



CELC Newsletter

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Website: www.celcstanley.com

Pastor's Message

The Ninth and Tenth Commandments – Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's spouse, or servants, or anything that is theirs.

These Commandments are not referring to the outward acts of chastity or theft as these have been thoroughly covered earlier in the Commandments. The former Commandments which deal with lust and thievery were thought to only deal with the external acts of those things and not the internal character of the soul regarding them. These two Commandments have been added in order to clearly show that the *desire of another's things* and the *plotting to apprehend them* is contrary to God's will, sinful, and prohibited.

In the Jewish society it was often the case that one would dismiss his wife and/or take the wife of another. Amongst the Jews this became commonplace and was moreover permitted under their corruption of the Law of God in their time. Even King Herod took his own brother's wife away from him while he was still living. Such wickedness is not allowed in the New Testament—those which are married are forbidden to get divorced except in rare cases as allowed by the Word of God.

Likewise, we are not permitted to take another's things, house, or land, etc. by clever manipulation of the laws of the land in the civil realm—no matter how entitled we believe we are to them. Lawyers are good at bending the law for their own advantage and making it say that which benefits the person paying them to do their wicked bidding for them. To attempt to take what is in our neighbor's possession is wicked. It's essentially the same as telling God, *"You were wrong to give that land/wife/car/thing/whatever to that person, you should have given it to me instead. Shame on you God. I will fix the wrong you have done."*

The LORD desires that instead of lustfully coveting after that which has not been given to us, that we try to help our neighbor to keep what has been given to him. And so Luther says that these Commandments exhort us away from "envy and miserable avarice" and so he commands with exceptional clarity: Thou shalt not covet. For he desires that we have a pure heart and intentions, and because we will never attain to a perfected heart in this life, this Commandment (like all the rest) will stand until the blessed Day of our LORD, Jesus Christ. This commandment will constantly indict us, showing us how we measure up to the will of God as revealed to us in the Blessed Commandments, and send us running again to the Cross of Jesus Christ and the abundant mercy he offers us freely there.

Your brother in Jesus, +Pastor Frye

Prayer Requests:

Reminder: People's names will be rotated off of the Prayer List upon request or after 30 days. If you know of someone who needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than 30 days, and have their permission to do so, please let the church office know.

Immediate Care Concerns: Pearl Summey, Leornard Lewis, Sheila Saunders, Harold Lineberger, Rene Clippard, Neal Ritchie, Ronnie Davis, Hubert Abernathy, Bertie Billups & Jim Billups

Grieving: The Wayne Davis family

Home-bound Members: Gaynelle Moore, Pearl Summey, Lindy Hawley

Members in Nursing Homes: Christine Wallace is at Huntersville Health & Rehabilitation Ctr., 13835 Boren St. Huntersville, Ruth Cloninger is at Carillon in Lincolnton, Neal Ritchie is at Stanley Total Living

Friends and Relatives:

Diana Kingsley	Ray McNeely	Tony Beale	Olivia Dixon	Linda Gunter
Sidney Mitchell	Harry Murphy	Wanda Murphy	Robin Murphy	Luther Murphy
Jewel West	Everett Lineberger	Vicky Throneburg	Barbara Rhyne	Donnie Miskelly
Joe Canipe	Rick Martin			

October's Birthday's

7 Barbara Benedict	22 Sara Abernathy	29 Amelia Clark
7 Kathey Brown	24 Doris Skidmore	29 Landon Dixon
11 Jimmy Harrison	25 Michael Bozeman	31 Betty Hoover
18 David Helms	26 Donnie Clippard	31 Mark Hoover

October's Anniversary's

1 Bob & Sally Mahovsky
2 Larry & Lisa Cloninger
3 James & Julie Bodenheimer
3 John & Prissy Helms
10 Joe & Cindy Keefer
25 Jimmy & Ann Harrison

Baptism Anniversary

1 Brenda Cloninger	11 Abigail Price
4 Kyle Medlin	17 Betty Hoover
7 Lillian Chronister	17 Buck Helms
7 Laura Olls	17 Marilyn Smith
7 Doris Skidmore	26 Ronnie Davis

We would like to welcome our new members. The Rite of membership was on September 8. Our new members are: Paul & Meredith Brodland, Todd Campbell, Linda Griggs, and Jeremey, Ashley & Madison Henley.

Women Of the Church

The Women of the Church bible study will be on Tuesday, October 8 at 10pm in the fellowship hall. Please remember to bring toilet tissue for the toilet tissue paper drive.

Church Council Meeting

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, October 13 at 6pm.

Cemetery Workday

There will be a Cemetery Workday on Saturday, October 26th, beginning at 8am - 12noon. Please mark your calendar to come.

