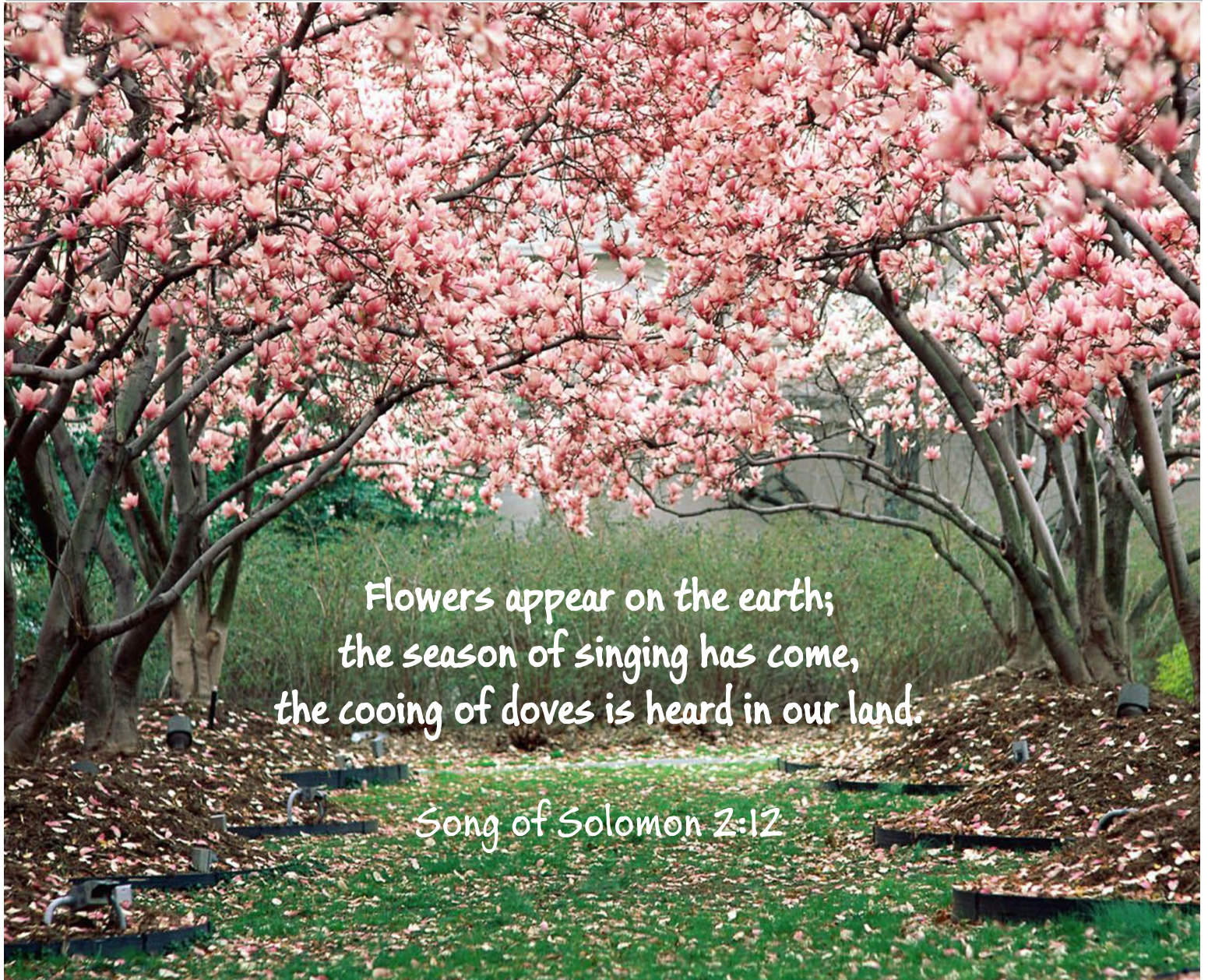




the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

March 2025



Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12



CUMBERLAND SPRINGS BIBLE DAY CAMP

Registration is open! July 7-11th

Sign up at their website
cumberlandsprings.org
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 60 KIDS,
sign up early!!!

We will be driving one van for Day Camp 1
July 7-11th
so space is limited for
4th, 5th, 6th graders.

This camp is open for 6 yr olds up to 12 yr
olds. We are prioritizing older kids for
the limited space on the van, but you may
want to carpool with other
families for younger children this week
or one of the other.

