



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

August 2023





JOY STORY!

Choir practices switch to Sunday
nights at 6 pm beginning
August 13

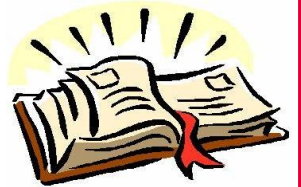


Kid's Precept

KIDS PRECEPT: Isaac, Esau and Jacob: Extreme
Adventures with God 3rd grade up to adults.

See Christy Johns to
reserve your spot.

Sundays Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8th
4-6 pm includes dinner!



AWANA 20 year Celebration!

When? August 20th
in 8 & 10:30 am worship times.
Sign up to pray or volunteer with
Richie or Katie Kerley



Online registration
opens August 1st
Scan code or go to:

candiescreek.twotimtwo.com

MUST BE 3 yrs old by August 5th 2023
to join Cubbies - up to entering 6th gr.

AWANA leader training
Wednesday August 23rd-6 pm

AWANA OPENING NIGHT
Wed August 30th plus OMC!!!!

Promotion

PROMOTION SUNDAY: is August 6th! Sunday school
begins at 9:15 am and

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for K-4th graders in the
8 & 10:30 am service in the Treehouse.

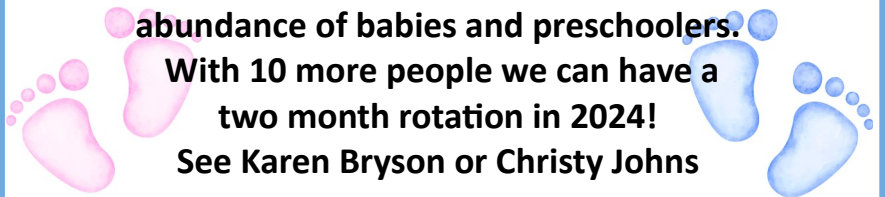


SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS: Assistant for
1st grade with Annette Markham.
See Christy Johns if you would like to
join our Sunday School!

2024 NURSERY we are looking to add week 8 to our
rotation! Y'all have responded exceptionally to our
abundance of babies and preschoolers.

With 10 more people we can have a
two month rotation in 2024!

See Karen Bryson or Christy Johns



Don't panic...but make plans for your class to host a spot at Trunk R Treat 2023!

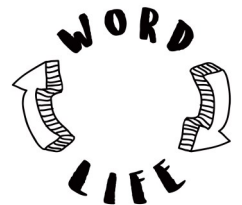
Signs ups coming in September. This is a HUGE outreach event where we
love and meet lots of our community. October 29th 4-6 pm

SCHOOL!!!! Its back! That word "school" still makes my heart sink when I hear it in the summer, so I know a lot of our students don't want to talk about it. However, school marks the conclusion of summer ministry and the beginning of the routine of weekly ministry. With that, I say "PRAISE THE LORD" for the work He did in the lives of our students and the student ministry through the unique ministry opportunities that the summer brings. I have been the firsthand witness to spiritual change and maturity in the lives of our students. I get to witness a group of students who LOVE to be together. I have seen them pray WITH and FOR each other. I have experienced the overflow of their abiding time as they have shared with each other what God has been teaching them. I have observed them enter into gospel conversations with children in Atlanta, and I have watched them be encouraged that they proclaimed Christ and how they could just as easily do it at home. Church, be encouraged that the next generation at CCBC genuinely loves the Lord and are seeking to apply God's Word to life until it becomes a lifestyle.

This month, on Wednesday nights, I am going to take time to slow down in our mission and vision statement with the students. Our mission statement is "Making disciples who make disciples by applying God's Word to life until it becomes a lifestyle." This is the guiding direction behind all that we do with the purpose of accomplishing our vision; "Developing LIFERS-individuals who discipline themselves to own their faith for a lifetime." The intent will be to show them the WHY behind the ministry programs that we have, and the strategy behind each detail of what we do. Now, I know students do not get fired up about this, but it is necessary for them to know that there is purpose behind each thing that we do. Please pray for our students that they will desire what God desires for themselves, and that they will fully embrace the ministry opportunities given to them at CCBC as an opportunity to step into God's will.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



- ⇒ Tuesday, August 1st @ 6pm-CONNECT Night
@ Jeff and Jennie Davis' House
- ⇒ Wednesday, August 3rd @ 6:15pm-Life122
Kicks back off for the Fall Semester
- ⇒ Sunday, August 6th @ 9:15am-Promotion Sunday and
Community Group Breakfast
- ⇒ Sunday, August 6th @ 6PM-Disciple U (college)
@ the Kyle's
- ⇒ Sunday, August 20th @ 6pm-Disciple U (college)
@ the Stody's

CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

Aug. 2nd - 4th - Teacher In-Service

Aug. 4th - Family Orientation 6pm

Aug. 7th - First Day of Classes

Aug. 8th - First Parent Council Meeting

Looking Back

²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

-Acts 14:26–27

This month marks the start of Candies Creek Academy’s 10th year for Candies Creek Academy, and Lord willing, at the end of this 2023-2024 school year, we will celebrate a decade of partnering with parents to equip, model, and mobilize students to be effective disciples through Christ-centered education with academic excellence. There are numerous people who dreamed, prayed, researched, planned, worked, and exercised faith to birth a Christ-centered school for God's glory with a view to the nations. We pause to give thanks to the Lord for His amazing grace demonstrated through each person who has participated and supported the academy as we start our 10th academic year.

Prior to the start of CCA's first orientation, those who prayed, dreamed, researched, and led the establishing of a school faced a significant headwind of opposition. Some Candies Creek Baptist Church members were firmly against starting a school, and others held their breath in hesitation, anticipating the academy to flounder and drain significant financial resources from the church and not survive beyond one or two years. Do you hear a scriptural echo here that reminds you of various opposition in the scriptures?

We are now, by God's grace and faithfulness, starting the tenth academic year. There certainly have been challenges along the way, as CCBC sent out a beloved senior pastor of 18 years and welcomed a new pastor at the end of year one and the beginning of year two. Then at the end of the third year, a vacancy in the Headmaster's position, well into the summer, certainly caused some to hear whispers of their prophecies coming true and others to wonder. As the academy did its best to move forward in every area, it was apparent to the headmaster and board members that the academy pause its Rhetoric school (9-12 grades) at the end of year six.

At the start of the academic fourth quarter in year six, an unprecedented challenge came to the academy and the entire world. A pandemic called novel Coronavirus, later COVID-19 had made its way from China to the United States. On Friday, March 13, 2020, the final day of Spring Break, the President declared a national emergency, and little did anyone know at the time, students nationwide would not return to school for the remainder of the year. Throughout the summer before starting year seven, the nation debated if school children should return to school for Fall 2020. CCA's board and headmaster decided to start year seven, allowing students to return to in-person instruction despite CCBC's worship services continuing to be held virtually.

The academy survived its sixth and seventh COVID years and pushed forward into year eight, looking to restart the Rhetoric school in the Fall of 2022 with help from a research assistant and a Rhetoric task force. Again, some doubted if the Rhetoric school's cost and effort was the best course, but in year nine, the academy started to rebuild its Rhetoric school year by year, and here we are at the beginning of year ten with ten students in grades 9 and 10.

Over the past nine years, there has been no lack of challenges, and there are certainly more ahead, but in the often-repeated words of Larry Stone, my beloved father-in-law who passed away last month, "If it was easy, everybody would be doing it." Thanks be to God for his steadfast love and gifts of grace He has bestowed upon the Candies Creek Baptist Church, without which there would be no Candies Creek Academy.

We ask each of you to join us in this petition as we enter our tenth academic year; "O Lord, grant the academy the wisdom, maturity, vision, and passion in increasing measure to be used as a well-honed instrument in Your hands for the advancement of Your kingdom among our neighbors and the nations. In Jesus name, Amen."

By His Grace,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster



During August, please consider a financial gift to the Dana Work Scholarship Fund. There are some significant needs facing families who desire their children to have a Christ-centered classical education. Donations to the Dana Work Scholarship Fund are directly applied as scholarships to individual families who qualify. Currently, we have committed over \$18,500 for this school year without reaching our \$15,000 goal. If we reach our goal with your investment, we anticipate going as high as \$25,000 in scholarships for students.



Dear Imitators of God,

I compiled a list of verses from Jesus' and Paul's words and examples.

3 Scriptures from Jesus' Words and Example

- Mark 3:14 And He appointed **twelve**, so that they would be **with Him** and that **He could send them out** to preach.
- Luke 6:40 A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been **fully trained**, will be **like his teacher**.
- Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

3 Scriptures from Paul's Words and Example

- Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and **teaching every man with all wisdom**, so that we may **present every man complete in Christ**. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.
- 1 Thessalonians 1:6 You also became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an **example**...
- 2 Timothy 2:2 The things which **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others also**.

"A disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ is a Spirit empowered imitator of God's Son, who actively and passively serves as an object of imitation for others, to the glory of the Father." Dr. Witte

Trusting God,
Pastor Stan



Shoebox Ministry

2023 is more than half over and over half of the goal set for the 2023 year has been successfully packed. Thursday, July 27th and Friday, July 28th saw about 20 people of all ages packing shoeboxes for the 10-14 year old boys and girls. Many of those shoeboxes already have the paid shipping labels on them!!!

