

# SignPosts

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## From The Pastor's Study

**“Make a good Lent.”** One of my professors used to say this to us during the Lenten season at the end of each class. What he was attempting to teach us is that Lent is only meaningful if we make it a priority. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation and renewal as we approach Easter. During the 40 days, we are called to stretch ourselves spiritually and seek a deep encounter with the Holy Spirit.

So, how do we make a good Lent? Here are a few ideas:

**Give up something.** Most people think Lent is about going without something we like, and that is certainly a tradition of the season. But don't just give up something, let your sacrifice bring you closer to God. For example, each time you desire the thing you have given up, ask God to make you desire Him more than anything else. Take the money you would have spent on the thing you gave up and give it to the poor. Or use the time you would have spent on the activity you gave up for service to others.

**Keep a journal.** Journaling is a great discipline and Lent is a wonderful time to discover it. Write about your experiences in worship or your Bible study or your blessings. Keep a journal about your prayers, write poetry or music, or just pour out your love for God.

**Spend more time in prayer.** Use the Lenten season to spend extra time in prayer. Commit to praying early in the morning or at night or during your lunch hour.

**Spend more time with the Bible.** If you haven't joined us in our Journey through the Gospels, Lent is a great time to start! We are reading Matthew 15-21 in March and you can read that section multiple times during Lent. Taking time to memorize scripture is also a great Lenten discipline.

**Serve others.** Join us as we serve Clarksville Elementary School, help out with our Wednesday night programs for youth or children, or serve in our food bank.

**Start a new devotional study.** CBC provides copies of **Reflections** which is a great daily devotional guide. You can also check out an online devotional that is produced by PASSPORT Camps at <http://www.d365.org/journeytothecross/>

And no, it is not too late to start. The journey is always open to new beginnings.

Make a good Lent.

On the journey together,

Greg



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## Did You Know?

- Our prayer focus for the month of March is "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." which is a command of God (Psalm 122)?
- That Friday nights are full of music, fun, and learning for our youth?
- That the Children's Center at CBC has a before and after school program for school age children?
- You can follow Pastor Greg on Twitter @GregoryTRandall?
- That our church website, [clarksvillebaptist.org](http://clarksvillebaptist.org) has a church calendar, information about upcoming events, and a photo gallery of recent events?
- That our children had a great time at a Carolina Hurricanes game?
- That we raised over \$600.00 for the Gideon's?
- There is a lot going on at CBC! Come and join us as we love God, love others and seek the Kingdom!
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## Ministry & Mission

Contributed by Donna Dennis

**Thank you Mike Dodd for serving in Honduras !**

- **Camp Concord (Stateline) Clean Up Day** scheduled for **April 14<sup>th</sup>** (rain date is 21<sup>st</sup>). 8 am until. Bring your own lunch, refreshments and tools. Help us get our camp in great shape before the summer campers begin to come in for the season. We will also be working on May 5<sup>th</sup> to clean the inside of the cabins. For further details, call Dale Tuck at 374-5636
- **Disaster Relief Training at Olive Branch Baptist in LaCrosse, May 18-19.** Great way to serve others during a time of need. We have several that will be going to renew. If you're interested in training, let Donna Dennis know (374-8031), to get signed up.
- **Southwest Virginia Mission trip May 20-25** with the Concord Association. Construction, working with the elderly, yard & home work, and possibly other options. Call Donna or the Association (447-7241) if you're interested in going.



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## Newsworthy

### Primetimers

Submitted by a "Mystery Primetimer"

Seniors, do you remember when you were growing up and "dinnertime" was at 12 noon every day? Well, we have just the place to do that again and it is at "Primetimers." We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Church Fellowship Hall with a homemade covered dish dinner.

We have a time of sharing, praying for each other, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, reminiscing about our youth, and sometimes just plain fun jokes and lots of laughter. Come; join us for the most delicious food anywhere and you will leave energized for the rest of the day and even the month! Bring your covered dish and **WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!!**

### Hill Sales, Jr., Memorial Library

Submitted by Michael Dodd

One of the latest purchases by the library is the new book about Tim Tebow, Through My Eyes. "The son of Christian missionaries, Tebow details his early years - from the circumstances of his birth in the Philippines, to his homeschooled upbringing, to his parents' emphasis on developing his character and deepening his belief whenever possible. Setting the record straight, he tells the story of his long and difficult path to becoming a quarterback, a path that at every stage was blocked by coaches telling him he'd never make it, that he should just give up and switch positions. Yet despite the critics, he believed - not just in himself but in the plan God had laid out for him - and time after time his determination and

dedication proved his detractors wrong." (Excerpt from the book jacket)

The library has other books about athletes such as:

Football - Drew Brees, Tony Dungy, & Bill McCartney

Baseball - Brett Butler, Dave Dravecky, Orel Hershiser, & Nolan Ryan

Basketball - Pete Maravich "Pistol Pete", Dean Smith

Golf - Payne Stewart

Come and check out these or other books.

