



the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

**April 2021**

I AM THE LIVING ONE;  
I WAS DEAD, AND BEHOLD I AM

**Alive**

FOR EVER AND EVER!

REVELATION 1:18



## **AWANA in April**

- April 7 HAWAIIAN NIGHT & SMOOTHIES
- April 14 BUILD-A-CAR
- April 21 TUNE UP NIGHT
- April 25 GRAND PRIX! for TNT 3-6th graders and guests
- April 28 AWANA Closing Celebration 6 pm!



We are incredibly grateful for the support and prayers of YOU the church and the faithful volunteers each week. We did AWANA in the tent and yard, transitioned to AWANA @ Home, came back inside two months later with a one hour schedule then were able to finish the year in March and April with our normal, but now expanded schedule inside. Joy aptly describes the kids and parents and the flexibility they demonstrated toward our changes and adjustments. THANK YOU! The children finished STRONG in the Word. It brings joy and tears of thankfulness to see how committed Candies Creek parents are to teaching their kids the Word of the Lord. Volunteers...words like steadfast, gracious and faithful don't come close to describing your offering of service.

## **Dedication**

PARENT-CHILD-CHURCH Dedication for families who would like to participate please contact Christy Johns at [cjohns1269@gmail.com](mailto:cjohns1269@gmail.com) or 423-790-2674. May 9 Mother's Day in the 10:30 am service. No age limit, parents who have older children or who have adopted are all welcome to participate.

## **Nursery**

NURSERY NEEDS remain and are growing! What a gift to have families and children returning to church. Members at CCBC please see Karen Bryson or Christy Johns if you would serve one week per month. Sign up with a spouse, friend, Sunday school class member or youth. It's a gift beyond measure to serve families.

## **C4**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH No C4 on Resurrection morning April 4th ...families may worship together, but nursery will be open for babies to PreK in 8 and 10:30 am services C4 will resume April 11, 18 and 25th before we break for May

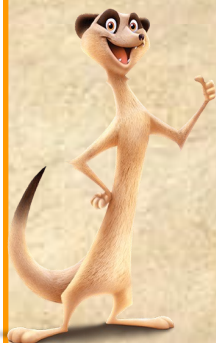
### **VBS Zoofari** - one day outreach event for our community!

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for June 26! We will need help in the:

- Watering Hole (we are serving lunch for every family!)
- Starting Spot and Snapshot (registration and photo gift)
- Station Leaders (5+ stations for games and crafts)
- Zoo Games (outdoor running and jumping)

ZOOFARI serves as either a kick off or a finale of your own BACKYARD VBS. A way to invite your neighbors before or after they have gathered in your yard for the three day ROAR VBS event. Do one or the other, but the best plan is to do them both!

ROAR BACKYARD VBS: three day VBS event in your neighborhood or yard, driveway, porch ...wherever. We supply curriculum, game items, music, and even a traveling team to encourage, inspire or help you! See Sharon Magee, Christy Johns or Jackie Coleman for more information.



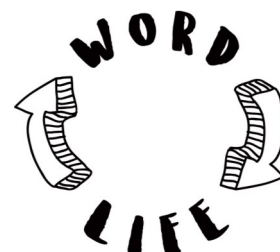
We have made it a quarter of the way through the year and have established one of our goals which is "prioritizing the gathering." We have had strong participation on Wednesday night and 85% participation in our recent Spring Retreat based on our average Wednesday night numbers. The students have made gathering a priority. We also had a 90 day goal to "Teach, identify, and then give students opportunities to serve out of their gifting." Last month we had students sign up to serve in the student ministry based on their possible gifting. We have paired them up with an adult leader to help explore this area of service, and they are now seeking to serve out of their gifting.

This month starts the beginning of a new 90 day goal that centers around another goal as we seek to "Return to our first love" in 2021. The goal we are focusing on is "Developing a life giving and altering abiding time with God that leads to at least one weekly conversation stating what God is teaching me." Therefore, we have set a 90 day goal to "Teach, equip, and launch students into a life giving and altering abiding time with God." We will seek to accomplish this by teaching a series on "How to Study My Bible" that will include two different methods of abiding in the text. Then we will take the month of May and spend two weeks using each Bible study method we have taught to study our Common Text in Community Group. The students will come each week with the expectation that they have read and studied the text and ready to teach what they have learned to their group.

I am firmly convicted that we will not Return to our first love if we don't consistently spend time in God's Word letting Him encourage and correct us with His Word. Would you pray for our students that they would crave the Word of God, have confidence that they can understand it, and that their lives would be transformed by it?

