

# BEACON

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## Clarksdale Baptist Church

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Minister of Students

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Ministry Assistant/  
Financial Secretary

### WEEKLY REPORT

September 7, 2008  
Sunday School.....162  
General Receipts for week.....\$10,781  
Designated Receipts for Week.....\$1,112  
Total Receipts for Week.....\$11,893  
Total General Receipts for Month.....\$11,893  
Monthly General Receipts Needed..\$33,913  
General Receipts Year to Date.....\$296,226  
General Receipt Needed YTD.....\$279,131  
Over/Under Budget to Date.....\$17,095

### Regular Schedule

Sundays  
Sunday School.....9:30am  
Morning Worship.....10:55am  
Adult Handbell Choir.....4:30pm  
S.A.P. Ministry.....5:00pm  
Youth Drama.....5:30pm  
Majority.....6:00pm  
S S Teachers' Lesson Preview.....6:00pm  
Evening Worship.....7:00pm  
Mondays  
Men's Prayer Time.....6:30am  
Sunday School Visitation.....6:00pm  
Tuesdays  
Children's Handbells.....3:30pm  
Wednesdays  
Primechimers.....9:30am  
Lamplighters.....10:30am  
Young Musicians.....5:30pm  
Mission Organizations.....6:15pm  
Prayer Meeting.....6:00pm  
Mixed Ensemble.....6:00pm  
The Source Youth Bible Study.....6:00pm  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....7:00pm

### SEPTEMBER



#### NURSERY WORKERS

September 14th - Teena Rowe  
September 21st - Cassie Martin  
September 28th - Ellen Peyton  
If you are unable to work your Sunday,  
please call Dianne Gabucci at 627-4953.

### JOIN OUR



*Monday  
nights at  
6:00pm*

### PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN'S COMMITTEES MEETING

Sunday, September 14th 3:00pm

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The entire Clarksdale Baptist Church family extends its Christian sympathy to Nita Brooks and family in the loss of her nephew, Christopher Michael Cross of Pearland, Texas.

*Stewardship Meeting* - Monday, September 8th  
6:00pm  
*Deacon's Meeting* - Monday, September 8th  
7:00pm  
*Business Meeting* - Wednesday, September 10th  
6:00pm  
*Singspiration @ North Oxford* - Thursday, Sept.  
11th 7:00pm \$5.00 per person  
*Fellowship Breakfast* - Sunday, September 14th  
8:00am  
*Preschool/Children's Committees Meeting* -  
Sunday, September 14th 3:00pm  
*S.A.P.* - Sunday, September 14th 5:00pm  
*Youth Group 5th Quarter* - Friday, September 19th  
10:00pm - 1:00pm  
*Baby Dedication* - Sunday, September 21st 10:55am  
Haney Evans Green  
*J.A.M.* - Tuesday, September 23rd 7:00am  
*See You At the Pole* - Wednesday, September  
24th - All local schools

### Sarah Grace Taylor

Born August 17th  
5 lbs. 14 3/4 oz.  
18 1/2" long



*Proud Parents: Rob & Shanna Taylor*  
*Proud Grandparents:*  
*Robby & Martha Taylor*  
*Gloria Horton*

*Also welcomed by Great Grandparents:*  
*Scotty & Shirley Hughes & Imogene Taylor*



*Welcome  
to Our  
Church*

### By Baptism:

Alison Fullilove  
P. O. Box 117  
Duncan, MS  
38740

### Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering

#### Whatever It Takes

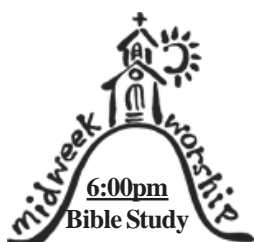
*I have befriended you...chosen you...And sent you to bear much fruit. Ask whatever you need in my name, and the Father will give it. John 15:14-16*

**Our Goal \$8,200  
Received: \$3,239**

Mississippi  
The Magnolia State  
each county represents \$100.00.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART . .

Don't you enjoy being around folks that are happy? I find them uplifting and energizing. They just seem to make me a better person, or at least they make me think things are better. When I meet a dour Christian, I wonder where the joy went. The day that we find Christ (or He finds us really) there is an excitement that comes into our life that is hard to displace. Yet time and circumstances will wear away at this joy and contentment. Unless we revisit daily the work that the Lord has going on in our life, the enemy will erase the smile on our face.

Now, back to my premise. Paula Smith came to speak to us about the work that is sponsored by Mississippi Baptists and taking place in Mississippi. Whenever she gets a chance to speak about missions, the joy that is in her becomes infectious. You see on her face that God is doing something and she has been allowed to be in on it. Service to Christ is a joy. Or more precisely, serving Jesus brings joy.

