



December 2024

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.

GOD'S MINUTE

Billy Graham

While many of us both give and receive gifts during the Christmas season, God gave us a gift we will never be able to repay. In exchange for our sins and shame, God offered us eternal salvation by sending His son, Jesus Christ, to earth as our Savior. All we can do in return is accept this remarkable gift and pursue a relationship with the greatest gift-giver of all.

As you prepare to spend Christmas with your friends and family, we encourage you to share not only gifts, but also this Good News of undeserved salvation. You can use

this archived answer from Billy Graham as a tool for explaining the simple Gospel message this Christmas season.

Q: Yesterday, my 9-year-old son asked me why we celebrate Christmas, and I didn't know what to tell him, except that it marked Jesus' birthday. What more could I have said?

A: I'm thankful your son is curious about Christmas, and I hope you'll do all you can to keep his curiosity alive. One way you can do this is by praying for him, asking God to give him a desire to know Jesus and give his life to Him.

Yes, at Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Jesus more than 2,000 years ago. But who was Jesus? The Bible tells us Jesus was the Son of God, who came down from heaven to give us the greatest gift any person can ever receive—the gift of eternal life. By nature, we are separated from God because of our sins, but Jesus came to take away our sins and make us part of God's family forever. The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

This Christmas, your son will probably receive many gifts from you. You will have done everything possible to give them to him—choosing them, paying for them, wrapping them and offering them to him. But they won't really be his until he actually takes them and makes them his own.

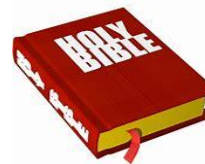
The same is true with Jesus Christ. God has done everything possible to give us the gift of salvation, but we must accept it by reaching out and inviting Him to come into our lives. If you have never done so, accept God's Christmas gift to you by turning to Jesus and asking Him to come into your life. And encourage your son to do so, as well.

**Much Love to all,
Your Heavenly Father**

Every Sunday Morning
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Nursery
11:00 – Worship



**PLEASE
COME
TO
Bible Study**



**MONDAY
@ 6:30
We are
Studying
Israel & The Church
We meet in the
Nettie Paul Room**



Session Members

- Lisa Armentrout - Treasurer.**
- Mission/Witness.
- Kevin Persinger – Building & Grounds.**
- Glenn Mays – Fellowship.**
- George Chip Snead – Stewardship/Personnel.**
- Stephine Persinger - Christian Ed/Youth.**
- Jenny Oeltjen – Music, Worship, Clerk of Session.**

**Highland House:
Genny McDowell
Brian Center:
Marilyn Woods &
Kevin Stinespring**



We take our children to the mall to meet santa... Why not take them to church to meet Jesus

Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet
Will be open 9:00 – 12:00
Wednesday December 11, 2024

November & December
People Pieces
To be continued in January
Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet
Gave away **3,657** pieces of clothing
and had **347** people to attend in the
year 2023.



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



Church Mouse



We are having so much fun celebrating Jesus' Birthday!!

Happy
 Birthday

December

- 1 - Aaron McDowell
- 5 - Carla Davis
- 10 - Maggie May Persinger
- 17 - Casey Almarez
Greg Ball
- 20 - Jayne Putnam
Carol Almarez
- 27 - Duane Boothe



Food Pantry

For the month of October 2024, we serve (257) Individuals representing (767) family members.

December Anniversaries

- 18 - Robert & Cecille McDowell
- 24 - Andy & Cookie Reynolds
- 31 - Mike & Barbara Higgins



December

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 Communion Sunday School 10:00	2 Bible Study 6:30	3	4 Choir 7:00	5	6	7 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
8 Sunday School 10:00	9 Bible Study 6:30	10	11 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir – 7:00	12 Session 6:00	13	14 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
15 Sunday School 10:00	16 Bible Study 6:30	17	18 Choir 7:00	19	20	21 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
22 Sunday School 10:00	23 NO Bible Study	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
29 Sunday School 10:00	30 NO Bible Study	31 Happy New Year!				

