



^{the} messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

December 2024





December



AWANA

AWANA in December

Dec 4 COOKIES WITH MOM

Dec 11 AWANA

Dec 18 JAMMIES WITH JESUS

Awana will return after the Christmas Break on January 8th and we will be getting ready for our annual GRAND PRIX event set for February 2nd! Cars go on sale for TNT clubbers \$6 each.

Dedication

Parent Child Church Dedication

On Sunday December 8th we will be introducing you to some of our youngest church family. Come and greet all their family who will be guests this Sunday in the 10:30 am service.

Welcome:

Eden Hoffman, Ledger Johns,
Heidi Long, Eden Simko,
Kennedee Thompson



Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S CHOIR practice and worship schedule:

Dec 1st 6-7:5 pm in the Treehouse

Dec 7th 10 - 12 pm in the Worship Center with lunch following

Dec 8th 4 pm practice and program begins at 6 pm.



K! Ready

K! Ready Preschool Parent Training coming January 26th. More info coming soon.

Children's Church

Children's Church returns to the 8 & 10:30 am service on January 19th.

Nursery!



Nursery Sign Ups will be in Adult Sunday School Class folders in early December. We have a seven week rotation and the dates are set for 2025 so you can look ahead. This is one of the best ways to meet and pray for our preschool families! Rocking babies, playing with blocks, or pushing strollers... its a precious way to serve the Lord on Sunday Mornings.



CCA epistola



We are excited to report that we achieved our goal of packing 10,000 meals of which have already been shipped to needy students from the Rohingya people group.

Upcoming Dates

December 3 - OCC Distribution Center (High School)

December 5 - Christmas Program 6:30pm

December 6 - Faculty Staff Christmas Party

December 9-13 - Upper School Spirit Week

December 16 - Board Meeting

December 16-20 - Semester Exams

A School for the Nations

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, - Matthew 25:35 (ESV)

This Fall, we attempted something that some did not think could be accomplished. We set out to have a fundraiser that packed 10,000 meals during a four-and-a-half-hour time slot while simultaneously preparing to serve 230 CCA friends and family a Thanksgiving lunch. We prayed, set goals, organized, learned, communicated, promoted, and anticipated the immovable date of Friday, November 22nd.

We are excited to report that we achieved our goal of packing 10,000 meals, which have already been shipped to needy students from the Rohingya people group. The Rohingya live in southeast Bangladesh near the border of Myanmar. An estimated 1.2 million people live there, and it is classified as the largest refugee camp in the world. During this mission-focused, discipleship growth fundraiser, we also raised \$26,585. A portion of those funds will cover the cost of supplies, food, logistics, and shipping, while the majority of those funds will remain here at CCA with the desire to add a basketball court within the playground area. For all of those who participated in our *Feed the Need* fundraiser, there will be a lasting memory of what was accomplished as we put into action being *A School for the Nations*.

To conclude our *Feed the Need* fundraiser, we celebrated by sharing a Thanksgiving lunch together. The worship center was completely transformed into a Thanksgiving banquet hall and returned to proper order during a thirty-hour period. We began our meal by handing out some incentives to families who participated in the fundraiser. Then four of our upper school students led us in a prayer of thanksgiving and for the gospel to reach every one of the 10,000 meals we just packed. Finally, a *Liturgy of Feast with Friends* was recited preparing our hearts for what awaits us in the eternal kingdom banquet halls.

All of this was only made possible with many hands who willingly served where they could. A big thank you to all for loving the nations and one another.

Thankful,
Pastor Dave



Dear Church Family,

Bringing in **Jed and Madison Cole** is an exciting time in the life and ministry of Candies Creek Baptist Church. Our church family is 190 years old!!! I treasure the opportunity that Candies Creek gave me as a young student pastor in my mid-20's. **We will vote to affirm the work of the search team on December 8th in the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services.**



There are crucial elements that we emphasize in the picture above which best represent who we are becoming as Candies Creek Baptist Church. The Church Family Silhouette highlights the church as a team of people. The Circle highlights the church as a team of people **gathering unity**. The Triangles highlight the church as a team of people **spreading love**.

The student pastor search team and I have heard Jed's call to vocational ministry and checked references on Jed's character in Christ and concern for the mission. Both Jed and his references reflected a high level of competency and his desire for chemistry with me, our staff and the church.

