

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

Outreach & Service
Linda Stamps/Worship

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 In The Meantime...

Andy Stanley, pastor of NorthPoint Church in Atlanta and son of well known pastor Charles Stanley, is very good, I think, in “getting people.” By that I mean Andy is very in touch with the general thoughts and feelings and norms of today. I don’t know exactly when it was, but he preached and led a series at NorthPoint that he called, “In the Meantime: What To Do When There’s Nothing You Can Do.” It’s certainly an appropriate question for us today both within and outside the church. We are waiting and waiting and waiting. What do we do in this “meantime” we are in?

Lent is a kind of “meantime,” don’t you think? Forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. We have forty days, what to do? We could be somber. We could consider our sins. We could wait in silence. We could give things up. We could take new things on. There are many things we *could* do for Lent this year. Any of them could be a good way to spend this “meantime.” Hmm, what to do?

This past Sunday I began a series I’m calling, “Do We Really Have To Have Lent This Year?” Lent most often, I think, feels so “heavy.” I don’t really want anything else “heavy” right now. So, I’ve been thinking about ways we could experience Lent this year that have a lighter, more positive feel to them. Is there anything that feels good in Lent?

I think there are. I think that there are always positive, “feel good” aspects of Lent no matter how we experience it. Can you think of any?

Anyway, that’s what I’ve been thinking about and what I want to concentrate on during these 40 days of “meantime.”

This is how I answer my question: “Do we really have to have another Lent this year?”

Answer: No, we don’t *have* to. But I hope we’ll be glad we did!

*blessings,
Mark <><*



Pastor Mark Wright
901.591.0206

~ THE WORLD OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ~



PW Coordinating: The next PW CT meeting will be Sunday, March 7, immediately following worship.

PW Circle: The next PW Circle will be Tuesday, March 9, at 10am at the church. The current study is called *"Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament."* This study revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. Next lesson information is below. All women of the church are invited to join us.

Lesson: Lesson 6 titled Lamenting Over the City found on page 55.

Scripture: Lamentations 5:1-22; Luke 23:26-31

Focus: Destruction deserves lament.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Presbyterian Women, contact Mary Ann Epperson at 901-218-5851 or maryannepp@att.net.

~ EASTER LILIES

Lilies bring such beauty to our Sanctuary on Easter. If you'd like to order one this year, please complete the form provided in the newsletter and return it along with your payment to the church (or drop in the offering plate). If you aren't attending because of COVID or aren't able to pick it up after Easter, indicate on the form that you would like for someone to drop it off (Collierville only). If you'd like to leave it at the church, we'll put it out with the flowering cross or donate it.



~ LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & CALENDAR



It's not too late to get your devotional and calendar for Lent. [Click here](#) to find these on our website. We also have hard copies available at the church if you'd like to stop by and pick one up.

~ CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new directory is ready! [Click here](#) for your updated copy or pick up one at the church. If anything is missing or incorrect, please email Linda at the church.



~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Confirmation Class Update:

We're excited to announce that the Confirmation Class that had been put on hold mid last year will resume this Sunday. Class will begin around 9:15am. Adults are welcome to attend. Mentors are always needed!



Women's Virtual Bible Study:

We're in the process of putting together a weekly virtual Bible study. All women are invited to participate. Watch for more details over the coming weeks.





SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Thanks for those who helped with March lunches:

*Susan & Mike Miller, Ann Cross,
Pat & Robert Albee, and
Meredith Hall*

CPC will be providing 50 lunches on the first Tuesday of April (4/6) and May (5/4). Volunteers are needed to help provide either the entire lunch sacks (10 if possible), or just the sandwiches or other supplies:

- A protein based sandwich or wrap (plant or meat protein)
- Fruit (in season fresh - no apples) or fruit cups
- Chips, pretzels, or other snack or thin sliced vegetables.
- Dessert

Please contact Linda Stamps at 901.359.7898 or lindastamps@comcast.net if you'd like to sign up to help.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

as of February 25, 2021

YTD Tithes & Offerings Rc'd:	\$14,888
*YTD Tithes & Offerings Budget:	\$12,616
YTD Total:	(\$2,272)
YTD Income:	\$15,988
YTD Expenses:	\$21,812
YTD Total:	(\$5,824)

Parentheses indicates negative number.

CLOTHING DONATIONS:

Clothing donations will be accepted continually for **men, women, and children**. You can drop items in the collection bins at the main entrance or bring inside and leave in the corner of the east hallway:

- Clothing (all seasons)
- Outerwear
- **Socks** for men and women
- Shoes
- Blankets/sleeping bags

PICK UP A MANNA BAG!

