



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

April 2023

He
is
Risen

MATTHEW 28:6



AWANA in April

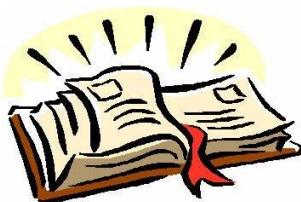
April 1st **SUPER SPRING SOCIAL** at Chattanooga Zoo!
\$10 for kids \$12 for adults with our group rate.
April 5th **AWANA**
April 12th Verse a Thon and club night
April 19th **Beach Night** (final night to say verses)
April 26th **CLOSING CELEBRATION** in the Worship Center



Parent Child Church Dedication

Mother's Day, May 14th in the 10:30 am service. If your family has questions or would like to be a part of this service contact Christy Johns 423-790-2674 or cjohns1269@gmail.com

Kid's Precept



Congratulations to all those who completed Abraham: God's Brave Explorer this winter in Kid's Precept! Great job, Bible Scholars!

Children's Choir

We will be serving the church in worship on April 30th in both 8 & 10:30 am service
Practices: April 2nd in Treehouse 6-7:30 pm
April 9th no practice
April 16th in Worship Center 6-7:30 pm
April 23rd in Worship Center 6-7:30 pm
April 30th in both 8 & 10:30 am services



JONAH: Cruise Ship to Battleship

Secret Church

VBS plus SECRET CHURCH: April 21st David Platt will be teaching on Jonah (our VBS theme by the way!) join us in the Treehouse that evening from 7pm - 1 am and bring your Bible, pens, high-lighters and snacks and enjoy fellowship with intense study and a missions focus on the church in Iran. See Christy Johns to sign up we have a handful of spots available. Cost \$10 includes a Scripture Journal of Jonah

VBS planning and amazement currently underway!
Join us June 25-29th 6-8:45 pm (Sunday thru Thursday)
Sign up for VOLUNTEERS will be on May 7th in the Fellowship Hall during the breaks between Sunday School and church (snacks included)

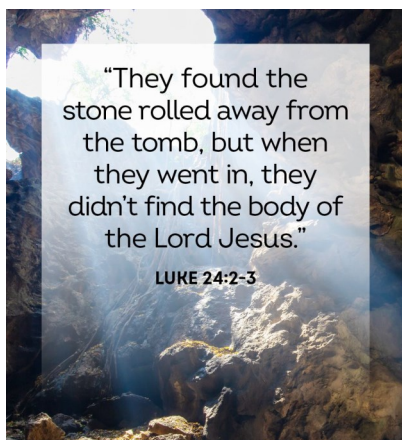
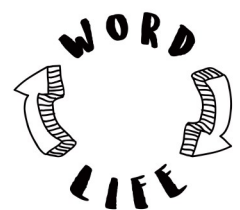


I have been blessed to be able to do student ministry at CCBC for over 12 years now. I am amazed at how quickly time flies and the amount of change that takes place. One of the beautiful things about being in one place for so long is seeing students grow up into adults who get married and even have kids. I am grateful to God for the grace that He has shown to them, and to me and the other student workers who get to play a small part in their spiritual maturity. God is Good and He is so trustworthy. Church, I want you to know how blessed we are with the students that we have! In general, the core group of students here, honestly, have a desire to grow, delight, and thrive in the Lord. Would you please give thanks to God for that and continue to pray for them.

Furthermore, God has burdened my heart, as He has for many of you, for them and their generation in regards to what they are facing. The CDC released a report earlier this year based on some research they did late in 2021. The most heartbreaking stat that came from study is the amount mental health issues amongst our students with 27% of them saying their mental health is "fair or poor." On top of that, 60% of our young ladies had depressive symptoms in the past year and 1/3 of those had seriously contemplated suicide. (<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2023/p0213-yrbs.html>) While there are some unique things that this generation has had to walk through, the 60% increase of these symptoms over the last 10 years proves that what has been done in our culture is not leading to health but more sickness. Therefore, God has led me to do a three part series called "The Gospel Remedy" that will take a look at three problematic issues that this current generation struggles with. Those three big issues are; Loneliness, Fear/Safety, and Anxiety. My intent is to help them see where the Gospel intersects with those issues and provides the remedy for them when we trust in what God has done. Please pray with me for the next generation in this area and that they will trust in the promises of God and find the HOPE that comes through the Gospel. Finally, please feel free to invite any student you know who might be struggling with these issues. Each one of these Wednesday nights will have some kind of social aspect connected to it in order to help any guests feel welcome, that they belong, and that this is a safe place.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



