



THE Mustard Seed

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

August 2021

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Wes Ashworth

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Kevin Robinson

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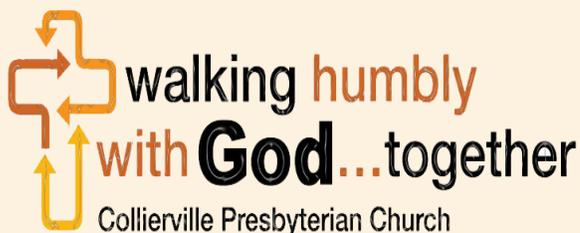
Meaningful Service
Linda Stamps

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2021
Wesley Ashworth, Suzanne Dunn,
Kevin Robinson

Class of 2022
Jim Barkley, John Gurney

Class of 2023
Linda Stamps



From the Pastor's Desk

WHAT'S GOT YOUR ATTENTION?

I read an interesting article in one of my favorite magazines *The Christian Century*. I think it's almost always full of good and thought-provoking items. It was by Pastor Katherine Willis Pershey. She began by telling the story of a trip to Target where a book caught her eye. She went home with *How To Do Nothing*, by Jenny Odell. Pershey didn't think it was a great book, but still, it got her thinking. Ironically, she should have "paid" more attention to the subtitle, "*Resisting the Attention Economy*".



Evidently the concept of "attention economy" has been around for a while; I just didn't know about it. Pershey quotes a theoretical physicist named Michael Goldhaber who said, even before the Facebook news feed, "In an attention economy, one is never not on, at least when one is awake, since one is nearly always paying, getting or seeking attention."

That rings way too true, I think. We crave attention so much! We have become so needy, so insecure with ourselves and our place in the world that we are always "paying, getting, or seeking attention." It's something that wears us out these days. Attention in some form or other sucks up our energy and gives us little in return outside of anxiety. We are caught in the "attention trap." Is there any escape for us?

It's hard to imagine that we can actually escape our trap, especially the "paying attention" part. But we can change to whom or what our attention payment is given.

Try stopping and considering where your attention budget is going during your day. What's at the top of your list, and what's at the bottom?

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~ PASTOR'S DESK

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Are you okay with the position that God occupies on your list?

If not, and we care enough to do something about it, it's going to take some real work to change where God is in our list. Work and restraint. Work and restraint and changes in our commitments to move God to the top.

David Foster wrote, "Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship."

So, Christian, where is God in your "attention economy?"

Blessings

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~ CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Your youth's certificate and a frame photo are ready for pick up. They can be found on one of the tall tables by the coffee counter in individual bags. Check the name on the certificate to ensure it is your youth.

~ WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

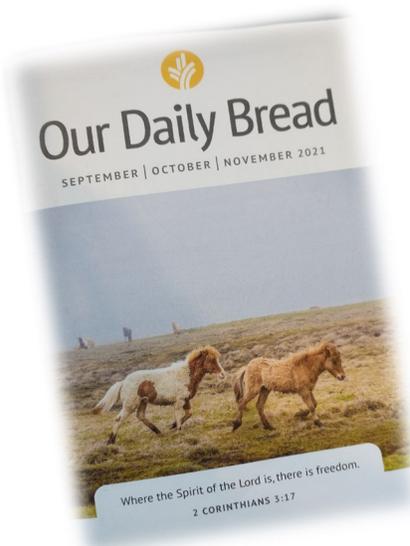


Are you looking for a place to serve? Lectors and ushers are an important part of our service each week. Let Linda or Rev. Mark know if you're interested, or email the office at colliervillepresbyterian@gmail.com.

~ SIGN UP FOR RECEPTION

On August 14, we'll celebrate the life of our dear friend and sister in Christ, Candy Nicholson. We will have a reception following the service. If you can help by providing something to share, please click here, email Linda Stamps at the church, or call/text at 901.359.7898.

~ GET YOUR COPY!



The current issue of Our Daily Bread is in! Booklets can be found on tables by the coffee counter and at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

~ SCOUTS



To maintain their charter, Scouts need two more members (boys or girls) by the end of the year. It is important to remember that Troop 65 and Cub Scouts Pack 65 are not separate from CPC but are considered a ministry of CPC. Let's help keep this ministry alive. If you have a child or know of one in grade 1 through 4, please share David Whittaker's contact information:



David Wittaker
CubMaster Pack 65
Assistant ScoutMaster Troop 65
colliervillepack65@gmail.com
901-871-2698

~ IT'S TIME TO PLAY ...