Thanks to the Confirmation Class for putting together manna bags! Bags are a bin by the coffee counter. Grab one to keep in your car for someone in need. All are welcome to these!

If you'd like to provide items for these, below is a list of suggested items. Items can be dropped off in the collection bins at the front entrance.

- Washcloth, socks
- Sunscreen, lip balm
- Travel size toiletries: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
- Bottled water, juice boxes
- Snack size food items: raisins, nuts, trail mix, jerky, peanut butter crackers, granola bars
- Fruit cups, applesauce
- Canned or pouches of meat/tuna (cans need to be pop top)
- Hard candies or mints



SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Flowers provided in February

*2/28/21 In memory of Chris Barkley
by Linda Stamps*



Maundy Thursday is the day we remember Jesus celebrating the Passover with his disciples, also known as the Last Supper, before the events leading to his crucifixion. It was the last night before his betrayal and arrest. The service is a sobering prelude to the Easter weekend reminding us of what it cost to save us.

We will share the Sacrament of the Lord's Last Supper followed by quietly placing our sins on the cross. The service will conclude with the stripping of the adornments.



The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* which means "commandment" referring to Jesus' words to the disciples during the Last Supper:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. (John 13:34, NRSV)



The Greatest Love Easter Reflections is now in and can be found on the tables by the coffee counter. The March-April-May 2021 issue of Our Daily Bread is also available on the tables in the west hall.

Gethsemane Watch PRAYER VIGIL

8pm, Thursday, April 1 - 7am, Friday, April 2

The Gethsemane Watch Prayer Vigil begins immediately after the Maundy Thursday service. During this time, two volunteers are needed for each hour throughout the night. Volunteers can pray at the church or at home. The Sanctuary will be available all night for anyone that wishes to pray at the church. If you would like to be part of this moving experience, please sign up on the sheet by the coffee counter or click here to [sign up online](#).



1. When does Holy Week start?
2. What is another name for Palm Sunday?
3. What was the Jewish feast being celebrated the week Christ was crucified?
4. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during His Triumphant Entry, what was He riding on?
5. How many times did Peter deny Christ?
6. How many times did Jesus fall while carrying the cross to where he was crucified?
7. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink while on the cross?
8. Who carried the cross for Christ?
9. Who requested the body of Jesus for burial?
10. Who rolled away the tombstone?

ANSWERS:
(1) Palm Sunday (2) Passion Sunday (3) Passover (4) Donkey (5) 3 (6) 3
(7) Vinegar (8) Simon of Cyrene (9) Joseph (10) Angel



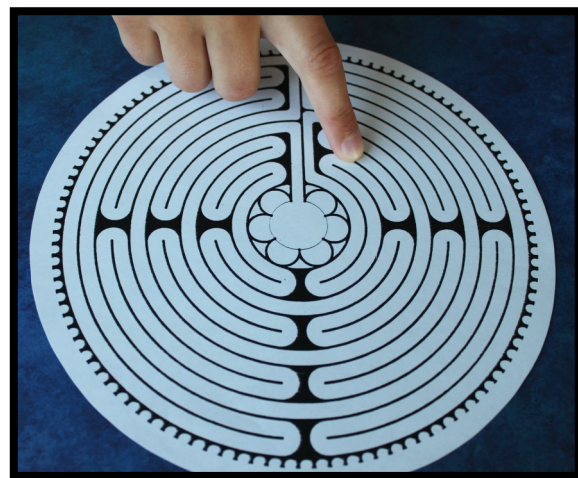
LENT

| A journey that moves us toward the cross.

The prayer labyrinth is open to all and will remain in the Fellowship Hall through our Lenten Journey. Lent is a time for reflection, for the letting go of regrets and stepping into renewal. Walking a labyrinth can facilitate this journey by providing a spiritual path for prayer, reflection and meditation. Whoever you are and wherever you are you are welcome to walk the labyrinth. Set aside time to visit. Embrace the labyrinth path. There is no right or wrong way to walk. You only have to enter and follow the path. Play music or sing. Pray out loud. Walk alone and with a crowd. Listen to the sounds. Most of all pay attention to your experience.

In this newsletter you will find an insert with a **finger labyrinth**. Finger labyrinths are “walked” by tracing the path with a finger of the non-dominant hand. Print this out. Keep it with you. Use it often. Here are some general guidelines for walking a labyrinth:

1. Before you start any finger labyrinth “walk,” take time to breathe and relax. If you keep a journal, have it ready for recording any insights after your walk.
2. Set an intention or question for the walk. Without an intention a finger labyrinth walk can become an exercise in hastily and mindlessly moving your finger along the circuits and wondering why at the end of the walk you even bothered. Say a prayer for guidance.
3. Place a finger from your non-dominant hand at the entrance to the labyrinth. As you trace the circuit, stay open to whatever presents itself: feelings, sensations, memories, images, or just “knowings.” Pause at any time to breathe, be with a memory, work with an image, or simply relax into the labyrinth.
4. Remain a while in the center continuing your prayer or silent contemplation. Be open to God's influence and be willing to receive. The center is a wonderful place to relax, pray, or sing.
5. When you are ready, trace your way out continuing on the pathway.
6. As your finger leaves the labyrinth, give thanks and close with a prayer.



