



September 2019

CELC Newsletter

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

Pastor's Message

The Eighth Commandment - Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

What does this mean for us? A. We are to fear and love God in such a way that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, assume the best of his intentions in everything he does.

Wow! That's a hard one!

In Bible Study this past Wednesday it was brought up how utterly severe Ananias' and Sapphira's punishment was for lying to the Apostles (They immediately dropped dead!) Too often we think of the sin of lying as a "non-offensive" sin that doesn't really do any damage, after all it doesn't cause bodily harm and seem to make a lot of waves in the communities in which I belong—certainly not like murder, rape or stealing. But of this Ananias and Sapphira were warned in the Word of God: "A liar will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will not escape." Proverbs 19.5 The punishment is severe and indeed fits the crime. This is because a liar does indeed do real violence to others.

In many ways lying is the worst sin. Where the sins mentioned above are sins of the body, lying is a sin of the soul. A lie is so very grievous because it is a direct offense against God who is Himself Truth. Every lie stands not only in direct opposition to the Gospel but also in direct opposition to Jesus Christ. The Lord condemns lying as a work of Satan, "You are of your father the devil... there is no truth in him whatsoever. When he lies he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies".

Our Father is the Father of Truth, even Jesus Christ and so it is our duty to defend our neighbor against slander and false accusations. Even if we don't like the person all that much it is our obligation to God to speak well of them, not spreading rumors or gossiping and thereby hurting their reputation. In short we are called to love one another. This means that we are to look at the actions of our neighbor and put the best possible construction on what they've done, and then explain what they've done to others in the best possible light. For the Word of God says this: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

And if this is what we are called by God to do, we should never our ability to accomplish it by his help and Presence. For God never calls us to ventures of which he has not prepared us for and made us able to complete.

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: Leornard Lewis, Sheila Saunders, Harold Lineberger, Mack Cloninger, Rene Clippard, Neal Ritchie, Ronnie Davis, Hubert Abernathy, Bertie Billups & Jim Billups

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	

September's Birthday's

2 Chase Clippard	8 Ruth Cloninger	20 Tonya Stone
4 Brian Robinson	9 Nancy Dukes	23 Ann Helms
5 Tommy Hedrick	9 Bob Mahovsky	25 Prissy Helms
5 Steve Lineberger	15 Lois Conley	27 Bitsy Medlin
6 Patsy Lineberger		

September's Anniversary's

11 David & Janic Clark
13 Ryan & Ashley Clark
28 Donnie & Rene' Clippard

Baptism Anniversary

1 Judy Cloninger	14 Bud Abernathy	22 Connie Dixon
1 Gary Dixon	14 Leigh Ann Faulkenbery	23 Doris Cope
1 Andrew Olls	14 Crystyl Human	24 Caroline Hawkins McCumbee
2 Pearl Summey	21 Kim Costner	28 Steve Lineberger
6 Christine Whitley		



Ice Cream Social

Homemade Ice Cream is the best! Thanks to all for the churns of yummy flavors!

Also, the cakes and cookies ... a wonderful treat on Sunday afternoon!

Can we special order one for next week?

Church Council Meeting

There will be a church council meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 6pm.

New Member Sunday

New member Sunday will be Sunday, September 8. Please plan on making every effort possible for being in worship for this very important day in the life of the congregation.

Women Of the Church

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

Church Work Day

There will be a church work day on Saturday, September 14th beginning at 8am. Please try to attend so we can get the church and the church grounds ready for Homecoming Sunday.

Homecoming Sunday

Please plan to attend on Homecoming Sunday, September 22nd. Invite your friends and family for a day of Fellowship and thanksgiving. The church will provide the paper products - you provide the food and drinks! See you then!

Great Opportunity!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Items on SALE ON

Sounds like a long way off but the season of sharing will be here soon!

School supplies are on sale right now and there are some great buys.

Stock up and you will be ahead of the game come October and save money too.

**'Tis the Season for
Back-to-School Sales—
and Shoebox Packing!**

Do you have BOOKS?

Let's help our own "Stanley Little Library" caretaker (Charles Ray) with filling it up! The location of this library is at Harper Park in Stanley. Everyone is welcome to enjoy these free books, take and read one, then return one for someone else to enjoy! What fun and excitement to see what is there and not to forget that it keeps us reading and learning! If you have any books that you would like to donate at anytime just place in the box at the back. Adult books and Children books especially are needed! This is going to be fun!

Do you have a special place in your heart for the unborn baby?

What about a young woman or man facing an unplanned pregnancy?

Has there been a desire placed within your heart to help others come to know the Lord's unconditional love and acceptance? Would you like to see how the Lord works through true grace?

**COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
Women and Men!**

Join us for the Fall session of our

Volunteer Peer Counselor Training

October 7, 8, 10, 14 & 15, 2019

700 Robinson Rd., Gastonia, NC

6:30 pm to 10:00 pm
(snacks will be provided)

We have 5 locations
around Gaston County
That need caring peer counselors
like you!



Please contact

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for more information.

