



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

I WILL
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THANKS
TO THE
LORD
WITH MY
whole heart

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wonderful
DEEDS

PSALM 9:1

November 2023



Parent Child Church Dedication

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December 10th in the 10:30 am service
(all ages are welcome)

Please contact Christy Johns for questions or to sign up
Deadline November 30th



Children's Church

Children's Church final service
will be November 19th.



We typically break for the last
week of November and all of December
so families can worship
together in "Big Church" please make
plans for pick up of K-4th after
Sunday School those dates

JOY STORY Musical!

Please plan on inviting your family and friends to the
Joy Story Musical December 3rd!

The message is so Gospel filled and the kids and
adults are a delight to watch.

Children's Choir practices in November will be in the
WORSHIP CENTER 6-7:15 pm Sunday Nov. 5, 12,
19th (We are off Thanksgiving week Nov 26)



CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS: RSVP
for CiCis Pizza Appreciation Day...
Nov 12th after the 10:30 am service,
we are riding the van or
meet us there.



AWANA in NOVEMBER

- 1 AWANA
- 8 Red White and Blue Night
(Flag retirement ceremony)
- 15 AWANA
- 22 THANKSGIVING WEEK NO AWANA



Do you have an older American flag that
needs to be "retired" we would love to do that for
you! Donate to any AWANA leader or Mark Steinle.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX: Shoebox Sisters/Brothers
helped kids pack 512 shoeboxes during
Children's Church in October!

Whew what a fun day...

Free Shoebox Supplies are available in
the Fellowship Hall for
families and guests.

Please return by
Nov 12th for
National Collection
Week.



"Give thanks in all circumstances; for THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

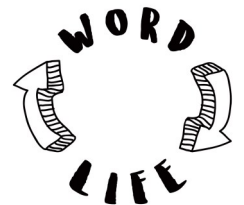
Life

We have reached that time of year where we are reminded to stop, look back, and give thanks to God and all of His provision through the year. As you read the text above, the "will of God" is that we would live with a heart of thanksgiving all year around and in every circumstance of our lives. God is so good! He knows exactly what we need, and He has given us instruction to follow that is good for us. In our culture of doing, we have a tendency to focus on those instructions of doing while neglecting the instructions of BEING. The place where that is most noticeable is in the instruction of God for us to REST. We are so busy and we wear our busyness as a badge of honor when we talk to others, all the while we wish that we could just slow down and take a break. Meanwhile, God has given us commands to stop and take a break from our busyness. This concept and instruction is exactly what we are seeking to get accomplished through the Fall Retreat weekend. We know through Scripture that our relationship with God has an essential element of SURRENDERING to Him and His purposes for us. The beautiful thing is that in our SURRENDER to God in rest we are simultaneously WORSHIPPING Him in our obedience. **Would you please pray for our students and adults to demonstrate their TRUST in God by SURRENDERING their busyness to Him in order to find the REST that comes in just BEING with God without hurry?**

This month we will have our annual Friendsgiving where we slow down and give thanks to God and say "thanks" to others in our lives. Again, we have invited Meadowview Baptist Church's student ministry to join us this year. We will break bread together and encourage each other in the faith both with our presence and with the Word of God. **Please pray that our students would have a bigger KINGDOM mindset that encourages members of other local bodies by GATHERING together and seeking to EQUIP one another in the faith.**

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



November 3-4th-Fall Retreat:

"Rest in Hope" @ Johnston Woods

Wednesday, November 15th-
Friendsgiving @ 6:15pm



Wednesday, November 22nd-
No Service



CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

Nov 6 - Nina Field Trip

Nov 8 - Veteran Chapel

Nov 11 - Royal Fun Run

Nov 17 - Thanksgiving Lunch

Nov 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec 5 - Christmas Program

More Than Grades

²³ *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,* ²⁴ *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. - Colossians 3:23–24*

The first quarter of the 2023 academic year is complete, so now serves as a good time for us to be reminded that grades are not ultimate. The prevailing thought in modern education places a great deal of emphasis on grades; and, at best, grades alone are not a sufficient assessment of whether a student is truly learning. Let's briefly consider some problems with grades being the primary assessment of a student.

