



THE Mustard Seed

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

October 2021

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

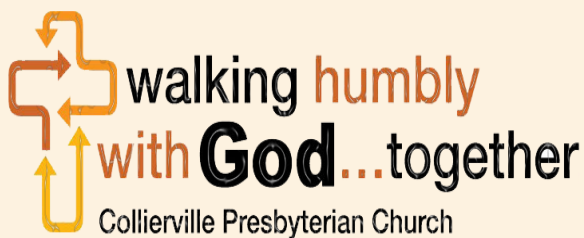
Meaningful Service
Linda Stamps

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

Class of 2021
Wesley Ashworth, Suzanne Dunn,
Kevin Robinson

Class of 2022
Jim Barkley, John Gurney

Class of 2023
Linda Stamps



From the Pastor's Desk

As Christians we pray, but how much do we think about “prayer?”

Dr. Derwin Gray has some important things to say to us about what prayer is and how we ought to think about prayer. One of the aspects of our typical prayer life that Dr. Gray talks about is how narrow our prayers often are. It’s something that almost all of us fall into so very easily: We spend all of our prayer time asking for things. We ask for blessings, healing for ourselves and others, needs in our lives that we can’t provide for ourselves, divine interventions when we feel powerless... so many things!



Now, God wants us to turn to him for everything, including our needs, but our prayers quickly turn into a needs and wants list to God. Dr. Gray says that often we think of God as “a spiritual ATM.”

I think that’s a pretty good metaphor: A spiritual ATM. We put in our card, punch in how much we need, hope there’s enough in our account, and out it comes. We take it and go on our way.

Dr. Gray says, “We spend so much time asking God for things that we don’t ask God for God.” That’s a pretty profound statement. I’m not suggesting that we not pray for our needs and the needs of others, but Jesus says, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

What if we take some time to “ask God for God?” What if we take time to ask God to reveal himself more and more to us? That would cause us to spend less time talking and more time listening. Spending more time listening and less time talking is probably what we should do in most all our interactions –with God and with one another. In both circumstances I think we would all experience more understanding and peace in our lives. And isn’t that something that we all could use in our lives?

Blessings




Pastor Mark Wright
901.591.0206

~ LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

At the close of 2021, three of our Session members will conclude their terms. We are deeply grateful for the faithful leadership of Kevin, Suzanne, and Wes.



Will you answer the call to continue their vital service? CPC needs you now more than ever! Please prayerfully consider this leadership opportunity. Reach out to any Session member to discuss.

Remember: You don't have to be perfect to lead — but rather humbly serve the One who is!

~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes meet weekly at 9:30am

Middle/High School: Led by John and Amanda Gurney and Ashley Wright, this class is currently studying Joyce Myers' *Battlefield of the Mind for Teens*. This group meets in the Youth Room.

Adult Class: Led by Kevin Robinson, this class is currently studying from *The Present Word* series. Class meets in the After Dave room next to the office.

We currently do not have a children's class. Please note that while we don't have a leader, there are no children in this age group attending regularly. However, it would be good to have something organized and ready. If you would be interested in leading this class, please contact [Kevin Robinson](#).

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

*Given in thanksgiving for
Jim Barkley, Hollis Wimpee,
and Billy Staggs
for all they do to help Ann Cross.*

Given anonymously

~ PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW Coordinating Team will meet Sunday, November 7, immediately following worship.

PW Bible Study: The next class is Sunday, November 14, following worship. Our next lesson is Lesson 2 in *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merrill Blair.

Lesson 2: "Tamar" found on page 21.

Scripture: Genesis 38

Focus: Tamar's story takes us into the world of a powerless but resourceful outsider. Tamar's actions will be a strong lesson for the patriarch, Judah, and will contribute to the continuation of the family line that leads to David and, ultimately, to Jesus.

Questions? Contact [Mary Ann Epperson](#).

All women are invited to attend!

If you haven't gotten a study book, you can find one in the cabinet on the west wall in the Session Room.



Get Your Raffle Tickets

\$1 per ticket for a chance to win two tickets to Pinecrest's Annual Campfood & Cocktails

See a member of the Meaningful Service Committee and get your ticket(s). Funds raised will be donated to Pinecrest.

~ STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

as off October 8, 2021

YTD Income: \$118,271
YTD Expenses: \$104,598
YTD Net Ordinary Income: \$13,673

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*

~ MEANINGFUL SERVICE ~



LUNCH MINISTRY

Thanks to those who provided for September lunches:

- Hollis & Karen Wimpee
- Mike & Susan Miller
- Suzanne Dunn
- Meredith Hall
- Linda Stamps



Our next day to provide lunches is November 2. We'd appreciate help providing sandwiches or other items, or you can provide the completed lunch (dessert, fruit/fruit cup, chips and protein based sandwich—no condiments). If you'd be able to help deliver, let us know! Contact Meredith Hall at mtm352000@yahoo.com or text/call at 901.468.8556.

COMPUTERS FOR CONSTANCE ABBEY

We're so excited that we were able to provide Constance Abbey with two laptop computers and one tablet! This would not have been possible without the help of Dick Wieland who has taken computers that didn't work and, with his magic, we had these computers. Our goal is to provide 5 computers for a computer lab as well as some more tablets for volunteers and staff.



If you have an extra computer (laptop or desktop) or a tablet, please consider donating. Even if it is not working, Dick will do his best to get it running.

Thanks, Dick, for making this all possible!

Manna Bags

Grab one or two to keep in your car!

Bags are located in bins next to the coffee counter.



Our little church, with the support of the community, provided most of the coats and winter needs for our neighbors in need. Please keep in mind as you prepare for colder days that we have so many friends in need. See the list below. As always, the need is always greatest for men. With every item, no matter how small, you are making a difference. **Questions? Contact Linda Stamps at lindastamps@comcast.net or 901.359.7898.**

- Long sleeve shirts
- Socks
- Sweats
- Blankets
- Coats, jackets
- Sleeping bags
- Gloves, hats, scarfs
- Shoes
- Thermal wear

We will continue to take ALL donations.

Time for **FITNESS**



Accountability & Exercise

Saturday mornings in the Fellowship Hall
Reservations not required. Just come have some fun!

- 9am Weight In
- 9:15am Group Time
- 10-10:45am Indoor Walking Class (or other low impact class)

CRAFTING FUN

Learn to Crochet

with Heather Stamps

Beginner's Hat

Sunday, October 24th

12:30pm

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Beginner's Scarf

Sunday, October 31st

12:30pm

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Learn to Make Jewelry

with Linda Stamps

Bracelet Fun

Saturday, November 13th

12:30pm

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Space is limited. Supplies & light lunch provided.

Make your reservation(s) at least 2 days prior to each class.

Donations are always welcomed.

Collierville Presbyterian Church

202 W. Poplar Ave | 901.853.4226

colliervillepresbyterian@gmail.com

[Register here for class\(es\)](#)

Questions? Contact Linda Stamps at lindastamps@comcsat.net.

Hosted by Fellowship and Meaningful Service Committees.

SAVE THE DATES!

COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER:

11/21

11:45am



After enjoying a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck together, we'll decorate the church as we prepare for the season of Advent.

DECEMBER:

12/5

5pm



Put on that ugly sweater and let's test those singing skills! We'll enjoy a potluck dinner and a visit with Santa!

12/11

9am-11am



*Light breakfast with juice, milk or hot chocolate
Visit and photo with Santa!
Treat bags, tattoos, crafts, story-time and more!*

12/12

10:30am



12/19

5pm



We'll enjoy soup/chili while we plate cookies to deliver to those needing a little Christmas cheer.

12/24

5pm



A special service celebrating the birth of our Savior.

This special letter came not long after the shooting at our Kroger. This is worth sharing.



Mountain View Presbyterian Church

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The Reverend David W. Dendy

September 27, 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church
202 W. Poplar Avenue
Collierville, TN 38017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As your Church family copes with the tragedy of the September 23 Kroger shooting in Collierville, know that our congregation shares in your pain and sense of loss. We understand the heart-wrenching impact of such an event on a community.

We are certain that you found, as we did in Las Vegas following the shooting of October 1, 2017, that in the midst of tragedy arise incredible acts of courage, selflessness, compassion, caring, and love; the power of the Holy Spirit moving the human spirit.