(Its fun to see a camp full of Candies Creek
Kids and Mrs. Christy will be on campus
hanging out with kids all day.)

Cost \$140 with
\$25 deposit
DON'T DELAY!



Children's Church

Children's Church is a dynamic way for
younger kids to learn God's Words,
worship and play games that apply
Scripture to life situations.

This semester we are using themes like
Ten Hut to study the book of Joshua and
Altitude as we learn the Sermon on the
Mount. We have C4 every Sunday in
March and April (except April 20th Easter)
for kids K-4th grades.



AWANA

AWANA in MARCH!

March 5 AWANA
March 12 No AWANA enjoy your Spring Break!
March 19 AWANA
March 26 Masterpiece Night



We are wrapping up a beautiful year of AWANA:
Named Isaiah 43:1 Don't be discouraged if your
child needs to do a little catch up, contact a leader
and make plans for how to do that this month.
Our desire is to go slowly but thoroughly through
Scripture and help every kid finish their book.

KING of KINGS by Angel Studios

This is a cartoon movie about the life and death of Christ
told by a father to his son, very appropriate for all ages.

Sunday April 13th 1:30 pm
(church van leaves at 1 pm)

We have 10 kids tickets and room on the van. RSVP
with Mrs. Christy if your child would like to go.

Families are welcome to meet us
there also if you can't make
definite plans this far ahead.



CANDIES CREEK KIDS LOOKING AHEAD:

- ⇒ AWANA Closing Celebration April 30th
- ⇒ Final C4 and CiCis Pizza for all helpers May 4th
- ⇒ Parent, Child, Church Dedication May 11th
- ⇒ K! Ready Parent Training June 1st!
- ⇒ VBS Samuel: Search for a King June 15-19
- ⇒ Bible Camp July 7-11



Student Ministry

Life

Wednesdays
@ 6:15 pm

“It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus” – 1 Corinthians 1:30a

These wonderful words are a stark reminder of truths that we all share as part of the body. First, “It is because of Him.” Everything that we are, that we have become and will become, is because of our great God in Heaven. None of us may take credit for the work of our Savior. Through the opening chapters of 1st Corinthians, Paul reveals to us that no earthly or human effort could ever create or understand the plan of God. Only through Spirit revealed things can we know of our King Jesus and through him, the Father. It is truly and only because of Him that we have received the mind of Christ to know and understand these things and, by extension, live and think as Christ desires of us. As the church, we are united in the phenomenal truth that Paul also taught to the Corinthians, that it is by no work of our own we are saved, but only because of Him. It is by no work of our own that we are a church, but only because of Him.

The second half of this phrase, is one of the most spiritually freeing things ever committed to paper. “You are in Christ Jesus.” In our world, it becomes so easy to follow the wisdom of the world. A wisdom that pits us against one another and stacks up comparisons a mile high. “I wish I was as successful as that person.” Or as charming, or as hard working, and the list goes on and on. Last Wednesday, I told our students that no matter what anyone thinks of them – friends, family, church members, coworkers, peers, teammates, or even themselves – none of it matters when placed next to the beautiful words “you are in Christ Jesus.” Let this blessing pour out upon you daily. In all circumstances, know that nothing can be greater than the fact that you are in Christ Jesus.

Church, hear the words that you are in Christ Jesus and be set free from the ways of this world and instead look to the Kingdom which you already have citizenship in. United fully as one church, comprised of many who can proudly cry out, “I am in Christ Jesus!”

Grace and peace,

Jed Cole

CONNECT
NIGHTS/6 PM

STUDENT:

**SUNDAY, MAR. 2ND/OLMSTEAD'S
& SUNDAY MAR. 30TH/TBA**

COLLEGE:

**SUNDAY, MAR. 9TH/GOODWIN'S
& SUNDAY MAR. 23RD/DAVIS'**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ known as Creek Baptist Church,

I praise God for how we continue to grow in loving one another as Candies Creek Baptist Church like Jesus loves the people of Candies Creek.

Radical love is not only descriptive of Christ's death on the cross for the sins of the world, but it is also descriptive of our response to Him in **radical love** and of our response to one another in **radical love**. Thank you for being and becoming the church family as a lifestyle!

