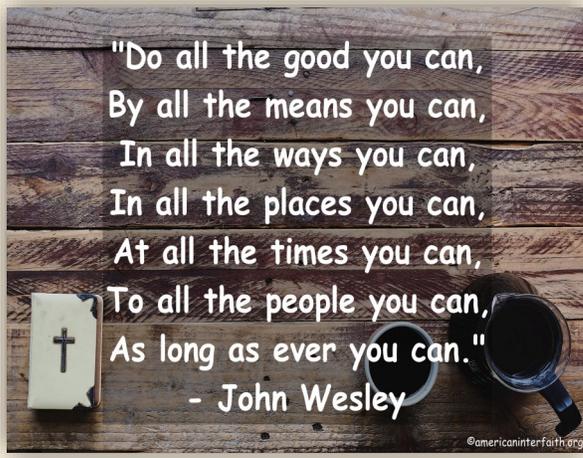
John Gurney

Class of 2023

Linda Stamps

Class of 2025

Mary Ann Epperson, Meredith Hall,
Patrick Seiler, Jessica Williams



~ PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Bible Study: The next class is Sunday, September 11, following worship. We'll be finishing up *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair. **Feel free to bring a snack or sackerd lunch.**

Lesson 9: "What are these women doing in a place like this?" on page 77.

Scripture: Matthew 1

Focus: The final lesson summarizes what the grandmothers of our faith have taught us and imagines what they may have taught Jesus. Through the stories of outsiders and marginalized people we see the kingdom of God, in which the last are made first.



Questions? Contact [Mary Ann Epperson](#).
All women are invited to attend!

~ PRESBYTERY PRAYER CONCERNS



Below are prayer concerns from the Presbytery of the Mid-South for August. Please add these to your prayers for the week:

Week of 9/4/22: Oakland Presbyterian (Oakland, TN)
First Presbyterian (Paris, TN)

Week of 9/11/22: Theological Education/Seminaries
Global Week of Action Against
Gun Violence

Week of 9/18/22: Marl Bluff Church (Reagan, TN)

Week of 9/25/22: First Presbyterian (Rosemark, TN)

~ STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

as off August 18, 2022

YTD Income: \$66,714

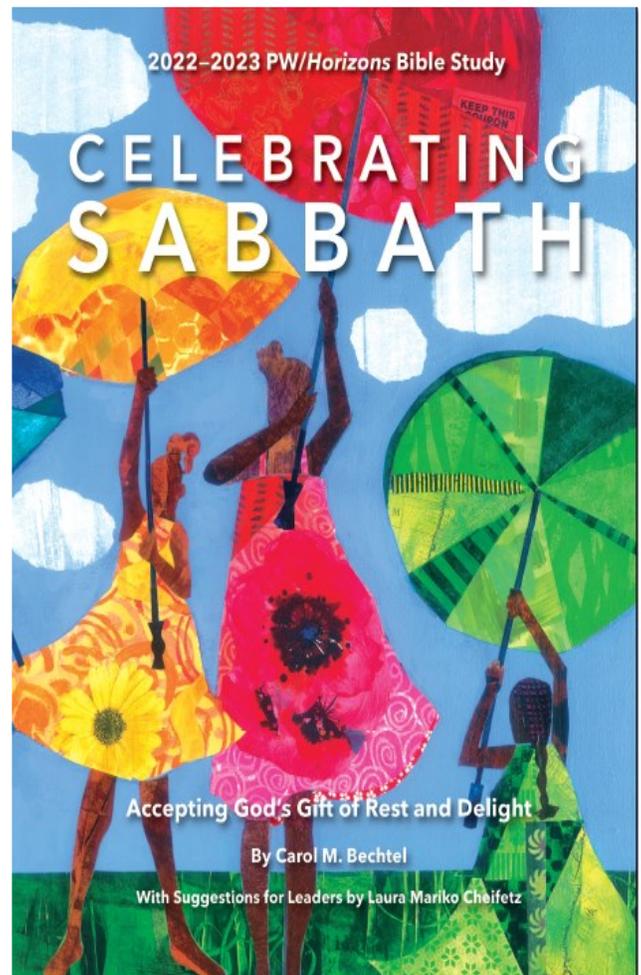
YTD Expenses: \$88,729

YTD Net Ordinary Income: (\$22,015)

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 16:17



Upcoming PW Bible Study

Get your study book now
from Karen Wimpee!

~ JESUS CALLING

BY SARAH YOUNG

from June 10 reading

Rest in me, my child. Give your mind a break from planning and trying to anticipate what will happen. *Pray continually*, asking My Spirit to take charge of the details of this day. Remember that you are on a journey with Me. When you try to peer into the future and plan for every possibility, you ignore your constant Companion, who sustains you moment by moment. As you gaze anxiously into the distance, you don't even feel the strong grip of My hand holding yours. How foolish you are, My child!

Remembrance of Me is a daily discipline. Never lose sight of My presence with you. This will keep you resting in Me all day, every day.

..pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17 NRSVUE)

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. (Psalm 62:5 NRSVUE)

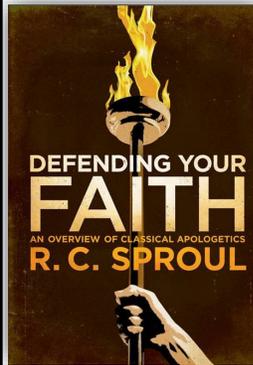
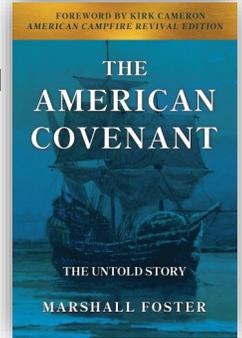


We have several members going through difficult times and many people that would like to help. One way we can help is by providing meals. To do this takes someone to help manage a calendar. If you would like to help, please talk to Patrick Seiler or email him at patrickfrommemphis@gmail.com.

~ ADULT CLASS

Kevin Robinson and John Gurney will be leading alternating adult classes starting September 11 in the After Dave classroom located next to the office.

John will be utilizing *The American Covenant: The Untold Story* by Marshall Foster. Foster describes how the protestant reformation and government tyranny influenced the Founders. This book can be found at Amazon.com or email the church office for a free PDF copy.



Kevin will be using *Defending Your Faith: An Overview of Classical Apologetics* by R. C Sproul. This is an audio/visual series with class discussion (no book needed). The series surveys the history of apologetics and demonstrates that reason and science are your allies in defending the existence of God and the historical truth claims of Jesus Christ.

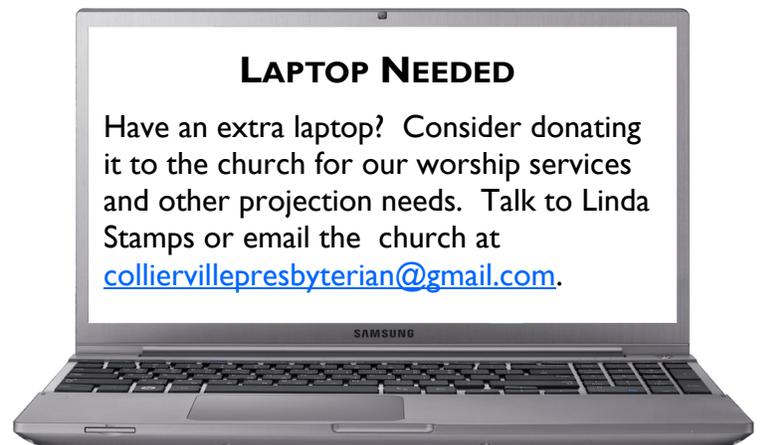
~ COMPUTER HELPER DURING WORSHIP

If you have been to our worship service lately, I'm sure you've noticed the entire bulletin as well as music are now projected on the large screen TV. Helpers are needed to run the slideshow (these will always be done by Linda Stamps). If you can help, let Linda know. It's very easy!



LAPTOP NEEDED

Have an extra laptop? Consider donating it to the church for our worship services and other projection needs. Talk to Linda Stamps or email the church at colliervillepresbyterian@gmail.com.





Friday, September 30
7pm on the back lawn
Bring a chair and picnic!

The Fellowship and Meaningful Service Committees invite you to our first movie night! All movies shown will be family friendly so bring the kiddos. Invite your neighbors and friends! Have suggestion for a movie? Let Linda Stamps or Meredith Hall know.

We hope to have the popcorn machine fired up to enjoy!

Movie to be announced soon!



**Shady Grove Presbyterian
5530 Shady Grove Rd**

**Sunday, October 23, 2022
5:00-7:30 pm**

**\$60 per person before event.
\$75 at the door.**

**BYO lawn chairs.
Event is ADULTS ONLY.**

For \$60* per person, you can eat, drink, be merry, AND make sure Pinecrest stays a “place set apart where people of all ages can come to listen for God.”

Just like previous years, CampFood and Cocktails will be a casual event, full of friends, with tasty food and our ever-popular “Pinecrest Cinnamon Roll” cocktail. Nestled on the scenic grounds of Shady Grove Church, enjoy campfires, twinkling lights, silent auction, live music, a campfire singalong or two, and stories of the positive impact of Pinecrest. You can also purchase a “leaf” to memorialize your camper or counselor friends that will be added to our Giving Tree ([see here](#)). There is also PLENTY of convenient parking just alongside the event space.