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Officers:

Moderator – Virginia Harlow

Vice Moderator - Irene Booze

Secretary - Carol Jones

Treasurer – Virginia Irvine



MEMBERS @ HOME

Robert Brown

Mildred Wilson

Margaret Brown



Tuesday
Boy Scouts
7:00



MISSION/WITNESS
NEWS

Please pray for
Our Missionaries
Mark & Miriam Adams





Intercessory Joys & Prayer Concern Prayer Chain

Rene Clark.....540-862-3395
Virginia Harlow..... 540-862-2492
Barbara James.....540-620-7648
Barbara Boone540-691-6731
Elizabeth Heath540-691-3035

Rene & Sam Clark, Derek Garrett, Richard & Carla Davis, Kevin Stinspring, Lynn Agee, Anne Hastings, church P.N.C. Roby Heath, Mildred Wilson, Bobby & Lizzy Buchanan, Betty Johnson, Peggy Carpenter, Unspoken, Family of Jim Kerns, Family of Barara Kerns, Our Nation, Kattie Greenwood White, Family of Josephine Dellinger, Bill & Kathleen Smith, Chris Smith Kealth, Dr. Jennifer Olewine, Michael Marshall.

Joys – Lilah Swartz accepted Jesus & Baptized 11/3/2024 Nickie granddaughter.



A list of Who Is Preaching In December

December 1 - Rev. Skip Hastings
December 8 - Rev. Skip Hastings
December 15 - Rev. Skip Hastings
December 22 - Rev. Skip Hastings
December 29 – Rev. Skip Hastings



Christmas

WORD SEARCH

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JINGLE BELLS
BOW
CANDY CANE
CAROLERS
CHRISTMAS TREE
DECORATIONS
ELVES

FIREPLACE
GARLAND
GINGERBREAD
HOLIDAY
JOLLY
SANTA
MISTLETOE

NORTH POLE
ORNAMENTS
PRESENTS
REINDEER
SNOWMAN
WREATH
WRAPPING PAPER



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NOVEMBER 3, 2024

THE RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN, STEPHANIE BURNETTE PERSINGER, WAS BORN IN COVINGTON, VIRGINIA ON JUNE 2, 1961. WHILE GROWING UP, SHE ATTENDED SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IN HER TEEN YEARS ATTENDED ALLEGHANY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING IN 1979. SHE ATTENDED RADFORD UNIVERSITY GRADUATING IN 1983 WITH A BS IN EDUCATION AND WAS HIRED IN 1984 BY THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WHERE SHE TAUGHT UNTIL 2018, RETIRING AFTER A 34 YEAR CAREER.

STEPHANIE AND GREG PERSINGER WERE MARRIED IN THE CLIFTON FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 1986 BY THE LATE REVEREND JACK RAYMORE.

STEPHANIE IS A MEMBER OF THE SESSION AT CLIFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND SERVES ON THE CHRISTIAN ED/YOUTH COMMITTEE. SHE ATTENDS OUR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY AND IS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY SHE CAN IN THE CHURCH. DURING CHRISTMAS, SHE LOVES DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE SANCTUARY WITH THE CHRISTMONS AND HER COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL ANGELS. SHE ALSO PREPARES BOOKLETS FOR CHILDREN TO USE IN CHURCH AND PARTICIPATES IN CHILDREN'S STORY TIME DURING CHURCH SERVICE. OTHER ACTIVITIES IN WHICH STEPHANIE PARTICIPATES ARE THE RADFORD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, THE CLIFTON FORGE WOMAN'S CLUB AND DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE LOCAL YMCA WHICH INCLUDES PICKLE BALL.

AS YOU CAN TELL, STEPHANIE BURNETTE PERSINGER IS A VERY ACTIVE LADY AND IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENT HER WITH THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PIN.



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Tidings To:

December