



May 2023

CLIFTON FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Family in Christ,
Prayerfully seeking through
the spirit, to serve God, grow
in faith and share the good news.*

From The Pastor

In the Beginning, God
Genesis

If we are to understand the bible we must start with the creator of all things. This reality is why we start with genesis. This book is the beginning of all things, the world and us, it is all rooted in this beautiful book of beginnings and its characters.

But before we can understand the characters of creation, we must first bow before the author of Creation. God is not just another actor in this drama, a figure we mold and massage

into a deity of our liking. Instead, the Bible opens by describing the formation of the world as an act that begins with the One who had no beginning, who is always there. Jesus would later testify to religious leaders that "before Abraham was, I am." Theologians call this God's "preexistence."

I have been reading Genesis 1 for four decades, and yet every time my eyes fall on those words, I cannot help but be met by awe and wonder. In the beginning...God. I love what British Old Testament scholar Derek Kinder writes: "It's no accident that God is the subject of the first sentence of the Bible, for this word dominates the whole chapter and catches the eye at every point of the page, Physicist Artur Compton once remarked that "in the beginning God" is a phrase that is "most tremendous ever penned."

Why are these four simple words at the beginning of our Bibles "the most tremendous ever penned? The Bible is making the claim that the entire cosmos and everything in it had a purposeful and orderly origin and that God was there. In other words, there is no random eruption of atoms that resulted in the order and design of the universe. The Bible asserts that a loving Father formed the universe and carefully crafted the human beings who bear his image.

"I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come" (Isa, 46:10 NIV); "I am the first and the last," God whispers to the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 44:6). John reminds us that God was "in the beginning: (John 1). The psalmist declares, "Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, you are God" (Ps.90:2).

From eternity to eternity, you are God. For finite creatures, this is hard to wrap our minds around. Everything in our lives had a beginning and has a fixed endpoint, but God is eternal and transcendent. He is outside of time. Theologian John Frame writes that "it is significant that the world has a beginning, and that God exists before that beginning, the Creator precedes the creation.


The above comes from the book we are studying in our Monday night bible class. It is written by Daniel Darling and called *The Characters of Creation*. I hope and pray that more of you will come study with us during this most important study of God's word. Please come join us on Monday nights.

Pastor, Paul

Every Sunday Morning
10:00 –Sunday School
10:30– NO Coffee Fellowship
10:00– NO Nursery
11:00 – Worship



PLEASE COME TO
BIBLE STUDY ON MONDAY
@ 6:30.



We are Studying
Characters of Creation
We meet in the Nettie Paul Room.



Session Meeting

Lisa Armentrout - Treasurer.
Debbie Darcus - Mission/Witness
Jenny Irvine – Clerk of Session/Fellowship
George Chip Snead – Stewardship/Personnel
Stephine Persinger - Christian Ed/Youth.
Jenny Oeltjen - Music & Worship

Highland House:
Genny McDowell
Brian Center:
Marilyn Woods



Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet
Will be open 9:00 – 12:00
Wednesday May 10 & 24 2023
April 2023

<u>People</u>	<u>Pieces</u>
30	382



Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet
Gave away 3,167 pieces of clothing
and had 301 people to attend in the
year 2022.



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day He rested."



1st Sunday of every month – Robert & Cecille McDowell
2nd Sunday of every month – Ed Jones
3rd Sunday May – October- Jenny Harlow
4th Sunday every month – Richard Brinkley
5th Sundays - to be announced

The Church Mouse

Happy
Mother's
Day



May

2 - Deanne Hemintoller
9 - Juanita Savage
11 - Brent Ball
12 - Cookie Reynolds
16 - Neva Persinger
18 - Lewis Brinkley
19 - Joseph Edwards (Fisher)
22 - Richard Brinkley
23 - Haley Ball
24 - Joe McDowell
26 - Debbie Darcus
27 - Margaret Brown
30 - Kevin Persinger

May Anniversaries

16 – Robert & Ora Goodbar
22 – Jeff & Dorothy Bartley



Food Pantry

For the month of **March 2023**, we serve **(272)**
Individuals representing **(772)** family members.