Let's Pick A Project

Pick a project, any project from the bulletin board! Once you're done, drop the tag off at the office with your name on the back for a special drawing!

I know, right?! How exciting! The winner might get a prize if we have one. Who knows!



SPECIAL PW TRIP TOURING THE LISIEUX COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTER



All ladies of the church are invited to join us for a special trip/tour to the Lisieux Community Drop-in Center on August 18, 2021. We will be carpooling from the church as a group at 10:00 am for a tour of the center with Sandra Ferrell, Executive Director, leading the tour. Some of you may remember when Sandra spoke about this mission during a Sunday morning worship service. The Lisieux Community has secured a new location (once a home) that has been remodeled into a drop-in center.

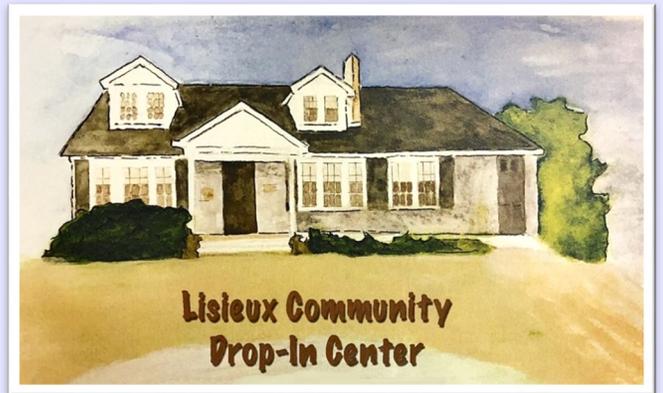
“The mission of the Lisieux Community is to provide support and education for women who have survived trauma, addiction, prostitution, and life on the streets. We believe that these women do not begin a life on the streets on their own, but through the culture in which we live; we want to inspire change to transform the culture itself, while supporting each woman as she strives to achieve her goals.”

Some of the services the Lisieux Community Drop-in Center provides for the ladies from their welcoming location are:

- ◆ Washing Machines
- ◆ Showers
- ◆ Clothes
- ◆ Shoes
- ◆ Toiletries
- ◆ A meal and a snack for the next day

Some of the services they have helped the ladies get in the past are:

- ◆ Birth certificates and ID's
- ◆ Screening for breast cancer
- ◆ Medical care after sexual assault
- ◆ Intensive counseling and medication to help them cope
- ◆ Jobs secured



Please contact Mary Ann Epperson at 901-218-5851 for more information or visit the lisieuxcommunity.org website. **WE DO HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THE TOUR!** It may be an eye-opener regarding what happens on the streets that we aren't likely to witness often, especially in Collierville. We will be having lunch together at a restaurant to be decided after the tour.

It's easy to help. Click on the links below:

[Volunteer](#)

[Amazon Wish List](#)

[Donate](#)

[Sign Up for Emails](#)

Our goal is to love each of the women we serve right where they are today, and then love them again tomorrow and again the next day. We do not require specific changes in their behavior as a condition of receiving our services. As we continue to love them, they begin to ask about change, and we guide them in reaching their goals. Changes that occur when the individual makes that decision will be long-lasting.

Candace Lee Nicholson

January 17, 1960 - July 24, 2021

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

11am, Saturday, August 14

Collierville Presbyterian Church

202 W. Poplar Avenue | Collierville, TN 38017

**Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.*

*The family requests that in lieu of flowers,
memorial contributions be sent to:*

Missouri Cancer Associates

George W Rea Cancer Treatment

603 W. Pierce St.

Kirksville, MO 63501

Condolences can be sent to:

The Family of Candy Nicholson

20782 Lost Trail

Kirksville, MO 63501

**Please see page 2 for reception sign-up.*



As an Aging Consultant, I help navigate seniors and their families through complex issues that arise with getting older. Whether you have questions about housing, Medicare, support for living independently, dementia, end-of-life, or any other issue - I have the answers you need. - Kristen Miller



Midsouth Aging Consultant

Helping you navigate all of life's choices

I am a Certified Professional Service Coordinator, a Certified Dementia Practitioner, a Medicare Counselor, a Certified End-of-Life Planning Facilitator, and have over 13 years of experience working with seniors and their families.