We will continue to walk through the Church Covenant and Covenant Statement at the end of each worship service this year. The Covenant Statement phrases start with "I will" and are **Biblical membership expectations as goals to be attained in the pursuit of godliness.**"

Covenant Statement 1: I will faithfully participate in the worship services and ministries of the church. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

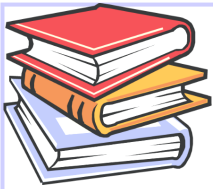
Church Covenant C: We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and further, we will be a house of prayer for all the nations and faithfully pray for one another, as well as for those not yet a part of the Body of Christ. (Hebrews 10:25; Mark 11:17; James 5:16; Matthew 9:38)

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family and church family!

Heather continues to administer herself a weekly shot for recurrent pericarditis which is inflammation of the lining of the heart. She is in less pain than when she started the shot. She also will be receiving a pacemaker on March 10. Pray that we glorify God, suffering or not.

Riley Brashier, Shauna Cavett, Jackie Coleman, Christy Johns and Robin Williams join me serving on the Head of School Transition Team. **Pastor Jed** and Madison continue to make their transition into the life and ministry here. We look to Christ as the Head of Candies Creek Baptist Church. Thank you to the greater members of the body who also have and are stepping up!

Living as part of the body of Christ,
Pastor Stan



Book Nook

Did You Know?

The Adult Library at CCBC has 2,356 books in the collection, including fiction, non-fiction and biographies. The adult library is located in Building 3, room E110.

The Children's Library has 4,682 books in the collection including board books all the way up to young adult titles. The children's library is shared with CCA and is also located in Building 3 upstairs in room 204.

Check us out!



PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in February	\$60,734.40
February Expenses	\$67,203.85
2025 Given	\$138,964.85
2025 Expenses	\$155,800.45
Lottie Moon Offering Total	\$28,132.58



Shoebox Ministry

The Shoebox Sisters are actively gathering and processing gifts to be sent overseas. This year's goal is to send a total of 1200 boxes with a heavy emphasis on gifts for the oldest kids because they are the most difficult to support.

The March meeting dates are March 14th and 28th.

Look for the group above the church offices at 9:30.
For any questions, call 423.614.0273.

WOW! Ladies "Come Grow w/Us!"

Snacks, Hacks, & Herbal Packs!



Thursday, March 20th

6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack & your favorite hack to show & share! (i.e.: kitchen, cleaning, organizing, cooking, etc.)

Contacts: **Annette Tweed** 423-309-8623
or **Traci Blackburn** 423-421-0618



You're Invited to a **Wedding Shower** for
Jordan Cavett & Rachel Peterson
Sunday, March 16th - 2-4 pm StuB

Registered at:
Amazon & Target



Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:

The Family of
Connie Humphreys



Praying for Muslims

This year the Islamic month of Ramadan begins February 28th.
Please join in praying for Muslims to come to Christ during this annual month of fasting.
30-Day Prayer Guides are available at the Welcome Desks.

Missions 101

Missions 101 is a class required for all participants in Candies Creek-sponsored mission trips. It is a once-in-a-lifetime requirement. If you have never attended Missions 101 and you hope to participate in one of Candies Creek-sponsored mission efforts this year, or you simply want to renew your missions awareness, this year's class is scheduled for

Saturday, April 26th from
10 am to 12 noon.

Please call the church office to
sign up. (423) 479-3731



Nothing Less

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness...”

This is the simple—yet eloquent—opening line of an old familiar hymn that was first-penned as a poem in 1834 by a London cabinet maker whose life had been recently transformed by the power of the Gospel. It was nearly 30 years later, during the Civil War, that an American composer set the words to the tune we now know, turning it into a hymn beloved by generations since then. It is a beautiful testament to the power of the cross, stirring hearts with confident assurance in Jesus’ sacrifice—the only sacrifice with the power to save, to reconcile the lost to a loving relationship with God. May our confident assurance in the forgiveness of God by His grace through the blood of Christ never lead to complacency, but instead move us to care for the lost, mobilize us to carry the gospel, and motivate us to become diligent in prayer.

This month, as we anticipate the changing of seasons—from winter to spring—and the beautiful evidence of new life springing up all around us in God’s glorious creation, let us remember the need for new life in Christ among the lost, particularly committing to pray for the Muslim world as they celebrate their season of Ramadan. May God fill our hearts with fearless compassion as we earnestly seek His will in revealing Himself to Muslims around the world through interactions with Jesus followers and access to the Bible, and through dreams and visions and other miraculous/supernatural encounters with Christ. May we be reminded that we were all lost and dead in our sins...