Fall Festival at CELC

Thursday, October 31st, 2019

Family Life Center --- 6pm to 8pm

Fun and fellowship will begin with a hotdog supper! Happy times together with your church family and friends. We will play games -- so we need your donation of candy, bingo prizes and cakewalk items! Volunteer to help -- it takes alot of members to pull this night together. If you have questions see Kathey Brown or Mary Robinson. Win a door prize too, hooray! Thanks, Kathey Brown

SAVE the DATE - Ladies

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

"Festival of Tables" with the Sweet Adelines! A fun day for us CELC members who have attended this annual event for years. Always good food/dessert bar for this lunch time along with some great music. I need to reserve your ticket and collect your money...so let me know if you plan on going! Hope you can join us!! Cost is still \$20.00! You may win a door prize too, hooray! Thanks, Kathey Brown

Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Box Project at CELC - 2019

It's that time of year for making your OCC Shoe Box! Last year our congregation made "37" boxes, hooray! But let's aim for more this November. What a great feeling to know you will make a child somewhere around the world and little happier this holiday season and for so let effort! Ever worked the packing warehouse in Charlotte? What a big operation! It makes you so excited for the children that will receive one later in the year. We have pamphlets down the memorial hallway with instructions on how to pack a box just pick one up and go shopping with a friend or family member! A great afternoon adventure for all! Boxes are there too ... grab one or two ... go to town, pack it and return by Sunday, November 17th, 2019! Remember to read the DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS LIST before selecting items for your box. Happy, fun Shoebox Shopping! Thanks, Kathey

Homecoming 2019





Joyous Celebration on Homecoming at CELC 2019!

The anthem on this special day "Beside the Stream of Living Water" explains what a church family does over the years to continue to preach the word of God. Thank you Nancy for your selection of meaningful music. Thanks to Tammy for the beautiful flowers in the Family Life Center and everyone for the delicious meal! Until next Homecoming, "May God keep you in the palm of his hand" ... hope to see you in church long before next September!

Ice Cream and Memories

On Sunday afternoon, August 25 2019, the Internal Ministry Committee treated the congregation to Ice Cream. Not just any Ice Cream was served but this was the old fashioned, homemade, good stuff. The forty to fifty members who attended were able to choose between vanilla, ambrosia, peach and pineapple. Most everyone had to sample all varieties.

In the world that is 2019, homemade Ice cream is a treat that is very hard to come by. Making the Ice Cream requires so much time and effort that "store bought" is now the choice. As your writer enjoyed his ice cream while sitting at a table between friends of very long standing, I could not help but drift back into a time when homemade ice cream was the norm.

A few years ago, Faye (Helms) Moore gave me a picture she had of the Luther League. As best we could determine the picture was made in 1945. Faye attended our church while growing up and is a sister to Buck and David Helms and our former longtime organist, Mary. On the back of the picture, Faye had written "Good Memoires".

From the picture, only Lillian (Lewis) Chronister and I continue to be able to worship at Christ's Church on a regular basis. Believe it or not I can remember this picture being made. Hard to believe it was 74 years ago. I suspect that most of our current members did not have the opportunity to be a part of the Luther League. For some reason, it just died out in the 1950's. You be assured that the Luther League was a Obig deal for the youth of this congregation back in the 1940's. Stanley was still a very small town and World War II was not over. Cars were not being made and gasoline was rationed. We looked forward to Sunday afternoons at Luther League. After devotions and business, most of us played volleyball the rest of the afternoon. Sugar was also rationed, but when we could scrape up enough and the weather permitted, we made homemade ice cream. Now, making Ice cream was not so easy back in those days. The ice cream churns did not have electric motors so the churning was done by hand. The boys took turns at the crank and girls took turns holding the churn still by sitting on burlap sacks or old newspapers. The ice cream did not freeze in 5 minutes either. It was worth it though. What flavor was my favorite? Ready for this? Peanut Butter. When cantaloupes were in season, a real treat was cutting a cantaloupe in half, scooping out the seed of one of the halves and filling it with ice cream. Good Stuff!

We know for sure that members of Christ's Church have been enjoying homemade ice cream from time to time as we gather for fellowship for a least the last 75 years. Pictures of our latest gathering were printed in the September 2019 newsletter. As the 22nd century starts closing in about 75 years from now, some of you may see those old pictures and remember back to 2019 when you had homemade ice cream at Christ's Church. I suspect you will say "Good Memories."

Bill Hawley
September 2019

Luther League



Left to Right

Front Row: Virgil Whitley, Martha (Hawley) Bowman, Christine (Whitley) Wallace, Bill Hawley

2nd Row: Faye (Helms) Moore, Frances (Lineberger) Withers, Lillian (Edwards) Abernathy, Margaret Ruth (Lineberger) Troutman, Gladys Bernhardt

Back Row: Rev. Charles Bernhardt, Everette Lineberger, Lillian (Lewis) Chronister, Unidentifiable (Most likely Mary Moore (Helms) Hovis, Ray Cloninger, Martha (Cloninger) Lineberger, Irene (Wyckoff) Hall, Ruth (Lineberger) Cloninger, George Lewis

This event is too great to miss!

