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CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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OUR PURPOSE IS TO WORSHIP, EVANGELIZE, TEACH, AND LOVE IN JESUS NAME



From the Pastor

As we begin to experience unprecedented times for both the world and our community, let us do so by strengthening our faith. Great challenges demand great faith. Faith is strengthened by feeding it...its essential component, The Word of God and by engaging our faith by loving our neighbors. Please be disciplined in the intake of Scripture and open your heart and hands to the opportunities that will undoubtedly come our way.

Although there is considerable uncertainty about just how our regular times of meeting will be affected as well as special events, there is one special event I want to communicate. Keep reading!

Martin Luther once said, *"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."* If prayer is a mark of spiritual health and vibrancy, conditions of compromised spiritual health make prayer even more essential. Our recently formed Vision Team is in complete agreement that Cedar Grove is in urgent need of revitalization and that the call to united prayer is of prime importance in gaining and maintaining God's blessing upon us.

To that end, we are urging every member of our church to join together for **"40 Days Toward Church Revitalization."** This concerted prayer effort will begin on SUNDAY, APRIL 4, and continue through SUNDAY, MAY 17. A prayer guide booklet will be made available to unite us and provide discipline during this period. Through various Scriptures, comments, and written prayers, this guide are intended to help us move through

seven critical dimensions of personal and congregational renewal:

1. *Searching My Own Heart*
2. *Rebuilding Trust in God's Word*
3. *Honoring Christ's Lordship*
4. *Resolving Our Differences*
5. *Following Kingdom Leaders*
6. *Re-Establishing Jesus' Priorities*
7. *Patiently Awaiting Transformation*

Dr. Jamison Work, the author of this prayer guide, experienced God's work of revitalization in the church he pastored in Charleston, Tennessee. He makes the important observation..."Every single blessing we experienced was directly attributed to decades of faithful praying by the Candies Creek family combined with the grace and mercy of God." ***The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16 ESV)***

Pastor Gary

Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, May 17 Cedar Grove Baptist Church will celebrate its 185 Anniversary. This will be a day to gather to offer thanksgiving to God for our heritage of faith. We will remember those who have gone on before us, seek God for His help and guidance to follow Him forward, and rejoice over those He is raising up in our midst to champion the Gospel to the next generation!

Pastor David Cavanaugh, a dear pastor friend from Ohio, will be our guest preacher for the morning service. David and his wife Becky have also served as IMB missionaries to the nation of Thailand. With a great passion for the church and

its mission, I am confident that God will speak clearly to us through his faithful messenger.

Resurrection Celebration

- Sunrise Service (7:30 A.M.)
- Carry-in Breakfast will follow the Sunrise Service
- Sunday School (9:30)
- Morning Worship (10:45)
- Flowering of the Cross

Secret Church

We have been immensely blessed with the opportunity to live in a country where we can freely serve God without government involvement. However, many of our brothers and sisters across the globe are persecuted daily for their faith. Pastor David Platt, former president of the International Mission Board, has created an event to remind us of the reality that many of our brothers and sisters live in every day. In many countries, believers are not able to gather regularly to study the word. When they do gather, there is often not an organized worship service like we are used to in America. Instead these believers gather in secret, desiring to learn as much as they can from the Word of God. On Friday April 24, from 5 PM to 1 AM, we will gather with thousands of other believers across the globe and dive into the Word of God. This year’s topic is “God, Government, and the Gospel.” Government is important, and Christ has given us guidelines as to how we as Christians should interact with Government. We will evaluate what Scripture says about Government, and we will spend time in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. I pray that you would consider joining us for this time of prayer and study. If you are interested there will be a sign-up sheet in service, or you may text me at 865-258-4440 and let me know you would like to join us. Thank you!

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Committee Meetings in April

- Monday, April 5, 6:30 Deacon’s Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 5:30 Budget & Finance Committee
Monday, April 13, 6:00 Church Council Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 5:30 Refocus Meeting
Monday, April 20, 6:30 Vision Team Meeting
Sunday, April 26, 12:00 Advisory Team Luncheon

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Bob Lynch | Verna Miller |
| Pat McPherson | Linda McCammon |
| Nancy Derrick | Mary Nickell |
| Betty Jean Helton | Tom Pryor |
| Gwen Pryor | |



February 2019

We wish you the very best on your birthday.

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| 1 Chris Spiva | 13 Debbie Hodge |
| 2 Betty J. Helton | 19 Shelby Pryor |
| 8 Steve Gordon | 24 Valerie Fitzgerald |
| 9 Jaxson Pryor | 24 Steve Byrd |
| 10 Chuck Lindsey | |

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