

CRIEVEWOOD

Update

Every life changed by Christ

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A WORD FROM RAY...

Several of you have commented on a phrase from the June 16th sermon: "I am a person in whom Christ dwells and delights. I have been baptized with Him in His Grace. From His Grace I now live and belong." Some of you asked whether I came up with the phrase on my own, or if I borrowed it from somewhere. Either way, it seems to have resonated with several of you so I thought I would explain it.

First of all, to answer the question of whether or not the phrase originated with me – no and yes. The first portion is not original to me. That is from James Bryan Smith who wrote the *Good and Beautiful* series of books. Those books have been influential on my development as a follower of Jesus.

Many people I meet talk poorly to themselves. They use phrases like "I'm only human." "I'm so dumb." "I . . .", and you fill in the rest of the blanks. Yes, I affirm that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. However, the gift of God (God's Grace to us) is that Jesus makes us fully human by dwelling in us. Jesus dwells in you. What a powerful statement. Yes, lust or anger or greed may dwell in you, but Jesus is greater. "Grace is greater than all our sins," the old hymn sings. Not only does Jesus dwell in you, Jesus delights in you. Jesus likes you. Jesus likes what makes you, you. Yes there is

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VBS MISSIONS

Audio Bibles for Mozambique

During VBS, our children were challenged to show God's love by giving to missionaries working with the people of Mozambique, a nation on the southeast coast of Africa. With close to 30 million inhabitants and numerous religions pointing to countless idols, many in this nation do not know the one true God. Missionaries on the ground in Mozambique have started building relationships and then sharing Jesus, by giving locals Audio Bibles in their native language. Each Audio Bible cost \$30.

During VBS, the children went above and beyond their goal! Now, it's the adults' turn! On Sunday, Pastor Ray challenged the congregation to donate enough to the VBS mission project, to purchase at least one Audio Bible per person in the church! Are you up for the challenge?



TEMPORARY OFFICE & PHONE NUMBER

While the recovery team works to recover our church building back to full operations, the church office has temporarily moved to the CRC Craft Room.

We will also be using a temporary phone line during this time. Should you need to reach the office, please call **(615) 864-5461**. We will continue to have regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.



UPDATE OR SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING!

With the conversion from SimpleChurch to Realm, our online giving platform also changed. Realm's giving portal makes one-time and recurring online giving simple and easy! Visit the Giving tab in your Realm Connect app to make one-time online contributions or to set up recurring offerings.

TEXT GIVING

Text giving is now live at Crievewood! Simply text **CRIEVEWOOD** to **73256** and follow the prompts to give via text. Standard text messaging rates do apply.



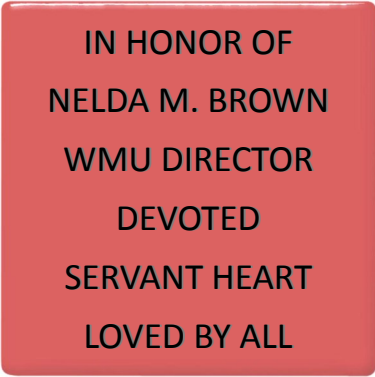
Thanks

Dear Crievewood,

Surprised, humbled, and grateful were my feelings recently when I was presented with a very special award. The Women of Crievewood have placed a brick in my honor on WMU's Walk of Faith. The brick walk is in a honor/memorial garden at the headquarters in Birmingham, AL. 100% of the purchases for the bricks helps meet needs of WMU through their foundation. What an honor to be recognized among leaders who have kept missions & mission education alive in our churches almost 4 decades.

We are grateful for the founders of Crievewood who were determined that WMU would be a part of this early church foundation. Blessings and joy are my rewards.

Thank You,
Nelda Brown



NELDA'S BRICK

Nelda Brown has participated in missions all her life. Her mother, Nell, was a great role model in this regard. With a servant heart, Nelda has fulfilled many roles in her adult life. She has been a leader, Associate Director of WMU, Crievewood Baptist WMU Director for many years, and a huge supporter of Begin Anew (formerly Christian Women's Job Corp.) from it's conception. As you can see, she has served in many ways.

Her dedication and missions lifestyle have influenced many children, youth, young and older adults. She has been an inspiration and role model for all who know her.

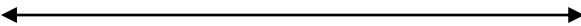
Our gratitude and praise can never be expressed enough. Nelda, we love and respect you!

This honor was presented to Nelda by Janis Morel, WMU Director, during worship service on June 23, 2019. The rendering above is a representation of the brick that will be placed in the WMU's Walk of Faith, a new honor/memorial garden honoring those who have devoted their lives to fulfilling the Great Commission. 100% of gifts for the Walk of Faith go towards meeting the needs of WMU through the Wanda Lee Joy Fund.



brokenness in all of us. We know that. Jesus knows that. Yet, Jesus still chose to stay on the cross. Why? Because you are a person in whom Jesus dwells and delights.