We pray for your communities, the families of the victims, and the healing of survivors; and that God mercifully and bountifully blesses you with His grace and peace.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Patterson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeff Patterson,
Clerk of Session

LAUGH OFTEN AND FEAR NOT!

It's not too late!



Cost: \$59 per person*

Where: Shady Grove Presbyterian

When: Sunday, October 24

Time: 5:00-8:00pm

*Proceeds benefit
Pinecrest Camp & Retreat Center*

***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. There will be twinkling lights and a campfire, and PLENTY of convenient parking, as we will be nestled on the scenic grounds of Shady Grove Church, right next to their large parking lot.

***\$75 at the door. Event is ADULTS ONLY since alcohol will be served.**

Nuts & Bolts...

- **Dress:** Casual and warm! We'll be outside for the entire event
- **Bring:** Your own lawn chair or blanket
- **Park:** Shady Grove Presbyterian, 5530 Shady Grove Rd
- **Keep in Mind:** This event is ADULTS only
- **Rain Plan:** There's too much going on to reschedule!

To purchase tickets:

Email Lucy Cummings at

**lucy@camppinecrest.org, then mail your
payment to:**

Pinecrest

PO Box 36

LaGrange, TN 38046

Tickets will be emailed or held at will-call.

Sponsorship Opportunities...

SPARK Sponsorship - \$345

- 2 tickets to the event
- Name on the big screen at the event

TORCH Sponsorship - \$1000

- 4 tickets to the event
- Name on the big screen at the event
- Two CampFood and Cocktail long sleeve t-shirts (we'll need your sizes)

BONFIRE Sponsorship - \$1500

- 4 tickets to the event
- Name on the big screen at the event
- Two CampFood and Cocktail long sleeve t-shirts (we'll need your sizes)
- Pair of jersey Pinecrest PJs (we'll need your size here also)

To sponsor, please contact Lucy at lucy@camppinecrest.org. The deadline is October 11.



Position: Director of Ministry to Children

Overview

Germantown Presbyterian Church is a seven-hundred-and-fifty-member congregation in suburban Memphis. We are a vibrant and faithful congregation with a rich history, and we highly value the education and spiritual growth of all God's children.

This position is responsible for leading the church's ministry and programs for children who are infants through fifth grade, focusing mainly on their education and spiritual growth in the Christian faith. Envision, create, and implement the components of an effective and thriving children's ministry for the future growth of Germantown Presbyterian Church.

Applicants will minimally have a bachelor's degree and three to five years of experience in children's ministry (may be in a volunteer capacity). This is a full-time position with benefits.

Core Competencies

An applicant for this position will have:

- a welcoming and warm personality toward children and adults;
- a passion for the spiritual formation of children;
- a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ;
- a vision for children's ministry and the ability to implement that vision
- a proven leadership skill-set in a church setting.

Structure and Support

This staff position reports to the Pastor/Head of Staff and works in a collegial relationship with all staff (including the part-time Assistant Director of Children's Ministry), church members, and programs of GPC.

Primary Job Responsibilities

- Lead the following main ministries: Children's Sunday School, Mid-week programming, VBS Evaluate, Envision, Create, and Implement other needed ministries and "milestone" events in order to build the cohesiveness of the overall program and create a feeling of connectedness for children and adult volunteers to GPC.
- Manage, recruit, train, inspire, and maintain a group of 20 volunteer teachers for Sunday School.
- Work with others in the church to explore forming sports teams for children (soccer and basketball).
- Manage the relationships between the children's ministry and nursery staff and music staff in order to develop effective Sunday education programming
- Purchase, Evaluate, and Implement curriculum for nursery – 5th grade
- Direct, teach, and continue to enhance the children's education program.

Interested applicants may send a cover letter and resume to: September Eason at Children@gpctn.org.