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



**Wednesday, April 14th-Special Guest Speaker  
"The Good Doctor": Dr. Witte**

**Wednesday, April 21st-Special Guest Speaker  
Jordan Lopez**

**Sunday, April 25-REConnect Night**

**Sunday, May 2-Early Bird Deadline for Camp  
Cherokee to get the price of \$185**

# CCA epistola



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## Upcoming Dates

April 2 - Good Friday (No School)

April 5 - Easter Monday (No School) Staff Development & Parent Teacher Conf.

April 14-16 - Iowa Standardized Testing Week

April 30 - Jean & T-Shirt Day

May 3-7 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 20, 21, 24, 25 - Final Exams (Upper School)

May 23 - Year End Celebration & Kindergarten Graduation

## The Quadrivium: The Liberal Arts of Mathematics

**Job 26:7–8** <sup>7</sup> He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing. <sup>8</sup> He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, and the cloud is not split open under them.

In classical education there are seven liberal arts. The first three are known as the “Trivium,” which provide the linguistic seeds and tools for learning. The remaining four arts are known as the “Quadrivium” or the “four paths,” which provide the mathematical tools for learning.

In ancient Greece, the term “mathematics” was not specifically the study of numbers, but the study of four areas. They were arithmetic (numbers at rest), geometry (magnitudes at rest), music (numbers in motion), and astronomy (magnitudes in motion). These four areas of study are what are included in the Quadrivium.

One of the ancient leaders who developed and used “mathematics” according to its classical understanding was Pythagoras (c.570-495 BC). He is credited with what is known as the Pythagorean Theorem, which you may remember from your geometry classes. Pythagoras influenced Plato (c.428-347BC), who brought “mathematics” into the core curriculum of the western tradition. The goal of ancient “mathematics” was not to find the answers to number problems and complex computations but was a necessary step in order to cultivate wisdom. Prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the various branches of “mathematics” were only slightly interested in the material world.

It was not until Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543), Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), and Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), came on the scene that “mathematics” began to shift to a greater focus upon the material world.

Originally, the Quadrivium introduced students to the unchanging and absolute truths that led to wisdom. Over time, the Quadrivium moved beyond the stress of the formative to a union with the practical. Today, the Quadrivium is largely unknown, and the subjects of mathematics and science are only concerned with the useful and physical elements.

At Candies Creek Academy, we are seeking to reintroduce the important role of the classical understanding of “mathematics” made up of four branches: arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy. One question we routinely ask our students is, “Why do we study math?” Our students then respond, “Math reflects the language of God’s order in creation.” As we study the four branches of mathematics we should be overcome with wonder and worship as we come to understand how the Creator hangs the earth on nothing and causes the clouds to carry water over our heads.

Learning the Art of Mathematics,  
Pastor Dave

Dear **Kingdom Citizen,**

**Thank you** for allowing me to spend a portion of my **sabbatical/study leave** in Marion, SC with a mentor, Dr. Denley Caughman, and Heather. My time there coincided with an exercise that I was doing for a “Next Step Leader” cohort. Leading up to that time in Marion, I walked through 13 personal assessments for the purpose of landing on a two-word-special-calling. I discovered that **I am created to honor God and help others by Advancing Alongsiders.**

One of the assessments pushed me to study the meaning of my name and lean into it. I discovered that Stanley means “a stone clearing” and Wayne means “a wagon maker.” Therefore, **I want to help others CLEAR time and space to build their lives on the ROCK in the VEHICLE guided by Scripture and Relationships so that ALL are invited to live with The King.**

This last year has been a difficult year. I am deeply persuaded and testify that **challenges provide opportunities for growth.** There have been challenges in my home and challenges in the church family. Thank you for praying for Heather while she battled through her actual time with COVID and as she has suffered through a long haul of physical and mental complexity ever since. Our family is ever-aware of our need for God as the anchor for our soul.

**April marks the 10 year Anniversary that God visited Candies Creek in a very unique way. |**

celebrate the life-change that happened among our church family then and in particular those that continue to live in the presence and power of God. It has been very evident this past year that Satan wants to separate us from the Bible, the church family and the mission of God. Let’s remember how special it was 10 years ago and remember how special the presence and power of God are in our lives.