“But God being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith: and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:4-10

The good works we are called to accomplish begin with compassionate hearts dedicated to prayer. If we want to change the world, we must pray. The world will change only as hearts are transformed. Hearts are transformed, the lost are found, only by the saving power of the gospel, *“for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith.’” Romans 1:16-17*

We who are saved, who are covered by the blood of Jesus and reconciled into a relationship with God, should not *“think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, knowing that the kindness of God leads to repentance... [understanding] there is no partiality with God.” Romans 2:4,11* *“The Lord...is patient... not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9*

Oh God, help us to grasp the importance and the urgency of the work you have called us to do: to live for Christ in kindness and in truth, to love the lost, and to pray for the salvation of those living in darkness, so that many, many, many more—countless numbers—from every tribe and tongue and people and nation may say their hope is built on Jesus’ blood and righteousness. Nothing less.



Samuel was tasked with anointing God's replacement for King Saul. Samuel's only hint about the identity of the new king was to check out the sons of a man named Jesse. At first glance, Samuel thought surely Eliab was perfect for the role.

But God immediately corrected Samuel by telling him not to judge by height or appearance: "The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

The first seven of Jesse's sons were rejected as king. It finally came down to David, who was away in the fields, tending the sheep. God chose a man after His own heart.

Revival does not come because of stature, position, or ministry. Revival is birthed from humble hearts of people who surrender everything to seek God. A prepared heart is ripe for personal revival.

This month, as we enter the Lenten season and pray toward the glory of the resurrection, invite God to examine and prepare your heart.

1 As soon as Samuel anointed David with oil as Israel's new king, "the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David." Pray that as you prepare your heart for revival, God will give you a vision for the power of the Spirit at work in your life (1 Samuel 16:13).

2 God testifies that David is "a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do." Ask God to make your heart soft to His commands with a desire for immediate obedience (Acts 13:22).

3 In David's desperation for deliverance from his enemies, he acknowledged it is "you, the righteous God, who probes minds and hearts." Invite the Lord to probe your heart and reveal your need for Him. Respond with the same desperation for God to show Himself powerful to you (Psalm 7:9).

4 David also acknowledged the "God Most High" as his shield "who saves the upright in heart." Pray that your heart will align with God as you seek Him as your help in all things (Psalm 7:10).

5 Today starts the Lenten season leading up to Easter. Let this be the posture of your heart: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time" (1 Peter 5:6).

6 Lent is a time of heart examination, especially through repentance. Commit to the Lord that you will "return to [Him] with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Let sin grieve you. But also let joy in Christ revive you (Joel 2:12).

7 Praise God that as you return to Him, He "is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." Express your gratitude for His endless mercy (Joel 2:13).

8 Pray that in your heart posture of humility, God "may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing." Pray that His response to your prayers will be a fresh outpouring of His reviving Spirit in your life (Joel 2:14).

9 Invite the Lord to test, try, and examine your heart and the hearts and minds of His people. Pray for an openness in your church to seek God for cleansing and realigning with His commands and purposes (Psalm 26:2).

10 The Lord invites those with clean hands and a pure heart to "ascend the mountain of the LORD." Ask God to show you ways that you need the power of the Spirit's cleansing through forgiveness of sin (Psalm 24:3-4).

11 The Lord "is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Pray for the healing and restoring of broken hearts of people you love. Ask God to flood them with His comfort (Psalm 34:18).

12 The Lord blesses and reveals Himself to those who are pure in heart. Pray for a reviving work of God that purifies the hearts of fellow believers and invites His manifest presence in your church (Matthew 5:8).

13 The Lord blesses “those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD.” Invite the Spirit to deepen your love for God’s Word and your desire to radically obey its truths (Psalm 119:1).

14 A revived heart gives thanks to the Lord and tells of all His wonderful deeds. Pray that your heart is filled with gratitude for the mighty works He has done in your life and in your family (Psalm 9:1).

15 Although turmoil may swirl around you, “the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Pray that your God-given peace will impact others for Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

16 Invite God to transform your heart and mind into whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy! Reflect the heart of Christ by allowing the Spirit to fill you with His truth (Philippians 4:8).

17 A revived heart is fully devoted to praising God and glorifying His name forever. Praise God that He has rescued you, healed you, and restored you both now and forever (Psalm 86:12).

18 Ask Christ to create within you a confident heart that fully believes “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Pray that you will live out that confidence before others (Philippians 4:13).

