

## Churchland Baptist Church Newsletter



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 1 – 6:00 p.m. - Building and Grounds meeting
- February 4 – 5:00 p.m. – Deacons meeting
- February 5 – 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Connect Group meet
- February 5 – 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting
- February 11 – 11:00 a.m. – WMU Sunday
- February 12 – 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Connect Group meet
- February 13 – 9:00 a.m. – Food Distribution
- February 13 – 7:00 p.m. – BYW meeting
- February 14 – 5:00 p.m. – Pancake Supper
- February 14 – 6:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service
- February 19 – 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Connect Group meet
- February 19 – 7:00 P.m. – Pastor Search Committee meeting
- February 25 – 11:00 a.m. – Scout Sunday
- February 26 – 10:00 a.m. – Women’s Connect Group meet

Prayer for the month of February



Flowers/Donations for the month of February

February 4 – Donation – in memory of Thales & Barry Davis – by Madeline Davis & Family

February 11 – Flowers – in honor of Lillie, our granddaughter – by Harold & Ann Burns

February 18 – Donation – in honor of Alan, Mandy, Sydney & Davis Lomax & Josh, Shannon, Megan & Joshua Yarbrough – by Rick Lomax

February 25 – Flowers – in honor of our Anniversary – by Doug & Jeanette Mills



Open dates for the month of March for Flowers/Donations

The following dates are open for the month of March, if you would like one of these dates, please see Barbara Bostian

March 3, 2024

March 10, 2024

March 31, 2024



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### Coffee Connect for the month of February

February 4 – Young Adults – David Wood

February 11 – Senior Adults – Larry Shaver

February 18 – Median Coed- Benny Shoaf

February 25 – Youth – Nate Burlison



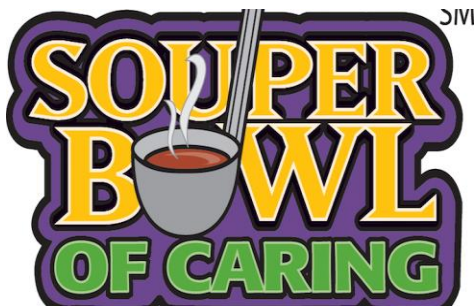
### December 2023 – West Davidson Food Pantry

379 individuals received Christmas Meals

We served 546 families, 1385 individuals and sent home 356 children's feed backpacks



Festival of Tables scheduled for February 3, 2024 has been rescheduled for November 16, 2024



### Souper Bowl Sunday

Just a reminder that we are collecting all kinds of soup for the West Davidson Food Pantry (goal of 600 cans).

This will end on February 11, 2024, which is Super Bowl Sunday.



### Seniors on Sabbatical

Seniors on Sabbatical soup luncheon for Thursday, February 1 has been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to start back in March.

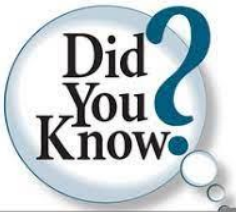
*Thank  
You!*

The family of Thales Davis acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the prayers, cards and food during this sad time.

Love Madeline and Family



On February 4, 1945 Churchland Baptist Church voted to call Rev. Victor Andrews as pastor at a salary of \$600.00 per year. The church further voted on February 11, that he be supply pastor until he could move here for the services. He was to hold services every Sunday afternoon at 3 pm and Sunday school at 2 pm. He became Churchland Baptist Church's first full time pastor and was the first pastor to live in the new parsonage that was completed in 1946 as a memorial to the men and women who served in the armed services.



Did you know that in 1966 Churchland Baptist Church had a Little League Baseball team and they were the Champs for that year. We had our very own Rudy Hartley as a star on that team. Druley Troxell and Charley Frank Young were the coaches.



Churchland Baptist Church is honored to partner with Davidson Medical Ministries Mobile Unit as a satellite for our community. Medical Ministries exists to provide better medical care for residents of Davidson County regardless of ability to pay. It's open to people with and without insurance. If you don't have insurance or need information on eligibility or make an appointment contact: Julie Andrade at 1-980-396-2983. They offer assistance with Medicare and Medicaid and will be happy to discuss insurance options also. Limited hours beginning in February. Kick off date is February 29<sup>th</sup>. For other Mission info contact Ann Burns – 336-239-5937