May


<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 Bible Study 6:30	2	3 Choir 7:00	4	5	6 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
7 Communion Sunday School starts @ 10:00	8 Bible Study 6:30	9	10 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir 7:00	11	12	13 Prayer Breakfast 8:00 Good Friday
14 Happy Mother's Day	15 Bible Study 6:30	16	17 Choir 7:00	18 Session 6:00	19	20 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
21	22 Bible Study 6:30	23	24 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir 7:00	25	26	27 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
28	29 Bible Study 6:30	30	31 Choir 7:00			

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN
nominations for the Life
in an envelope and place it in the P/W box in the Grace
Reid Room or give to Virginia Harlow or Irene Booze by
Sunday July 30, 2023.



Please place your
Membership Pin in


WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS:
Moderator – Virginia Harlow
Vice Moderator - Irene Booze
Secretary - Carol Jones
Treasurer – Virginia Irvine



Women's Circle
We will not have circle until further Notice.


A box containing text for church officers and a notice about the Women's Circle. Below the text is a colorful illustration of five women of various ages and ethnicities smiling together.

MEMBERS @ HOME
Robert Brown
Mildred Wilson
Margaret Brown




A box containing text for members at home and a cartoon illustration of a smiling house with a red roof and a green lawn.

Tuesday
Boy Scouts
7:00



A box containing text for Tuesday Boy Scouts and a cartoon illustration of a scout leader and three scouts with backpacks.

MISSION/WITNESS
NEWS
Please pray for
Our Missionaries
Mark & Miriam Adams



A box containing text for mission/witness news and a photograph of a family (two women, a man, and a boy) standing outdoors with a dog.

Makayla Russell, Andy Fisher, Nicole Doyle, John Walters, Brenda Bartocci, Rene Clark, Cassidy Mac, Robert Goodbar, Derek Garrett, Family of Josh Helpler Grandmother, Carol Jones, Brinkley Brothers, Brenda Siple's Sister, Family of George Reynolds, Unspoken, Family of Susie Carton, Mickey McMillion, unspoken, Jenny O. great niece & Son-in-Law, Family of Raymond Humphreys, Family of Anna Brooks, Donna Madison, Family of Susie Hall, Unspoken, Dawn Carter, Hanna Boothe, Patricia Nicely, Dan Taylor, Becca Ball, Brian Clark, Janie Barnette Family, Donna Nicely, Gerald Daveport, Jon Lane, Bobbie Page, Barbara McCallister.

Praise: Ed & Carol Jones, Mickey McMillion.

Intercessory Joys & Prayer Concerns

Prayer Chain

Cindy Brokaw.....960-1476
Rene Clark.....862-3395
Virginia Harlow.....862-2492
Barbara James.....620-7648
Barbara Boone691-6731

Mother's Day

B G S T Y A Y U F Q H L S Q D
 U F N R D L O O R I M Z P D X
 F F W I I W R V B E N K E Z O
 L V L M R E J U Z U P X C Y M
 L R A O V A V I P Q I R I R H
 P F F E W B C H J I M B A O A
 P E R Y T E X W T N G O L Z C
 S M Z S S G R S D U H H M A F
 R E H T O M A S K F E D L M U
 Q K M L U F A M A M A W O Y Y
 Z O O V K C H I L D R E N A Y
 B V R A L G U W F K T L Y M C
 E M E Q F K I S S E S F V C Z
 V R O K F J T R T D O H Z Q X
 B A X M U V C B C T B I Y G N

BREAKFAST
 FAMILY
 HEART
 MAMA
 MOMMY
 UNIQUE

CARING
 FLOWERS
 KISSES
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 MOTHER