**HE IS ALIVE,**

Pastor Stan

# Includes 8 Week Challenge

May and June, 2021

## Let's Do This Together

**Accept the Challenge**  
Pick Up Your Free Copy  
Plan with Your Group  
**Engage in Conversations**

**Be ready to discuss by:**

**May 2 INTRODUCTION**

**May 9 Ch. 1 Evangelism Doesn't Have to be Uncomfortable**

Principle: You have all you need to begin sharing Jesus with people right now.

**May 16 Ch. 2 Evangelism Is Storytelling**

Principle: You don't have to prove the claims of Christianity, just present them clearly.

**May 23 Ch. 3 Evangelism Is Better When It's a Conversation**

Principle: Gospel conversations are better for everyone

**May 30 Ch. 4 Evangelism Is Contextual**

Principle: Every context is an opportunity to share the joy of the gospel with others.

**June 6 Ch. 5 Evangelism Listens to the Needs of Others**

Principle: The issues people face are open doors to connect the gospel to them.

**June 13 Ch. 6 Evangelism Is An Announcement of Good News**

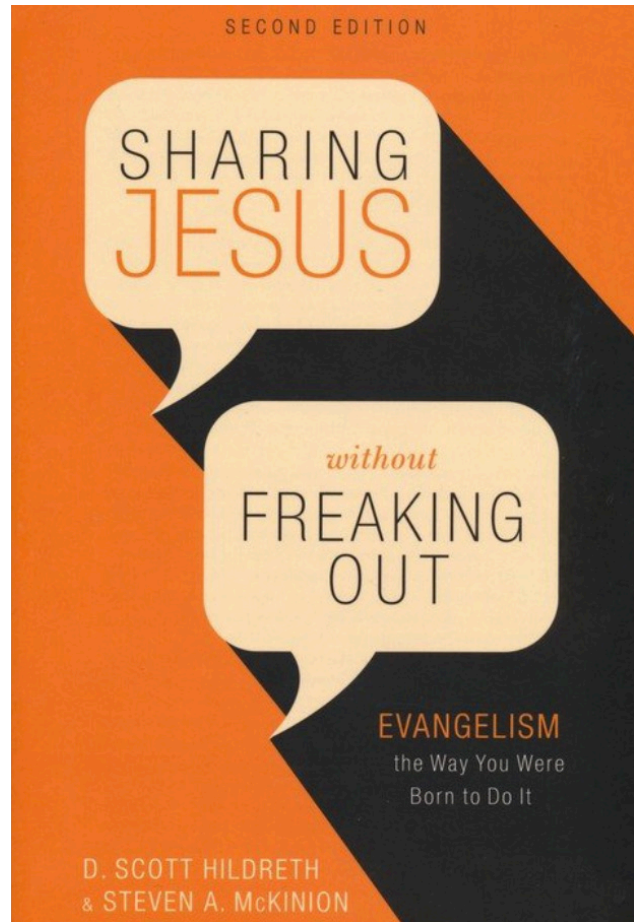
Principle: People are already interested in what is best for them,  
the gospel is best for all people.

**June 20 Ch. 7 Evangelism Is Best In Relationships**

Principle: Gospel Conversations must be grounded in relationships,  
both with Jesus and with others.

**June 27 Ch. 8 Evangelism Happens On Purpose**

Principle: A Jesus-sharing lifestyle starts with a plan to share Jesus  
as a part of everyday living.



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# Senior Adults

## Luncheon at the Pavilion

Mark your Calendars!

**May 2nd**  
after 10:30 Service

Please call the office to  
sign up by 4/25



## PRAISE THE LORD!

**Given in March** \$60,136.65  
**Expenses in March** \$57,154.07

**Given 2021 YTD** \$197,911.45  
**Expenses 2021 YTD** \$170,549.84

**Annie Armstrong** \$4,922.00



“Your support keeps missionaries on the field and moving forward in the toughest circumstances.”

Kevin Ezell  
President, NAMB

**\$10,000**  
**Church-wide Goal**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG  
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## Ladies Acts 2:42 Gathering

Food-Fellowship-Prayer & The Word... Sat. April 10th-10am

At Jackie Stanley's Home, Sign up in the foyer or fellowship hall, or call the church office.



*Our Christian sympathy is extended to:*

*Shawn Loudermilk & Family for the loss of his mother Helen Lowell & his brother Christopher Loudermilk*

*Carlotta Clemons & Family for the loss of her mother Della Jones*

*Dan Smalley & Family for the loss of his wife Donna Smalley*

*Kim Burnette & Family for the loss of her father Bob Taylor*



### Shoebox Sisters

The Shoebox Sisters celebrate Christmas year round!!! In an effort to conserve our energy (packing kid shoeboxes is lots of work!) and to maximize the availability of the Treehouse for safe packing...the group packed 300 shoeboxes for the youngest kiddos in early March. There is always a need for extra hands... there's a task for everyone...come join the fellowship.

