

CRIEVEWOOD

Update

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A WORD FROM RAY...

Last month, I responded to Pastor Clay Stauffer's 12 predictions about the future of Christianity which many of you shared with me after his guest editorial in the Tennessean. I enjoyed the conversation so much, that I thought I would come up with 12 of my own. Below are my first four predictions:

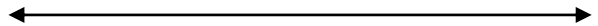
1. Healthy churches will focus more on "His" church than "my" church. One of the temptations that every church deals with is the tendency to focus internally. Is the music the music that *I* prefer? Are the programs and preaching ones that make *me* comfortable? Does everyone look like *me* in *my* church? In the future, healthy churches will ask different questions, because Christ's church is made up of people of every tribe, tongue, and nation. Christ's church is motivated by sinners learning what it means to boast in Christ. Christ's church will look for ways that will selflessly serve, generously give, and never tire in working for the good of *others*.

2. Churches will either be bigger or smaller. Size ultimately will not matter, strategy will. We have big churches in America (and lots of them are here in Nashville!). Most of these big, or megachurches, do incredible kingdom work. Not all are healthy or produce healthy disciples. We have small and medium size churches in America. Most of these churches do incredible

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For opportunities to serve or donate items to Room in the Inn, please contact Melissa in the church office (615-832-5968) or Greg Schmidt (615-948-7230). Opportunities to serve include prep and serve meals (dinner and take-away lunch), male hosts to stay overnight with our guests, laundering sheets and towels, and more.



GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

SETS NEW GOAL

This year, the Global Missions Team is challenging Crieveewood to reach for a new goal: **350 shoeboxes**. Each gift-filled shoebox represents a gospel opportunity. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries.

Boxes will be available beginning Wednesday, October 17. A brochure enclosed in each box lists suggested gift items, and when returned in November, please include \$9—which covers shipping, handling, training, and other expenses. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

WOM BIBLE STUDY

OCTOBER 16, 2018

10:00 A.M.

ROOM 136



LIFT groups

Church-wide LIFT Emphasis Suspended

The Living In Fellowship Together (LIFT) emphasis has been a blessing for many in our congregation, bringing brothers and sisters in Christ together to pray for one another and for the ministries of Creevewood. Over the summer, the Adult Discipleship Team sought feedback from LIFT leaders and evaluated the efforts required to continue a flourishing LIFT emphasis.

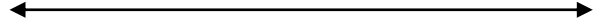
Our Team concluded that: 1) the demands on LIFT leadership are substantial and 2) these demands tend to fall upon those who are already actively committed to other ministries of Creevewood. This, and the fact that additional ministry opportunities are becoming available to us, led the Adult Discipleship Team to recommend suspension of the church-wide LIFT emphasis for now. The Creevewood Leadership Council has approved this recommendation.

Members of self-sustaining LIFT groups who wish to continue meeting for prayer and fellowship are certainly encouraged to do so. However, leadership will no longer be providing organizational direction nor monthly devotional guidelines for those meetings. The Adult Discipleship Team wishes to thank those who have served so faithfully in LIFT. Special thanks go to Bill and Lucy Rudolph for their tireless efforts on behalf of LIFT.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER



- OCT 10** – Chicken Patties,
Creamed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Rolls
- OCT 17** – Hamburgers, Baked
Beans, Onion Rings/Tots



**Quarterly Business
Meeting & Potluck
Sunday, October 21**

12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Please bring a large casserole or side dish to share. **Reports are due to Michelle by Friday, October 12th.**



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!



WE ARE NOW RUNNING 3 BUSES ON SUNDAY!

Volunteers are needed for our bus ministry!

Our bus ministry is growing and we need additional drivers to join the rotation. The small busses are just a foot and a half wider and four foot longer than a regular truck and do **not** require a special license. They even have automatic transmissions. **ANYONE CAN DRIVE THEM!** If you would like more information or to volunteer, please see Robert Brown.

We are also in need of adult riders. If you are interested in helping or want to learn more, please reach out to the church office at (615)832-5968 or info@creevewood.com.

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kingdom work. Not all are healthy or produce healthy disciples. Size will not matter. Strategy, on the other hand, will. Megachurches can leverage their size to do things that small churches cannot do. Small churches, however, can leverage their size to do things that mega churches cannot do. Both are essential.

3. The forgiveness offered by the Grace of Jesus will become more important. Forgiveness of sin is obviously central to the message of the Gospel. We live in such an ungracious culture right now, that forgiveness of sin by God and then the extension of forgiveness to people who have harmed us will become paramount. We need to equip people with the habits of forgiveness.