1. If grades are primary, students often seek to obtain the grade and subsequently discard the lesson(s). Our desire is for students to develop proficiency over prizing a letter grade and aspire to the love of learning.

2. If grades are primary, students can develop their self-worth (positively or negatively) based on letter grades rather than virtuous character. Our virtue recently was perseverance. Perseverance is continued effort and determination in spite of difficulties or setbacks. The corresponding vices to perseverance are passiveness and arrogance. When we lack perseverance, we become passive, which is not reacting or engaging in a situation. When we are overly confident in the area of perseverance, we become arrogant. Arrogance is being proud in an unpleasant way and behaving as if we are better or more important than others.

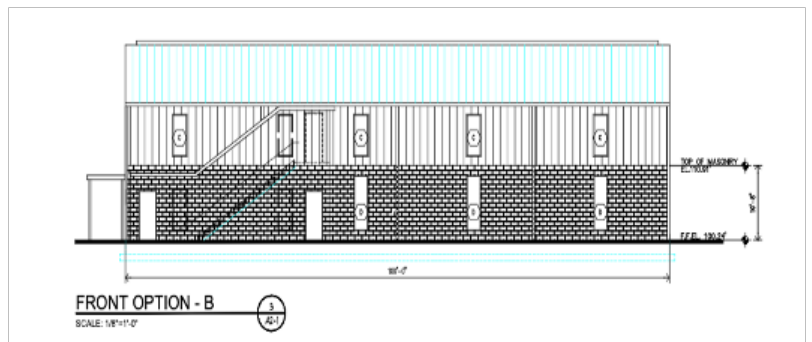
3. If grades are primary, students can fall victim to unnecessary anxiety or apathy. Anxiety is extreme uneasiness resulting from fear, worry, or nervousness. Apathy is a lack of interest or care toward a person or a thing.

Here at CCA, we aim to partner with parents in leading your student(s) in *ordo amoris* or rightly ordered loves as Augustine said in the 5th century. We seek to accomplish this through our students growing in their *commitment to Christ*, cultivating them into *careful and creative thinkers*, equipping them to be *confident communicators*, and blossoming into *citizens of virtue*. We hope that regardless of your student's grades, you will teach your student that to be educated is far more valuable than achieving high grades.

Keep Pressing On,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster

StuB Update - Construction Document Phase

Rardin and Carrol architects has completed their feasibility study and we are entering the Construction Document Phase. This phase is required for determining what engineers will be needed for the project and permitting requirements for local officials. This phase is estimated to cost between \$5,600 and \$8,000.



A Virtuous School

(2 Peter 1:5) ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

One of the four ideals (a principle to be aimed at) we seek to develop in our students is to become ***citizens of virtue***. Virtue, as Aristotle (384-322BC) stated, “is the golden mean between two vices, the one of excess and the other of deficiency.” A virtue is a quality considered morally good or desirable. A vice is a quality considered morally bad or undesirable. When faced with a decision, many people ask themselves, “What should I do?” A less familiar question gets to the heart of virtuous living: “What kind of person do I want to be?” Many Christians are familiar with asking themselves, “What would Jesus Do?” because the assumption is we want to be like Jesus. We desire our students to understand what it means to be virtuous. All virtue ultimately is a work of the Spirit of God in the heart of man. During this academic year, we are introducing twenty virtues along with two corresponding vices of excess and deficiency.



Dear Candies Creek Baptist Church Family,

I praise God for His work in the world, in His church and in our lives in particular. We will gather with **the ministry development team** on Sunday afternoon, November 5 to pray and plan for next year. **The stewardship team and ministry leaders** are also in the budget planning process for 2024. I am praying that our receipts (offerings) for this year, 2023, will be \$1,000,000. **The personnel team** will also be a big part of the stewardship planning. We are blessed by those who serve on all of these teams along with all the volunteers who serve, as was evident at Trunk R Treat! May we all function as **a team of fellow workers**.

I am reminded of the ministry duties that you gave to me in the lead pastor job description. The first one on the list said **“the lead pastor shall give visionary oversight to any implementation of all disciple-making efforts, including short-term efforts such as ‘River of Hope’ classes, and long term efforts such as accountability groups, small groups, and other church-wide efforts that shall be developed.”** Another one of the requirements on the job description was to be “missionary in spirit, seeking to **lead the church in every area to carry out the ‘Great Commission’ through disciple-making efforts** locally, nationally, and internationally.” I hope you see me taking this serious and willing to slow down in conversation with you as an individual or even a group of people.

Pastor Jonathan reminded us the last two weeks **to rehearse the gospel to ourselves individually and to rehearse the gospel with one another** (so that we are able to live out the gospel and pass it along to the lost). That is awesome groundwork for where God is leading us next year in our annual focus. I gave an example of a 2024 theme that is “bringing clarity to the King’s Story as the power to change my heart and the world.” **Anyone is welcome to come to the MDT meeting** as we wrestle through where God is directing us in 2024 and the language to use based off of Scripture. **Anyone can speak into our annual focus or our discipling vision.**

Trusting God Together with you,
Pastor Stan



Shoebox Ministry

The 2023 Shoebox Ministry calendar year is wrapping up!

Over 1500 shoeboxes have been lovingly filled and prayed over. Many of those boxes already have paid labels on them and are packed into cartons for shipping.

The Lord's provision through Candies Creek Church is simply amazing to behold!

Here's what is happening in November:

Friday, Nov. 3rd.....Unlabeled boxes will be moved from the inventory area to the Worship Center by Candies Creek Academy students and Shoebox Ministry members

Sunday, Nov. 12th.....Shoebox Offering

Tues. Nov. 14th.....Rest of shoeboxes labeled, cartonized and delivered to First Baptist

Tues. Nov. 28th..... Team going to the Atlanta Processing Center (call Jean Dunn 423.614.0273 or 423.650.7037 for more info)



PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in Oct.	\$66,494.97
Oct. Expenses	\$65,549.21
2023 Given	\$677,514.49
2023 Expenses	\$747,157.58
Lottie Moon	\$3,382.58



SAVE THE DATE!!! CCBC Global Missions Conference

February 4-6th! More details will follow

Medical Mission Trip to North Africa

Dates: Feb. 13-22, 2024

Interest Meeting Nov. 19th

after the 2nd service. Contact:
Jackie Leggett Stanley 423-650-7968

Senior Adult Covered Dish Fellowship Lunch

Wed. Nov. 15th @ 11:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall



Monday Night Bible Study

If you'd like to go deeper into the Word....you might want to join us on Monday nights at 6:30 for fellowship, with the study starting at 7pm.

We meet in the church library. John MacArthur's study materials are used. Currently, we're into the book of Acts. For more info, call Jean or Lewis Dunn at 423.614.0273.



Students, family members, and friends come join the fun.

- 1 Mile Walk/Run - \$10 (All students PreK-9)
- 1 Mile Walk/Run - \$15
- 5K - \$25 (All students PreK-9) T-Shirt Included*
- 5K - \$30 T-Shirt Included*



This event will be managed and timed by Terra Running Co.
*T-Shirts available while supplies last.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

*Bonita Lee & Family for
the loss of her mother
Shirley Jones*

Praying For Our Nation

“For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him? Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today? Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons” (Deuteronomy 4:7-9 NASB).

“In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain; for, behold, the wicked bend the bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string to shoot in darkness at the upright in heart. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do”? (Psalm 11:1-3 NASB)

1 Moses declared to Israel that they were blessed beyond all the nations in that God was near to them, especially as they cried out to Him in prayer (Deuteronomy 4:7). Pray that our nation will hunger for the manifest presence of God and cry out to Him for revival and spiritual awakening.

2 Pray that as a nation we will never forget God’s presence with us and His mighty deeds, those loving demonstrations of power through which He has protected and blessed us over the years. Pray that we will be faithful in declaring God’s great works to the upcoming generations (Deuteronomy 4:9).

3 In the midst of worldly opposition against God, His Word, and His children, pray that your fellow Christians will take refuge in God (Psalm 11:1), standing firmly with Christ who is the Chief Cornerstone and Head of the Church (Isaiah 28:16; Ephesians 1:22).

