

UNITED IN CHRIST

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR CLIFTON & PALISADE CHRISTIAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS



PRAYER PARTNER



Family Night - 6:30pm - September 16th
Come and partner with a student to pray for them throughout the academic year as a guardian of young hearts and minds in the Kingdom.



All are welcome



FAMILY NIGHT starts at 5:00 with Choir Practice, 5:30 to 6:20 is Dinner. 6:30 all Groups begin - Pre-Anchored Children (5yo through 5th grade), Adult Life Groups, and Anchored Youth (Middle and High School). 7:00 is Praise Team Practice. And we all finish up at 8:00 PM. Child care is available for children of adults who are attending Groups.



DISCOVERY CLASS

SATURDAY, SEPT 12TH - 9 AM-1:30 PM
FOR PALISADE & CLIFTON CAMPUSES

In this class you can meet with Ministers, learn what the Vision and Mission of our Church is, what we Believe, about having a relationship with Jesus, and where you can fit in with the Church.

Please sign-up at the Information Table or call the church.

LUNCH & CHILDCARE INCLUDED
CLIFTON CAMPUS - Conference Rm

PRAY FOR OUR STATE

Thursday, Sept 3rd at 6PM through Friday, Sept 4th at 6PM
is our 24 hours to pray for Colorado. There are prayer guides out that you may take to guide your prayers. If you don't have a scheduled time, you can still join in praying, any time, any place.

"ALL-CHURCH PRAYER MEETING"

SUNDAY, September 20th - BEFORE CHURCH
Prayer and fellowship; seeking the will, power and leading of our Sovereign God.

Clifton Campus Sanctuary - 8:00 am
Palisade Campus - 9:00 a.m.



Clifton Campus	Gen Fund	Missions	Other	Food Bank	Total Deposit	PALISADE CAMPUS
7/12/2026	13,082.73	857.37	1,903.00	330.00	\$16,173.10	Offering Food
7/19/2026	8,997.16	2,170.15	1,080.50	405.00	\$12,652.81	7/12....\$ 729.00
7/26/2026	11,926.82	800.00	1,008.00	600.00	\$14,334.82	7/19....\$ 345.00
July Electronic Giving	26,887.15	520.00	60.00	740.00	\$28,207.15	7/26..\$7758.00
8/2/2026	16,985.95	1,221.70	426.13	880.00	\$19,513.78	8/2.....\$ 615.00
TOTALS	\$77,879.81	\$5,569.22	\$4,477.63	\$2,955.00	\$90,881.66	TOTAL..\$9,447.00



Reaching the World for Jesus
Persecuted Christians
Our Children & Schools
Our Ministers and their Families
CCC's Food Ministry
Our Country's Leadership
Wars & Catastrophes in the world
Cheryl Baker - Healing & strength
Darrell Baker - Heart Monitor & Infection
Charlotte Barkley - Respiratory problems
Diane Bobrick - Eye health & caregiving
Jennifer Bonger - Cancer surgery & trtmt
Christina Botruff - Cancer surgery
Annie Boyer - Post eye surgery healing
Linda Bradshaw - Continue healing
Marguerite Collard - Cancer treatment
Paul Cradit - Back surgery soon
Mercy Craig - Heart health
Lynn Daly - Major Health concerns
Holly Dewarwick - Cancer surgery recovery
Don Hamilton - Heart health
Baby Holden - Infection back; needs surgery
Edie Holland - Eye health
Andrea Garrett - Serious health issues
Margaret Jackson - Spiritual battle
Kirk Johnson - Continued health concerns
Russ Kendall - Heart health
Larry Leathermon - Health concerns
Ernean Lee - post surgery healing
Kat Oliver - Much pain from accident injury
Mary Rowland - Continued healing
Gary Rummel - Recovery from stroke
Jeanette Schielke - Pain management
Karen Sharrer - Heal kidney and diabetes
Diana Smith - Cancer treatments
Mike Sidanycz - Recent cancer diagnosis
James Wilcox - Kidney cancer treatment
Mike Yearout - Spots on lungs
Darlene Zanon - Health concerns



To the Family of Linda Bradshaw who passed away July 29th.

To Ivan Woods and the Family of Jane Proctor who passed away August 2nd.

To Blu Gray, Stone, Violet, Jhett, and Jaida McKeever and all the Family with the passing of their son and brother, Steel, on August 8th.

To Darlene Babcock and the Family with the passing of Don Babcock on August 24th.

To Cassandra Keator and Family with the passing of her grandmother in August.

To Debbie Parkes and the family of Mary Thomas who passed away on August 27th.

GRIEF SHARE

Are you hurting due to death of a loved one?

Grief Share can help

Now through November 30th, we meet every Thursday evening, 6:30-8:30 at the Clifton Campus Conference Room.