CHILDREN
 FOREVER
 LOVE
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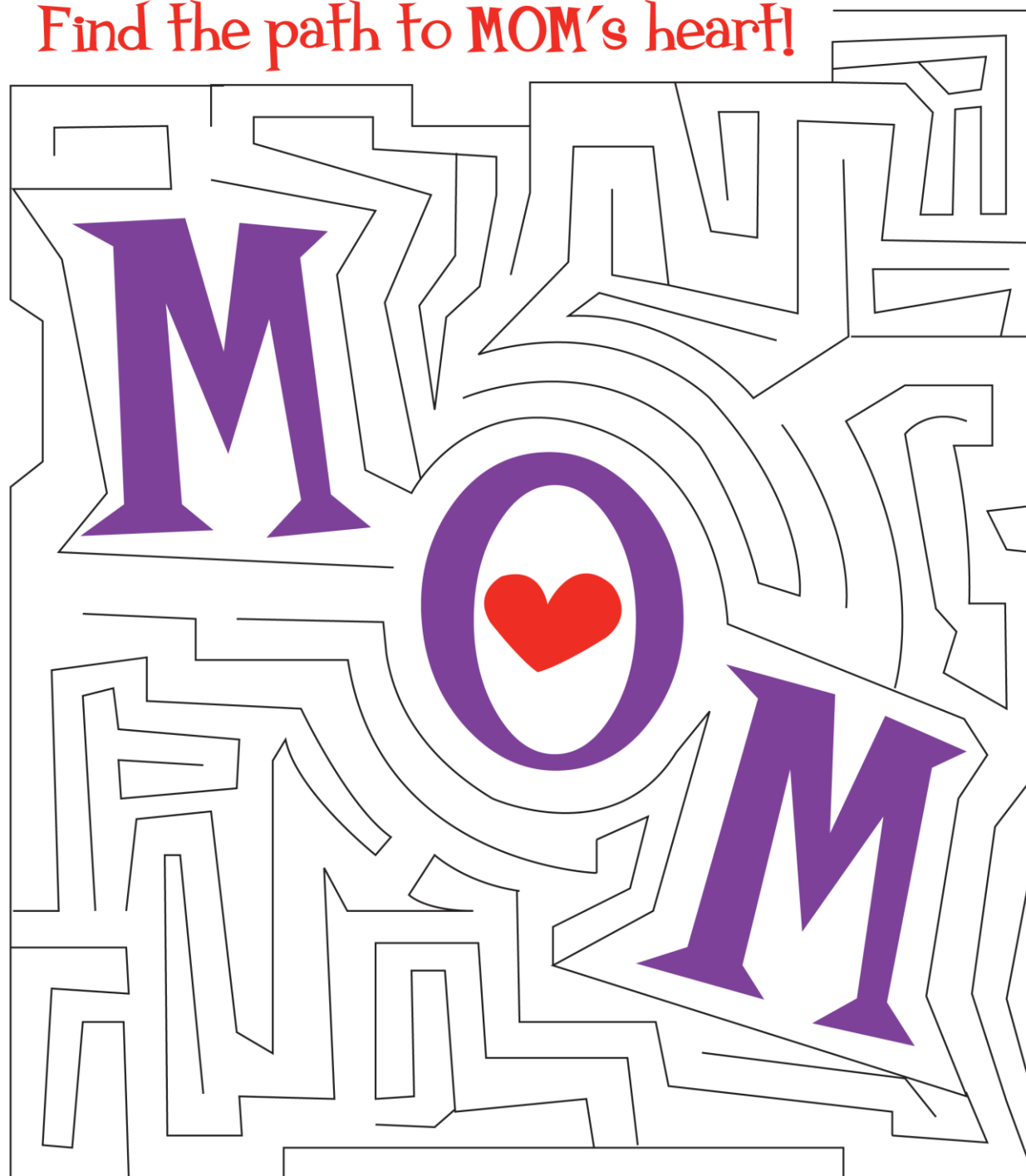


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Find the path to MOM's heart!



Happy Mother's Day!

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I would like to give a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the luncheons on April 2 and April 5. An extra big thanks to all who helped serve the meals. I was proud of the way we worked together and accomplished a big task. May God bless each of you. Jenny Irvine

ATTENTION: ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL - The Christian Education/Youth Committee is reestablishing Sunday School for anyone 18 years and older who would like to attend Sunday School. At present the class will meet in the Nettie Paul Classroom (that is where we have Bible Study) on May 7, 2023. The class will start at 10:00 a.m.



This will be a class for at the lower door across will be Jenny Irvine. Looking forward to seeing you there and sharing the wonders of the Bible with you.

both men and women. There is a ramp up the two steps from the Clifton Forge Library. At present, your teacher

The discussion Class - will meet in the Parlor for Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. beginning May 7, 2023.

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Tidings To:

