



# March

2025

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.

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## PRAY FOR WHO HAS WRONGED YOU

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.  
Matthew 5:44

It's not easy to pray for someone who has wronged or mistreated you. Forgiveness is already hard enough, but asking God to bless someone who has caused you pain feels like an even bigger stretch. However, Jesus calls us to a higher standard, one that not only challenges our natural reactions but transforms our hearts in the process.

Praying for those who hurt us is not about excusing their actions or pretending the pain didn't exist. Instead, it's about releasing bitterness

and allowing God's love to renew our perspective. When we invite God into the situation, we shift the focus from anger to healing, from vengeance to grace.

Consider Jesus' own example. While hanging on the cross, He prayed for the very people who mocked, tortured, and crucified Him, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Jesus did not retaliate with hate, even in His greatest suffering. Instead, He prayed for those who wronged Him, embodying the ultimate act of love and forgiveness.

When you pray for those who have mistreated you, you allow God's grace to flow into your life and theirs. It's through prayer that you release the weight of resentment and make room in your heart for peace. You're not condoning their actions, but you are trusting God to work in their lives and your own.

If someone has wronged you, consider taking a step of faith today. Ask God to heal your heart and give you the strength to pray for them sincerely.

### Thought Of The Day

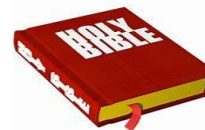
You may be surprised at the freedom and renewal it brings.

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  
*"Embracing Life."*  
Starting March 3,  
We meet in the  
Nettie Paul Room



## Session Members

- Darren Reed - Treasurer.
- Nickie Davenport - 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.

## Church Mouse



## Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet

Will be open 9:00 – 12:00

**Wednesday March 12 & 26 2025**

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### February

People	Pieces
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## Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet

Gave away **3,750** pieces of clothing and had **372** people to attend in the year 2024.

"I'm sorry, but because you hit "like" on Facebook posts, does not qualify you to enter heaven. You actually have to believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, and follow Him."



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



For the month of January 2025, we serve (261) Individuals representing (827) family members.



### March

- 1 – Jeffery Persinger
- 10 – Mary Carol Persinger
- 11 – Debbie Mays
- 12 – Kathy Perry
- 14 – Jason Helmtoller  
Mary Beth Garten
- 16 – Rachel Daria Persinger
- 17 – Ethan Davis  
Damon Reynolds
- 18 – Kevin Stinespring
- 29 – Marissa Nicely

### March Anniversaries

- 9 – Kevin & Neva Persinger



# March

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
						1 Prayer Breakfast 9:00
2 Communion Sunday School 10:00	3 Bible Study 6:30	4	5 Choir – 7:00	6	7	8 Prayer Breakfast 9:00
9 Sunday School 10:00	10 Bible Study 6:30	11	12 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir – 7:00	13	14	15 Prayer Breakfast 9:00
16 Sunday School 10:00	17 Bible Study 6:30	18	19 Choir – 7:00	20	21	22 Prayer Breakfast 9:00
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**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

Kevin Stinespring



**MISSION/WITNESS  
NEWS**

Please pray for

Our Missionaries

Mark & Miriam Adams



**Tuesday  
Boy Scouts  
7:00**



# Intercessory Joys & Prayer Concern

## Prayer Chain

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

Rene & Sam Clark, Derek Garrett, Richard & Carla Davis, Kevin Stinspring, Robby Heath, Mildred Wilson, Betty Brown. Family of Lynn Agee, Family of Ruth Englehaupt.