Disciple U-Sunday, April 2nd
@6pm @the Kyle's

Connect Night-Sunday, April 23rd
@6pm @ the Kerley's

Disciple U-Sunday, April 16th
@6pm @the Stoodly's



Camp
Cherokee '23
May 27-June 1

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Upcoming Dates

Apr. 3 - Spring Showcase

Apr. 7 - Good Friday (No School)

Apr. 20 - Parent Academy

Apr. 24-28 - CTP5 Testing Week

Apr. 28 - Spring Auction

May 8-12 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 21 - Kindergarten Graduation and Year-End Celebration

Spring is in the Air... and Excitement

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the bones. - Proverbs 15:30

The smells and sunshine of springtime have blossomed. Spring is a wonderful time of year when the wonders of nature come out from their hibernation. Here at CCA, we are excited as we plan and move toward next year. We have hosted numerous families touring our school as they seek to discern the Lord's will for their student(s). We are excited to share that our retention rate for current students is 88%. This number shows our families are pleased with the vision, mission, and education their students are receiving. Most families who will not be returning next year have decided to homeschool their children or are moving away from our area, and we pray for their successful transition. We are expecting an increase in enrollment next year as we currently have 91 students registered for next year.

Speaking of success, we are excited to share how our students have performed in district and state competitions through the Tennessee Association of Christians Schools. This is the first year we have participated in academic testing. We selected twenty students to compete, and fourteen of those students placed in the top three among the six schools that comprise the district. The students who qualified then competed at the state level against a pool of forty schools.

In the state academic competition, one student, Cora Gibson, placed third in 7th-grade grammar. We had two students win the state title in their category: Noah Pell (4th grade) won the elementary spelling bee, and Eli Moore (4th grade) placed first in the New Testament Bible Knowledge.

We also competed and had success in the State Fine Arts competition. Amelia Itson placed 2nd with her harp in the String Instrument category.

Our middle school Small Group Ensemble comprised of Ember Coleman, Cora Gibson, Emma Claire Carlisle, Kendell Allen, Scarlett Sethman, and Mary Kate Steinle placed second in the state.

To continue, Emma Brackin (4th grade) placed first in the state in the elementary Watercolor category. Emory Rowe (8th grade) placed first in the state in middle school Charcoal Drawing. Calla Roudebush (8th grade) placed third in the state in middle school Ink Drawing.

high school grows we have hired an architect to do a feasibility study in preparation of bring the StuB online for educational space.

Finally, we invite you to join us for two events where you can see our students and their work firsthand and your continual investment in the Academy. The first event is our Spring Showcase on Monday, April 3rd, at 6:30 pm in the Worship center. The second event is our Year-End Celebration on Sunday, May 21st, at 2:30 pm.

Excitement Abounds,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster



We are thrilled with our students success this year in the district and state competitions. Our entire student body has grown spiritually and academically this year. We are looking forward to finishing this academic year strong and preparing for the next. A quick side note: In looking toward next year we will be adding 10th grade, and as our



Dear Child of The King & Fellow Worker as Candies Creek Baptist Church,

I praise King Jesus that you give your first back to God, who is our provider, to support the discipling ministry of our local church body, to support cooperative work beyond us and to provide for us as staff families. Please consider supporting the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** if you have not. Please continue to pray for the Muslim world as they observe **Ramadan**. Pray for them to encounter King Jesus as they seek God. Pray for Muslim background believers to persevere in persecution that may increase during this Muslim prayer effort. Pray for God to send fellow workers to the Muslim world to be a mouthpiece in proclaiming Christ.

I praise King Jesus that His love is evident as many of us go through adversity and that our trust in Him carries us closer to His heart and His throne. I am thankful that some have expressed pause or question in studying Trusting God. I consider it healthy to be able to wrestle through our understanding of God and suffering with one another. It is also inevitable that there will be non-essential doctrines where there will be disagreement in a church our size. Please remember that **our unity** is around the essential doctrines and the clear vision that God has given us.