Thank you Candies Creek...again, for your consistent support. The last packing day for the year will be in late October with the help of the junior church kiddos.

If you are packing your own shoeboxes, be aware that school supplies are a great deal currently.

August workdays are the 11th & 25th!



"Music on the River"

on Saturday, August 19th @ 5:30 pm

@ The Blackburn's River House

258 Jameson Dr. - Georgetown, TN



We will have Hot Dogs, Buns & Drinks... Please bring a side and/or dessert & a lawn chair.

Fun for the whole family!

PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in July \$62,826.57

July Expenses \$77,160.95

2023 Given YTD \$467,595.73

2023 Expenses YTD \$546,928.15

Lottie Moon \$2,067.58

Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? This. Is. Your. Time. Just visit

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or scan the code to sign up for a nine-week

Financial Peace University class starting on

Sunday, August 13, 2023 - 4:00 pm

Make today the day you decide to own your money—not the other way around.

You've got this!



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Fall Ladies Precept Bible Study Exodus - Let My People Go



Begins Aug. 31st - Thursdays @ 9:00-11:00 am - Childcare Provided - Contact Marsa Garner @ 423-605-5705



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Katie Delmotte & Family for
the loss of her father
Larry Alan Stone

Laying Aside The Old Self, Putting On The New Self – Part 2

“... in reference to your former manner of life, [that] you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth (Ephesians 4:22-24 NASB).

- 1 The apostle Paul had such an awareness of God's loving, caring presence that even in prison, he chose to rejoice (Acts 16:25). Pray that the members of your church family will lay aside the practice of complaining about circumstances and will instead rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4).
- 2 Since life in Christ is so much more than the daily routines of eating, drinking, and seeing our bodies clothed, pray that Christians all over the country will not be consumed in seeing these needs met, but instead will cast their cares on God, the One who graciously provides for His children (Matthew 6:25; 1 Peter 5:7).
- 3 Pray that God will protect your friends from evil and the temptation to have unbelieving hearts. Pray that instead of falling away from loving the living Christ, they will be drawn more fully into His holy presence (Hebrews 3:12).
- 4 Pray that your church family will be faithful in fulfilling the assignments given to them by the Lord. Pray that their commitments to serving Him will not fluctuate, regardless of each task's size, visibility, or importance in the eyes of men (Luke 16:10).
- 5 Pray that your church family will not neglect God's Word but will delight in it, meditating on its truths both day and night (Psalm 1:2).
- 6 Knowing there is no one on earth or in heaven comparable to Almighty God, pray that churches across America will offer to God the glorious type of adoration and worship of which He is so deserving (Psalm 89:6-7).
- 7 Knowing that the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41), pray for your Christian friends to be willing to pray at all times and not lose heart (Luke 18:1).
- 8 Jesus felt compassion for the lost because He saw them as distressed and dispirited sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36). Pray for the church in America to regain its concern and burden for the lost.
- 9 Knowing that Christians should be trustworthy stewards of the mysteries of God (1 Corinthians 4:2), pray that churches all across America that have been given much by God will be faithful as He requires and asks much of them (Luke 12:48b).
- 10 The urgency we feel for revival pushes us to use every moment wisely. Pray that Christians across the nation will not delay in their obedience to Christ but will demonstrate great faithfulness in serving Him (Proverbs 10:5).
- 11 In loving others, pray that Christians today will be diligent in practicing hospitality, caring for others, without complaining about the people they serve or the acts of kindness they are demonstrating (1 Peter 4:8-9).
- 12 The Bible teaches that stealing is out of character for the life of a genuine believer. Pray that new Christians across the country will turn away from every form of theft, and instead, labor diligently in order to be able to share with those in need (Ephesians 4:28).
- 13 Knowing that self-control is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23), pray that the members of your church family will be diligent in pursuing the kind of relationship with Christ that enables them to exercise self-control in all things (1 Corinthians 9:25).



