



The Mustard Seed

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

January 2019

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 2

- ◆ Choir (7PM)

Sunday, January 6

- ◆ Epiphany of the Lord
- ◆ Worship Service (10:30AM)
Guest Pastor: Lucy Cummings
- ◆ PW Coordinating Team (11:45AM)

Wednesday, January 9

- ◆ ESL Class (6PM)
- ◆ Choir (7PM)

Sunday, January 13

- ◆ Baptism of the Lord
- ◆ Sunday School (9:15AM)
- ◆ Communion Service (10:30AM)

Wednesday, January 16

- ◆ ESL Class (6PM)
- ◆ Choir (7PM)

Sunday, January 20

- ◆ Second Sunday after Epiphany
- ◆ Sunday School (9:15AM)
- ◆ Worship Service (10:30AM)
- ◆ Session (4:30PM)

Wednesday, January 23

- ◆ ESL Class (6PM)
- ◆ Choir (7PM)

Thursday, January 24

- ◆ Women's Bible Study (6:30PM)

Sunday, January 27

- ◆ Third Sunday after Epiphany
- ◆ Sunday School (9:15AM)
- ◆ Worship Service (10:30AM)

Wednesday, January 30

- ◆ ESL Class (6PM)
- ◆ Choir (7PM)



FROM THE PASTOR



"This is definitely not your parents' offering plate," says Katie Hays, founding pastor of Galileo Christian Church in Ft Worth, Texas. She is talking about the way her young congregation receives the offering. They do have some heart-shaped baskets that they pass on Sunday, but the church receives relatively little in the form of legal tender and handwritten checks. Instead, most giving in this mostly younger congregation comes through electronic means like EFTs, PayPal, and even several iPads at the back of their worship space where people can slide their debit cards and pick up a laminated "gift" card that they drop in when the baskets are passed. "When was the last time you met a young adult with a checkbook? Or cash on hand?" she asks.

Just like most things in our lives today, money doesn't work like it used to. Galileo's newest method of receiving gifts is "Venmo." Pastor Hays says that her first response to hearing about Venmo was, "Huh?"

I've heard about Venmo, but I've never used it and don't know much about it. My kids do though. It's more than a banking app, it's a social app as well, allowing friends to casually share the cost of the pizza they just ordered as well as pay for more expensive things. Recipients receive more than just \$\$; they get a social connection too - maybe an emoji or a helpful comment expressing the feelings of the giver. Hays says she particularly loves to read the comments which accompany the gifts.

It certainly is not my parents' offering plate, and it's not even the one I know and understand. I mean, I get the convenience factor, I rarely carry much, if any, cash, and never a checkbook. But there's something else, something new, something different in this kind of giving — a social element that I still don't get. I need to though.

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~THE WORLD OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ~

PW Coordinating Team: The next PW CT is Sunday, January 6, immediately following worship.

PW Circle: The next Presbyterian Women Day Circle will be Tuesday, January 8, at 10 am at the church. Following the Circle meeting those that wish may go to lunch together at a local restaurant. All women of the church are invited to attend.



Lesson: Lesson 4 titled *God with Us When We Seek God* found on page 35 in the PW/Horizons Bible Study Book - "God with Us Wherever We Are".

Scripture: I Chronicles 28:1; I Kings 11:1-13, 29-39

Focus: God summons god's people, and especially God's leaders, to walk in God's way and to seek God.

Questions: Call Mary Ann Epperson at 901-218-5851.

CPC Prayer Chain: If you have anyone or anything needing prayer, please contact Ruby Mears at 853-4033 or 493-9421.

~ FROM THE PASTOR ~

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If I want to understand my children's world and new and different ways that they are perceiving and processing the world and their relationships with others, I need to take the time to learn and appreciate things like Venmo.

It's also a little "parable" for the church as well. Not just that we might ought to explore new giving arrangements like Venmo, but that these types of things are a window into the world as it changes around us. Learning to "Venmo" is more than a way to receive money, it's a way that we show understanding and even relevance in the church and a connection with younger folks and their world.

Of course, it goes much further than that, much further than an app. It's an openness to learning and embracing new things and new ways instead of being obstinately stuck in our comfortable and well understood past and ways of doing things. It might even be a way that we express love and understanding for others. That's not compromise; It's Gospel!

What are some of the ways we can make connection and prove we care?