Several adult community groups are taking advantage of a very useful book by Jerry Bridges, **Trusting God**. The recommended schedule is as follows:

4/2/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 5 p. 267 (Chapter 6, p. 85)
4/9/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 6 p. 275 (Chapter 7, p. 99)
4/16/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 7 p. 285 (Chapter 8, p. 111)
4/23/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 8 p. 293 (Ch. 9, p. 131 & Ch. 10, p. 145)
4/30/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 9 p. 303 (Chapter 11, p. 157)

Please remember (1) **God is completely sovereign**,
(2) **God is infinite in wisdom** and
(3) **God is perfect in love.**

Romans 8:18-25 (Jan.-April pacing)

Trusting God,
Pastor Stan

Camp Cherokee '23

May 27-June 1

Use the QR code to register



Operation Christmas Child....Shoebox Ministry

Stumbling onto items for shoeboxes happens all the time....just keep your eyes OPEN for bargains.

For example, last month, some folks purchased quality kids' gloves for \$.50 and matching hats for \$1.00...a good deal on both. People ask for ideas regularly....here are a few that came in the last Samaritan's Purse summary report...all supported by the joy expressed on the shoebox recipient's face:

- * Flashlights with extra batteries
- * Good harmonicas
- * Tools like hammers, screwdrivers and wrenches
- * Dolls and stuffed animals
- * Soccer balls and pumps
- * Sandals or flip flops (think refugee kids)
- * Crayons and coloring books



Can you believe Sallie Simmons of Miami, Florida (who describes herself as "96 years young") shops year round and this past year was even able to go to Boone, NC to help process shoeboxes there?

Our CCBC Shoebox Sisters' next meeting days are April 7th and April 21st...come and join the fellowship...and work!!!

PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in March	\$77,928.10
March Expenses	\$82,000.64
2023 Given YTD	\$207,171.17
2023 Expenses YTD	\$219,115.79
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$875.00



Game Night at The Creek!

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

Where: Candies Creek Student Building

When: April 22nd, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

What to Bring: Finger Food

Use the QR code to register



(Childcare will not be provided for this event)
Feel free to invite other couples to join us ;-)

Monday Night Community Group

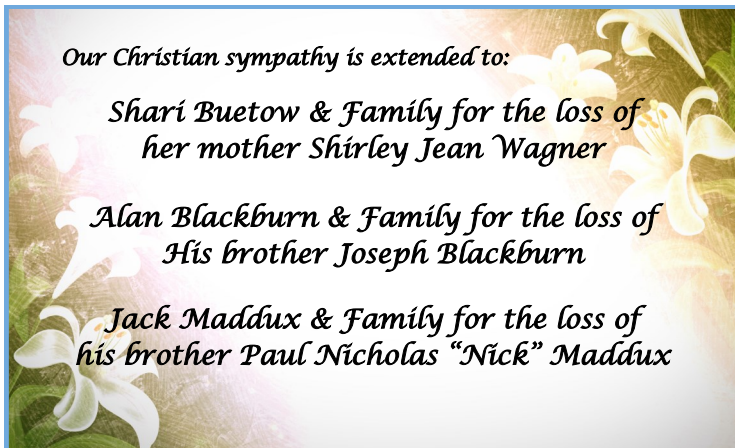
There's a Community Group that meets Monday evening at 7 (the fellowship starts gathering at 6:30). Sometimes we are in a home and other times we meet at Candies Creek. Currently we are digging into I Corinthians which is Paul's letter challenging the Corinthian church to live the Christian life in a very immoral society,...good stuff for life today. Call the Dunns for more information....423.614.0273.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Shari Buetow & Family for the loss of her mother Shirley Jean Wagner

Alan Blackburn & Family for the loss of His brother Joseph Blackburn

Jack Maddux & Family for the loss of his brother Paul Nicholas "Nick" Maddux



Hayden Moore & Macy Gibson - April 2nd, 2-4pm
Registered at Target

John Klepzig & Alyssa Avratin- April 16th, 2-4pm
Registered on Amazon & at Target

Noah & Liberty Loudermilk - April 23rd, 3-5pm
Registered on Amazon & at Target

Adult Choir Good Friday Worship Service



April 7th @ 7 pm

EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE

Office Closed

7:15 am
at the Cemetery



Senior Adults!!!