Our next workdays are April 9th, 16th, and 30th.

We have postponed the originally scheduled April 2nd workday because that's Good Friday.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday	3
4 	5	6 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night - 5:45 pm <u>3E-Williams</u>	7	8	9 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	10 Ladies Acts 2:42 Gathering 10:00 am - Stanley's 
11 Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm	12	13	14	15	16 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	17
18 Zoofari Meeting 5-6 pm Church Members Business Mtg. 6:00 pm	19	20	21	22	23 	24
25  AWANA GRAND PRIX 6:00 pm ~ wc	26	27	28 AWANA Closing Celebration! 6:00-7:30 pm	29	30 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	

### SUNDAYS

Early Worship .....8:00am  
 Community Groups .....9:15am  
 Late Worship .....10:30am

### WEDNESDAYS

AWANA .....6:00pm  
 Life 122.....6:15pm  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00pm

### THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting .....6:30am  
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:00am

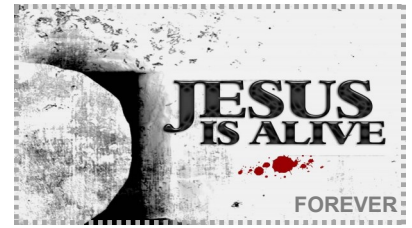






**CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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**Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor**  
**Jonathan Kyle, Co-Pastor & Student Pastor**  
**Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director**



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**Sunrise Service 7:15 am**  
**Cemetery**

**Resurrection  
 Sunday**

**Services 8:00 & 10:30 am**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2nd	Amy Martin
3rd	Taylor Lopez
4th	Bella Beard, Nathan Missinne
6th	Jaxson Shubert
8th	Marilyn Smith
9th	Nolan Gibson, Jake Simko
10th	Lydia Atchley, Mitzi Limburg, Thomas Adolph
11th	Meghan Blackmon, Lynnae Roberts, Jim Woodall
12th	Lindsay Markham, Crystal Lee, Jesse Disney
14th	Laurel Kerley, Kittie Dye, John Brewer
15th	John Simmons, Matt Locklear, Scott Hall
16th	Sammi Shubert, Jadon Griffey
17th	Emma Hicks, Mike Shay
18th	Collin Andruess, Don Harden
19th	Etta May Noel, Tanner Ensley
21th	Chantel Harden, Kevin Robinson
23rd	Rebecca Jones, Sam Morris
24th	Jeanie Maxwell
25th	Katie Kerley, Lance Bryson, P.J. Guardiani
26th	Jackson Allison, Ethan Griffey, Odalys Farris, Bryan Gentry
29th	Jackson Creekmore, Don Nation
30th	Megan Shean, Brady Witt, John Moore

**One Minute Clinic**

Lets unite our hearts in prayer...  
 asking that we fully understand the power of the blood  
 and feel a sense of urgency to share the hope that  
 Jesus's shed blood brings to the world.

*For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to  
 you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the  
 blood that makes atonement for one's life.*

*Leviticus 17:11*

**OBEDIENCE: DEMONSTRATING THE DEPTH OF OUR LOVE FOR JESUS**

“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him” (John 14:21 NASB).

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him” (John 14:23).

