## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Ill at Home & Recovering**: Pat Anderson; Kayla Arnold; Tommy Ashworth; Joe & Merri Bolden; Hagan Bowen; Jennifer Byington; Joel & Rhea Calloway; Barbara Carr; Aaron Carroll; Kathy Carter; Dana Caywood; Susie Coates; Ricky Copas; Regina Estepp; Toni Gibson; Ruth Gott; Mark Herndon; Daniel & Titan Horne; Susan Hudson; Grant & Nancy Lawson; Danny Livesay; Dennis Livesay; Glenda Livesay; Jessica McMurray; Patty Melton; Susan Owenby; Evangeline Roberts; Kelly Robinson; Barbara Smith; Christine Smith; Robert Walls; Wilma Washington; Daphine Winegar

**Chronic Illness:** Marlene Allen; Patsy Cumbow; Tony & Linda England; Vonda Gardner; Eddie & Linda McDavid; Billie Orrick; Betty Sproles; Opal Vaughn

Hospital/Nursing Home/Assisted Living/Rehab: Ron Edwards (Encompass); Wayne Harr (Bristol); Charlotte Lemons (Wexford House)

Non-Medical Prayer Needs: The LOST; BS2; Bob & Celeste Gailey; Our Country, Our Schools; George Kasibante & Uganda Orphange, California Fires

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
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| Weekly Requirements | $ 7,026.67 |
| Undesignated – February 2, 2025 | $ 7,899.50 |
| Savings – February 2, 2025 | $ 170.00 |

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
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| Weekly Requirements | $ 7,026.67 |
| Undesignated – February 9, 2025 | $ 2,382.00 |
| Savings – February 9, 2025 | $ 922.57 |

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
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| Weekly Requirements | $ 7,026.67 |
| Undesignated – February 16, 2025 | $ 8,012.00 |
| Savings – February 16, 2025 | $ 0.00 |

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
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| Weekly Requirements | $ 7,026.67 |
| Undesignated – February 23, 2025 | $ 5,222.00 |
| Savings – February 23, 2025 | $ 0.00 |

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
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| Weekly Requirements | $ 7,026.67 |
| Savings | $ 1,092.57 |
| TITHELY | $ 1,376.30 |
| **TOTAL** | $ 24,891.80 |

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# The Cross and Compass

Matthew 28:19-20

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## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship (Sanctuary)

## TUESDAY SCHEDULE

12:00 Noon Sr. Adult Bible Study & Lunch (CH)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

6:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting (CH)
Konnect Kidz & CBC Youth Activities
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Nursery provided

The A Cappella Choir Annual Spring Tour from Carson-Newman University will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Friday night, February 28 at 7 pm. Please come join us and enjoy some amazing singing.

## BACK TO ACTS

What an amazing time we have had at CBC over the last couple of months. We celebrated Christmas as a church family with a wonderful Christmas cantata, the first since before Covid, and with our annual Christmas Eve service, led by our minister of youth, Harrison Ihrig. We have heard messages from Harrison and from my son-in-law, Caleb Horne. We have celebrated the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper (Harrison's first time serving), and we ordained Hunter Ledbetter to the deacon ministry of the church. Last Sunday, we were blessed to have the Christian Motorcycle Association with us. That was an amazing service, even if I was forced by a weekend bout with vertigo to watch it from home. It has truly been a season of super-special services at CBC.

Now we return to the book of the Bible that has largely occupied our hearts and minds for about two years now, the book of Acts. I have prepared the next 7 messages on Acts. In the first three weeks of our return to Acts, covering Acts 17, we will see Paul's ministry in Thessalonica, Berea and Athens. I've entitled those three messsages "Reactions," because in them, we can see several reactions to the gospel, and Paul's reactions to those reactions. In our own post-Christian culture, we are seeing many of the same dynamics at play today in the reactions that Paul experienced in the first century. Those three messages will take us through March 9.

On March 16 (3/16), our North American Mission Board has challenged our SBC churches to preach on the evangelistic passage of John 3:16 in the hopes of a great harvest Sunday of lost people coming to know Christ across the Convention. I have prayerfully decided to participate in this "3:16 on 3/16" emphasis, and will be preaching an evangelistic message from John 3:16. Pray about this day in our church's life and throughout the SBC. And don't just pray! Get out there and invite as many lost people as you know to be here to hear that message from God's Word. Take them to breakfast. Take them to lunch. Compel them to be here! Do whatever it takes shy of force to get them here!

After 3/16, I will be returning to Acts for four messages on the subject of Discouragement. Truett Cathy, the founder and CEO of Chick-Fil-A, once told Jeff Foxworthy when Foxworthy was a boy, "Son, do you know how to tell if someone needs encouragement? If they're breathing." We all need encouragement, and we all get discouraged - even the Apostle Paul! We will see in those four messages both how God ministered to Paul's discouragement, and a Biblical strategy for proceeding when we find ourselves discouraged. After those four messages, it will be Easter Sunday.

I am looking so forward to these next two months of worship here at CBC, and to seeing all of you this coming Sunday.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROJECT

We are a little over a month into our Scripture memory project. By this time, you have probably settled into a rhythm with it, or become frustrated by it, or given up on it altogether! Let me encourage you not to give up, but to modify as necessary. If a particular week's verse or verses is proving to be a challenge, keep working on it as you take on the next week's, or skip the next week's and master that one, or drop it and go on to the next one. If one passage/song a week is too much, do every other week and take two weeks with each one. Remember, if you memorize them all, you will have committed 119 verses of Scripture to memory in a year. I would far rather you memorize 59-60, or 29-30, than none at all! I set up the project for a year, but if it takes you more than that, so be it. Just stay with it. If you haven't started yet, get started today! I have been publishing the Scriptures and the internet locations of the songs that go with them in the bulletin and on our church Facebook page each week. Let me also encourage you to meditate on the verses, using my meditations from my latest book *Memory, Melody and Meditation* and/or writing your own. Understanding the verse makes for better and easier memorization. The book is available for any amount, down to and including zero. See me or Heidi for your copy.

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie

Clocks will "spring forward" one hour at 2 am on Sunday, March 9, 2025, causing most people to lose an hour of sleep. It won't be until November 2nd, the first Sunday in November, when Americans fiddle with their clocks again to "fall back" an hour to standard time.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1 | Alex Conkin | 17 | Crystal Hill |
| 3 | Nancy Nelms | 19 | Morgan Cleveland |
| 5 | Nancy Thomasson | 24 | Bryan Wilder |
| 6 | Richard Harris | 25 | Becky Hill |
| 10 | Faith Ihrig | 29 | LaMar Herndon III |
| 10 | Curtis Johnson, Jr. | 30 | Mia Caywood |
| 17 | Karen Murray | | |

The Church Workday is being moved from **4/5/25** to **4/12/25** from 8:00 AM til Noon. We'll be cleaning, painting, landscaping, and other projects (based on skills of those who come). There will also be a sign-up sheet available in March to help us plan.