Bring instruments if you’d like to play along with Taylor Cates, Ted Horrell, and David Bell. They’re glad to be your back up band!

- **Dress:** Casual and warm! We’ll be outside for the entire event
- **Bring:** Your own lawn chair or blanket
- **Park:** Shady Grove Presbyterian Church 5530 Shady Grove Rd
- **Keep in Mind:** This event is ADULTS only
- **Rain Plan:** There’s too much going on to reschedule!
- **COVID:** Guests should bring masks to wear while at the food service area, and all staff and volunteers in the food service area will be masked and gloved. While we are planning for an outdoor, in-person event, Pinecrest board members and staff are closely monitoring the evolving COVID situation as well as safety recommendations from the CDC, WHO, and local authorities. If the need arises, we are prepared to deliver a virtual CampFood and Cocktails experience and promptly announce adjustments to our sponsors and ticket holders.

• Tickets may be purchased by [clicking here](#) or emailing Lucy (lucy@camppinecrest.org) and mailing a check. Checks should be mailed to Pinecrest PO Box 36 LaGrange, TN 38046. Tickets will be emailed or available at will-call.

Volunteers are also needed to help make this a success! You can register online by [clicking here](#). Contact Lucy Cummings if you have any questions.

Hey, Collierville Presbyterian Church,

CampFood & Cocktails is coming up on **Sunday, October 23 from 5-7:30 pm**, and this year's FUNdraiser will double as our **60th birthday party!**

Guests will be transported to camp on the scenic grounds of **Shady Grove Church**. Fires will glow, marshmallows will roast, and guitars will strum. This casual event will include a tasty twist on traditional camp foods, our ever-popular "Pinecrest Cinnamon Roll" cocktail, a silent auction, and some added birthday fun.

All the money we raise will go to support our beloved retreat in the piney woods and make sure it continues to be "a place set apart where people of all ages can come to listen for God."

We are hoping that you will boost our fundraising efforts by becoming a CampFood & Cocktails sponsor at one of the following levels:

SPARK Sponsorship - \$500

- 2 tickets to event
- 2 drink stakes with camper-woven God's Eyes
- Name on the big screen at the event

TORCH Sponsorship - \$1000

- 4 tickets to the event
- 4 drink stakes with camper-woven God's Eyes
- Name on the big screen at the event

BONFIRE Sponsorship - \$2000

- 6 tickets to the event
- 6 drink stakes with camper-woven God's Eyes
- Name on the big screen at the event



OR would you like to entertain a group of friends without having to clean your house and cook dinner?

For the first time, we are offering 4 "CAMPSITES":

For **\$1500** you will have a designated campfire to gather around with your invited group.

Included in the CAMPSITE package are 10 tickets, 10 drink stakes with camper-woven God's Eyes, and 10 glow-in-the-dark necklaces.

To become a sponsor, or to purchase a CAMPSITE, please contact Lucy at lucy@camppinecrest.org. You can also mail a check or go to our website camppinecrest.org. The deadline is Monday, October 10.

Individual tickets are \$60 and can be purchased by emailing Lucy and mailing a check. Ticket price at the door is \$75 so you will want to buy yours in advance. Tickets are also available on Eventbrite. Look for CampFood and Cocktails 60th Anniversary

We are so looking forward to seeing you and need your help to keep the campfires burning at Pinecrest!

Mailing address is PO Box 36 La Grange, TN 38046

*This event is ADULTS ONLY, since alcohol will be served.

REMEMBERING MARY ANN EPPERSON



Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die; and whoever lives by
believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26



Wise Up!

Uncover some wisdom from the book of Ecclesiastes by carefully following the instructions below. Are you wise enough to solve this on your first attempt?

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Truth	The	Wise	end	foolish	of
2	a	people	matter	lesson	meaningless	is
3	numbers	better	than	acts	its	world
4	beginning	gift	kingdom	and	wrongdoer	patience
5	lies	is	certain	will	better	job
6	than	knowing	property	pride	celebrate	saint

1. Cross out all the words in Columns A and F that have five letters.
2. Cross out all the words in the table that rhyme with *eyes*.
3. Cross out all words that are books of the Bible.
4. Cross out all words in Row 2 that have more than two vowels.
5. Cross out all words in Column D that have double letters.
6. Cross out all words in Row 4 that contain all the letters in GOD.
7. Cross out all 7-letter words.
8. Cross out all words in Column B that end in T.
9. Cross out all words in Row 6 that have three syllables.



Write the remaining words here, in order from left to right and top to bottom:

The end of a matter is better than its beginning,
and patience is better than pride.
(Ecc. 7:8, NIV)

Answer:

