



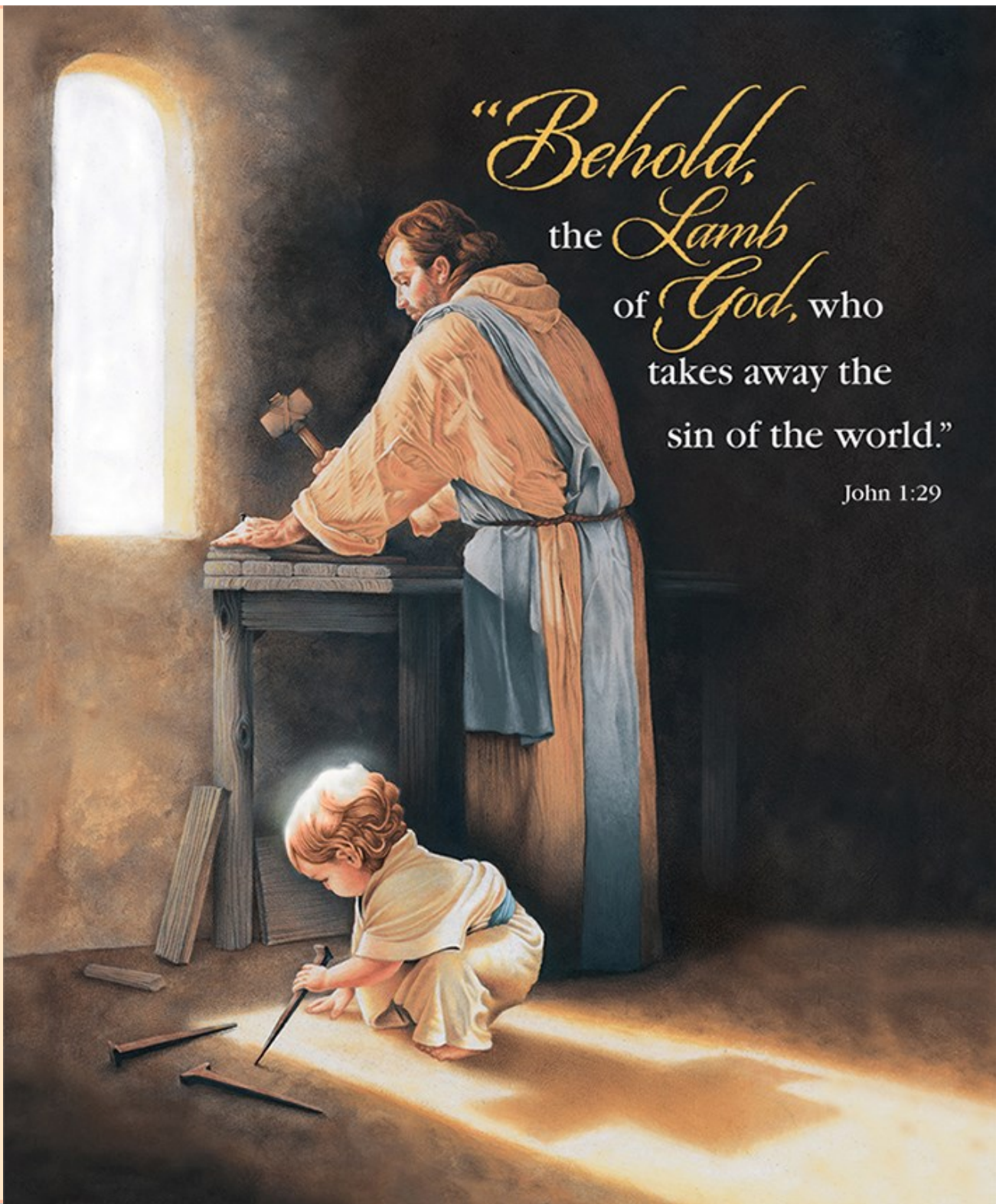
the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

*"Behold,
the Lamb
of God, who
takes away the
sin of the world."*

John 1:29

December 2021





December

Parent-Child-Church Dedication

Parent-Child-Church Dedication December 12, in the 10:30 am service. Please contact Christy Johns at cjohns1269@gmail.com or 423-790-2674 to ask questions or sign up to participate.

Children's church takes a break during December and will return January 2nd.