Candies Creek has used the term **pastor** as a primary word to describe the **office of pastor/elder/overseer**. Jed will join us pastors in providing biblical leadership, visionary oversight, discipling, ministry development and congregational care. While student ministry is Jed's primary hat, the title of pastor carries with it a huge responsibility to protect the good of the congregation. **Please move toward me or any of the search team members for any necessary conversations to help you be personally aligned with us in trusting that God is bringing Jed here to serve in leadership for the great people of CCBC.**

Living in the love of God,
Pastor Stan

Simple Overview

1 • 2 • 3 — Spiritually Burdened

Being Guided by the Holy Spirit
Leaning on and Pointing to the Word

1 NAME October

Take **one month** to pray for God to put two people on your heart who you are spiritually burdened for.

Do you have two?

2 PRAY November-December

Take two months to continue to pray for those **two people**.

Are you praying and partnering with God in His love for the two that you are spiritually burdened for?

3 LISTEN November-December

During those two months, slow down with one or both of them in **three conversations** (short or long) where you ask a question and/or listen to what is going on in their life spiritually.

Are you asking in love and listening in love to draw out the heart in order to provide clarity and care for their soul with God's glory and the gospel in mind?

Here is an optional list of sample questions to pick one or two in order to drop in a conversation as the Lord leads instead of asking all the questions.

Spiritually Burdened discerning lostness: Living Sent — Inviting Along — Proclaiming Christ

Questions from Gospel 101

1. In your view, what is the main message of the **Bible**? **1 Peter 1:16**
2. Do you think there is more than one way to **God**? Explain. **John 14:6**
3. **(Man)**: On a scale of one to ten, one being completely evil and ten being completely good, how would you rate people in general?
Roman 3:23
4. Who is **Jesus** to you? **John 1:14**

Listening in order to provide clarity and cure for their soul

Spiritually Burdened for a brother or sister in Christ: Gathering — Equipping — Loving

Questions from Biblical Counseling and the Vision Team

1. How does the **Bible** give you hope? **Romans 8:28**
2. How can I help you please **God** (in this situation)? **2 Corinthians 5:9**
3. **(Man)**: When you are struggling or suffering in this sinful world, how do you want God to change you or how do you want God to change your circumstances? **James 1:2-3**
4. How are you looking to **Jesus** for identity, security and purpose (or hope and peace) (or power and victory)? **Galatians 2:20**

Listening in order to provide clarity and care for their soul

Listening in order to discern: Glory — Gospel — Surrendering — Abiding — Worshiping

Example from CCBC's playbook on embodying & passing on the gospel

1. Tell me a little bit about yourself (listen for any spiritual launching pad).
2. Tell me a little bit about your faith background.
3. Why did you initially **surrender** to King Jesus? **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Listening in order to provide cure or care for their soul

Goals for **Spiritually Burdened 1 • 2 • 3**

1. 150-200 people naming two people they are spiritually burdened for.
2. Fellow workers being encouraged by the synergy of praying together and providing clarity and care for people's souls in a congregational invitation and challenge.
3. Fellow workers growing in their own understanding of God's glory and the gospel as well as loving others in conversations and relationships.
4. Fellow workers learning to love others by asking questions and listening in order to point to the cure or provide care.

Becoming spiritually burdened as a lifestyle

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*Providing financial support to missionaries
as they share the gospel overseas.*

Through January - CCBC Goal: \$40,000

PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in November	\$68,146.01
November Expenses	\$82,684.26
2024 Given YTD	\$782,404.38
2024 Expenses YTD	\$809,996.89
Lottie Moon Offering	
\$4,052.00	

Shoebox Ministry...2024

Thank you to the many people who helped in the shoebox ministry this year. It's impossible to list all the packers, labelers, carton toters, shoebox builders and donors... but the Lord does know. We thank each of you and will let you know in February what countries were impacted by the **1650 shoeboxes sent this year.**



You're Invited

Wedding Shower

For
Ben Vest & Jenna Gibson

Sunday, December 15th,

12:30-2:30 pm - StuB

They are registered at: **Amazon & Target**

*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:*

Jack Borders & Family
For the loss of his wife
Teresa Borders

Lindsey Simko & Family
for the loss of her
grandmother
Imogene Kolbe



Precept Bible Studies offered in January

Revelation part 1 - Wed. nights & Thurs. mornings - Starts Jan 8th & 9th
Rev. Part 2 would follow immediately after. (month of May off)