Experiment and play with your labyrinth. Try using a word, phrase, or scripture. Repeat it slowly in your heart as you “walk.” You may also walk with questions such as, “In what way do I most need to grow spiritually right now?” or “What most blocks me from fully receiving and living God’s love?” You can also walk the labyrinth in intercessory prayer for someone else, sending them the fruits of your walk.

If you are experiencing a difficult feeling such as anger, grief, or bitterness, walk with the intention for healing and release.

If you are struggling with a problem or illness, ask for insight and guidance: What must I release in order to allow healing? What am I not feeling or acknowledging to allow healing? Whom do I most need to forgive, and for what? What part of my life (or me) am I neglecting that needs attention?

"Your life is a sacred journey. And it is about change, growth, discovery, movement, transformation, continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step along the way. You are on the path...exactly where you are meant to be right now...and from here, you can only go forward, shaping your life story into a magnificent tale of triumph, of healing of courage, of beauty, of wisdom, of power, of dignity, and of love."

FINGER LABYRINTH

We're all on a path...precisely where we need to be.



Moment on Missionaries

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.—March 16:15

God called us to the jungle...

Our family has been working with La Aljaba Children's home, in Leticia, Colombia, since 2012. In 2019, God sent us into full time missions to work with La Aljaba, in the Amazon Jungle.

La Aljaba Children's home is an institution that assists abandoned and impoverished children to improve their quality of life, by giving them the opportunity to benefit from integral development and to contribute to new generations with Christian principles and values.

Pray for La Aljaba; that God remains the center of this ministry and that He is always glorified. Pray that the children come to know Jesus and that this ministry will be a Godly example for them. Pray that La Aljaba will continue to help many children and protect them physically, emotionally and spiritually from the difficult life of the jungle.

Pray for our family as we do the work God has called us to. Pray that our family stays united and always keeps God first. Pray for the spiritual warfare in the city of Leticia, that we resist the devil and exalt Jesus. Pray that we stay focused on the ministry of La Aljaba and the people of the community.



Email us at:
Julie@laaljaba.org

Get up-to-date news at:
www.throughthereddoors.org

Pray for The Hogue Family, Missionaries to Leticia, Colombia. You can help by donating through their ministry partner Orphanos at www.orphanos.org:

- ◆ Click "Give to Missionary"
- ◆ Click "Give Now" under their name
- ◆ Select or type a donation amount



SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY

TO JOIN GOD IN HIS WORK AND HELP A CHILD AT LA ALJABA, PLEASE EMAIL US OR TAKE A MOMENT TO VISIT US ONLINE.



CONTACT US AT
Julie@laaljaba.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



21430 Highway 57, Moscow, TN 38057 | www.camppinecrest.org | (901) 878-1247 | pinecrestcamp.retreat@gmail.com

OPEN GATE DAY

MARCH 8, 9, 12, 16, 18, & 31 | 10AM - 2PM

Watch the website or social media for more popup dates
DIY Visit. Hike, play, splash, or just sit on a rocker and read.
Dogs on leash welcome (only outdoors and not at group programs). Please use restrooms only at lodge to help us maintain cleanliness. Pinecrest Open-Gate Days are for you to maintain your spiritual, physical, and mental well-being. All buildings except Lodge are closed. No reservations necessary. Call 901-878-1247 or visit www.camppinecrest.org for details. \$5 suggested donation.



LOG LIFE

Friday, March 12 | 10-11:30am

Recommended ages 4-6, siblings welcome

\$6/child with one adult helper free.

\$6/additional attendees age 4 and up.

\$6 per child. 1 adult helper free per child. Please register in advance online at www.camppinecrest.org.



TRAIL MAINTENANCE MONDAYS

Monday, March 15 | 10am-12pm

Social-distance volunteer opportunity. We are smoothing trails, creating new trails, and clearing up and restoring old trails. We will also begin privet removal. Choose from lighter work which involves brushing back plant material, clearing small debris, raking new trails. Or choose to help with heavier work involving clearing larger materials, shoveling fill dirt, and excavating small areas. Bring water! We can supply some tools, or bring your own loppers, trimmers, rake, or shovel. RSVP: charity@camppinecrest.org or call 901-878-1247



Click on these for more information:

[Pinecrest Spring Activities](#)

[Pinecrest Summer Camp Brochure](#)

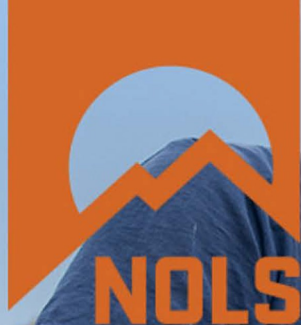
YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THIS TREE!