AWANA in December

Dec 1 AWANA night
Dec 8 AWANA night
Dec 15 AWANA Jammies for Jesus!
Dec 22 & 29 No AWANA
Merry Christmas!
(Coming in the month of January 2022....Grand Prix, be watching for Build a Car Night and other important dates for your TNT clubber)

Challenge



2022 New Testament Family Challenge

Pick up your NT reading plan and TAKE THE FAMILY CHALLENGE. One chapter a day, five minutes a day, five days a week to complete all 260 chapters in the New Testament. See Christy Johns to pick up the info. We are looking forward to reading God's Word together in 2022. You CAN do this.

Nursery

SURVEY QUESTION: If our nursery rotation were ONCE every TWO months, would you be more likely to be a Nursery volunteer? We are considering sign ups for EIGHT teams of 8 people each to serve our 8 & 10:30 worship times. Currently we operate 1 nursery in the 8 am time slot and 3 nursery classes in the 10:30 time slot. We would LOVE LOVE LOVE your honest feedback. See Karen Bryson or Christy Johns

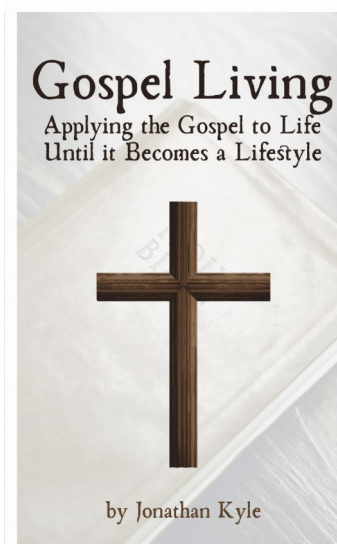


Another year has come and gone, and still, God is as faithful as He has ever been. Isn't that an amazing thing? Change is constant, and the end of another year reminds us of how much we have changed. YET, God remains the same! Oh, what a wonderful God that we serve and who is faithful to His promises to us. This year, the student ministry focused on the RETURN and spent time looking at the faithfulness of God to receive us back and forgive us of our sins each time we RETURN to Him in repentance. Why? I do not know, but He is faithful to "forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness." I pray for you that if you have come to the end of the year and you have not grown in the Lord like you wanted, or that you have grown away from God over the year, RETURN to Him. He is gentle and full of mercy and compassion.

Personally, a six year journey of writing a book has come to a conclusion this year. Out of simple obedience to God through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, I have put what God has put on my heart to paper and published the book; Gospel Living: Applying the Gospel to Life Until it Becomes a Lifestyle. I can't thank you enough church for providing me the time to write it. I thank you as well for the many of you whom encouraged me to complete the task and provided your coaching in the editing process. The book explores the Gospel definition that you all are familiar with and helps the reader understand that the Gospel is not just the doorway to the Christian faith but the CULTURE that we live our entire life. The book takes a challenging look at the characteristics of the Gospel and how our life should look like the Gospel that saves us. I have no aspirations of being a best seller or even developing a traveling ministry, but my prayer is that what God has taught me may be a blessing to others that encourages them in their faith journey with Him. Thank you church for your support!

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



- ⇒ Sunday, December 12-College Christmas Party @ Kyle's @6pm
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 15-Life122 Christmas Party
(Charlie Brown Theme) 6:15pm
- ⇒ Wednesdays, December 22nd & 29th-
No Life122 services.
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 29th-Jan 1-CROSS Conference
for College Students in Louisville, KY



CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

December 7th - CCA Night
@ Tazikis

December 14-17 - Logic
School Semester Exams

December 16th - CCA Night
@ Shane's Rib Shack

December 17th - Early
Dismissal 11am

December 20th-January
3rd - Christmas Break

January 4th - Classes Begin

Discipleship in Education

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (Colossians 2:8–10).

All stages and forms of education are discipleship. If you examine the most common educational systems, from homeschool to private classical, public progressive to vocational, or some hybrid of these, you will find that students are disciplined in one of two directions: toward love for God or toward a love of something other than God, which is idolatry.

There is an interesting connection between the English words “disciple” and “discipleship” on the one hand, and the seemingly unrelated term “mathematics” on the other. Most of us think of “mathematics” as dealing only with numbers. But that has not always been the case. The Greek word *mathano*, where we get our English word “mathematics,” initially meant “the lessons.” During the time of Christ, and for some time afterward, Christ’s followers were referred to as *mathetes*, indicating they were his “learners” and “students,” or, as we often call them, “disciples.”¹

Back to the topic of how education is discipleship, careful educators understand that curriculum, character, and conduct shape students’ worldviews, thereby, creating disciples. Careless—or perhaps naïvé—educators fail to see this connection of these concepts, as do parents and churches from time-to-time. All authority figures in the lives of students play a role in making them disciples, either disciples of Christ or disciples of our culture.

Parents have the highest responsibility of nurturing, shepherding, and discipling their children toward Christlikeness in mind and heart. The

¹ Clark, Kevin, et al. *The Liberal Arts Tradition: A Philosophy of Christian Classical Education*. (Classical Academic Press, 2019), 214.

home-life of a child, his or her church environment, and parents' educational decisions each influence the formation of a child's soul. However, parents and their fellow church members often overlook the massive impact education has in this discipleship process. This education is not simply conveying facts about reading, writing, and arithmetic from the teacher to the pupil. Lessons on each of these disciplines contain facts that are filtered through a teacher's presupposition, commentary, and lifestyle. The problem arises when the facts and beliefs you treasure are not shared by those teaching your child or by the chosen curriculum. We see this happen currently in public schools across the country, as parents battle school boards over the introduction of unbiblical or anti-biblical hypotheses into the classroom, such as Critical Race Theory (CRT), the Theory of Evolution, and other various theories that promote the acceptance of deviant "progressive" behavior.

If your family situation is such that you must send your student to a school, then the faculty of that school serves *in loco parentis* or "in the place of parents." Therefore, the question you must answer is, "Does the faculty adequately share my beliefs on the foundational matters of life?" These beliefs may be summed up by Five Ultimate Questions: "Where did everything come from?" (Origin), "Who am I?" (Identity), "Why am I here?" (Purpose), "How should I live?" (Morality), "What happens when I die?" (Destiny).

The mission of Candies Creek Academy is to partner with parents to equip, model, and mobilize students to be effective disciples through Christ-centered education with academic excellence. CCA recognizes parents play the lead

role in educating their children and our faculty and staff come alongside to support parents in creating disciples of Christ. Thus, it is important our faculty and staff know Christ, imitate Him, and teach all subjects in light of the famous quote of Abraham Kuyper:

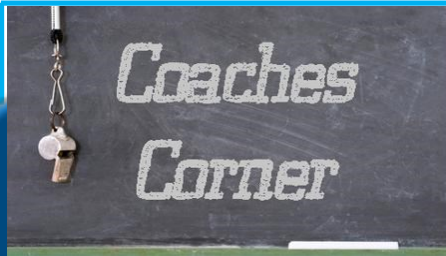
*"no single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!"*²

In other words, there is no such thing as a secular-sacred divide when it comes to education.

Learning the Art of Discipleship in Education,

Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster

² Bratt, James D. *Abraham Kuyper: A Centennial Reader* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998), 461.



Dear Kingdom Citizens,


The year is almost gone, as we enter the last month of 2021. It doesn't seem like long ago that we that we read Acts together as a congregation in January. Our heart was to cast vision for how **God wants to use us to Proclaim Christ**. Acts 4:12 clearly says, **"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."**

It is a joy to serve you. It is a joy to share the gospel with people. I try to remind you often that... **We are all sinners. We all need Jesus.**

We all need each other. And the world needs the gospel.

These words remind us of the mercy and grace of **Jesus** and the **mission of His church family**. We did cast a God-sized goal that "by faith, as kingdom citizens we would have 2021 natural gospel conversations in 2021." In some ways, I think we started with a mindset of thinking this needed to be exhaustive, covering each of the gospel hooks (GOD, MAN, JESUS, **SURRENDER**) in some form or fashion. I certainly became more and more convinced as we studied Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out that this "all or nothing" mindset has slowed down the advancement of the gospel because it doesn't feel as natural and we avoid it. It was then that I tried to **start** emphasizing **"dripping Jesus into conversations" (or any one of the gospel hooks for that matter)**. I sincerely believe this is a healthy shift and a healthy start as a catalyst for more natural gospel conversations. My real prayer is that by God's grace we are BECOMING more evangelistic and that this year has helped you in some very practical ways. **And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."** Mark 1:17

With Love,
Pastor Stan

Gospel Hooks	God	Man	Jesus	Surrender 
	Holy Creator	Rebellion Sin	Crucified Risen King	

Given in November **\$62,541.36**
Expenses in November **\$76,124.34**

Given 2021 YTD **\$736,324.99**
Expenses 2021 YTD **\$690,541.53**

Lottie Moon **\$6,117.50**

PRAISE THE LORD!

Thank you again for the tremendous support for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts that are delivered to unreached peoples groups, refugee camps and orphanages.....



Candies Creek sent out 1,528 in 2021!!!

The Shoebox Sisters take a break from meetings during December but continue to shop the good holiday deals. They have determined that they cut the cost of a filled shoebox by about a third to a half by shopping seasonal sales. Hints will be shared during 2022. December's hint is small stuffed toys, necklaces, and winter gear are on sale after Christmas.

Christmas at Candies Creek
Sunday, December 5th at 6 PM

A night of worship brought to you by our Adult and Children's Choirs



December

Ladies Acts Gathering

Sat. Dec. 4th @ 10 am
in the Church Library



Youth Girls - Grades 7-12! Make plans to join us each Monday evening from 6-8:30pm, starting January 10th for a 6 week study, "Rachel & Leah: What Two Sisters Teach Us About Combatting Comparison" Study book cost is \$15, led by Julie Adolph and Marissa Shoemaker. All money due by December 31 so books can be ordered and we can get them to you before our first meeting. It's going to be a great study! Contact us if you have any questions!

Julie - 284-4220

Marissa - 244-8990

*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:*

***Kim Cody & Family for the loss
of her brother Joey Sanders***

***Allen Wattenbarger & Family
for the loss of their mother
Carol Wattenbarger***



We invite you to
join us

100% of your gifts
to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® directly
support IMB missionaries and their ministries overseas.

2021 GOAL

\$185
million

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our Church Goal - \$28,000



How will your
generosity
change lives
this year?

YOUR GENEROSITY MEETS TANGIBLE NEEDS

\$10

provides 1 month of
missionary training

\$100

provides supplies for a missionary to
serve in a refugee camp for a week

\$300

provides a 1 year license renewal
for a missionary doctor

\$2,500

provides 1 year of homeschool
curriculum for missionary kids

THE TRUE LIGHT, THE TRUE BREAD, THE TRUE VINE

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (John 1:9-13 NASB).

Jesus Is the True Light

- 1 In a world that is still being darkened by the sinfulness of man's heart, pray that your neighbors will be enlightened by Jesus and will comprehend the true light of the gospel (John 1:4-5, 9).
- 2 As John "came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him," pray that today's church will be just as bold in testifying about the gospel truths of Jesus (John 1:6-7).
- 3 Pray for the lost in your neighborhood to understand that when they believe in Jesus and submit to Him as Lord, they are given the right to become children of God (John 1:12).
- 4 As many are thinking about Christmas, pray that those who are lost and "sitting in the land and shadow of death" will repent from their sin and realize that the light of God's love has dawned on them through Jesus (Matthew 4:16-17).
- 5 When Simeon blessed the baby Jesus, he described Him as "a Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Pray today that both unbelieving Jews and Gentiles will have the truth of Jesus' gospel revealed to them so that they may be saved.
- 6 Pray that Christ's followers, the children of light living in your community, will act shrewdly when it comes to being good stewards of all that God has given them spiritually, physically, and financially (Luke 16:8-9).
- 7 Jesus said, "Everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed" (John 3:20). Pray that the lost in your community will understand that God sees all of their sinful deeds, and that they cannot run from His judgment.

- 8 Jesus taught that those who follow Him "will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life" (John 8:12). Pray that your church family will lay aside the deeds of darkness and walk in the light of Jesus' presence within them.
- 9 Jesus said that those who are walking in spiritual darkness do not know where they are going (John 12:35). Pray for the lost in your city to find their way by believing in Jesus, the true light, and therefore becoming children of light (John 12:36).
- 10 Pray for those who are "light in the Lord" to truly walk as children of light—believers who do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness but learn and do that which is pleasing to the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-11).

Jesus Is the True Bread

- 11 In a world where people are spiritually hungry for that which will satisfy the longings of their souls, pray that everyone will see how God made a way for them to be in a fulfilling relationship with Him by giving us the "true bread out of heaven" (John 6:32).
- 12 Pray that the lost in your community will understand that the only way to experience real life in this world is to partake of the bread of God, which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world (John 6:33).
- 13 Knowing there are many people in this world who are hungering and thirsting for that which is eternally real, pray that they will believe in Jesus and be satisfied (John 6:35).
- 14 Pray that those in your community who "eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence" will be spiritually transformed by entering into a relationship with Jesus, the Bread of Life (Proverbs 4:17).



15 Pray that we as a people will repent and turn away from our sinful ways and deeds. Pray that we will understand how God sometimes feeds nations “the bread of tears” when their hearts are not right with Him (Psalm 80:4-6).

16 Proverbs 20:17 states, “Bread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.” Pray that deceit and falsehood will not be found among the people of God in your community.

17 Remembering how in communion the bread represents the body of Christ, pray that everyone in your church family will truly examine their relationship with Christ and others before participating in this meaningful experience (1 Corinthians 11:23-28).

18 Pray for repentance to come to the lives of any in your church family who have experienced weakness or sickness because they failed to examine themselves before observing communion (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).