Serving Jesus produces a joy that shows on our faces, in our speech, in our actions. That alone makes a long-faced Christian a puzzle. When the load is heavy, the circumstances dire, go and find a way to serve the Lord and watch your joy grow, not shrink. When we get out of His service, we get out of His fellowship. When we get out of fellowship with Him, we lose our joy.

Joy is contagious. Go serve Christ and catch it, then pass it along.

In HIS Service  
Edd  
Eph 3:20-21



## PRAYER

Mondays @  
6:30am

We personally invite you to join us each Monday morning as we pray for our church and community.



Wednesday 5:00pm  
Night Supper



**Sept. 10th Menu:** Taco Salad & Dessert  
**Helpers:** Couples II (Michael's Class)

**Sept. 17th Menu:** Hoagie Sandwiches, Chips & Dessert

**Helpers:** Wiley Jenkins

**Make reservations no later than**

**Tuesday at noon. You can request to be put on the Standing Reservation List by calling Cindy in the church office.**



**Sunday, September 7th**

**"Rescue From Fear"**

**John 6:15-21**

**Dr. Edd Lawrence**

Our Sunday morning worship service will be broadcast on Cableone Channel 15 each Tuesday night at 6:00pm and Sunday morning at 10:00am.

Please contact Butch Stanton at 624-9895 if any broadcast of our weekly program experiences any technical difficulty.



## From the Singer...

"I deserve to win the lottery."

"I deserve a better grade on this paper."

"I deserve to have fun all weekend long."

"I deserve to have my order right at the drive through window."

It's amazing what we think we deserve or don't deserve. A lot of people walk around with a sense of entitlement, a feeling that they have something coming to them.

In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus told the simple story about five groups of workers who were hired to do a job. Some worked twelve hours, while others only worked one. At the end of the day, the landowner paid them all the same amount. Those who worked longer were furious because they felt they were entitled to more even though they agreed at the beginning of the day that their wages were fair.

If you spend your time getting upset over not getting what you deserve, you'll be miserable. Notice the word deserve, the prefix "de" can often mean "the opposite of." So the word deserve could be translated "the opposite of serve." When you have a sense of entitlement, you expect others to serve you. When you gratefully accept what God gives you, you serve others. Big difference! Jesus doesn't want you to wait for others to serve you, but to take the initiative to serve others.

Let's forget about what we deserve and focus on others and what we can do to serve them and serve God.

Kinsey  
Jer. 29:11



Contact Cindy in the church office if you know of a member that needs to be added to the Homebound list.

## CAREER AND

## COLLEGE AGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

We invite you to come join our Sunday School Class. We meet on the bottom floor in the East Building.

Andy & KaKa Perry



Puppets will begin again next Sunday, September 14th at 5:00pm. We need new puppeteers to join us. Contact Pat Brown at 627-1660 for more information.

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 14th - Reed Boehm  
September 21st - Dickey Harris  
September 28th - Don Hite  
October 5th - Dan Sandlin

## YOUTH TALK . . .

Well I hope everybody had a great weekend. I had a very blessed Sunday at church. Over the last three weekends I have been able to be with my sister, Amy, as she prayed to ask Jesus to be Lord and Savior of her life, as she walked down the aisle in church to profess that faith and ask to be baptized, and finally as she was baptized. Being able to baptize my own sister is truly a blessing I'll never forget! I tell you all this to try and encourage you in regard to your own family. I understand the difficulty that is there in trying to witness to family members. For some reason, the ones we love the most are the most difficult to tell about the most important thing there is to tell. But I can also say that there is also the most wonderful feeling to hear a family member say those words, "Lord, forgive me. I give you my life." To lead anyone to the Lord is the most amazing experience, but there is something extra special in it being your family. So if you have a family member that you know is lost, do not give up! I know it's hard but talk to them. Keep trying... keep showing them the love and life that you have in Christ. Every minute spent praying and talking to that person - even the times that don't result in their praying to receive Christ - is worth that moment that they finally do give it all to Jesus!

Todd  
1 Cor. 15:58



Wednesday,  
September 24th  
All area  
schools

## YOUTH

Friday,  
September 19th  
10:00pm - 1:00am



## THANK YOU

A very special thank you to all of our church family for the prayers offered up for our son, Jimmy, during his recent illness and hospitalization. It is a blessing to be a part of this church family and a comfort knowing that God is in control.

Bob and Bonnie Hays



Come join Kim Wong in his exercise classes. Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00pm-7:30pm in our church Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Kim at : [kimswayfitness@yahoo.com](mailto:kimswayfitness@yahoo.com)

## Open Dates



September 21st September 28th  
October 12th November 2nd  
November 9th November 16th  
November 23rd December 28th

Contact the church office to reserve your special date.