4. Churches will become more localized. While I do not think mega churches are going away (they are mega churches for a reason), I do think that people are longing for honest, simple, local expressions of church. They want to be around real people who struggle and serve. They want an authentic expression of Christianity. I think neighborhood churches are set up strategically for that very purpose, and it makes me excited for the future of CBC.

We will continue this over the next two weeks. Feel free to let me know what you think and to respond with your own predictions!

**CREDIT FOR
CRIEVEWOOD**



Trade in your unwanted items and gently-used clothes to ThriftSmart. Simply weigh your donations and record it in their blue notebook to earn gift cards and credits for our benevolence ministry!

SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

On January 8, 1956 the church began using Crieve Hall Elementary School as a meeting place for Sunday School and morning worship service. Evening worship and Wednesday services continued to be held in the basement of the Partee's home.

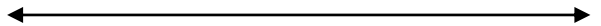


**VIP Meeting
Friday, October 12
11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**



Bring a friend and enjoy a good time with us.

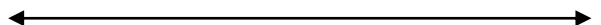
Our very own, Barry Ingle, will join us to play tunes on his guitar! You will not want to miss out on this great show. Don't forget to bring a friend and let's have a good time!



Young Adults'

SENIOR SERVICE PROJECTS
Third Saturday of Every Month

The Young Adult group has begun doing service projects for our senior adults on the third Saturday of every month. Projects will be done on a first come, first served basis and could range from anything from raking leaves, moving boxes, changing lightbulbs, cleaning gutters, mowing lawns, transportation, running errands, etc. For additional information, please see Kathryn Ervin or Sarah Miller!



**Lightbearers
November 6, 2018
7:00 P.M.
CRC Craft Room**

CRIEWEWOOD CONCERNS

Hospital

Nancy Hudson - Southern Hills (no visitors)

Upcoming

Becky Martin - outpatient surgery, 10/5/18, St. Thomas West

Released

Jim Stewart
Dan Hogg

Rehab

Willa Paget - Lebanon Heath & Rehab Center #107B

All Homebound Members

Vernon Elliott	Nancy Hudson	Jean King
Sidney Luther	Dot Reed	Mary Shotwell
Wendy Smith	Lillie Mae Turner	Mary Wainscott

Christine Bess	NHC of COOL SPRINGS
Leslie & Wanda Snoddy	NHC of COOL SPRINGS
Liz Hammack	SOMERBY, FRANKLIN
Sherral Leverette	GRACE HEALTHCARE, FRANKLIN
Percy Grove	BELMONT VILLAGE
Ray Kennedy	NHC of COOL SPRINGS
Betty Salyer	THE HERITAGE, BRENTWOOD
Kathleen Tanner	NHC of COOL SPRINGS

Nursing Homes & Assisted Living (F&F of Members)

MORNING POINTE AT BRENTWOOD: Mary Midden
MORNINGSIDE OF FRANKLIN: Betty Jacobs
NHC HENDERSONVILLE: Paul Clark

Find us on  



Oct. 9:	Debbie Pardue, Carlyne Pinkston
Oct. 10:	Corban Cressley, Eric Ward, Marilyn Williams
Oct. 11:	Phaengsy Sourinthone, Bill Stephens
Oct. 12:	Patti Morris
Oct. 13:	Brian Shaw

FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

BUS MINISTRY

Robert Brown & **SERVANT NEEDED**
Stephen Hoskins & Pat Hamilton
Scott Saltiel & Rita Hardeman-Brown



EXTENDED SESSION

Babies – Janice Sensing & Patty White
Toddlers – Jessica Ontiveros & **SERVANT NEEDED**
2's-4's – Hunter Neubert & Susan Nally

OFFERING COUNTERS

Eric Ward & Terry Reeves

VISIBLE RESULTS **AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

Sunday School.....	183
Worship Attendance (English & Laotian)	215
Budget Gifts	\$12,327
Budget Requirements Weekly	\$18,066
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$536,539
Budget Requirements Year to Date.....	\$704,574
Laotian Gifts Sunday.....	\$760
Laotian Gifts Year to Date.....	\$16,845

Benevolence Offering, along with Lord's Supper observance, will be Sunday, October 14th.



PASTOR ON-CALL

Have information about someone in the hospital or with another ministry need? Please notify the church office during the week (615-832-5968) so we can minister appropriately. Pastor on call October 6-7 is Ray Miller (615-970-1257). Call him with any emergency within the church family.