*Praise: Anne Hastings - Cancer Free!!*



**Highland House:**

**Genny McDowell**

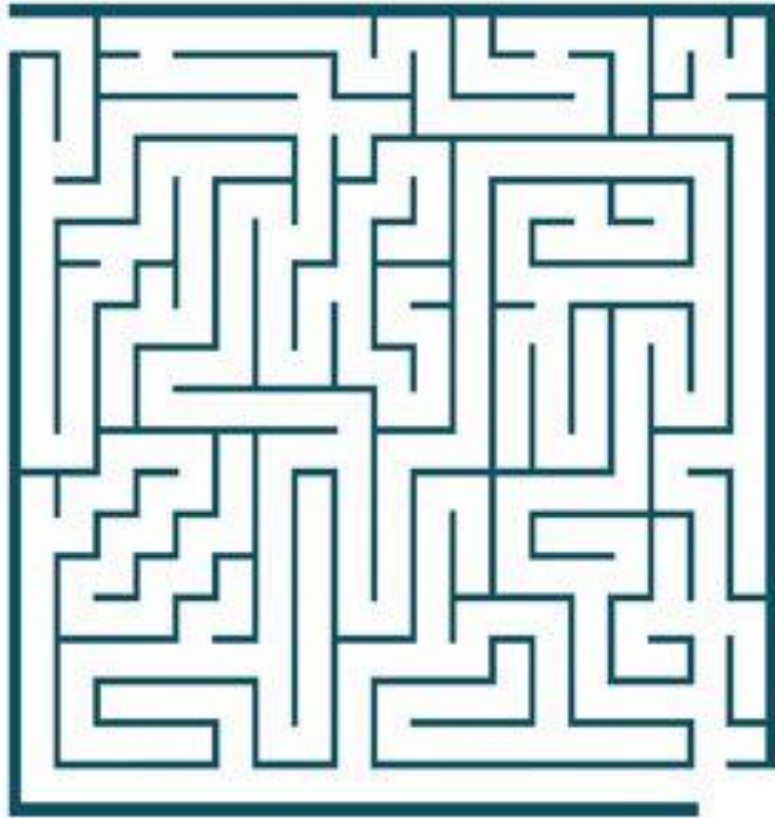
**Brian Center:**

**Marilyn Woods**

**Alleghany Health & Rehab.**

**Richard Davis**

# ON OUR WAY TO CHURCH



HELP THE CHILDREN FIND THEIR WAY  
TO THEIR CHURCH BUILDING IN TIME  
TO ATTEND THEIR CHURCH MEETINGS!



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**Weekly Bible Study** - Beginning on March 3, Rev. Skip will begin a new Bible Study series entitled "Embracing Life" in the Nettie Paul Room beginning at 6:30pm. Topics for our reflection and Bible study will include: From Despair to Hope, From Grief to Joy, from Pride to Humility and from Violence to Peace. Class member books will cost \$17.00 per book and are available in the classroom or by seeing Rev. Skip. Come and journey with us as we explore God's Word on how to embrace and how to enjoy life.



**Stephanie Persinger is organizing** a new Children's Church program for youngsters following The Time For Children in our 11:00am Sunday Worship Services. The children will meet in the Counting Room/Session Room for Bible Stories, crafts and fellowship. She needs volunteers to help in this program. Resources are provided for your use in preparing for these 30 minute sessions with our children. Contact Stephanie to offer your help in providing this new ministry for our wee ones.



**Our Time For Children Leaders** for March are: March 2 - Mrs. Lisa Boothe, March 9 – Mrs. Carol Almarez, March 16 – Mrs. Jenny Oeltjen, March 23 – Stephanie Persinger and March 30 – Jenny Irvine. Thanks for your time of ministry with our wee ones and with those of us who are a bit older.

**A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** will be served at Mallow Presbyterian Church in Covington on Tuesday, March 4 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The donation dinner will include pancakes, sausage, bacon, fried apples, grits and fried eggs. Come and enjoy this dinner with family and friends as we eat up all of the food goodies before we begin the Season of Lent.



**An Ash Wednesday Service**, the first day of Lent, will be conducted at First Presbyterian Church in Covington on Wednesday, March 5, beginning at 4:30pm with a soup and sandwich supper to follow. This ancient rite of taking the palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday celebration, burning them down into ashes and then using the ashes as a sign of repentance and of our coming from and going back to dust is a somber reminder of our life. You are warmly invited to participate in this most meaningful Worship experience.



**Dutch-Treat Luncheons with Rev. Skip** will be held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 11:30am at the 42 Deli in CF. No agenda, no fancy clothes, no good food and fun fellowship. You select your lunch from their menu and enjoy the luncheon dining adventure. Our March Luncheons **hype – just menu and dates are** March 11th & 25t



**CFPC Prayer Postcards** from the Churchill begin to be sent out 4-a-week to church members, visitors and guests on a weekly basis saying that CFPC is praying for them, that they are in the Lord's hands and we ask them to pray for us as well. These Prayer Postcards are a visible sign to the person(s) receiving them that they are thought of, cared for, prayed for and that we are glad that they are part of our church family. Check your mailbox for your CFPC Prayer Postcard coming to your home soon. Prayer is one of the most important parts of our Christian faith journey.



**Session** Will meet on the 2nd Sunday on March 9



@4:30 - 6:00.

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*Tidings To:*

# *March*