If you have questions, please call David Botruff @ 970-549-7277



MISSIONS

...at home and around the world

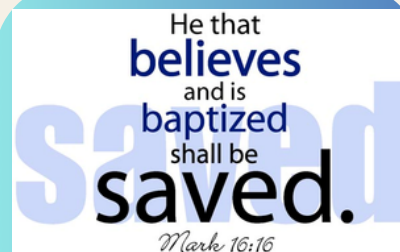
REGIONAL MISSIONS

Please join us on the first Saturday of the month, September 5th, 4:00PM in the Conference room and find out about the Nine (9) US Missions we support.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to our meeting Sunday, September 13th, @1PM in the Clifton Campus Conference room. We meet every month. Please join us and hear what is happening with the (17) Missions we support.

See the Insert in this month's letter for current updates.



Baptisms

Rhys York - 8/1
Jessica Arnett - 8/8
Tab Hughes - 8/8
Dianna Baldwin - 8/15
Kasen Korver - 8/15

New Member by Confession

Bruce Hallmark - 8/9
Tanya Hallmark - 8/9
Terry Lyons - 8/15

NTO NEVER TOO OLD

Thursday, September 17th
Noon - Clifton Cafe'

THEME: "Fruit of the Spirit"

FOOD: Chicken casserole, broccoli & cheese, salad & dessert

FEATURING: ED VIAL, STEVE NILSEN, SUSAN MILLER

MUST SIGN-UP!!!

by Sept 13th - No Table Reservations and no late calls. Sign-up at Church or email marie@cliftonchristianchurch.com or call Marie @ 970-210-3066.

WATCH FOR INFORMATION TO COME REGARDING "FALL COLOR TRIP"

WE ARE LOOKING TO ADD MORE LIFE GROUPS!

If you think you would like to be a Group Leader, please sign up at the Get connected table for the INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING (IDT) September 8 & 10.

Both evenings 5:30-9 PM.
If you are a facilitator already and would like to attend IDT again, you are welcome.
Please sign up.

GREEN PASTURES STILL WATERS



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

We continue to meet at Clifton Christian Church

Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM

This is a Bible-based Recovery Program for anyone who struggles with "Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits" that are hindering their walk with God or the Gifts God has for them.

LIFE GROUPS

Saturday -10:00 am - Isaac Ortega - 970-778-6224 - Men Only
Sunday - 8:30 am - Teen boys - Isaac Stephanus - 970-712-8438
 8:30 am - Teen girls - Addie Huff - 970-210-7802
 4:00 pm - Eric & Jennifer Nordenson - 970-640-6850
 6:30 pm - College age - Kyle Nordenson (970-250-3918) or Pennie Underwood (970-589-6645)
Monday - 1:00 pm - Jackie Stephanus - CCC Conference room
 6:30 pm - David & Lori Hernandez - 970-778-0056
 6:30 pm - Ed & Valerie Vial - 970-312-4715 - Palisade CC
Tuesday - 1:00 pm - Merle Miller - 970-261-9418 - CCC Gratitude Room
 2:00 pm - Paul & Cathy Sheridan - 970-296-4430
 6:00 pm - Corbin & Melissa Shipp - 970-201-4534
 6:30 pm - Joe & Debbie Bray - 907-229-7127
 6:30 pm - Bonnie & Mike Richards - 970-822-3339
 6:30 pm - Vern & Patty Herold - 970-250-6756 or 208-5512
 6:30 pm - Danny & Claudia Daniels - 970-201-1309
 6:30 pm - Jon & Sheila Wickre - 303-913-9725 - Whitewater
 6:30 pm - Ginger Richardson - 303 406-1483 - CCC Gratitude Rm
 7:00 pm - Patty Simpson - Ladies Group - 970-201-0855
Wednesday - 1:00 pm - Steve & Sandy Detty - 970-261-0126
 12:30 pm - CCC Prayer Room - David Botruff - 970-549-7277
 2:00 pm - Don & Linda Mechem - 970-243-3770
 6:30 pm - CCC Gratitude Rm-Wade Hoke - 970-216-5271
 6:30 pm - Women only-CCC Hope Room-Li Robb
 6:30 pm - CCC Faith Rm-Larry Leathermon-970-712-7210
 6:30 pm - Men only - Conf Rm - Paul Sheridan & Mike Bowman
 7:00 pm - Bernardo Escalante - 970-270-6453 - Spanish Speaking
Thursday - 1:30 pm -Dolly Dempsey- 719-429-8395 - Clifton Campus
 6:30 pm - Rich & Heather Antonio - 970-434-3030
 6:30 pm - Mike & Christy Leven - 386-490-3165 - Various Homes
 6:30 pm - Kurtis & Luz Weeks - 970-314-0317
Friday - 1:30 pm - Cindy Berner - 530-215-6076
 6:00 pm - Jessica & David Raymond- 970-844-7244
 6:00 pm - Bob & Jacque Harper - 972-841-5093
 7:00 pm - Steve Andrews - 970-222-6251

