



Cedar Grove Baptist Church
Our Mission: Connecting People to Christ
Our Vision: Presenting Everyone Mature in Christ

Church,

This month, Cedar Grove Baptist Church enters its twentieth decade of ministry in the Nails Creek community. It is thus an appropriate occasion for us to reflect on several truths. First, God is exceedingly faithful! Deuteronomy 7:9 says, *"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."* I don't know exactly how many generations God has been faithful at Cedar Grove, but it has been a good many! Praise be to Him for his great faithfulness! Without the Lord's kind desire to preserve his people here on Nails Creek, Cedar Grove would have closed her doors long ago. Thus, every anniversary of our Church's founding is an opportunity to worship our faithful God and a reminder that, seemingly, God still has work for his people to do on Nails Creek.

Second, God has worked through innumerable and often unremembered people. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 reads: *"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."* Again, God alone gets the glory for 190 years of gospel work on Nails Creek, but we should not hesitate to express gratitude for all those who have planted, watered, cultivated, and cared for God's people here through the years. Many of you have family members and friends, spiritual fathers and mothers, or dear brothers and sisters that the Lord used to bring you to himself. Praise be to God for our spiritual forebearers here on Nails Creek!

Lastly, as we reflect on God's faithfulness and those who came before us, we must consider that it is now our turn to carry the Gospel flame. The Lord has appointed *us* to be the people of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in her twentieth decade, and he intends to continue his work through us! We must continue to herald Jesus Christ, crucified and raised! We must continue calling our community to receive him in repentance and faith! We must find where God is moving in our community and join him there! God forbid the Gospel flame burn out on our watch! Let us answer the call God has placed on us and do all we can to ensure God's kingdom comes in our hearts and homes, the Nails Creek community, and the ends of the Earth!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Levi



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Eddie & Shelby Pryor	Carol Vizthum
Betty Johnston	Liz Morgan
Sharon Grey	John Ritchie
Ed & Mary Guffey	Bobbie Carpenter
Jerry & Marilyn Riggs	Betty Jean Helton

Mark Sanders
Burl McCammon
Lisa Gibson
Bud Chandler
Pat McPherson



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Emma Lyons	23 Shelia Lowe
4 Garrett Murrell	23 Mack Sanders
7 Shelby Pryor	24 Alex Morgan
7 Sue Gillenwater	24 Carson Morgan
12 Sydney Pryor	27 Rojion Gillenwater
21 Mary Guffey	27 Kelsie Sanders



HERITAGE DAY- 190 YEARS

This year marks 190 years of Cedar Grove Baptist Church! This congregation of believers was planted here by another local, faithful church in 1835, and the Lord has blessed us in many ways over the years. We remember 190 years of God's faithfulness through times of joy and sorrow, when the Lord gave and He took away. What a blessing it is to still be Connecting People to Christ in the Nails Creek and Wildwood community 190 years later! May we be here another 190 if the Lord tarries!

We plan to celebrate heritage day with a day full of worship and fellowship! Join us Sunday, May 18, for worship and bring a dish to share as we enjoy a potluck lunch together!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

As graduation season approaches, we are so excited to celebrate several in our congregation who are celebrating the achievement of graduation! We plan to honor our graduates on Sunday, May 25, during worship service! Grads, be sure you fill out a Graduate Information card and leave in the office so we don't miss anyone!

SCHOOLS OUT! SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY

As the school year comes to a close, we plan to take a break from student and youth gatherings on Wednesday nights through the summer as we have done in the past. We plan to meet regularly through the month of May, but we are planning a Summer Kick Off celebration on the last Wednesday of May! The bus will run as usual, and we will meet at Dek & Erika's house for our last midweek of the semester! We hope you'll plan to join us as we welcome summer!

A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to sincerely thank you, church family, for the opportunity to once again serve as church secretary. Years ago, this position was a blessing to me as I worked my way through college. Now, in a new season of life, the Lord has graciously answered our prayers—allowing me to continue serving while staying home with our baby. This is a tremendous gift, and one our family does not take for granted. Thank you for your continued love, support, and encouragement. We are truly grateful!

With love and gratitude,
Monica McCarter

MOTHER'S DAY

This month we take time to focus our attention on our moms, and not only our biological mothers but also our spiritual mothers, adoptive mothers, foster moms, and those who filled a mother role when circumstances demanded it. The Lord has blessed our church with many moms in many seasons of motherhood, and He has given us many women to be spiritual mothers and daughters. What an immense gift from God to have women who love the Lord and love His people. We praise God for moms!

DECORATION DAY

The last Sunday of May is remembered as Decoration Day for our church cemetery. We are thankful for the faithful believers who walked before us!

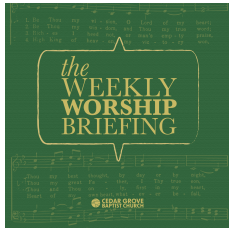
OFFERING COUNTERS

May offering counters are Sally Davis and Charlie Cunningham. Please report to the Finance Office after Sunday morning service each Sunday of the month to count the offering. If you will be out, Kevin McCarter is the alternate this month.

VBS- WONDER JUNCTION!

Howdy, partners! Look to your left—do you see the cattle over yonder stampeding across the plains? Look to your right—can your eyes make out the sun-covered buttes of the desert? Come see all these sights & MORE as wonder and amazement await us each day at Wonder Junction, happening July 13-18! Be praying about how you can serve our students during this BIG week of missions! Please let Kelsie know ASAP where you would like to serve! We will begin some prep nights in June, so stay tuned for more info!

Weekly Worship



Each week our tech team updates our church's Weekly Worship Briefing. This is a playlist which can be accessed on Spotify and our church website. The playlist is updated around midweek with the hymns for the upcoming Sunday morning. Enjoy listening to the songs together with your family as you prepare for worship!

Sunday Morning Serving



May 4 th	Chuck & Michelle J.	Sharon C.	Kirby M. & Zoe A.	Wayne L. & Lauren K.
May 11 th	Ronnie & Gayle S.	Sharon C.	Connie R. & Michelle J.	Marcie A. & Kevin Morgan
May 18 th	Vic M. & Helper	Erika M.	Monica M. & Maddie W.	Sharon C. & Hayden J.
May 25 th	Sally D. & Pat B.	Erika M.	Emma L.	Michelle S.

*Please be at church by 8:30.
Includes pickup & take home*

Midweek Ministries









Midweek Services continue as we Connect People to Christ through good food, good fellowship, and good study! We will have a meal each week at 5:30. At 6:00 we have Nursery Class available for babies through Pre-K, TeamKid for K-5 graders, Youth Bible Study for 6-12 graders, and an adult Bible Study as well. The adults continue an inductive Bible Study of 1 Corinthians.

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May 7 th	Marcie A. & Carolyn P.	Petros; Ronnie & Gayle
May 14 th	Terry W. & Michelle S.	Nachos; Wayne & Shelia
May 21 st	Michelle J. & Sharon C.	Soup; Chuck & Leisa
May 28 th	No Nursery	Summer Celebration at the Melton's!

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40	5 Deacon Meeting 6:30	6	7 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study	8	9	10
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25 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40 The Lord's Supper  Graduate Recognition  Decorations	26  MEMORIAL DAY	27	28  Summer Kick Off Cookout! 5:30pm Food, Fellowship, & Fun!	29	30 Sevier Co Last Day! 	31 L&A In Use

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