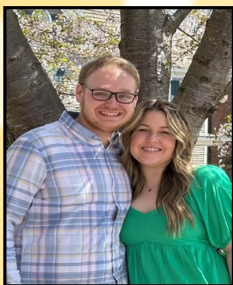
Romans part 1 - Monday nights - 10 weeks starting Jan 13th
Sermon on the Mount is on delay... tentatively starts Feb. 27th

Evening classes are open to both Ladies & Gentlemen

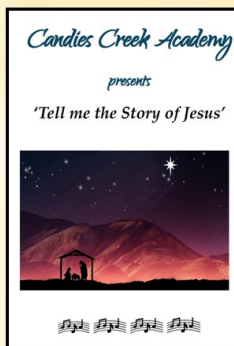
-Text Amy Martin 331-8822 to order books
Ask how you too, can be trained to be a Precept Leader!



Christmas At The Creek



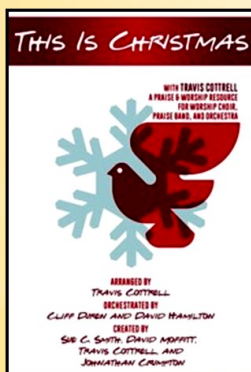
Meet & Greet w/The Coles -
Sat. Nov. 30th, 10 am - 12 pm/StuB
In View of a Call -
Sun. Dec. 1st/8 & 10:30 am Services
Congregational Vote -
Sun. Dec. 8th/8 & 10:30 am Services



CCA Choir Program
Thurs. Dec. 5th at 6:30 pm
Worship Center



**Parent Child Church
Dedication**
Sun. Dec. 8th - 10:30 am
Service/WC



Adult & Children's Choir Special
Sun. Dec. 8th - 6:00 pm
Worship Center



Senior Adult Lunch
Wed. Dec. 11th - 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall



Grace Asylum Christmas
Friday Dec. 13th - 7:00 PM
Worship Center



Vest/Gibson Shower
Sun. Dec. 15th/12:30-2:30 pm
Student Bldg.



Christmas Caroling
Sun. Dec. 15th - 3:00 pm
Meet at the Student Bldg.



Cookies w/Mom - 12/4
Jammies for Jesus - 12/18
Children's Bldg.



Christmas Party - 12/18
Student Bldg.



Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24th at 2:00 pm
Worship Center



Merry Christmas



Each December, churches around the world declare the Advent of Jesus—the coming of our King. Though His birth was marked by humility, the meaning of advent is “the arrival of a notable person, thing or event.” We celebrate the coming of the King of kings—the One with more majestic royalty than all the kings of the earth combined!

The tradition of standing during the “Hallelujah Chorus—the proclamation of “King of kings and Lord of lords”—is credited to the response of King George II at the 1743 London premiere of Handel’s *Messiah*. Witnesses claim he was so moved by this powerful moment that he stood—and protocol required the rest of the audience to stand as well. Now, nearly 300 years later, audiences around the world are still moved to stand in honor of Jesus and His coming into our world.

Advent is also steeped in the hope of the second coming of our King Jesus. As we pray through themes of Advent, may our hearts erupt with confidence in a coming glorious Christ-awakening!

1 Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Praise God that into the darkness of this world, “a light has dawned.” Pray that a lost world will awaken to the hope of Christ as King (Isaiah 9:2).

2 Isaiah foretold that Jesus’ glorious entrance “enlarged the nation and increased their joy.” The people rejoiced in both harvest and war. Pray that your hope in Jesus as King increases in His victory and provision (Isaiah 9:3).

3 Pray that you will know Jesus intimately as the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Rejoice in His reign and rule in this world (Isaiah 9:6).

4 The coming of Jesus is good news! Pray that you will use your voice to declare the hope of Jesus by proclaiming, “Here is your God!” Pray for opportunities to share Christ with others (Isaiah 40:9).

5 Our hope rests in knowing “the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.” Pray that your family and friends will surrender their lives to King Jesus (Isaiah 40:10).

6 We find healing because Jesus “tends his flock like a shepherd ... and carries them close to his heart.” Pray that your loved ones will know the love and care of our Good Shepherd (Isaiah 40:11).

7 Pray that you will “watch in hope for the LORD.” Ask Him to increase your faith and inspire your prayers with the assurance that “my God will hear me” (Micah 7:7).

8 Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Pray that peace in our world will come through embracing Jesus as the Prince of Peace. Pray that “of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

9 In times of uncertainty, remember that you “have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Pray that your faith in Christ settles your troubled heart and increases your trust in God as the Overcomer (Romans 5:1).

10 We are to proclaim peace, bring good tidings, and proclaim salvation. Pray for a great awakening that causes lost people to cry out, “Your God reigns!” as they recognize their need for King Jesus (Isaiah 52:7).

11 Jesus leaves us with peace that the world cannot give. Pray for the peace of Christ to rest upon your loved ones as they realize their only hope is to surrender troubled hearts and fears to Him (John 14:27).

12 Pray this blessing for your family: “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26).

13 Those who trust in God will be kept in perfect peace with steadfast minds. Pray that any anxiety in your life or your family will dissipate with a renewed focus on King Jesus during this Advent season (Isaiah 26:3).

14 Yes, we will have trouble in this world! But Jesus tells us to “take heart” because He has overcome the world. Pray that your peace comes from knowing and trusting Jesus (John 16:33).

15 Today is the third Sunday in Advent. We are to be marked with joy as we “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near.” Praise God for the coming of King Jesus—and pray for an expectant urgency for His soon return (Philippians 4:4-5).

16 The shepherds were overwhelmed as an angel announced the advent of Jesus: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people.” Pray that this joy permeates the souls of those who desperately need Jesus (Luke 2:10).

17 Jesus has come! “Shout aloud and sing for joy ... for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.” Pray that your life reflects the joy of Christ who has redeemed you (Isaiah 12:6).

18 Pray that the nations of the earth will be “filled with laughter” and with “songs of joy” as they recognize that “the LORD has done great things for them.” Pray for the joy of salvation to resound throughout the earth (Psalm 126:2).

19 Much tragedy abounds in our nation, yet we are told, “Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Pray for a Christ-awakening that renews hearts with hope and joy because of the coming of King Jesus (Nehemiah 8:10).

20 We are challenged to “consider it pure joy ... whenever you face trials of many kinds.” Pray that the testing of your faith will produce perseverance and greater maturity as you trust in Jesus (James 1:2-4).

21 Jesus makes known to us “the path of life” and He fills us with joy in His presence and eternal pleasures at His right hand. Pray that your church is revived with joy as you celebrate King Jesus (Psalm 16:11).

22 Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. Praise God for sending His Son Jesus. Savior. Redeemer. Hope of the world. Pray for the lost to believe and have everlasting life in Jesus. He is here. He has come! (John 3:16).

23 Pray for a revival of love in your heart because of Jesus — and that you will “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” Pray you can reflect that love to your family, friends, and lost people (Deuteronomy 6:5).

24 On this Christmas Eve, rejoice in the promised birth of Jesus: “Immanuel: God with us.” All the darkness and hopelessness of this world has been forever changed because of Jesus’ power and presence (Isaiah 7:14).

25 The time has fully come! King Jesus, sent of God and born of a woman, has come. He is here to redeem our world. Today, rejoice as one who is adopted by God for all eternity! (Galatians 4:4-5).

26 After the shepherds found Jesus, they “returned, glorifying and praise God for all the things they had heard and seen.” Join your voice in praising the Lord for your salvation and testifying to your hope in Christ (Luke 2:20).

27 We have seen Jesus’ glory, “the glory of the one and only Son ... full of grace and truth.” Pray that our nation will awaken to the truth of Jesus and embrace His grace. Pray that His glory will again burst forth in a darkened world (John 1:14).

28 As you look toward a new year, pray with hope and expectation for God to do an even greater work of awakening in our nation: “See, I am doing a new thing!” (Isaiah 43:19).

29 Ask God to renew your prayer life in the coming year. Pray with belief that “there is surely a future hope for you.” Ask Him to do more than you can imagine! (Proverbs 23:18).

30 Pray for the people of God to be revived in the coming year. Ask God to “give them an undivided heart” with a new spirit so that the gospel is proclaimed throughout the earth (Ezekiel 11:19).