ELDER'S CORNER

The Apostle Paul wrote this challenging text: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." --(1 Thess 5:16-18)

These 18 words are not hard to understand, but we treat this like a **PROBLEM PASSAGE**. We say, perhaps to ourselves, that Paul couldn't possibly mean what he wrote, not because we don't understand it, but because we understand it perfectly. Please think with me through three observations about this passage:

1. Its **DIFFICULTY** helps prove its **VALIDITY** as Scripture. When we treat it as if it says "Rejoice sometimes; Pray once in a while; Say thanks before meals," we set the bar so low that we would never hear the Master say, "Well Done." Instead, He would have to say something like: "You slid by. You under-performed. You didn't consult with me much. And you're not nearly so okay as you've deceived yourself into thinking."

2. Our **AIM** is likely way too **LOW**. We fool ourselves into thinking that somehow a Participation Trophy is equal to a Crown of Righteousness.

3. It's passages like this one that drive home the **CRITICAL NEED FOR GRACE**, and the **ABSOLUTE NECESSITY** of God's Holy Spirit active in our lives.

So What Might We Actually **DO** with this and similar passages? The question suggests its own answers:

1. Don't ignore it. (Or minimize it or fool yourself into thinking it can't possibly mean what it says.)

2. Don't excuse yourself from it. (e.g. "It won't work for me; I've tried it before; It applies only to preachers and missionaries." etc.)

3. Embrace it as a spiritual-improvement project: **DO** something that's likely to bring you or others joy; **DO** something big enough that it will need prayer to succeed; **DO** something that will make you and/or others thankful.

Victor Hugo wrote: "Be like the bird who, pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight, feels them give way beneath her, and yet sings, knowing she hath wings."

What exactly are your "wings"? To help with your answer, let me further ask what "wings" enabled Paul & Silas to sing in the Philippian jail, to keep on preaching when they were persecuted, and a few weeks later to write **WITHOUT IRONY** the verses that begin this column?

Sure, your project **WILL BE TESTED**, but it will make a difference. I **PROMISE THAT YOU WILL SEE CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGE IN YOURSELF AND YOUR WORLD IF YOU UNDERTAKE THIS PROJECT**.

"Faith is **NOT** about everything turning out OK; **FAITH** is about being OK no matter how things turn out." And if you rejoice Always, and if you pray Constantly, and if you Give Thanks in Everything, you'll be doing it because you are OK. This **IS** God's will for you, and for me, in Christ Jesus.

--Merle Miller, Elder

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Reaching the world for Jesus one person at a time,
Making Biblical disciples through intentional relationships.

CLIFTON CAMPUS
REGULAR WEEKEND SERVICES:
SATURDAY EVENINGS.....6:08PM
SUNDAY MORNINGS...9:00AM & 10:45AM
6:08 and 9:00 Services are streamed live at
cliftonchristianchurch.com and click on "Live Streaming"

CLIFTON & PALISADE MINISTERS
Roger Ferguson - Senior Minister
Corbin Shipp - Palisade Senior Minister
Terry Leathermon - Worship & Associate
Isaac Stephanus - Youth & Associate
Jori Leathermon - Children's Ministry
Rich Antonio - Outreach & Associate

PALISADE CAMPUS
REGULAR WEEKEND SERVICE:
SUNDAY MORNINGS...10:00AM
3702 G ROAD
PALISADE, 81526

Weekly Events

Quilters - On break until Oct. 5th

Mondays - 2:00-6:00PM - Old Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

WEEKLY - 9:30 AM - Clifton Sanctuary

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays - 6:00 AM

Randy's Restaurant in Clifton

Food Ministry Distribution

Wednesdays - 9:00 - 11:30 AM

and 12:30 - 3:00 PM

Fridays - 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Choir Practice

Wednesdays - 5:00 PM - Clifton Sanctuary

Family Night

Every Wednesday - Clifton Campus

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Anchored Youth

Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00 PM - GYM

Praise Team Practice

Wednesdays - 7:00 PM - Clifton Sanctuary

Celebrate Recovery

Every Thursday - 6:30 PM - Clifton Campus

Upcoming Events

Roger's Bible Study

EVERY TUESDAY

9:30-11:00 AM - Clifton Sanctuary

FAMILY NIGHT

EVERY WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM - CHOIR

5:30 PM - DINNER

6:30 PM - PRE-ANCHORED CHILDREN,

ADULT GROUPS, and

ANCHORED YOUTH

7:00 PM - PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE

Every Thursday

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6:30 - 8:30 PM Clifton Conference Room