Start off your day with that truth. "I am a person in whom Christ dwells and delights." See how that changes your mindset for the day. If you need a boost of confidence, Jesus is the person to find it in. If you struggle with negative, self-destructive thinking, Jesus is the One who can fix that.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR BBQ & BACKPACKS

We will be hosting a BBQ & Backpacks event on July 31st in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. (Wednesday Night Supper reservation is needed) and then we will begin distributing backpacks at 6:00 p.m. To make this event a success, the items listed below are needed to stuff the backpacks. A collection bin will be available in the Welcome Center for your donations! Volunteers will also be needed to help stuff backpacks prior to the event; additional information will be provided.

- #2 Pencils
- Erasers
- Wide-Rule Notebook Filler Paper
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pocket Folders
- Kleenex Boxes
- Individual Rolls of Paper Towels
- Children's Scissors
- Canisters of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes

PURCHASING TAX-EXEMPT

It takes all of us as the church to "do ministry." Purchasing ministry supplies is frequently necessary, so the Finance Committee makes available credit cards church members may check out from the office to make tax-exempt purchases. This system was set up a long time ago and has been working really well.

I do want to let you know that our old tax-exempt certificate expired June 30. The State of Tennessee has issued us a new certificate, which is good through June 2023. Whenever you make purchases on behalf of the church, please be sure to use a church check or church credit card. The State of Tennessee specifies that the tax-exempt certificate does **not** allow payment by personal check or personal debit or credit card. If you have any questions about this, please let me know!

-Will Sensing



**VIP MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 12
11:30 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Bring a friend and enjoy a good time with us.

Join the VIPs for a musical treat! Jeff Burnham will perform a traditional solo piano concert inspired by classical Christian repertoire. There may even be a classical piece, just for fun! Don't miss out! Bring a friend!



PROPERTIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Properties Committee will be stripping a walkway between the church building and the CRC in an effort to improve safety and reduce speed of cars in the parking lot.

CRIEVEWOOD CONCERNS

Hospital

Currently, there are no members in the hospital.

Released

Mark White
Jean Woodydy

All Homebound Members

Vernon Elliott	Leon Hart	Dan & Marie Hogg
Sidney Luther	Dot Reed	Mary Shotwell
Wendy Smith	Lillie Mae Turner	Mary Wainscott

Christine Bess	NHC of COOL SPRINGS
Nellrena Carr	THE MANOR at STEEPLECHASE
Linda Jones	THE HERITAGE, BRENTWOOD
Ray Kennedy	NHC of COOL SPRINGS
Sherral Leverette	GRACE HEALTHCARE, FRANKLIN
Willa Paget	ELMCROFT OF LEBANON
Betty Salyer	THE HERITAGE, BRENTWOOD
Leslie & Wanda Snoddy	NHC of COOL SPRINGS
Harrell Stewart	TN STATE VETERANS' HOME

Nursing Homes & Assisted Living (F&F of Members)

MORNING POINTE AT BRENTWOOD: Mary Midden
MORNINGSIDE OF FRANKLIN: Betty Jacobs



Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, July 28

Fellowship Hall

Following Worship Service

Reports are due to Michelle by Friday, July 19th.



Happy Birthday

July	14	Lillard Brown, Matteus Kujawa, Att Onechanthivong, Gin Tung
July	15	Vivian Hardison, Susie Simpson
July	17	Bruce Cole
July	19	Becky Martin, Margaret Morford, Emily White

Happy Anniversary

July	18	David & Michelle Guy
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PASTOR ON-CALL

Have information about someone in the hospital or with another ministry need? Please notify the church office during the week (615-832-5968) so we can minister appropriately. Pastor on call July 13-14 is Martha Minardi (615-268-3477). Call her with any emergency within the church family.

FOR SUNDAY JULY 14

BUS MINISTRY

No bus ministry this Sunday.



EXTENDED SESSION

Babies – Michelle Guy & Janis Morel
Toddlers – **SERVANT NEEDED** & Tom Ward
2's-4's – **SERVANT NEEDED** & Chris Ward

OFFERING COUNTERS

Donna Campbell & Dan Stiltz



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VISIBLE RESULTS AS OF JULY 7, 2019

Sunday School.....	N/A
Worship (English, Laotian, & Haitian).....	188
Budget Gifts	\$12,349
Budget Requirements Weekly	\$18,766
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$360,050
Budget Requirements Year to Date.....	\$506,682
Laotian Gifts Sunday.....	\$185
Laotian Gifts Year to Date.....	\$12,349

Benevolence Offering, along with Lord's Supper observance, will be this Sunday, July 14.