### Relay for Life

CBC's Relay for Life Team, "The Encouragers", (Glenna, Patsy, Donna, Cathy, Betty Jean, Jane, Connie A., and Margaret) are busy planning for their boxed lunch fundraiser. Boxed lunches will be available Sunday, March 25 after all morning worship services. Treat yourself to "I don't have to cook" lunch and you will be supporting a worthy cause. Order your choice of chicken salad or ham roll and delicious sides for only \$5.00 per box. Be sure to see any Encourager Team Member to place your order so you'll not be left behind. Deadline for ordering is March 21<sup>st</sup>. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- \$5 BOXED LUNCH - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**

### Lenten Lunches

Each Wednesday during Lent the Clarksville Minister's Association sponsors a worship service and lunch. These services last about 30 minutes and are followed by a light lunch (usually soup and salad). The lunches are free and the worship is always meaningful. Come and join us!



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**February 29: St Matthew Baptist. The Rev. Susan Grimm preaching.**

**March 7: Mt Ararat Baptist. The Rev. Charles Sands preaching.**

**March 14: Clarksville Presbyterian. The Rev. Greg Randall preaching.**

**Marcy 21: St. Timothy's Episcopal. Minister Jerry Carter preaching.**

**March 28: Clarksville Baptist. The Rev. Dale Gillis preaching.**

## **Easter Egg Hunt March 3**

**Come join us for a fun afternoon! We'll have the eggs hidden and enjoy a great time together as families beginning at 1:00 pm. We need donations of candy, so bring a bag of your favorite candy and give it to a children's committee member. Thanks and we'll see you there!**

## **The Three Days: A Time of Spiritual Renewal**

**Easter is the holiest day in the Christian year, and the three days before Easter are a time to prepare for the resurrection and reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus. This year we will be having a time of Spiritual renewal during the Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.**

**On Maundy Thursday our choir will present the cantata *Tenebrae*. This powerful musical uses candles, readings and music to enable us to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus.**

**On Good Friday we will gather in the sanctuary and experience a service based on John's description of the Passion.**

**On Holy Saturday we will have a noonday service of reflection and silence as we experience together the time between crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Come and join us as we reflect, renew and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.**

## **Coming Up In Worship**

**The Rev. Darrell Wise will be leading both worship services on March 11.**

**On March 18 our Pre-School Children sing at the 11 am service and we will also have a baby dedication.**

**Our children will be leading worship on April 22.**

## **Don't Forget! Time Change Sunday is March 11. Spring Forward!**

## **Youth/Children's Ministries Initiatives**

Submitted by V.J. Springer

**For six months, ten faithful CBC members have been working together at the request of the MCC. Our mission, very clearly crafted by the MCC, is to research, evaluate, and recommend the best direction for CBC's youth/children's ministries. The output should consist of but not be limited to providing a path forward for the church's action.**

**The members of this committee are Kathy Barretta, Heather Tuck, Margie Randall, Betty Rhodenheizer, Patsy Rice, Gena Carter, Daniel Wilson, Gregg Gordon, Alyson Elliot, Vera Jo Springer, and Rev. Greg Randall, advisor.**

**While our work is not yet completed, we have already captured some emerging benefits which include overlapping initiatives with both the existing youth and the children's committees. We thank these two committees for the recommendations they have embraced.**



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Any interested church members are invited to join us in our background studies by reading **A Sustainable Youth Ministry** by Rev. Mark Devries (IVP publishers). If you choose to do so, be ready to roll up your mental sleeves! Devries has subtitled his book "Why Most Youth Ministries Don't Last and What You Can Do About It."

Our research has been both internal and external, focusing on CBC's historical processes in this vital ministry. We have also hosted a specialist from BGVA to provide an overview of several successful programs in other churches. A clearer picture for the Youth/Children's Ministries at CBC is coming into focus. We look forward to being able to make specific recommendations in the future. This includes developing a guide for any future search committee, and assisting the search committee as necessary.

It is our desire to keep you informed. Therefore, we will host a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 to provide and update you on our work.