In Christ's Love, Ann Burns, Director of Missions





## WMU Reflections (Then and Now)

WMU – is Women Missionary Union – this was formed around 133 years ago by Southern Baptist Women who had in their hearts to pray and raise money for Missions. Since that time WMU has helped lead Southern Baptist Churches across the country to give 6.6 billion dollars through Lottie Moon Christmas offering and Annie Armstrong Easter offering in efforts to support missionaries. Their focus is on making disciples of Jesus through mission discipleship, leadership, development, and compassion ministries with impact in every state and 39 countries. Biblically rooted – using scripture that guides us in knowing God. Mission focused – Jesus commissioned his disciples to proclaim good news of all nations and to live out the truth he taught. Church based-Jesus gave the church authority to act on His behalf. Teaching all ages to fulfill His missions. God is always at work among all people and He is calling on us to help. No one church can do alone what many churches can do together. Missions and mission giving have always been an important part of Churchland Baptist Church. When the church was established in 1837 teaching the word of God and supporting missions was its purpose. Women of the church were very interested in missions and mission giving. The earliest known record of this in Churchland Baptist church reflections is recorded as the First Women's Missionary Society being formed in 1920. Mrs. L. E. Rickard was the first president and Mrs. O. T. Davis was the secretary. The organization began with 12 members. Under WMU other groups were formed. Sunbeam, Girls Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors in 1929. Changes came to the community and World War II came and attendance dropped. But around 1948 interest and enrollment began to pick back up. Mrs. Paul Kesler was elected President of WMU and by 1952 under the leadership of WMU neighborhood circles were formed. Women like Mrs. Kirby Greene, Jr. and Mrs. Bessie Lamb were responsible to the outreach. Many other women followed by helping with youth and children like: Mrs. C. J. Everhart, Mrs. Thomas Hartley, Mrs. Hugh Shepherd, Mrs. Hugh McBride and Mrs. JC Brewer and there were many others that helped build up the WMU and mission circles for our church. Around 1967 and thru the next few years WMU should experience growth and outreach. In 1970 WMU names changed from circles to groups like: Sunbeams changed to Mission Friends, Girls Auxiliary changed to Girls in Action and Young Women Auxiliary changed to Acteens. Then under the leadership of Mrs. Jimmy Hilliard WMU President, Baptist Young Women was formed in 1973. We have had great leaders in our past and we continue to have great leaders now. Our Connect Group is Mission Kids the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month led by Lisa Ridenhour and Sandra Beck with Ann Burns and Barbara Shoaf assisting are growing in attendance and continue to do mission projects each month. Baptist Young Women led by Karen Allen meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and continue to do monthly projects. Both groups are great examples of teaching, educating, praying and giving to missions (local and international), just one example is, we had Lottie Moon Christmas offering in December and our goal was \$600 and we raised \$1,507.91. The mission projects done by these groups will always be a reason for our church existing. There are so many women that I have not mentioned that supported and served as leaders under the WMU and we want to thank all those in the past that paved the way for

our WMU and thank you to all that are serving now. You are helping make this possible for us to share God's love and gospel here in our community and around the world.

Thank you,  
Barbara Shoaf, WMU Director



### Seed of the Gospel

In the next few months, some of us will begin to plant seeds indoors in order to get a head start on our gardens. Shortly after, we will plant those into the ground to grow into fruitful plants. If you're like me, you make a habit of planting more seeds than you need because over the years you've learned that some of those plants just aren't going to make it. These small plants make me think about how in our faith, it often helps us to plant many seeds of Gospel. God has given us the gift of salvation, transformation and new life then he implores us to share the good news with our neighbors. Though like the seeds that never sprout, not all will accept this great gift God has bestowed upon us. However, there is a chance some will and then grow in faith and love. In Mark 4:14, Jesus compares the sharing of the gospel message to that of planting seeds. It says the farmer plants seeds by taking God's word to others. Jesus said in Mark 4:20, "and the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had planted!". The gospel message must be planted in people's hearts before it can germinate and bring about the fruit of salvation. But it can only be planted by followers of Christ who know God's love and spread the good news. God has given us a job to plant and water seeds of the gospel. If we saturate our hearts and minds like farmers saturate their fields with seeds, then we will grow in our faith. As it says in James 1:21-22, "The seed of the gospel is able to save you, which is why the Lord has sown it in your heart." Over time, our growth will need to be nourished like the plant being fed, watered and getting sunlight. We can also think of 2 Corinthians 9:6, "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." If we love and assist each other in spiritual growth, then we ourselves will grow and have a bountiful crop that is able to lead us to eternal life. He has sown His gospel within us so that we can know it and observe it through faith and receive the forgiveness of our sins and receive eternal life. I challenge everyone to be farmers of the gospel, planting many seeds and reaping a fruitful harvest of believers who hold the love of God in their hearts.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".

Written by

Nate Burleson – Deacon of Churchland Baptist Church