The Internationally Acclaimed

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB



AT

**Stanley First Baptist
Church**

**Saturday
January 25th 2020
3 pm** Tickets \$25

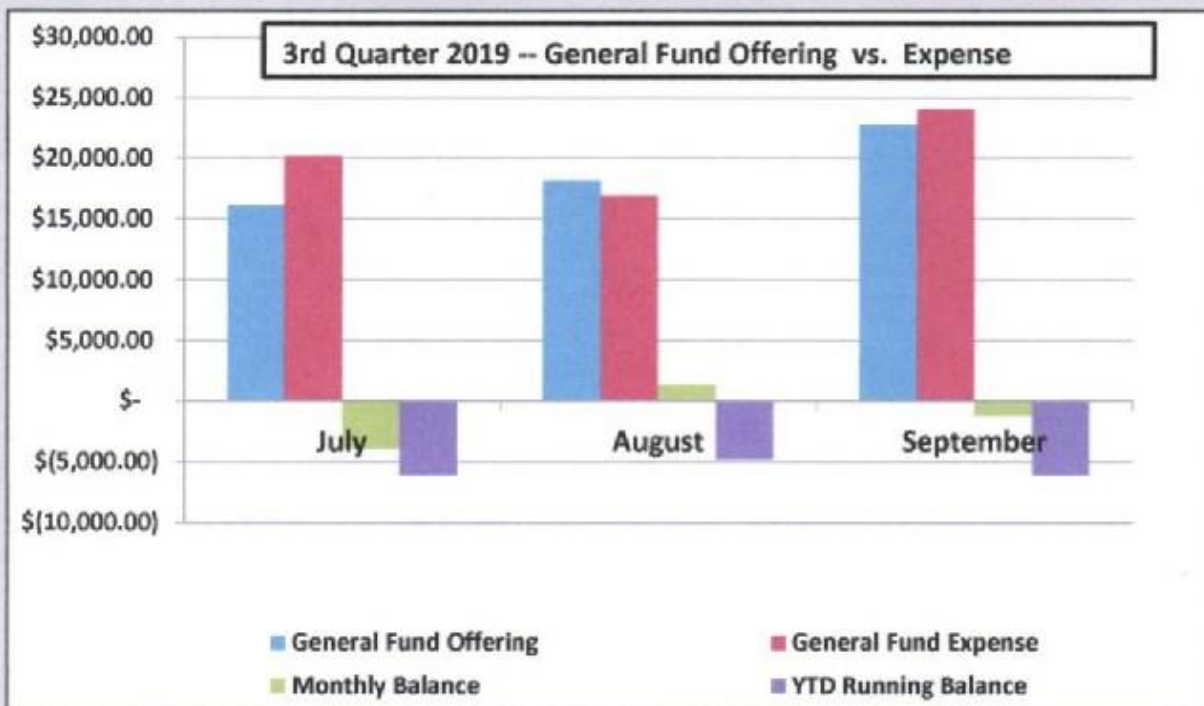
See Pastor for tickets by November 1st

Those wishing to secure tickets for the event should contact Michael Dukes. This will be a sold-out event!

3rd Quarter 2019 -- All Funds Received			
	July	August	September
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 16,060.00	\$ 17,841.00	\$ 22,571.53
Other Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 339.90	\$ 190.00
Total General Fund Offering	\$ 16,110.00	\$ 18,180.90	\$ 22,761.53
Designated Gifts	\$ 4,001.51	\$ 1,924.05	\$ 2,743.63
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 1,905.00
Total Offering	\$ 21,346.51	\$ 20,574.95	\$ 27,410.16
* 3.5 % Benevolence to NALC			
* 5 % Given for Local Benevolence (CELC Social Ministry Programs)			

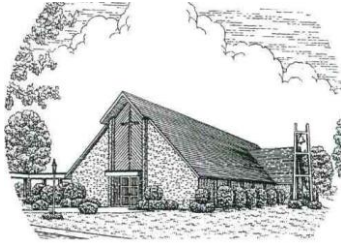
3rd Quarter 2019 -- General Fund Offering vs. Expense			
	July	August	September
General Fund Offering	\$ 16,110.00	\$ 18,180.90	\$ 22,761.53
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 1,617.95	\$ 5,387.44	\$ 3,250.66
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 1,905.00
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,365.10	\$ 1,516.49	\$ 1,918.58
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 25.95	\$ 120.95	\$ 925.95
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,753.10	\$ 11,504.11	\$ 11,428.30
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 1,795.89	\$ 649.77	\$ 465.40
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 5,185.30	\$ 3,111.93	\$ 4,796.98
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,504.75
General Fund Expense	\$ 20,125.34	\$ 16,903.25	\$ 24,039.96
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 22,978.29	\$ 22,760.69	\$ 29,195.62
Monthly Balance	\$ (4,015.34)	\$ 1,277.65	\$ (1,278.43)
YTD Running Balance	\$ (6,124.32)	\$ (4,846.67)	\$ (6,125.10)

Note --



October 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	3 Food Pantry 11am- 12:30pm	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10am	9 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	10 Food Pantry 11am- 12:30pm	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Council Meeting 6pm	14	15	16 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	17 Food Pantry 11am- 12:30pm	18	19
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Pastor: Rev. Wesley R. Frye, STS
Administrative Assistant: Julie Bodenheimer
Facilities: Rick Chapman

Schedule:

Sunday

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

Wednesday

5:30pm Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 7:30am until 12:00pm