19 Pray that the families of your church will consistently celebrate the life we have in Christ, not “with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:8).

20 Since all genuine believers partake of the one Bread of Life, pray that we will be united as the Body of Christ and stand together as one in these days of growing pressure, opposition, and persecution (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

Jesus Is the True Vine

21 Knowing that Jesus is the true vine and the Father is the vine-dresser, thank God today for allowing us to be branches that can have a relationship with Him through Jesus (John 15:1, 5).

22 Pray that as Christians, we will welcome the pruning work of the Father as He cuts away anything in us that does not reflect His nature or that prohibits the growth of spiritual fruit in us (John 15:2).

23 Since we as believers are each a part of God’s vine, pray that we will always accept God’s Word as truth and allow Him to use it as the pruning tool for seeing our lives cleansed (John 15:3).

24 Since the only way a branch can produce fruit is by abiding in its vine, pray that every member of your church family will abide in Jesus and allow His words to abide in them (John 15:4, 7).

25 What a glorious day this is, remembering the love of God—the love that moved Him to send His only Son into this world so that all who believe in Him may be saved (John 3:16)! Throughout today, let us praise Him for His transcendent love.

26 Many professing believers seem to operate in the power of their own strength while doing religious things for God. Pray that every believer in your church family will understand that apart from Christ’s abiding, guiding, empowering presence in them, they can do nothing (John 15:5).

27 Pray that the world will understand that if anyone does not abide in Christ, they will be thrown away as a branch and cast into the fire for burning (John 15:6).

28 Pray that the members of your church family will bring great glory to God this coming year by proving to be genuine, fruit-bearing followers of Christ (John 15:8).

29 Pray that your Christian friends will make the commitment to demonstrate their love for Christ this next year by obeying His commands. Pray that their commitment to do so will reflect the love Jesus had for His Father when He obeyed the Father’s every command (John 15:10).

30 As branches on God’s vine, pray that the members of your church family will love one another just like Jesus loved His disciples (John 15:12).

31 As we move into a new year, pray that the church in America will genuinely turn, pray, and unite in seeking God for revival and spiritual awakening. Pray that we will again fall in love with the One who truly is the true Light, Bread, and Vine (Revelation 2:4-5).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>DECEMBER</div>			1	2	3	4 <div> Ladies Acts 2:42 Gathering-10:00 am Church Library</div>
5 <div> Adult & Children's Choir Christmas Program 6:00 pm</div>	6	7 <div>CCA Night @ Taziki's Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night - 5:45 pm</div>	8	9	10	11
12 <div>Child Dedication 10:30 am Service Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm</div>	13	14	15	16 <div>CCA Night @ Shane's Rib Shack</div>	17	18 <div> Grace Asylum Christmas Show 7:00 pm</div>
19 <div> Caroling for Shut-ins 3:00 pm</div>	20 <div>Christmas Break</div>		22 <div>NO Children, Youth, or Prayer Gatherings</div>	23	24 <div> Christmas Eve Service 2:00 pm</div>	25 <div> Joy To The World!</div>
26	27	28	29 <div>NO Children , Youth, or Prayer Gatherings</div>	30	31	
Cross Conference						

SUNDAYS

Early Worship8:00am
 Community Groups9:15am
 Late Worship10:30am

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30am





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

Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor

Jonathan Kyle, Co-Pastor & Student Pastor

Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Allie Johns, Wade McClanahan
2nd	Christy Johns, Cesar Zaidman
4th	Chad Higgins
5th	Avery Elmer, Lauren Hall, Marissa Shoemaker
6th	Kendall Barkley, Johnny Brewer
8th	McKenzie & Makayla Brewer, Tim Cody, Bob Ebling
9th	Eric Moore
11th	Anna Ruth Crumbley, Mitchell Delmotte
13th	Tommy Scroggins
15th	Julie Adolph
16th	Abella Parsons, Linda Catoe
17th	Lilly Cooke, Ethan Cavanaugh, Chad Evett
18th	Connie Baumgardner, Matthew Simmons
19th	Joanna Simko, Dan Smalley
20th	Carolina Simko, Gayle Pierce, Dennis Tweed
21st	Hannah Long, Leslie Barkley
22nd	Brooklynn Barkley, Thomas Woulfe
23rd	Martha Moses, Shawn Williams
24th	Tommy Medley
26th	Garrett Winsor
27th	Connie Humphreys, Rory Warren
28th	Carson Barkley
29th	Kim Burnette, Mike Celender
30th	Catherine Marcum, Tyler Ledford
31st	Sawyer Moseley, Trent Johns



Luke 2:11

**TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID
A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU;
HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD.**