*blessings,
Mark <><*

~ 2019 PLEDGE CARDS ~

If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter from Pastor Wright and a 2019 Pledge Card. Prayerfully consider your giving and return the completed card to the church. These can be mailed in or dropped in the offering plate during Sunday service.

Remember...

- ❖ Set your alarms for 2:02pm to pause and pray for CPC
- ❖ Continue to bring your quarters each Sunday to Worship. Youth will collect them, and each 202 Quarters collection will go to a worthy cause.



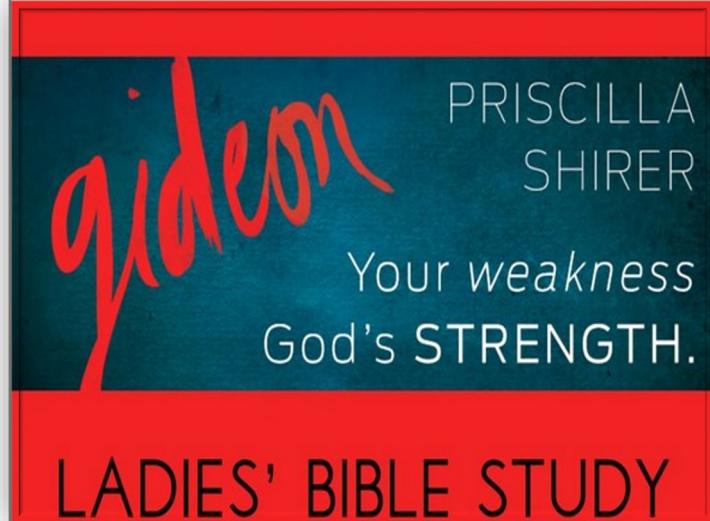
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John Hollis

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

RESUMES JANUARY 24!

Join Ashley Wright for this group study using Priscilla Shirer's *Gideon: Your weakness. God's strength.*

When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or a fleece spread beneath the evening sky. But, Gideon's story is bigger than just that. This is a story about God and His people—His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of, even through, their weakness.

This 7-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as the gifts given specifically and strategically by God. If you've ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you.

Classes will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Questions? Contact Ashley Wright at ashleywrightsemail@gmail.com.

CURRENT SESSION ELDERS

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Melanye Lunsford

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John Gurney

Congregational Care & Welcome

Suzanne Dunn, Wes Ashworth

Christian Education

Kevin Robinson

Fellowship & Pastoral Care

Candy Nicholson

Outreach & Service

Mary Ammend

Property

Jim Barkley

Worship

Karen Wimpee, Wes Ashworth

CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

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Melanye Lunsford, Suzanne Dunn

Class of 2020

Mary Ammend, Karen Wimpee

Class of 2021

Wesley Ashworth, Suzanne Dunn,
Candy Nicholson, Kevin Robinson

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

AS OF DECEMBER 27, 2018

YTD PLEDGED BUDGET: \$148,387

YTD PLEDGED REC'D: \$136,680

YTD TOTAL: (\$11,707)

YTD INCOME: \$146,501

YTD EXPENSES: \$135,561

YTD TOTAL: \$10,940

PARENTHESES INDICATES NEGATIVE NUMBER.



The beautiful poinsettias that adorned the Sanctuary at Christmas were placed by the following:



Karen & Hollis Wimpee
In Honor of
Our CPC Family

Karen & Hollis Wimpee
In Honor of
Linda Stamps

Karen & Hollis Wimpee
To the Glory of God

Glen & Kate Watkins
In Memory of
Glen's dad, Roy Watkins

Glen & Kate Watkins
In Memory of
Kate's parents,
John & Clara Dickey and Jim Cummings

Glen & Kate Watkins
In Memory of
Our Friend, Joe Wright

Mark & Alisa Free
In Memory of
Lamar & Julie Hutchison

Mark & Alisa Free
In Memory of
Byron & Anne Dunn

Mark & Alisa Free
In Honor of
Linda Stamps

Vicki Seago
In Honor of
The Children CPC

Vicki Seago
In Honor of
Ann Cross & Ruby Mears

Candy & Chuck Nicholson
In Memory of
Chuck & Betsy Nicholson

Kevin & Sally Robinson
In Memory of
Our Fathers,
R. Wayne Robinson and
Donald K. Sage