Saturday, September 5th

REGIONAL MISSIONS MEETING

4:00 PM - Conference Room

Saturday, September 12th

DISCOVERY CLASS

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Conference Room

Sunday, September 13th

GLOBAL MISSIONS MEETING

1:00 PM - Conference Room

Thursday, September 17th

NTO LUNCHEON

12:00 Noon - CCC Cafe

Sunday, September 20th

ALL-CHURCH PRAYER MEETING

8:00-9:00AM - Clifton Sanctuary

9:00-10:00AM - Palisade Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 22nd

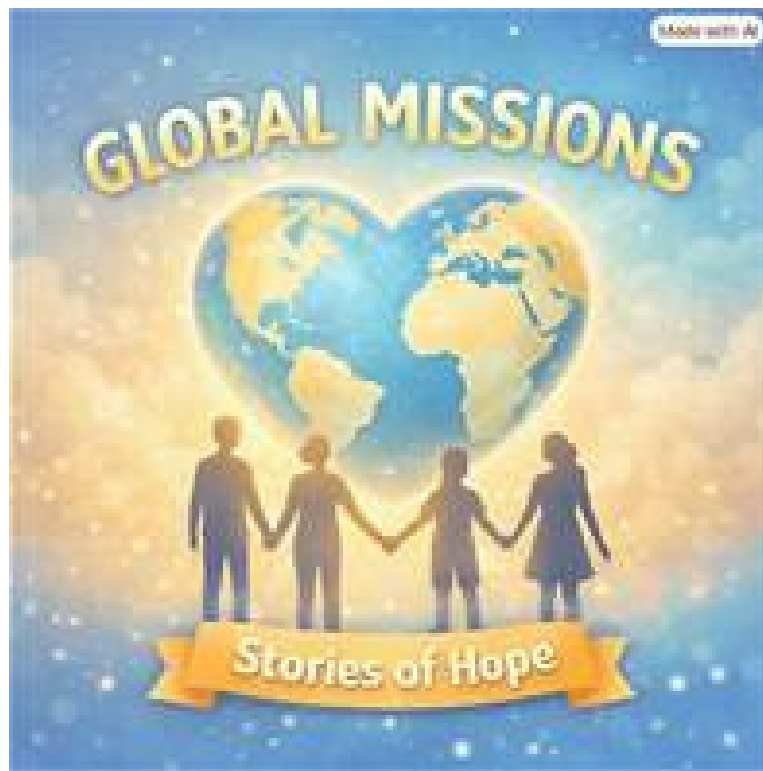
DEACON'S MEETING

6:00 PM - CCC Café

Tuesday, September 22nd

ELDER'S MEETING

6:00 PM - CCC Conference Room



September Missions Spotlight (Global Missions)

"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples."
Psalm 96:3

Andes Christian Mission News

Andes Christian Mission (Stringers) shares how God continues to open doors for ministry in Colombia, especially in **Villavicencio** and **Bogotá**.

- In **Villavicencio**, new opportunities have opened to share the Gospel in schools. The ministry is working with local leaders and expanding the **ANTIVIRUS** program in several schools.
- A relationship has been established with a local pastor who is already distributing thousands of copies of the Gospel and wants to help reach more schools.
- Teachers and students are being trained to share the Gospel with other students.
- In **Bogotá**, the ministry is celebrating answered prayers and continuing to train young people to share the Gospel and make disciples.
- The ministry is grateful for everyone who prays, gives, and participates, recognizing that each opportunity is a door God is opening.



Prayer Requests

1. For Colombia:

Pray that God will continue opening doors for the Gospel to reach more schools, families, young people, and communities.

2. For the ANTIVIRUS program:

Pray that God will use this program to reach students and teachers and encourage them to share what they learn with others.

3. For the new schools in Villavicencio:

Pray for wisdom, favor, and positive relationships with school administrators, teachers, and students.

4. For pastors and local leaders:

Pray for strength, wisdom, protection, and unity as they partner in evangelism and discipleship.

5. For the young people in Bogotá:

Pray for the youth being trained to share the Gospel, that they will grow in their faith and become disciples who make disciples.

6. For more training opportunities:

Pray that God will provide the people, resources, and opportunities needed to train more young people and leaders.

7. For financial provision:

Pray for the financial resources needed to continue the ministry, evangelism, and training throughout Colombia.

Central Prayer:

Pray that God will continue opening doors throughout Colombia and prepare the hearts of students, teachers, young people, and leaders to receive and share the Gospel.

"To God be all the glory!"

Prayer Requests

Please pray for cities and communities around the world that have been affected by earthquakes, including those in Colombia and other nations.

Pray for families who are grieving, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, and those facing uncertainty as they begin to rebuild. Pray especially for **churches, pastors, missionaries, and ministry teams** who are serving their communities in the midst of their own challenges. Ask God to give them **strength, wisdom, protection, resources, and opportunities to bring practical help, comfort, and the hope of Christ** to those who are suffering.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." — Psalm 46:1