- 1** We are living during an age when many people profess to love God, but when examined, their character, values, and actions do not line up with His Word. Pray that genuine believers will understand that loving Jesus means obeying His commands (John 14:21).
- 2** Matthew 24:12 tells us that in the days before the return of Christ, lawlessness will increase, and most people’s love will grow cold. Pray that believers in your community will remain true to Christ and that their love for Him will increase as the day of His return draws closer.
- 3** Obeying God’s commands often demonstrates great faith (Hebrews 11:8). Pray that the faith of your church family will rise and that, as a local congregation, you will purpose to walk together in obedience to all of Christ’s commands.
- 4** In some churches, the amount of time given to personal and corporate Bible study is declining. Pray that Christians all over the nation will have a fresh hunger for God’s Word (1 Timothy 4:13).
- 5** A number of our nation’s political leaders and judges are making decisions and passing judgments that will further remove God’s commands from our culture. Plead with God to send a revival to our land that will restore our dependence on Him and His Word (Deuteronomy 16:18).
- 6** Wickedness has increased and scholastic scores have decreased ever since the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and prayer were removed from public education. Pray that educators will once again see the importance of having God’s moral commands as guides for our children (Proverbs 22:6).
- 7** Pray that Christians in your community will not be ashamed of the gospel or shy away from speaking openly of Christ’s commands (Romans 1:16).
- 8** During these days of busy schedules and worldly distractions, pray for your church family to be even more committed to the process of making disciples who genuinely love and obey Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20).
- 9** Many young adults are leaving the standards of the Word for the humanistic values of a godless culture. Pray that their spiritual eyes will be opened to understand that there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12).
- 10** Pray for Christian parents to see the importance of regularly talking to their children about Christ’s commands. Pray that they will also help them understand how to walk in obedience (Deuteronomy 6:7).
- 11** Pray that pastors will be bold in preaching the whole counsel of God’s Word and that their congregations will respond immediately in obedience as they hear His commands (Psalm 119:59-60).
- 12** In Psalm 119:127, the psalmist speaks of loving God’s commandments more than fine gold. Pray that your church will demonstrate this same kind of passion when it comes to loving God and His Word.
- 13** In a society that can overemphasize the love of God to the exclusion of His holy hatred of sin, pray that all will rightly fear and honor God by keeping His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13).
- 14** Deuteronomy 7:9 tells us that God is faithful to keep His covenant and show lovingkindness to those who love Him and keep His commandments. Pray that Christians will demonstrate a daily commitment to the lordship of Christ as we seek to walk in God’s covenant love.



- 15** Pray that Christians across the country will be obedient in keeping the Great Commandments. Pray that we will truly love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39).
- 16** Pray that the church will have wisdom in knowing how to keep God's commands while walking in submission to the authorities He has placed over us (1 Peter 2:17).
- 17** John 3:36 tells us that whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life, but the person who does not obey Him will experience God's wrath. Ask God to send a great harvest of souls, the largest ingathering of new believers our nation has ever experienced.
- 18** Pray that Christians will stop presenting the members of our bodies to sin, and will instead present our bodies to God as those who are alive from the dead, instruments of righteousness to God (Romans 6:13).
- 19** Peter commented that God had given the Holy Spirit to those who obeyed Him (Acts 5:32). Needing a fresh filling of God's Spirit for these wicked days, pray that Christians will walk in obedience to God's commands and that He will continue filling us with His anointed presence.
- 20** Pray for Christians around the world who are currently being persecuted because of their obedience to Christ's commands. As this kind of persecution increases in our nation, pray that the church will remain faithful in boldly following Christ (Acts 14:22).
- 21** There are people in our communities who are being used by the devil to hinder others from walking in obedience to Christ's commands. Pray for their salvation and that they too will turn to walk in submissive obedience to Christ's teachings (Colossians 1:13).
- 22** Pray for your church's pastor and staff to experience measurable spiritual victory as they model before your congregation what it looks like to walk in obedience to the commands of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- 23** Just as earthly fathers discipline their disobedient children, even so our heavenly Father disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12:9-10). Pray that Christians will recognize God's discipline and will quickly turn from disobedience to walk in submission to Christ.
- 24** During seasons of great revival, God calls His children to repent from their sins and turn back to Him. Pray that Christians in your community who have departed from God's ways will repent and turn back to Him in humble obedience (Joel 2:13).
- 25** Pray for the safety and spiritual well-being of those in positions of authority who have to deal on a daily basis with individuals and families who are disobedient to God's laws along with the laws of your community (Romans 13:4).
- 26** As God continues calling workers out into the harvest, pray that those who hear His voice will respond in cheerful obedience (Luke 10:2).
- 27** During times of revival when men's ears seem to be more tuned to hear God's voice, He has often given His children assignments that can only be fulfilled by exercising great faith. Pray that Christians today will be more attentive to God's promptings and that no command will seem too great for Him to accomplish through them as they purpose to obey (2 Corinthians 4:7).
- 28** God seems to be calling to Himself a number of young adults who are willing to surrender all in following Him. Please pray for this younger generation to be zealously grounded in the Word of God and not to miss hearing and obeying the commands of Christ (1 Timothy 4:12).
- 29** Pray that we as believers will lay down our love of the world and the things of this world in order to be controlled by our love for God (1 John 2:15).
- 30** In coming days, our obedience to Christ's commands may cost us more dear a price than we have ever paid, in our freedom, finances, safety, and relationships. Please pray that regardless of the cost, Christians will rise up to obediently say YES to Christ's commands (Mark 10:28).