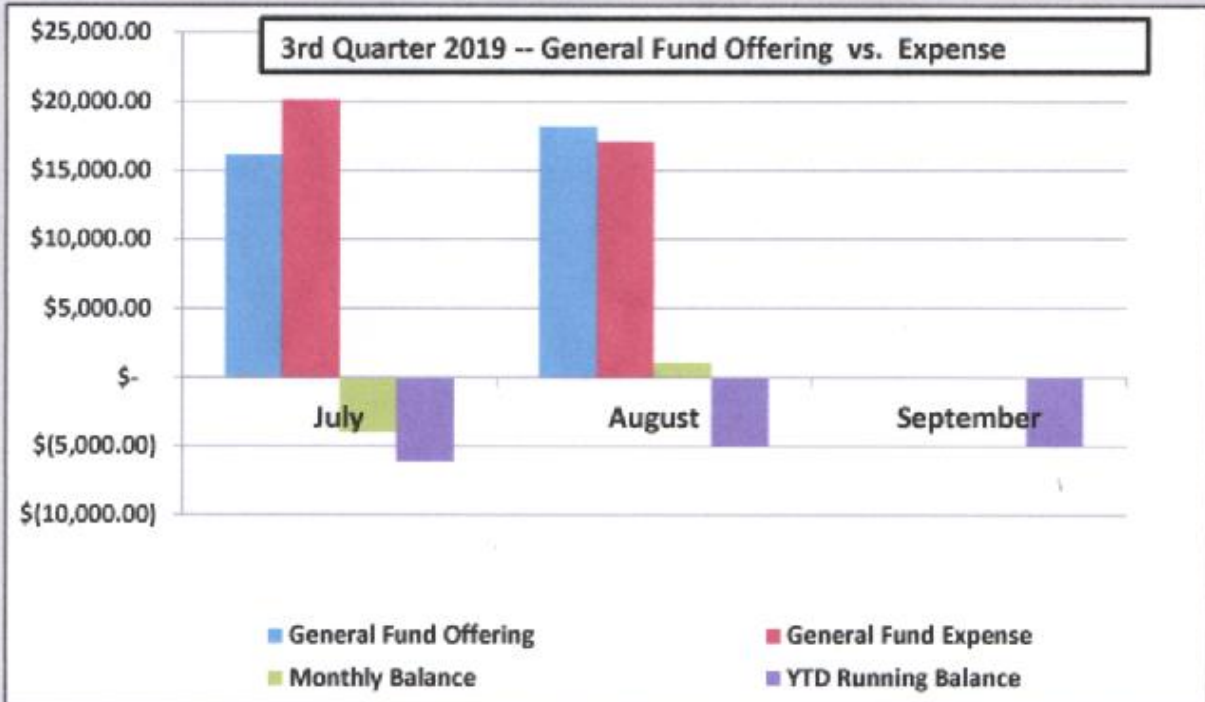
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downloaded from our website:

cpcgaston.com



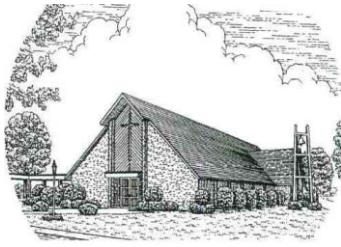
3rd Quarter 2019 -- All Funds Received			
	July	August	September
General Fund - Unrestricted *	\$ 16,060.00	\$ 17,841.00	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 50.00	\$ 339.90	\$ -
Total General Fund Offering	\$ 16,110.00	\$ 18,180.90	\$ -
Designated Gifts	\$ 4,001.51	\$ 1,924.05	\$ -
Capital Fund Offering (Bldg & Memorials)	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 470.00	\$ -
Total Offering	\$ 21,346.51	\$ 20,574.95	\$ -
* 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	\$ -
Designated Funds (Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Fund Disbursements	\$ 1,617.95	\$ 5,387.44	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Fund	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 470.00	\$ -
EXTENSION - Benevolence	\$ 1,365.10	\$ 1,516.49	\$ -
EXPANSION - Mission in Community	\$ 25.95	\$ 120.95	\$ -
GUIDANCE - Mission in Staff	\$ 11,753.10	\$ 11,504.11	\$ -
MINISTRY - Worship & Word	\$ 1,795.89	\$ 649.77	\$ -
DEVELOPMENT - Admin & Property	\$ 5,185.30	\$ 3,285.79	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSES - Insurance, etc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Expense	\$ 20,125.34	\$ 17,077.11	\$ -
All Expenses (Including DF & Transfers)	\$ 22,978.29	\$ 22,934.55	\$ -
Monthly Balance	\$ (4,015.34)	\$ 1,103.79	\$ -
YTD Running Balance	\$ (6,124.32)	\$ (5,020.53)	\$ (5,020.53)
Note --			



September 2019

Sunday	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
1 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am	2	3	4 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	5 Food Pantry 11am-12:30pm	6	7
8 Rally Sunday & New Member Sunday Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Church Council Meeting 6pm	9	10 Women of the Church Bible Study 10am	11 Bible Study 5:30pm Choir 7pm	12 Food Pantry 11am-12:30pm	13	14 Work Day 8am-12noon
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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 8:30am until 1:00pm