MidsouthAgingConsultant.com

Contact:

Kristen Miller

901-604-4690

Comprehensive assessments to determine strengths and weaknesses of seniors' physical health, mental and emotional health, financial health, environmental health, social and occupational health, and intellectual and spiritual health. Referrals and recommendations made based upon analysis of results to help seniors remain independent as long as possible.

Answers to all of your questions regarding:

- Appropriate housing options
- Meals, transportation, and home care options
- Debt, budgeting, and increasing income
- Medicare and Medicaid options
- Organizing, downsizing, and hoarding issues
- Mitigating dementia behaviors
- End-of-life care and decision making

Evening and weekend appointments available

~ MEANINGFUL SERVICE ~

Meaningful Service

CONSTANCE ABBEY



COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lunch Ministry

Since we started our ministry with Constance Abbey, we have provided over 450 lunches, thousands of pieces of clothing, and we answered their call at Thanksgiving by providing around 80 desserts.

Thanks to those who provided lunches/sandwiches (or other items for August:

Roger & Pat Albee; Mike & Susan Miller; Meredith Hall; Linda Stamps; Hollis & Karen Wimpee

If you have dropped off items for our lunches, thank you! In the future, we'd love to know who you are. Write your name on the bag or item(s) being left.

Sign-ups have not been posted for future months. More information will be shared as dates are posted.

Blessing Bags

In a recent discussion, Constance Abbey shared that they had boxes of donations from area churches and other donors for blessing bags. However, they haven't been able to put these together. We were asked if we could give them a hand. The supplies are being dropped off this Saturday. Once we see what we have, we will be looking for helpers to put these together. Stay tuned!

Clothing Donations

Any clothing donations that come in will be used for our upcoming rummage sale. This is the time to pull out suits, dress shoes, etc. We'll take it all! After the sale, we'll return to donating these to Constance Abbey with a focus on men's clothing only.

~ THEY'RE READY....TAKE ONE!



Don't forget to grab a manna bag (or two) to keep with you! Bags can be found on the table next to the coffee counter. These bags contain items that provide short-term relief to those in need. Keeping one in your car

makes it very easy to provide something to our friends in need. **Many thanks to those who helped put them together!**

~ BOXES & BAGS, OH MY!

Does anyone else have plastic bags full of plastic bags or is it just me?

We need your boxes and grocery bags for the rummage sale. Large boxes would be great for our early sorting. Don't have any bags saved? Well, start saving them. You can leave them in the Hope Room located to the right of the kitchen.

~ DON'T STOP!

Please consider grabbing an item from our list below which includes items needed for the lunches. Items can be left in the basket by the entrance or next to the kitchen.

- protein: jerky, tuna/ chicken salad, etc.
- fruit bars, protein bars
- raisins, fruit snacks
- fruit cups
- dessert items (e.g. Little Debbie's
- chips
- insect repellent
- lip balm
- sanitizer
- wipes
- kleenex
- wash cloths
- travel size hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste shaving cream, razors shampoo, soap/body wash
- **SOCKS!**

What did God's people say when food fell from Heaven?
"Oh man-na!"

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?
"I'd prefer a house with no den."





Saturday, August 28 | 8am-2pm

COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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funds support Meaningful Service outreach ministries in our community and beyond

WE NEED YOUR STUFF!

Donations accepted up until Wednesday, August 25.

- ⇒ GENTLY USED CLEAN CLOTHIING & SHOES
- ⇒ KITCHEN ITEMS
- ⇒ TOYS AND GAMES
- ⇒ KNICK-KNACKS
- ⇒ BOOKS, DVDS
- ⇒ FURNITURE ITEMS
- ⇒ SEASONAL DECORATIONS
- ⇒ BASKETS
- ⇒ BIKES
- ⇒ ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, PRINTERS
(if not working or missing something please let us know)
- ⇒ SMALL APPLIANCES
- ⇒ LINENS, PILLOWS, ETC.
- ⇒ ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THAT IS CLEAN AND USABLE

We'll happily take hangers and shopping bags!

WHERE TO LEAVE DONATIONS: Under the covered entry at the church.

NEED A PICKUP?: **Contact anyone listed below**, message us on social media, or email us at colliervillepresbyterian@gmail.com. We will do everything possible to come to you.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? Come on! We'd love to have some help! Contact Jessica and let her know how you can help: day of sale, pickups, etc.