You will be our Guests of Honor
On Sunday April 23rd
for Lunch & Music in the StUB
after the 10:30 service (Noon-ish)

Please sign up or call the office by April 19

Acknowledging Our Corporate Sins

Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room and the bride out of her bridal chamber. Let the priests, the LORD'S ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'" (Joel 2:15-17 NASB).

- 1 Many Christians have forgotten the biblical truth that God holds churches, cities, and nations accountable for their corporate sins. Pray that spiritual and political leaders all over the country will lead their people to examine their ways and repentantly cry out to God for forgiveness of any revealed sins (Joel 2:15-17).
- 2 Jesus denounced the cities where His miracles took place when they did not repent (Matthew 11:20). Pray that your city will take note of the supernatural work of God and will repentantly turn to Him.
- 3 Jerusalem was a city that killed the prophets and stoned those who were sent to her by God (Matthew 23:37). Pray that cities all over the country will be willing to gather around Jesus and respond in faith to His message of salvation.
- 4 Pray that churches will not hypocritically maintain a form or appearance of godliness while denying the power of Christ to change lives (2 Timothy 3:5).
- 5 Pray that churches and Christian organizations will be careful not to make idols out of their leaders, traditions, buildings, or methods (Exodus 20:3-4).
- 6 Pray that the current generation of believers will turn away from the sins of their parents and grandparents, being careful to reject any sinful or self-righteous ways and deeds of those who have gone before them (Exodus 20:5).
- 7 When the nation of Israel defiled their land by their sinful ways and deeds, God poured out His wrath upon them (Ezekiel 36:17-18). As God holds our nation accountable for our corporate sins, pray that our spiritual and political leaders will make the connection and lead us to repent.
- 8 Pray that churches will not allow their members to become lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (2 Timothy 3:2-4).
- 9 Ask God to protect your church family from false prophets and teachers who would "secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them" (2 Peter 2:1).
- 10 Pray that everyone within your church will turn from sensuality and, in doing so, will keep the way of the truth from becoming maligned (2 Peter 2:2).
- 11 Ask God to protect your church family from those who allow their greed for money and power to influence them to exploit the church with false words (2 Peter 2:3).
- 12 Pray that your congregation will be sensitive to not grieve the Holy Spirit and be careful to put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander (Ephesians 4:30-31).
- 13 Pray that your church family will be "kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven" each of them (Ephesians 4:32).
- 14 Pray that everyone in your church who is a child of God will seek to imitate the character and nature of their Heavenly Father (Ephesians 5:1).
- 15 Pray that the members of your church will walk in love, laying down their lives for one another just as Christ did when He "gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).