- 14** Pray that Christians will be diligent in disciplining their bodies, laying down laziness, drunkenness, and gluttony so as to not be disqualified in serving Christ (1 Corinthians 9:27; Proverbs 23:21).
- 15** Pray that the youth of your church will not pursue friendship with fools, but will intentionally walk with those who are wise in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 13:20).
- 16** Pray that those who have been blessed with the world's goods will lay down stinginess and open their hearts to obey God, especially as He directs them to be generous in helping meet the physical needs of other believers (1 John 3:17).
- 17** Pray that your church family will walk in moral purity, always abstaining from sexual immorality and purposing to live free from lustful passion (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5).
- 18** With the understanding that every Christian's physical body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, pray that your church family will flee immorality and glorify God in their bodies (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).
- 19** Pray that your church family will deny ungodliness and worldly desires in order to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age (Titus 2:12).
- 20** Jesus made it clear that adultery begins in the heart. Pray that the men and women of your church will actively guard their hearts as they interact with members of the opposite sex (Matthew 5:27-28). Ask God to give them grace to honor the marriage covenants of all with whom they interact.
- 21** In a day when the divorce rate in our culture is extremely high, pray that married couples within your church family with hate even the idea of adultery and will delight in growing together in love (Proverbs 5:15-18).
- 22** As our culture increasingly supports the sexual perversion of homosexuality, pray that pastors across the nation will stand firmly on God's Word in helping their congregations understand the clear, biblical standards that address this topic (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:21-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-11).
- 23** Pray that the men of your church will conduct themselves with integrity of heart, set no worthless thing before their eyes, and hate the work of those who fall away (Psalm 101:2-3).
- 24** Pray that the women of your church will use modesty and discretion when clothing themselves, and will teach their daughters to do the same (1 Timothy 2:9).
- 25** Pray that the youth of your church family will fear the LORD and turn away from evil (Proverbs 3:7), not allowing their peers to entice them into acts of ungodliness (Proverbs 1:10).
- 26** Pray that your church family will avoid any involvement with witchcraft, palm readers, mediums, or horoscopes, understanding that "whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD" (Deuteronomy 18:9-12).
- 27** As Christians in your community experience the temptation to return to the sinful patterns of their former way of life, pray that they will continually put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts and evil desires (Romans 13:13-14).
- 28** The people of God in Isaiah's day were sinfully caught up in activities dedicated to the false gods called Fortune and Destiny. Because of this, they did not respond to the word of God and did evil in His sight. Pray that Christians in your church family will come to recognize any socially accepted false gods in their lives and choose, instead, to pursue the things that are a delight to God (Isaiah 65:11-12).
- 29** People today are often tempted to boast in their own abilities and to make proud, presumptuous declarations regarding their future successes. Pray that the members of your church family will humbly entrust their lives and their futures into the hands of the One who truly reigns over tomorrow (James 4:13-16).
- 30** Pray that those who have left their first love for Christ will remember from where they have fallen, repent, and do the deeds they did at first in loving Jesus (Revelation 2:4-5).
- 31** Pray that those within your church family who have become lukewarm or complacent in their walk with Christ will repent and become zealous in seeking, knowing, and obeying God (Revelation 3:16, 19).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Memphis Mission Trip		1 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - 4C	2	3	4	5
		Students CONNECT Night/6:00pm/Davis'			CCA Orientation 6:00 pm/WC	
6 Back to 2 Services! Promotion Sunday! Disciple U Kyle's/6:00pm	7 CCA First Day! 	8	9	10	11 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	12
13 <i>Financial Peace U Begins! 4:00 pm</i> Deacon Ordination 4:30 pm <i>Children's & Adult Choirs Return! 6 pm</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19  "Music On The River" 5:30 pm
20 AWANA Celebrates 20 Years! Disciple U Stoody's/6:00pm	21	22	23 AWANA Leader Training 6:00 pm/TH	24	25 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	26
27 River Baptism! 4:30 pm 	28	29	30 AWANA Returns! 6:00-7:30 pm	31 Ladies Bible Study Returns! 9:00 am		

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service.....8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15 -10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:30 am
 Financial Peace University (8/13)...4:00 pm
 Adult & Children's Choir (8/13).....6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting (WC).....6:00 pm
 Life 122 (StuB).....6:15 pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm

But the path of the just is as the
 shining light, that shineth more
 and more unto the perfect day. -Proverbs 4:18





CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
294 OLD EUREKA RD.
CHARLESTON, TN 37310

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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Owen Burnette
Alison Nation, Hannah Ledford
Caleb Plank, Madison Ballew
Josh Shoemaker
Nolan Jolley, Del Vaughn
Bethany Purser, Taylor Thomas
Sharon MaGee, Brenda Elrod,
Sharon Johnson, Bob Marcum
Henley Purser, Brenda Thompson,
Roger Branham, Andrew Morgan
Linda Shoemaker, Ruth Hooper
Sam Hoffman
Gayle Brewer
Robin Elmer, Gregg Neuendorf
Mark Steinle, Richard Glenn
Meagan Jolley
Shannon Marrie
Erin Leggett, Dale Hooper
Andy Strike
Macy Moore
Missy Parris
Darbi Shay, Jacob Kerley
Trigg Simko, Terry Chastain

One Minute Clinic

For he has rescued us from the
kingdom of darkness and
transferred us into the
Kingdom of his dear Son,
who purchased our freedom
and forgave our sins.
Colossians 1:13-14 NLT