## CBC Website

Submitted by D. Winn

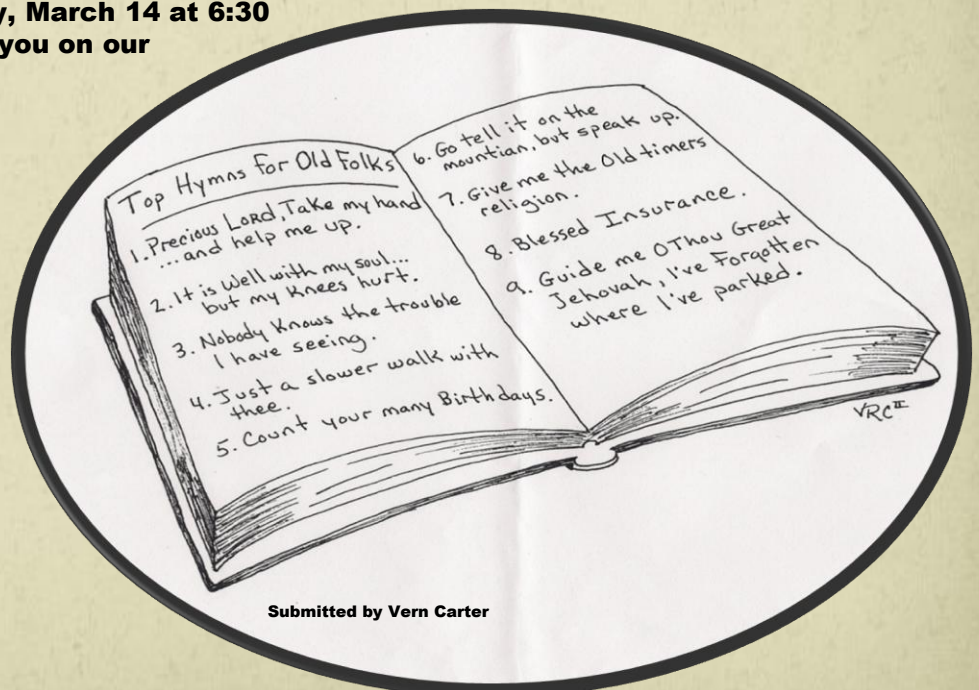
Please visit our rejuvenated website - [clarksvillebaptist.org](http://clarksvillebaptist.org) - and let us know what you think!

You can now view a calendar of events, photo galleries, download issues of the SignPosts newsletter, get current information and forms for the Children's Center, sign up for weekly emails, and find links to the CBC Youth Facebook page, the Arise Band Facebook page, and Pastor Randall's Twitter posts. In the coming months, we plan to add blog posts from Pastor Greg, and videos of the Sunday services. And it's all right at your fingertips!!

## Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer with permission from Shelley Snead

Three year old Caroline Snead was asked if she remembered her Bible Verse from Sunday School....her reply - "Yes, John Deere 16"!!!



Submitted by Vern Carter



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## Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

**Father, where have you been? Certainly not with me and, even if you have been, it's been too noisy. I've been feeling lonely amidst all this chatter and my time consumed with chores. I only half listen to others while thinking "yeah, yeah, yeah, get to the point". The morning is still and the air heavy with silence. I'm surrounded by tranquility and I'm calling you because now in my solitude I hope to hear you answer. A faint breeze teases the few remaining leaves on near naked branches as if you were sighing. And then I hear from deep within a voice dancing with humor "yeah, yeah, yeah, get to the point, child"! I know in that moment I have asked you for something I haven't been willing to give of myself. And yet, here you are, Father. Once again you put your arm around my shoulders and say "walk this way". I utter my apology but, there's no need because you know I am embarrassed by my selfishness. Thank you for your patience, Lord, and if you will give me tomorrow, I will try to give love as freely and unconditionally as you. And we know I will not always succeed because my selfish nature will place my needs before others. But I find comfort, Father, knowing you will always be there for me with a smile and loving arms. So, tomorrow I shall walk your way.**

## Recipe Box

**7-UP Cake: Submitted by Carie Davis**

**Cake:**

**1 (18.25-oz.) box lemon cake mix  
1 small box lemon instant pudding  
4 eggs  
1 (12-oz.) 7-UP  
3/4 cup oil**

**Mix all together & bake in a 9x13-inch pan at 350° until done.**

**Topping:**

**1 stick butter  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
1 small can crushed pineapple, undrained  
1 cup coconut**

**Bring butter & sugar to a boil. Boil for a minute or until melted. Remove from heat and add the pineapple & coconut. Pour over top of cake.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Note* Every Sunday</i>  <b>9:00 ARISE</b>  <b>9:45 Sunday School</b>  <b>11:00 Worship</b></p>			<p><i>Note* Every Wed</i>  <b>6:30 Mission Sparks</b>  <b>6:30 Mission Friends</b>  <b>6:30 Adult Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>7:00 MCC Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>   <i>Leona Beasley                      Birthday</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b>  <b>8:00 Brotherhood                      Breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>7:00 Stewardship &amp;                      Finance Meeting</b>   <i>Hazel Wilkinson                      Birthday</i></p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>5:45 Children's                      Committee Meeting</b>   <b>6:30 Youth Committee                      Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Noon Lenten Lunch                      Service at Mt. Ararat</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11 Daylight Savings                      Time Begins</b>   </p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>7:00 Rosa Liipfert                      Circle Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>7:00 WHM Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Noon Lenten Lunch                      Service at Clarksville                      Presbyterian</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>   <i>Katie Yancey                      Birthday</i></p>	<p><b>17 St Patrick's Day</b>   </p>
<p><b>18</b>  <b>11:00 Children Sing</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20 Spring Begins</b>     <b>12PM Prime Time                      Luncheon</b></p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Noon Lenten Lunch                      Service at St. Timothy</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>1:00 Blood Drive at                      Community Center</b>   </p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>7:00 Deacon's                      Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Noon Lenten Lunch                      Service at Clarksville                      Baptist</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>



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