31 As we look toward the new year, may your heart-cry be, “Come, Lord Jesus.” Come in revival and awakening! (Revelation 22:20).

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service.....8:00 am
Community Groups.....9:15-10:15 am
Late Worship Service10:00 am
Adult & Children's Choir.....6:00 pm (1st & 8th)







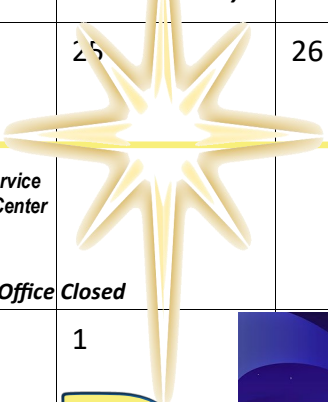

THURSDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Jed Cole</i> 8 & 10:30 am Services	2	3  <u>Shoebox</u> <u>Processing Day</u> <u>Atlanta</u>	4	5  <i>CCA Christmas</i> <i>Special</i> 6:30 pm/WC	6	7 <i>Choir Christmas</i> <i>Special Practice</i> 10 am/WC Elmer's Thank You Dinner 6:00 pm/StuB
8 Dedication 10:30 am Service Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm Adult & Kid's Choir Special - 6:00 pm	9	10 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm -	11 <i>Senior Adult</i> <i>Lunch</i> 11:30 am/F.H. 	12	13  <i>Grace Asylum</i> <i>Christmas Special</i> 7:00 pm/WC	14
15 <i>Vest/Gibson Shower</i> 12:30-2:30 pm/StuB <i>Church-wide</i> <i>Caroling/3:00 pm</i> <i>Disciple U</i> <i>Christmas Party</i> 6:00 pm	16	17	18 <i>AWANA Jammies</i> <i>For Jesus!</i> <i>Life 122</i> <i>Christmas Party</i>	19	20	21 
22  No Evening Gatherings	23 <i>Christmas Break</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service</i> 2:00 pm/Worship Center	25  Office Closed	26	27	28
29 No Evening Gatherings	30	31	1  <i>December</i> Office Closed No Evening Gatherings			

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. -Luke 2:11



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

Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor
Sammy Parris, Worship Pastor
Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director



Jed & Madison Cole

Saturday, November 30 Meet and Greet

10:00-10:30 Jed to share his vision
for leading the CCBC Student Ministry
10:30-12:00 Time to get to know
Jed and Madison (light refreshments)

Sunday, December 1 In View of a Call

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
Jed to give introduction and testimony
9:15 AM Small Group
Jed introduction & Q&A with students

Sunday, December 8 Congregational Vote

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Worship Services
Vote to affirm Jed and Madison

*Thank you for everyone's help and donations
after our car accident.*

We would like to invite you to a

Thank You Dinner

on Saturday December 7th at 6 pm in the StuB.

Please RSVP to Robin at 423-201-5590 no later than Dec 4th.

Thank you! Samuel and Robin Elmer

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Allie Johns, Owen Smith, Wade McClanahan
2nd	Christy Johns, Cesar Zaidman, Terry Graham
3rd	Fredrick Missine
5th	Avery Elmer, Lauren Hall, Marissa Shoemaker
6th	Kendall Barkley, Johnny Brewer
7th	Michele Gustafson
8th	Stephen Purser, Tim Cody, Bob Ebling
9th	Eric Moore
10th	Emily Stoodly
11th	Anna Ruth Crumbley (98), Mitchell Delmotte
15th	Julie Adolph
16th	Abella Parsons, Linda Catoe
17th	Lilly Cooke, Stephen Parris, Ethan Cavanaugh
18th	Connie Baumgardner
19th	JoAnna Simko, Dan Smalley
20th	Gayle Pierce, Dennis Tweed
21st	Hannah Long
22th	Brooklynn Barkley, Tom Woulfe
23rd	Martha Moses, Shawn Williams
24th	Tommy Medley
27th	Connie Humphreys
28th	Carson Barkley
29th	Kim Burnette, Mike Celender
30th	Cathy Marcum
31st	Mackenzie Moseley, Trent Johns



One Minute Clinic

**And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy, which
shall be to all people.**

- Luke 2:10

