

Dear Hearers and Doers of the Word,

While Isaiah 53 is the most popular "Servant Poem." I associate another one with the people of Candies Creek and Pastor Jamie in particular. We will see what God says in it today and tomorrow.

Isaiah 49:1 Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. 2 He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. 3 He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory." 4 But I said "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, and My reward with My God."

Let's NOT toil in vain or spend our strength for nothing. Let's listen and pay attention to how God has made us a people for His use... as we walk with Him... and live for Him.

Remember the offices will be closed through May 15. We were approved for the PPP SBA loan. Our intentions would be to have it available for CCA staff in particular. We did provide the bank information for our whole CCBC payroll which CCA is a part of, and yet the finances are kept separately. CCBC is still the recognized legal entity. We can pay a portion or the whole amount back as soon as we wish from our understanding of the program. The current idea is for Josh Jolley and me to sign for the loan, potentially next week sometime. We are planning to have a called business meeting before the eight weeks of payroll are completed to discuss and vote on whether or not to utilize the loan for the CCA staff or not. There is less consideration and need for the church budget to utilize the loan for the church staff. The stewardship and personnel teams have been up to speed on the application. The deacons will meet Sunday as well before any signatures are put on the loan. Thanks for your patience and trust. Feel free to touch base with Josh Jolley, Treasurer/Stewardship or Richard Kerley, Chairman/Personnel or Shawn William, Chairman/Diacons. Please contact me on my cell at if you have any needs, struggles, questions or concerns. Dialogue is good!

This week, May 3 at 11:00 am, we will have a Drive-In Worship Service. The guidelines are in the attachment and at the link: <https://candiescreek.com/mt-content/uploads/2020/04/drive-in-worship-service-guidelines-05.03.20.pdf>.

In addition to Pastor's Dave's letter attached yesterday, please check out the VIDEO UPDATE as well at the link: <http://candiescreekacademy.com/contact-us/donations/> and know that you can give to CCA by "Choosing the Fund" "CCAcademy Arise and Tell" on the church "giving" website at the link: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2288>. We are celebrating the Lord's provision through your generosity as we only gathered in the parking lot one time in April yet our receipts exceeded \$70,000. Your obedience and sacrifice is very encouraging and full of hope!

Knowing God Has Created Candies Creek as a People for Noble Purposes,  
Pastor Stan  
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