



Cedar Grove Baptist Church

Our Mission: Connecting People to Christ
Our Vision: Presenting Everyone Mature in Christ

Some have noted that reading the OT prophets is a bit like reading the daily newspaper or news feed. This observation seems particularly true in the writings of the prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah 2 we read that Judah has become a particularly affluent society. Although material prosperity is never in and of itself sinful, it has often provided the atmosphere for people to become increasingly self-confident and ignore the fact that it is God "who gives wealth." Man by nature would rather put his trust in anything or anyone but the One who has provided the path to prosperity. Make no mistake, God does not tempt any man to sin rather "he is lured and enticed by his own desires."

In Isaiah 3 God reveals some of the consequences for trusting riches instead of the One who grants them. One commentator makes the following summary. "Part of God's judgment on that pretentious people was His removal of all trinkets and his sentencing them to a government of weak and ineffective leadership." History also gives clear evidence that poor leadership often leads to division and instability. In our day it is easy to point an accusing finger at various political party leadership and totally fail to realize the real problem of our culture's abandoning God's clear instructions. Isaiah 2:22 says it this way, "Stop regarding man in whose nostril is breath, for of what account is he?" In other words, do not put your trust in man, not even the greatest of man, for man is an unreliable and often a false guide."

Let us not conclude that we should abandon the political process, but it does mean we should in no way put our confidence in man. Has our present political atmosphere lured us away from the Lord God, the Creator of all and the Savior of those who humbly put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords? If so, the Prophet has one word REPENT!

Pastor Gary



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Eli Gordon	23 Lisa Gibson
11 Rhonda Byrd	24 Bobbie Carpenter
18 Wesley Gibson	24 Taylor Shepherd
20 Betty Johnston	25 Edward Guffey
21 Liz Murrell	28 Harrison Best
22 Kevin Morgan	



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN



OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of October is widely recognized as Pastor Appreciation Month. We should be praying for and encouraging our pastors all year long; however, what a great idea to mark our calendars and remind ourselves to intentionally encourage the shepherds God has given to us!

Gary and Penny have been serving our church for 10 years this month, and we have been so blessed by their leadership and service to us! This is Gary's last few months as our lead pastor as he has announced his upcoming retirement at the end of 2024. God was so kind to send Gary back to us 10 years ago when we needed a pastor. Gary's faithfulness to the Lord week after week has encouraged us in times of trials, led us to greater church health, and ultimately led us to the cross of Christ. We praise God for our pastor!

We are also blessed to have Levi Sanders as our associate pastor as of just a few months ago. Levi's preaching and teaching have been an encouragement not only to our spiritual growth but also to the emphasis on Biblical learning in our church. We praise the Lord for Levi and his ministry to Cedar Grove!

Praise the Lord for our pastors! Let them know how much you appreciate their service to God and to you this month!

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In the fall of 2014, Gary and Penny came to Cedar Grove as Gary accepted the call to become our next pastor. Gary grew up in our church and community, and after years of service in Georgia and Ohio God saw fit to bring him and Penny back to us. This sweet gift from God has brought us 10 wonderful years of faithful love and leadership. We could not be more thankful to God for the gift of a decade with Gary as our shepherd! We are planning to celebrate Gary & Penny's 10th Anniversary of Ministry here at Cedar Grove with a covered dish lunch on Sunday, October 6th! Bring a dish to share and come celebrate!

WEDNESDAY JOINT WORSHIP

We are blessed to have Bible Study classes for our Nursery, Elementary students, Youth students, and adults on Wednesday nights! This semester has brought us sweet times of fellowship over a meal and study with people of all age brackets. On Wednesday, October 9th, we will be having a joint worship time where all our age groups will come together for a time of worship and study. We would love for you to make plans to join us and be encouraged!

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The church members voted and have approved the Pastor Search Committee nomination from the deacons. Those voted to serve on this committee include: Marcie Adams, Hunter Harrison, Sharon Coker, Wayne Lowe, and Kevin McCarter. The two alternates are Sally Davis and Jayden Harrison. Be in prayer for this group as they seek the Lord's will in regard to our next lead pastor.

OFFERING COUNTERS

October offering counters are Hunter Harrison and Kevin McCarter. Please report to the Finance Office after Sunday morning service each Sunday of the month to count the offering. If you will be out, Chuck Jones is the alternate this month.



Children & Youth Ministry



October 6 th	Chuck & Michelle J.	Sharon C.	Kirby M. & Katie M.	Wayne L. & Hayden J.
October 13 th	Ronnie & Gayle S.	Sharon C.	Connie R. & Michelle J.	Marcie A.
October 20 th	Vic & Buelah M.	Erika R.	Monica M. & Maddie W.	Sharon C. & Lauren K.
October 27 th	Sally D. & Pat B.	Erika R.	Penny M. & Mackenzie B.	Betsy C. & Michelle S.

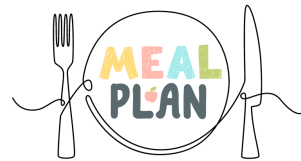
***Please be at church by 8:30.
Includes pickup & take home**



Our Wednesday evening ministries continue this month with a meal at 5:30 and Bible studies at 6:00 for Nursery, Elementary, Youth, and Adults! We would love for you to join us!



Wednesday Nursery Class



October 2 nd	Marcie A. & Michelle S.	Nachos & Cheese; Wayne & Shelia L.
October 9 th	Terry W. & Katie M.	Soup; Chuck J. & Leisa G.
October 16 th	Michelle J. & Sharon C.	Pizza & Salad; Charles & Betsy C.
October 23 rd	Marcie A. & Michelle S.	Breakfast for Supper; Vic & Beulah M.
October 30 th	Terry W. & Katie M.	Chicken Tenders & Side; Michelle J. & Carolyn P.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Baptist Center Service Day 9-2 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study Choir 7:30	3	4	5 L&A In Use
6 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40 	7 Deacon Mtg 6:30	8	9 6:00 Community Day Eval No TeamKid or Youth Choir 7:30	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship Dinner 5:30	14	15	16 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Joint Worship Service Choir 7:30	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40 Fellowship Dinner 5:30	21	22	23 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Nursery, TeamKid, Youth, & Adult Study Choir 7:30	24	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:40 Lord's Supper Fellowship Dinner 5:30	28	29	30	31		

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