19 Jesus instructs us to live in His peace and to not let our hearts be troubled. Confess your fears and doubts—and declare that in Christ you need not be afraid (John 14:27).

20 Pray that your words and the thoughts of your heart are pleasing to the Lord. Speak those things that will introduce others to the love and compassion of Christ (Psalm 19:14).

21 Pray that as God creates in you a “pure heart” and “renews a steadfast spirit” in you, He will do the same in believers in your church. Pray that this renewal invites a refreshing move of God’s Spirit (Psalm 51:10).

22 Pray for God’s Spirit to bring a wave of repentant hearts in your church, with a longing for sins to be wiped out so that “times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” Pray for a renewed joy in Jesus as Messiah (Acts 3:19-20).

23 Ask God to stir your congregation to be receptive to His truth that “those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.” Pray that fellow believers are eager to have their hearts reconciled with God (Revelation 3:19).

24 Pray for your church to have a renewed awareness of God as “the high and exalted One” who “lives forever, whose name is holy.” Pray that this high view of God reminds fellow believers to embrace humble hearts before the Lord (Isaiah 57:15a).

25 Ask God to revive His Church across our nation by convicting His people to welcome hearts that are “contrite and lowly in spirit.” Ask Him to revive the “spirit of the lowly” and the “heart of the contrite” (Isaiah 57:15b).

26 Powerful preaching of God’s Word will refresh the soul. Pray for your pastor to be Spirit-filled and anointed in proclaiming the heart-transforming truths of Scripture. Pray that people will hear and respond (Psalm 19:7a).

27 Pray for churches across this nation to stand firm in believing that “the statutes of the Lord are trustworthy” and will bring wisdom to all who allow God to transform their hearts with His truth (Psalm 19:7b).

28 Pray that God transforms your heart, preserves your life, and brings you out of trouble—so that you might glorify His name (Psalm 143:11).

29 Invite the Lord to show you those places in your heart that need healing. Embrace His promise that “I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.” Pray that through His healing, you will reflect His glory (Jeremiah 33:6).

30 Praise God that He revives and restores even a heart that feels lifeless. Declare Him to be “the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not” (Romans 4:17).

31 Pray that God will refresh the faith of His followers and deepen their trust in Him. As He declares, “Return, faithless people,” may their response be, “Yes, we will come to you, for you are the LORD our God” (Jeremiah 3:22).

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service.....8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15-10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:00 am
 One Another Care Course.....5:45 pm
 Adult Choir.....6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Cole Reception</i> 4:00 pm/StuB Student Connect 6 pm/Olmstead's	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm College Connect Goodwin's/6:00pm	10 <i>Spring Break</i>	11 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm-Sprayberry/3B	12 <i>Senior Adult Lunch</i> 11:30 am/F.H. No Evening Gatherings	13	14 <i>Shoebox Ministry</i> 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.	15
16 <i>Cavett/Peterson Wedding Shower</i> 2:00-4:00 pm/ StuB	17 	18	19	20 Ladies WOW! Come Grow w/Us! 6 pm/F.H.	21	22 Multi-Language Community Outreach 10am-12pm
23 College Connect Davis'/6:00pm	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Shoebox Ministry</i> 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.	29
30 Student Connect Night/6:00 pm	31	<p>When a king's face brightens, it means life; his favor is like a rain cloud in spring. -Prov. 16:15</p>				



CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor
Sammy Parris, Worship Pastor
Jed Cole, Student Pastor
Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



2nd	Joe Flowers
4th	Essie Gibson
5th	Jaxon Moseley
6th	Wilma Ledford, Kim Shay
7th	Ella Klepzig
8th	Yasmin Willis, Justin Martin
9th	Heather Gibson
10th	Nora Willis, John Torchick
11th	Jordan Stanley
12th	Braeden Dye, Tommy Coleman, Josh Burnette, Curt Klepzig Bonita Lee
13th	Amy Ensley, Patrick Dye
17th	Robin Williams
20th	Suzanne Morris
21st	Steve Johnson
22th	Kay Hammonds, Richard Stout
23rd	Denice Howard
24th	Lindsey Simko
26th	Rory Cooke
27th	Lela Maddux, Brad Stanley, Dan Gilson
28th	Brittany Morgan
29th	Clarice Nation, Drew Strike,
30th	Jakob Moore
31st	Adelia Hall



One Minute Clinic

*"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11*