Kevin & Sally Robinson
In Honor of
Our Family, Children and Grandchildren

Renee Kemper Murray
In Honor of
The CPC Choir

Joy & Scott Sutherland
In Memory of
Jean & Ensley Tiffin

Joy & Scott Sutherland
In Memory of
Mary & Ed Sutherland

Joy & Scott Sutherland
In Honor of
Karen & Hollis Wimpee

Linda Stamps
In Honor of
The Members &
Staff of CPC

Linda Stamps
In Memory of
My Parents -
J.D. & Mary Baucom

Nativities on Display



A Note of Thanks

November 28, 2018

Dear Rev. Wright,

Thank you for your contributions
to the CLC and your world missions.
Roger and I wish you and the
CPC congregation a Merry Christmas.
You were our first and most
loving family in Collierville.

Sincerely, Past Albee

Collierville
Literacy
Council

Girl Scouts

Thank you for letting us
meet in your church. We
are so grateful for your
hospitality.

Thank you,
Alicia Feldman
Troop 10022 & Troop 13289

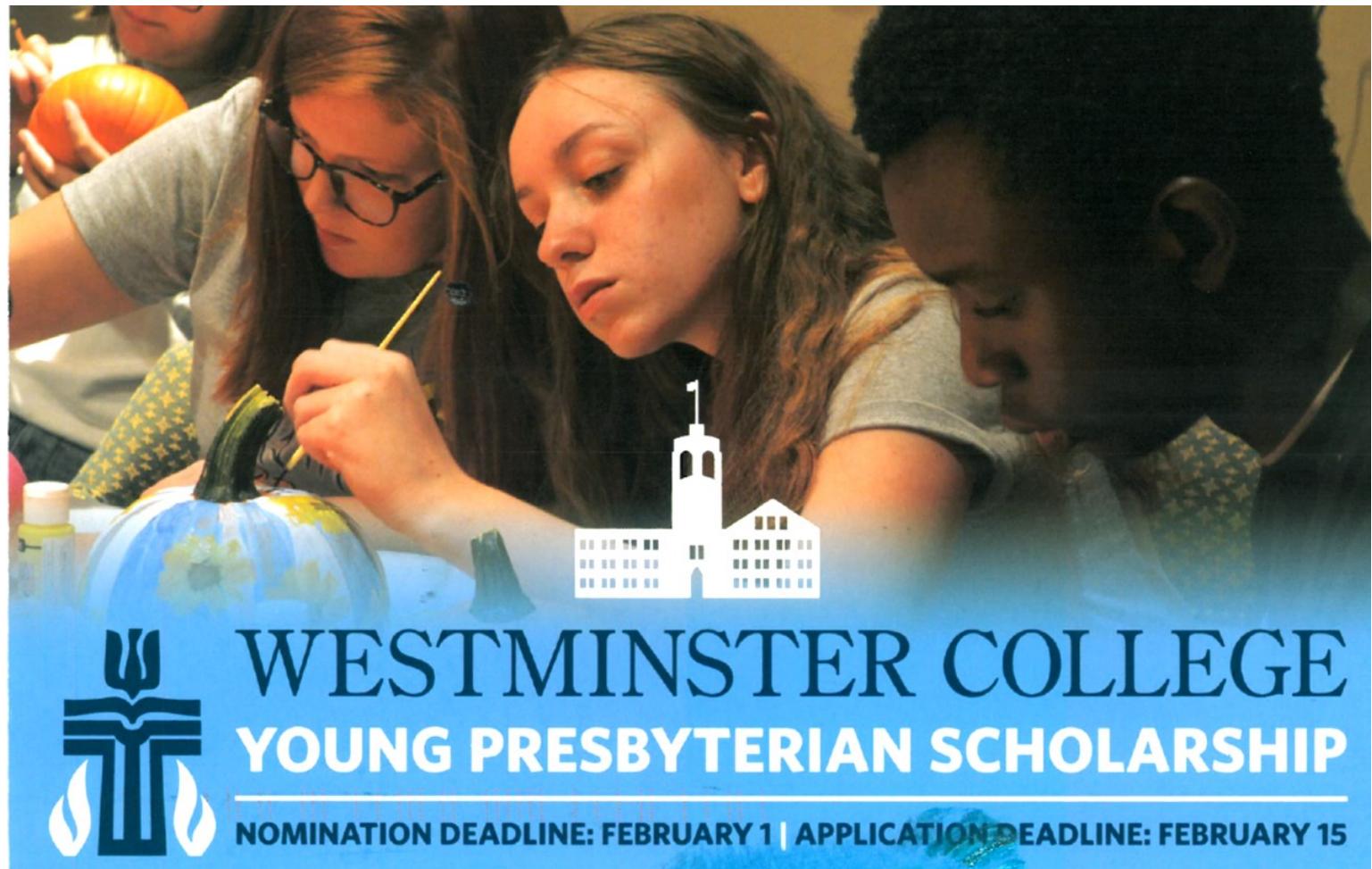
Dear CPC Friends,

Thank you so much for the cards and gifts.
Words can not express how much I love you
all and how blessed I feel to be a part of the
CPC staff.

Blessings,
Linda Stamps

Christmas Eve The gift.





A photograph showing several students focused on painting pumpkins. In the foreground, a student with glasses and a yellow patterned shirt is painting a green stem onto a blue-painted pumpkin. Another student with long brown hair is visible behind her. To the right, a student with dark skin and short hair is also working on a pumpkin. The background is slightly blurred, showing more students and pumpkins.

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⌚ Birthday ♥ Anniversary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Church Office Closed ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ② Justin Coulson	2 ◆ Choir (7pm)	3 ◆ Karate (2-5pm)	4	5 ◆ GS Troop 20032 (11am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (6pm) ③ Holly Jackson