4 Knowing that God is worthy of being obeyed and any nation that submits to His lordship will be blessed, pray that America will, once again, experience the kind of revival and spiritual awakening that moves us to become known as a nation “whose God is the LORD” (Psalm 33:12).

5 As the last days draw nearer, pray that our nation will not fall prey to false prophets. As lawlessness increases, pray that the Church’s love for God will remain fervently hot and not grow cold (Matthew 24:11-12).

6 Pray that the church will come to understand what it means to be a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession who proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

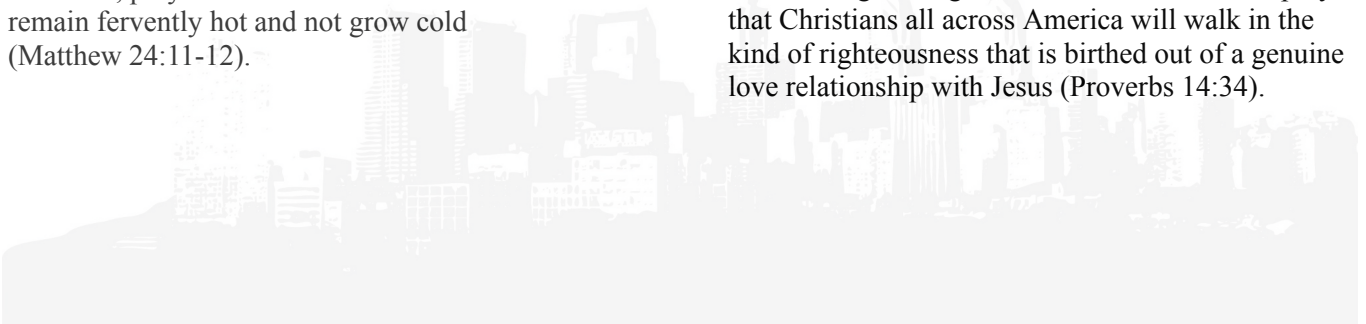
7 Many nations through the years have worshiped gods literally made by the hands of men (2 Kings 17:29). Pray that the people of our nation will turn away from worshiping the creations of man in whatever form they take today and come to worship the one true God.

8 Pray that Christians in our nation will honor God by placing themselves in subjection to the governing authorities, accepting the truth that there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God (Romans 13:1).

9 Pray that struggling churches will rely on God, trusting Him to cultivate, sow, and multiply men within their ranks as they seek to fully align themselves with His will and activity (Ezekiel 36:9-10).

10 Pray that Christians in our nation will completely turn away from and refuse to imitate all the detestable practices of the occult and false religions found within our nation (Deuteronomy 18:9-13).

11 Knowing that righteousness exalts a nation, pray that Christians all across America will walk in the kind of righteousness that is birthed out of a genuine love relationship with Jesus (Proverbs 14:34).



12 Pray that our nation will no longer spiritually defile itself by its sinful ways and deeds. Pray that we as a people will be so thoroughly repentant as to invite God's presence in deeper, richer ways that transform our land (Ezekiel 36:17).

13 Pray that the leaders of our nation will refuse to call evil good and good evil. Pray that we as a people will not substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, or substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter (Isaiah 5:20).

14 Pray that God will wipe out the religion of humanism that is so often propagated within our nation and restore to all a healthy fear of God, letting the nations know that they are but men (Psalm 9:20).

15 Pray that America's judges will consistently turn away from justifying the wicked for a bribe or taking away the rights of the ones who are in the right (Isaiah 5:23).

16 Pray that men and women across our nation will fear God and do that which is right. As a God who shows no partiality, everyone who manifests this attitude and acts accordingly is welcome to Him (Acts 10:34-35).

17 Pray that every family within our nation will turn to the Lord and worship Him, offering Him the kind of extravagant praise of which He is so worthy (Psalm 22:27).

18 When the sons of Israel inhabited the Promised Land, they were commanded by God to be holy since He had set them apart from the other nations (Leviticus 20:26). Pray that American believers will understand the importance of being sanctified by God and will repentantly lay aside every sinful custom and manner of living that keeps us from walking according to God's holy standards.

19 Pray that God's lovingkindness, truth, righteousness, and peace will permeate the culture of our nation and that our nation will, once again, lift high the name of Jesus (Psalm 85:10).