- 16** Pray that every person in your church will repentantly lay aside immorality, impurity, greed, filthiness, silly talk, and coarse jesting (Ephesians 5:3-4).
- 17** Living under the influence of today's culture, it is very easy for churches to seek social acceptance in line with humanistic philosophy. Pray that churches will honor God by fearing Him more than man (Proverbs 29:25; Matthew 10:28).
- 18** Pray that churches in your city will not solely rely on their denominational leaders and programs for guidance, but will seek direction from the Holy Spirit while being careful not to quench His leading (1 Thessalonians 5:19-20).
- 19** Pray that your church will not become proud or selfishly boast when God works among them and through them (Proverbs 11:2; James 4:6).
- 20** Pray that your church family will follow the example of Jesus by letting God initiate and direct everything you do as individuals and as a congregation (John 5:19, 30).
- 21** Some churches have been teaching the right thing to do for years but have not applied the Word to their ministry and daily activity. Pray that churches living with this type of apathetic, rebellious mindset will see the sinfulness of their ways and repent (James 4:17).
- 22** Pray that church members who honor God with their lips but do not have hearts that are close to His heart will repent of their hypocritical ways (Mark 7:6).
- 23** Pray that your church family will be careful not to teach as doctrine the precepts and traditions of men while neglecting the true, biblical mandates of God (Mark 7:7-8).
- 24** Since "God is spirit," pray that churches will repent of promoting and maintaining any type of service that does not focus on worshiping "the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24).
- 25** Pray that church and Christian ministry leaders will be careful to consistently study, interpret, and apply the whole counsel of God to their preaching and teaching (2 Timothy 2:15).
- 26** On any given Sunday, many church memberships are missing one-half to two-thirds of their members. Pray that your church family will not forsake assembling together but will learn even better how "to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 27** Pray that churches will learn how to execute God's plan of discipline toward members who refuse to repent of open sins (Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:15-17).
- 28** Pray that your church will prioritize discipling new followers of Jesus who are being added to your church's membership (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- 29** When people leave a congregation, they are often forgotten with no one going to seek them out or checking to see what prompted their departure. Pray that your congregation will do well in ministering to those who have stopped participating (Ezekiel 34:6).
- 30** Pray that your church family will be committed to praying for and seeking the lost, intentionally looking for opportunities to minister to them and share with them the good news of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Moore/Gibson Wedding Shower 2-4 pm/StuB Disciple U Kyle's/6:00pm	3 CCA Choir Spring Concert & Showcase 6:30 pm/WC	4 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - A1-Stoody	5	6	7  Office Closed Adult Choir Worship Service - 7 pm	8
9 Sunrise Service 7:15 am 	10	11	12	13	14	15 Men's Ministry Hike
16 Klepzig/Avratin Wedding Shower 2-4 pm/StuB Deacons' Mtg. 4:30 pm Disciple U Stoody's/6:00pm	17	18	19	20	21 Shoebbox Ministry 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg Secret Church: Jonah/Iran 7pm-1am/TH	22   Game Night! 6:00-7:30 pm
23 Senior Adult Luncheon Loudermilk Wedding Shower 2-4 pm/StuB	24	25	26 AWANA Closing Celebration! 6:00 pm/WC	27	28 CCA Auction 6:30 pm/StuB	29 Women of Joy!
30 Children's Choir Special Worship Members Business Mtg. 4:30 pm Churchwide Fellowship 6:00pm						

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15-10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:30 am
 Adult & Kid's Choir6:00 - 7:30 pm

TUESDAYS

One Another Care Course.....10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

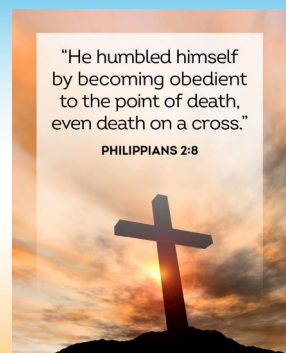
Prayer Meeting.....6:00 pm
 AWANA.....6:00-7:30 pm
 Life 122.....6:15 pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
 Ladies Bible Study9:00 am
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm

"He humbled himself
 by becoming obedient
 to the point of death,
 even death on a cross."

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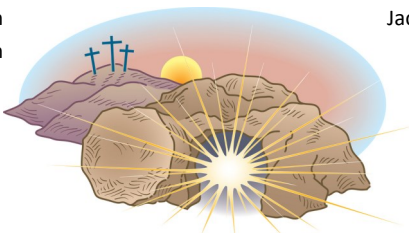
Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor
Jonathan Kyle, Co-Pastor & Student Pastor
Sammy Parris, Worship Pastor
Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Millie Kate Smith, Amy Martin
Taylor Lopez
Bella Beard, Nathan Missinne
Bella Purser
Marilyn Smith
Nolan Gibson, Jake Simko
Lydia Atchley, Thomas Adolph
Meghan Blackmon, Jim Woodall
Crystal Lee, Lindsay Markham, Steven Carroll
Laurel Kerley, Kittie Dye, John Brewer
John Simmons, Scott Hall
Zayne Long, Adeline Smith, Jadon Griffey
Emma Hicks, Mike Shay
Collin Andruess, Don Harden
Etta Mae Noel, Tanner Ensley
Chantel Harden
Sam Morris
Jeanie Maxwell
Katie Kerley, Lance Bryson
Odalys Farris, Jackson Allison, Ethan Griffey
Jackson Creekmore, Don Nation
Brady Witt, John Moore



Be not wise
in your
own eyes;
fear the
Lord, and
Turn away
from evil.

Proverbs 3:7

**One Minute
Clinic**