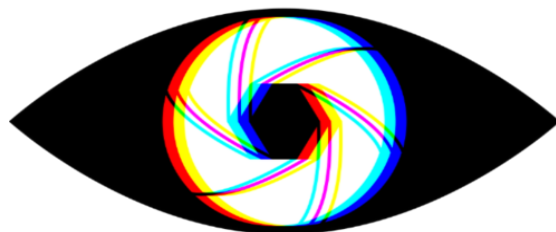


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"VISION. . . A PATH FORWARD"



REFOCUS.

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION: CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

OUR VISION: PRESENTING EVERYONE FULLY MATURE IN CHRIST

As we began to approach March last year, the COVID virus was already drawing a dark shadow across the world. Its tragic toll is inestimable and even though it has far from vanished, March of 2021 brings signs of relief and encouragement. THANKS BE TO GOD! Beginning in mid-March of 2020 and continuing until the first Sunday in May there were no in-person meetings here at CGBC. A few gathered on the front porch of the church on Easter Sunday to ring the church bell and pray together. Morning worship resumed in May with restricted seating and many wearing masks. No Sunday School classes would meet until July and the choir loft was empty and silent. Some of our church family became infected with the virus, and although the virus claimed the lives of thousands, no one in our midst even had to be hospitalized.

As we come to March and springtime of 2021, we are experiencing rays of hope and encouragement. Because of the vaccine some of our church family who felt unsafe in attending weekly gatherings are beginning to safely return. Even though we have not had a church wide fellowship meal in the L&A in over a year, I am grateful to announce that on Sunday evening, March 14th, we are planning a catered fellowship meal. The purpose of this meal will be explained elsewhere in the newsletter. We are also planning to resume our annual Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast on Sunday, April 4th.

Even though the church leadership realizes that not everyone will feel comfortable attending these events, we hope that many will. We still pray that by the mercy of the Lord we will continue to experience a recession of the effects of the Corona virus throughout the coming year. May this mercy and kindness of God create in every heart an overwhelming sense of gratitude. May it also bring a fresh commitment to love and serve Him more.

Pastor Gary



SPRING FORWARD

It is quite hard to believe that Spring is nearly upon us again, as it feels the new year just began! On Sunday, March 14th, Daylight Savings Time begins! Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Saturday night or you will be late for church on Sunday!

YOUTH RETREAT

Looking ahead into the Spring, our youth will be taking a retreat in Townsend the second weekend of April. Please be in prayer for the leaders who are planning not only how the students will study God's Word, but also how they will enjoy the weekend safely. Pray for the students, leaders, and events of the weekend. We pray God uses it to draw our youth closer to Him and closer to one another.

G3 FELLOWSHIP MEAL

The Vision Team is planning a catered fellowship meal on Sunday, March 14th at 5:30pm. The purpose of this meal is two-fold. First of all, it is to provide a time for everyone to gather in the L&A for food and fellowship...something that we have not been able to do in over a year. Secondly, the Vision Team will present plans to launch Sunday evening fellowship groups which will begin in April. We will also take time to review the key aspects of our revitalization process which was presented in October and November of last year.

EASTER SUNDAY

We are looking forward to the celebration of our risen Savior in April! We so desperately missed gathering to celebrate this event last year, and we are looking forward to this year's celebration! We are planning to gather for Sunrise service on Sunday, April 4th, at 7:30am with a carry-in breakfast to follow. We so hope that you will join us as we celebrate the risen Christ!

CHILHOWEE BAPTIST CENTER DONATION

The Chilhowee Baptist Center is requesting help in providing a tote of cleaning supplies for their clients. Each tote will include a message about the Gospel and Christ's power to cleanse us from sin through His death and resurrection. We will be collecting items for the totes until March 25th. A list of items for the totes including sizes and quantities will be posted with a sign-up sheet in the new welcome area where Vivian's office was located. Our goal is to provide enough items for five boxes!



Mar 7th Penny McCammon
Sanders

Mar 14th Sue Gillenwater
Gillenwater

Mar 21st Sally Davis

Mar 28th Vic & Beulah McCammon
Adams

Mar 7th Michelle Sanders & Lisa Gibson

Mar 14th Annette Morgan & Ginger Newman

Mar 21st Michelle Jones & Maddie Walker

Mar 28th Penny McCammon

Mar 7th Kelsie

Mar 14th Sue

Mar 21st Sally Davis

Mar 28th Emma

CALENDAR

- March 7th Vision Team Meeting 5:30
- March 14th G3 Fellowship Meal
- March 21st Vision Team Meeting 5:30
- March 28th Deacon's Meeting 6:30



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bob Lynch

Pat McPherson

Steve & Rhonda Byrd

Nancy Derrick

Betty Jean Helton

Jack & Bobbie Carpenter

Vivian Cunningham

Betty Johnston

John Ritchie

Steve Gordon

Linda Pryor

Carol Vitzthum

Eddie Pryor

Steve Prince

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 Missy Freeman
birthday!

29 Tanner Gibson

We wish you the best on your

2 Julian Rowland

30 Penny McCammon

5 Madison Walker

8 Brad Adams

10 Betsy Cunningham

16 Robert Payne

OFFERING COUNTERS

March Sharon Coker & Burl McCammon

April Leisa Gordon & Lisa Gibson

May Sue Gillenwater & Sally Davis

*If you are going to be out, please secure a backup!

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