Meredith Hall.....901.468.8556

Karen Wimpee.....901.484.3330

Jessica Williams.....901.921.8908

Linda Stamps.....901.359.7898

The Gleaning Ministry

Jesus said, "let nothing be wasted." John 6:12



RESOURCE REDISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

www.gleaningministry.org | 454 West Poplar Avenue | 901.832.4278

PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Important: You must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

Also known as Gleaning Ministry, RRM provides food to the food-challenged population in the Mid-South area by redistributing fruits, vegetables, and other perishable foods donated by area grocers (currently Costco, Trader Joe's, and Kroger at Houston Levee and Macon). The food is there but more volunteers are needed to make pick ups. RRM has 3 vans available for use, or you can use your own car. You can volunteer for specific days or list yourself as a sub. Contact Tommy Hart at 901.832.4278 or tommy@hartpropertiesgroup.com.

A look at their impact:

2019—2020

- Provided 973,400 pounds of fresh food
- Distributed 730,000 meals
- Total value of food: \$1,675,578
- In 2020 alone, provided 500,000 pounds of food

Food that would have been discarded is:

- Redistributed to 13 senior living facilities
- Delivered to soup kitchens
- Delivered to area food pantries

The goal for 2021 is to provide 600,000 pounds of food!

Just 2 hours a week is all it takes.

Redistributing fresh food to needy families in the Mid-South.



Health Warriors Accountability Group

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31

The first step is the hardest. Let's do it together.

Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Linda Stamps

9am.....Weigh In | 9:20-9:55am..... Group time

10-11am.....The Holy Walk-a-molies Class

Need a little help getting started on your road to fitness and health? Or, maybe you just like the idea of support to continue. This is a free group, led by volunteers, to help provide accountability for our fitness and weight loss goals. Or, maybe you just need the accountability to stay on track.

The class is open to everyone. We don't pick a food or exercise plan for you. It's up to you to decide whether it's WW or intermittent fasting or just simply planning your meals and counting calories. Whatever you choose, we'll support you all the way! No judging.

For this to work, we suggest that you do the following:

- ◆ After your first visit, set attainable goals with making small changes at a time.
- ◆ Decide your own eating plan.
- ◆ Keep some sort of journal (digital, paper).
- ◆ Be willing to share with others: what's working, what's not; where you need help, how you can help others; your successes and failures; and let's through in food tips (recipes, cooking ideas, etc.)

Moderators will share information and tips. At times, we may have guests that can share other information.

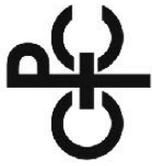
After group, we'll hang out for an indoor walking class using some of Leslie Sansone's walking videos AND we groove a little to some Richard Simmons. Let's face it, he's always got good music, keeps it low impact, and his exercises are easily modified.

**Take the first step.
You just might have make a friend or two.
And, we'll always have a little fun!**

HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US!

**ACCOUNTABILITY
IS THE GLUE
THAT TIES
COMMITMENT
TO RESULTS.**

- BOB PROCTOR -



☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary

AUGUST 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 13th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF STARTS	2 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ☺ Matthew Gurney	3 ♦ Constance Abbey lunches ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	4	5	6 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	7 ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ☺ Susie Allen
8 14th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	9 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ☺ Jim Barkley ♥ Hollis & Karen Wimpee	10 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Price Patton	11 ☺ Isabel Francis Jackson	12 ☺ Chuck Watkins	13 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	14 ♦ Weight Loss Group WEIGH-IN ONLY (9am) ♦ Memorial Service for Candy Nicholson (11am) ♦ Reception (12pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
15 15th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	16 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ☺ Amelia Sutherland ♥ Dwight & Laurie McArthur	17 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	18 ♦ GS Leaders Mtg (7pm) ☺ Darren Arant	19 ☺ Jim Wilcox ♥ Will & Beth Sweet	20 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	21 ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
22 16th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	23 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) RUMMAGE SALE SET UP	24 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	25 RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF ENDS ☺ Nathan Kerr	26 RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP	27 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ☺ Gabriel Wright	28 ♦ Rummage Sale (8am-2pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) RUMMAGE SALE TODAY
29 17th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ ELC Worship Service (9am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	30 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	31 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)				