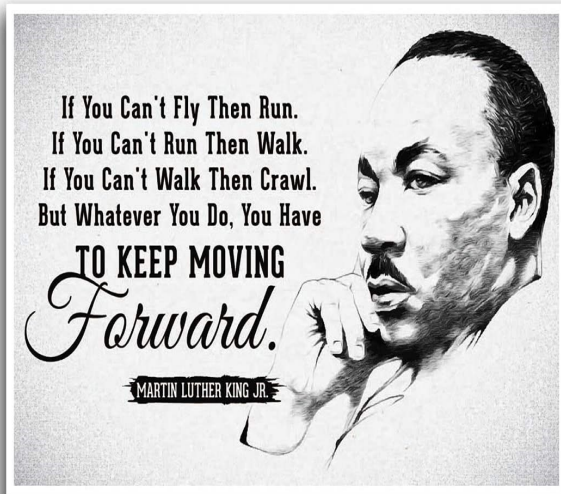
LEND YOUR VOICE

The Greater Memphis Area Chapter of
The National Black Presbyterian Caucus
along with the

Presbytery of the Mid-South presents

A Celebration Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm



We would love to have a Churchwide Choir comprised of members from our churches within our Presbytery. If you are interested in participating, please email Natalie Toombs by October 31, 2021 at natoombs@yahoo.com or call 901-286-0797.



sock drive

Epiphany Lutheran Church is collecting socks for [Calvary Rescue Mission](#) and [Memphis Union Mission](#) as their October service project. Grab a pair (or two) while you're out! Donations can be dropped off in the tub in the east hall of the church. Or, feel free to drop the off in the outside bins (label bag "ELC").



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IN CONCERT**

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UKIRKCONCERT.EVENTBRITE.COM
OR PURCHASED AT THE DOOR WITH
CASH OR VENMO FOR \$15**

**COLLIERVILLE
CONNECTED**

FOOD COLLECTION



October 16, 2021

**REAPING THE FALL HARVEST
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
363 Sycamore Road @ Hwy 72
9am...Sorting & bagging
1pm- 2pm...Distribution**

Please share with our neighbors in need by donating canned and nonperishable food items. Drop items off by 3pm Friday (leave in one of the bins).

If you would like to help sort and bag items, please contact Beth Follador at 103336@gmail.com.



OCTOBER 2021

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary					1 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ♥ <i>Mark & Alisa Free</i>	2 ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
3 ♦ Sunday School (9:15am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ♥ <i>Greg & Lindsey Ammend</i>	4 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	5 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	6 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ☺ <i>Henry Arant</i> ☺ <i>Scott Kennedy</i> ♥ <i>Carl & Mary Ann Epperson</i> ♥ <i>Jonathan & Lynde Sain</i>	7	8 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm) ☺ <i>Jacob Robinson</i> ☺ <i>Margaret Wright</i>	9 ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ♥ <i>Jairme & Carol Jameson</i>
10 ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Sunday School (9:15am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ PW Bible Study (11:30am) ♦ Reception-Constance Abbey (11:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ☺ <i>Greg Ammend</i>	11 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	12 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	13 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ☺ <i>Skylar Milner</i>	14 ♦ GS Troop 13141 (6:45pm)	15 ♦ Food collection by 3pm ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	16 ♦ Fall Harvest Food Dist. (9am-2pm) ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm)
17 ♦ Sunday School (9:15am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ☺ <i>Lucy Talbott</i>	18 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	19 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	20 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ GS Leaders Mtg (7pm)	21 ☺ <i>Lynn Staggs</i>	22 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	23 ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ☺ <i>Alexandra Davis</i> ♥ <i>Robert & Susie Allen</i>
24 ♦ Sunday School (9:15am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Learn to crochet-hat (11:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ☺ <i>Marie Robinson</i> ♥ <i>Jim & Luann Wilcox</i>	25 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ☺ <i>Luke Patton</i>	26 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm) ♦ GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ <i>Robert Allen</i> ☺ <i>Trish Kerr</i>	27 ♦ CLC Class (1-3pm)	28 ☺ <i>Ciara Barney</i> ☺ <i>Hailey Kerr</i> ♥ <i>James & Natalee Wilkinson</i>	29 ♦ Hopefuls AA (12pm)	30 ♦ Weight Loss Group (9am) ♦ Walking Class (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (7pm) ☺ <i>Isaiah Jackson</i> ☺ <i>Jessica Williams</i>
31 ♦ Sunday School (9:15am) ♦ Coffee & Fellowship (10am) ♦ Service (10:30am) ♦ Learn to crochet-scarf (11:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ☺ <i>Seneca Barney</i> ☺ <i>Julie Parks</i>						