Saturday, March 20 | 10 am – 12pm

Celebrating in partnership with TDEC's Natural Areas Week!

This mother oak tree is huge and worth the hike! It's likely old enough to have watched Civil War troops cross the landscape. We'll start our social-distance hike by heading to the Overlook with views over the Wolf River Valley and into Mississippi's Holly Springs National Forest, before descending down into the adjacent Wildlife Management Area to explore Baugh Bridge Trail (an abandoned wagon trail), the lagoon-like banks of the upper Wolf, and the immense beech and oak trees that dot this protected area. Learn more about the geology, history, and flora/fauna of this special area. This is a moderate hike that can be strenuous at times and is appx 4 miles. We will encounter multiple elevation changes of 110' or more, off-trail travel, briars, and occasional low-clearances. Bring lunch, water, bug spray. Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes or boots. There will be mud!

RSVP: charity@camppinecrest.org or call 901-878-1247



WILDERNESS FIRST AID (WFA)

Dates: Sat. April 24 - Sun. April 25, 2021
8 am-5 pm each day

Location: Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center
21430 Hwy. 57, Moscow, TN 38057

Information: SCAN QR Code or visit
www.nols.edu/portal/wmi/courses/16537



Registration: <https://pinecrest.campbrainregistration.com/>

Site Contact: charity@camppinecrest.org

901-878-1247

A LITTLE HUMOR NEVER HURTS



One Easter a priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the gates waiting for them.

"Come with me," said St. Peter to the taxi driver. The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool. "Oh my goodness! Thank you," said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set. "Wait, I think you are a little mixed up," said the priest. "Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word."

"Yes, that's true." St Peter rejoined, "But during your Easter sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed."

Bulletin Bloopers

- The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- Evening massage - 6 pm.
- Usher will eat latecomers.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
- The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Shirley Green, who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.
- The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.
- During the absence of our Pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers'. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Everyone come for a fun time.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.



Easter Lily Order Form - Please Order By Sunday, March 21st

If you would like to order an Easter lily to be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter, please complete this form. Return it along with your payment of \$10 per lily to the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 901.853.4226. A special insert will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin listing donors and their designation.

Single Lily

Donor(s): _____

Given: (please check one)

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of

☐ To the Glory of God

☐ Other _____

Name: _____

Additional Lily

Donor(s): _____

Given: (please check one)

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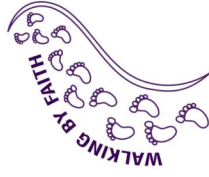
☐ Other _____

Name: _____

TOTAL \$ _____. Please make checks payable to the church and designate it "Lily".






☺ Birthday 🎂 Anniversary



MARCH 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm) 😊 Alyssa McArthur	2 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm)	3	4 ♦ GS Troop 13654 (6pm)	5 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) 😊 Christian Barney	6 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
7 Third Sunday in Lent ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ PW Coord, Team Mtg (11:45am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	8 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	9 ♦ PW Circle (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	10 ♦ GS Troop 13141 (7pm)	11 ♦ GS Troop 13141 Cadettes (6:15pm) 😊 Kevin Lacy	12 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ♥ Don & Heather Volner	13 ♦ GS Troop 10032 (11am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) 😊 David Williams
14 Fourth Sunday in Lent ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	15 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	16 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm)	17 	18 ♦ GS Troop 13654 (6pm)	19 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) 😊 Elliott Wright	20 ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) 😊 Kate Sutherland
21 Fifth Sunday in Lent ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ♥ Cari & Senica Barney	22 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm) 😊 Ruth Lewis	23 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	24 ♦ GS Troop 13141 (7pm)	25 ♦ Session Meeting (Zoom - 6:30pm) ♦ GS Troop 13141 Cadettes (6:15pm)	26 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	27 ♦ GS Troop 10032 (11am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
28 Palm/Passion Sunday ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) 	29 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	30 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	31	April 1 ♦ Communion Service (7pm) Let us take our sins to the cross. ♦ Gethsemane Watch (8pm-7am) 	2 Good Friday 	3
4 Resurrection of the Lord / Easter ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ✝ One Great Hour of Sharing 						

CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!
**Bring some fresh flowers
for living cross.