
THE ACCENT

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
5302 Nails Creek Road
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OUR PURPOSE IS TO WORSHIP, EVANGELIZE, TEACH, AND LOVE IN JESUS NAME



Patience is given as one of the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. In that cluster of fruit which includes love, joy, and peace...

patience may be the only fruit that we find unappealing. We all want to be more loving, have greater joy, experience greater peace, but have patience?...not so much! In a culture that demands everything now if not yesterday, patience seems more like an obstacle than it does an essential part of our faith.

We know that Christ demonstrates the fulfillment of all the fruits of the Spirit including patience. Thirty years of life and work in the obscure town of Nazareth before He begins the three years of ministry that leads to His agonizing death and resurrection is patience in all its glory! May I also mention it's been 2,000 years since He ascended and began His rule and reign over all things. The consummation of that reign and the restoration of all things yet remains to be fulfilled. In a season when it seems that so much of our plans have been paused or cancelled, let us humbly allow Christ's magnificent patience to both inspire and steady us.

It is very important in the consideration of patience that we not confuse lethargy or an unwillingness to do what we can do with the Spiritual fruit of patience. Although we might not be able to do what we would like to do, there is

always much that we can do. In person contact with one another may be limited, but there is no restriction on phone calls, text messages, cards, and notes. The Post Office is still delivering mail. God has not had to limit His time in hearing the prayers of His people. He is present in every prayer closet demonstrating patience as He waits for us to join Him for prayer.

So let us be patient. "Wait for the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14

Pastor Gary

Deacon Update

After ordaining Levi Sanders, we now have five active deacons. Serving in this role are: Sharon Coker, Charlie Cunningham, Wayne Lowe, Kevin Morgan, and Levi Sanders with Wayne being the chairman. Over the next few weeks the Deacon Family Ministry groups will be updated. Since the Connect Luncheons have had to be indefinitely postponed, we are praying for creative ways to connect with one another in these fellowship groups. More information will be provided soon. Please don't let this be just a one way responsibility; pray for you deacons regularly as well.

Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheon

The Senior Adults will be visiting the Apple Orchard in Cosby, TN on Tuesday, September 29th. We will leave the church at 9:00am and have lunch

together at 11:30am. We will be taking the church bus, but we ask that you WEAR A MASK!!

NAMB Update

The month of August was designated as a month of prayer and giving for the North American Mission Board. We have heard many testimonials from missionaries through the NAMB and how our giving supports their ministry. As of the fourth Sunday of August, our church had raised \$2,047 toward our \$3,000 goal. Please continue to be in prayer for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as they share the good news of the gospel across North America.

Resuming Halted Ministries

We are praying earnestly about the decision of when to resume Sunday School and Wednesday night TEAMKID and youth ministries. Church leadership continues to pray and discern what is the best move for both the spiritual and physical health of our church, and we hope to announce a decision looking ahead after Labor Day. Please also pray that God will make clear what His will is for our church.

Renovation Update

Our Renovation Team has been hard at work sprucing up our church building. The downstairs hallways, L&A hallway, toddler nursery, Conference room, and Pastor’s study have all been given a fresh coat of paint!

Youth Ministry

Looking ahead, our youth ministry will be taking a retreat in December to the Tuckaleechee Retreat Center in Townsend, TN. The students will leave Friday, December 4th and return Sunday, December 6th. Be in prayer for the students and leaders as they fellowship and dig into God’s Word together!

Church Office Hours

If you need to make a call or come by the church for any reason, Kelsie will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Calendar

- Church Council Meeting Sept 14th @ 6:30
- Vision Team Meeting every Sunday of Sept @ 5:30

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Lynch	Pat McPherson
Nancy Derrick	Betty Jean Helton
Gwen Pryor	Tom Pryor
Steve Byrd	Bobbie Carpenter
Betty Johnston	Marcie Adams
Carol Vitzthum	John Ritchie

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We wish you the very best on your birthday.



2 Darlene Carroll	9 David Fitzgerald
2 Allison Newman	16 Sharon Coker
2 Gene Newman	16 Jerry Riggs
4 Charolette McCammon	25 Chuck Jones
8 Michelle Sanders	

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