6 Epiphany of the Lord ◆ PW Coord, Team Mtg (11:45am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ◆ GS Troop 10022 (4:15pm) ④ Doti Leake	7 ◆ GS Troop 13662 (5:30 pm) ◆ Boy Scouts (7pm)	8 ◆ CLC Reading/Writing (9:30am) ◆ PW Circle (10am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ◆ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	9 ◆ CLC: Science(10:30am) ◆ ESL (6pm) ◆ Choir (7pm) ◆ Girl Scouts Leaders' Mtg (7pm)	10 ◆ Karate (2-5pm) ◆ GS Troop 13141 (4:45pm)	11	12 ◆ Hopefuls AA (6pm) ⑤ Nyoke Guya ⑥ Kathy Priestly
13 Baptism of the Lord ◆ Hopefuls AA (3pm) ⑦ Lindsey Ammend	14 ◆ Boy Scouts (7pm)	15 ◆ CLC Reading/Writing (9:30am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ◆ GS Troop 10029 (5:30pm) ◆ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	16 ◆ CLC: Science(10:30am) ◆ ESL (6pm) ◆ Choir (7pm)	17 ◆ Saddlebrook HOA (1pm) ◆ Karate (2-5pm) ◆ GS Troop 13289 (4:45pm)	18	19 ◆ GS Troop 20032 (11am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (6pm) ⑧ Emory Sweet ⑨ Natalee Wilkinson
20 Second Sunday after Epiphany Hopefuls AA (3pm) ◆ GS Troop 10022 (4:15pm) ◆ Session (4:30pm)	21 MLK Day CLC Math (10am) ◆ CLC-Social Studies (10:30am) ◆ GS Troop 13662 (5:30pm) ◆ Boy Scouts (7pm) ⑩ Lynde Sain ⑪ Billy Staggs	22 ◆ CLC Reading/Writing (9:30am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ◆ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	23 ◆ CLC: Science(10:30am) ◆ ESL (6pm) ◆ Choir (7pm)	24 ◆ CLC: Math (10am) ◆ CLC: Reading/Writing (10:30am) ◆ Karate (2-5pm) ◆ GS Troop 13141 (6:30pm) ◆ Women's Bible Study (7pm)	25	26 ◆ Hopefuls AA (6pm) ⑫ Candy Nicholson ⑬ Alisa Free ⑭ Fred Shambach
27 Third Sunday after Epiphany ◆ Hopefuls AA (3pm)	28 ◆ CLC Math (10am) ◆ CLC-Social Studies (10:30am) ◆ Boy Scouts (7pm) ⑮ Nancy Drewry ⑯ Jack Leake ⑰ Lucy McDonald	29 ◆ CLC Reading/Writing (9:30am) ◆ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ◆ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	30 ◆ CLC: Science(10:30am) ◆ ESL (6pm) ◆ Choir (7pm)	31 ◆ CLC: Math (10am) ◆ CLC: Reading/Writing (10:30am) ◆ Karate (2-5pm) ◆ GS Troop 13289 (4:45pm)		