20 When God's vineyard, Israel, failed to produce good spiritual fruit, God removed its hedge and broke down its protective wall. It was filled with briars and thorns and no rain fell on it. Pray that the American Church will produce the fruit that comes from obedience and will be blessed by God's spiritual and physical protection (Isaiah 5:5-7).

21 Pray that God will cause His indignation toward our nation to cease and will restore the joy of seeing people saved in every church that lifts up the name and gospel of Jesus (Psalm 85:4).

22 Pray that God will continually be gracious to our nation, permitting Himself to be sought by those who do not ask for Him and found by those who do not seek Him (Isaiah 65:1)

23 Because God is great and greatly to be praised, pray that churches all over America will proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day and will tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples (Psalm 96:2-4).

24 Pray that God's holy name will endure forever across our nation and that His glory will increase as long as the sun shines upon this land (Psalm 72:17).

25 Because the children of Israel obeyed the commandments of God, the other nations saw them as a wise and understanding people (Deuteronomy 4:5-6). Pray that America will again be seen as a wise nation by returning to the kind of mindset that reflects an obedience to the commands of Christ.






26 Pray that we will have the heart of David when it comes to praising God, giving thanks to Him before the people of this land and singing His praise before the other nations of the world. Pray that our nation will exalt His name above all the earth (Psalm 57:9, 11).

27 Since the Lord forever watches and rules over our nation by His might, pray that the rebellious within our borders will not be able to exalt themselves within His sight (Psalm 66:7).

28 Pray that the American Church will not be distracted from worshiping God by its pursuit of pleasure, but instead, will pay attention to His deeds while meditating on the work of His hands (Isaiah 5:12).

29 Pray that Christians all over our nation will be glad in the Lord and sing for joy as He judges us with uprightness and guides us into His holy will (Psalm 67:4).

30 Pray that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations (Matthew 24:14).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> Afternoon/ Ed. Bldg/WC Fall Retreat <i>Rest In Hope</i>	4
5 MDT Mtg. 4:30 pm	6	7 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm -	8  Awana Red, White & Blue Night	9	10	11  Royal Fun Run 9 am Veterans Day 
12 <u>Shoebox Offering</u> C4 Volunteers Lunch CiCi's Pizza Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm	13	14	15  Friendsgiving StuB-6:15 pm	16	17 CCA Thanksgiving Meal/WC	18
19 <i>Last C4 till Jan. '24</i>	20	21	22  Thanksgiving No Evening Gatherings	23  Thanksgiving — Office Closed —	24	25
26 No Evening Gatherings	27	28 Shoebox Processing - Atlanta	29	30	1 Dec.	2 Ladies Cookie & Bar Swap-9:30 am/StuB Joy Story Rehearsal/WC

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service.....8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15 - 10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:30 am
 Adult & Children's Choir6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting (WC).....6:00 pm
 AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Life 122 (StuB).....6:15 pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:00 am
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm

*We Appreciate our
Pastors & Staff!*

Enter His gates with thanksgiving...





CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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CHARLESTON, TN 37310

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Jonathan Kyle, Co-Pastor & Student Pastor
Sammy Parris, Worship Pastor
Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st

Traci Blackburn,

Nate Higgins, Noah Loudermilk

2nd

Josh Ensley, David Delmotte,

Charlie Wattenbarger

3rd

David Gluckner, Tom Carroll

6th

Sadie Gibson, Liam Coleman,

Chandler Hunt, Tommy Allison

8th

Kim Gregg

12th

Gretchen Shoemaker

13th

Tammy Willis, Denise Neuendorf

14th

Hayden Moore

16th

Josh Olmstead

20th

Billie Jean Strike

21st

Marsa Garner, Phil Taylor

22nd

Eve Beard, Martha Wattenbarger,

Teresa Borders, Kevin Goodwin

23rd

Josiah Parris

24th

Sydney Delmotte

26th

Rick Adolph

27th

Kirk Martin

28th

Wyatt Simko, Parker Roberts

29th

John Missinne

30th

Capri Nation, Tom Jolley



But Jesus, aware of this, said, "O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?"
Matthew 16:8-10

One Minute Clinic