



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

PERFECT LOVE
CASTS OUT FEAR!

1 JOHN 4:18

February 2021



I recently heard a sermon describing how we must minister the Word, not "dispense" the Word. The pastor likened it to using laser focus with a scripture rather than dumping it on top of someone and leaving them to figure out piles and piles of it. In Children's ministry we want to be "ministers of the Word" not dump truck dispensers piling on children. I can visually see our kids smothered in our good intentions, when we would be more obedient to care and tend to them gently Word by Word.



AWANA in February



3rd Crazy Hair Night BH 17 & 18 AND TNT 3.4
 10th Crazy Sock Night BH SD 3 and Party AND TNT 3.5
 17th Crazy Hat Night BH 19 AND TNT 3.6
 24th Crazy Mask Night BH 20 AND TNT 4.1
 (this can be a costume mask or a pandemic mask)

PRECEPT FOR KIDS

God has big plans for you Esther!
 Sundays in February 5-7 pm
 including Food, Fellowship and Bible Study. 3rd grades up to 6th grades and above! See Christy Johns or Tiffany Creekmore if you are interested.

"Hosanna! He Lives"

"Hosanna! He Lives"....children's choir is restructuring for this Spring. We will be preparing last years Palm Sunday songs into SIGN LANGUAGE and speaking parts.
 Contact Mrs. Christy or Mrs. Jenny so we can gauge the interest level and set some practice dates. We will be part of Worship on March 28th.

C4



Children's Church returns on March 14th in the 8 and 10:30 am worship service times! Children's Church (C4) is for kids K-4th grades. We also encourage kids from 5/6th grades who love Jesus and children to serve as helpers in small groups and media. Please contact Mrs. Christy if you would like to volunteer.

Nursery

Re-opening, means RSVP temporarily. This is not to limit or make "reservations", it is for planning the volunteers and workers available. Please text Mrs. Christy by Saturday morning with the child's name and whether you are attending 8 or 10:30 am worship so we can plan accordingly!

WELL-CHILD

WELL-CHILD checklist is printed to answer your questions about whether your child is ready to attend Nursery, Sunday School or any activities at church.
 You are all experts by now, so thank you for helping us help all our families!

Well Child Policy *for* Candies Creek Kids

For the protection of the children and families in our kids ministry, please adhere to these guidelines when determining if you should bring your child to church.

A well child has:

- No fever over 99.40 currently or within the last 24 hours.
- No vomiting or diarrhea currently or within the last 24 hours.
- No runny nose.
- No cough.
- No unexplained rashes.
- No skin infections.
- No eye infections.
- No childhood diseases such as chicken pox, mumps, measles, etc

If your child lives in the same household as an adult or child who is currently positive for Covid-19, please do not bring them to church until their doctor recommended quarantine is completed.

If a child currently has any of the above symptoms ...

Please do not bring your child to church. The volunteers, teachers, and leaders in your child's class may not accept him or her into the classroom.

If a child develops any of the above symptoms while in our care ...

We will ask you to pick up your child immediately. We will not administer medicine of any kind.



We have spent the last month on Wednesday nights understanding what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit and His role in a believer's life. We did all of that so that we would understand the significance of SPIRITUAL GIFTS. That led us to take a spiritual gifts inventory with all of our students. All of this is an effort to accomplish our first 90 days goal of teaching, identifying, and assisting the students in discovering their spiritual gifts and giving them an opportunity to use them in the church. Please pray for the Student Dream Team (our leadership team) as we compile the students information and look for opportunities for them to serve, discover, and refine their spiritual gift in the month of February and into March.

While the month of February will be absent of our annual Super Bowl party, we do hope to serve alongside of City Fields, which is a nonprofit organization that offers a holistic approach to help people out of poverty. In the month of January, a group of 9 from the student ministry went and did demolition work on 2 houses in the Blythe/Old Field neighborhood. We had a great time of growing in community together, and by City Field's acknowledgment we were a huge help as we were their first "big" group since COVID began last year.

This month we will focus in on our theme of "Return" on Wednesday nights. This is a Return to worship, revival, and defense of the faith from the post exilic Scriptures of the Old Testament. Pray that we continue to have the boldness to do what is necessary in regards to gathering and the wisdom to do it with care and caution.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



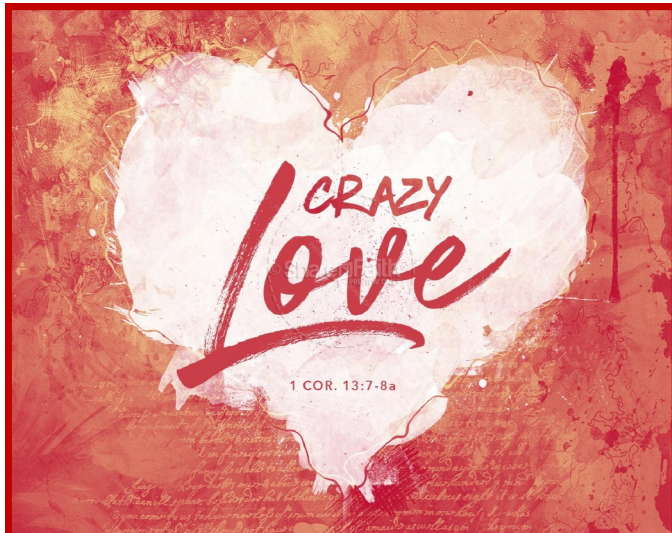
Monday, February 15th - Service Day at City Fields

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends.





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Upcoming Dates

Feb. 12 – Donuts with Dad

Feb. 15 - Presidents Day (No School); Parent/Teacher Conferences

Feb. 26 - Jean Day

March 1-5 - Dr. Suess Week

March 5 - 3rd Qtr Ends

CCA epistola

The Second Art of the Trivium: Dialectic/Logic

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

This month we turn to the second pathway of the Trivium (three ways). The second pathway is often called Dialectic or Logic. At this stage, students are often in 6th-8th grades. Students who are between the ages of 11-14 naturally beginning to make connections between knowledge they have gained in the Grammar stage.

This Dialectic stage is primarily about reasoning. Students are to be led by their teachers to find the arguments, follow the questions, and develop the ability to ask good questions. At this time, we begin to introduce students to formal and informal logic in order to see the arguments, ask pertinent questions, and form a response. This stage flourishes through directed and abundant dialogue between teacher and students, as well as students and students. Our culture increasingly seeks to cancel robust dialogue and prefers shouting matches or name calling posts to silence anyone courageous enough to challenge a stance with a reasoned argument or good question.

In classical education, there is what is known as the Socratic method. It is named after Socrates, an ancient (470-399BC) Greek philosopher who is often seen as one of the founders of western philosophy and thought. The Socratic method is where a teacher dialogues with a student and offers questions and answers to get a student to process arguments and wade through contradictory ideas to discover the truth.

Our desire at CCA is not merely to teach students what to think or be good test-takers. Our goal goes much farther, seeking to teach students how to think thoroughly, maturely, and Biblically. In other words, we want our students to become wise, which takes counsel and many advisers. The Dialectic stage is another step toward that goal, and your prayers for CCA faculty, staff, and students will empower our efforts.

Learning Dialectic,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster

Dear Church Body,

Here is a little update for you as we continue our task as a search team and wrap up the first month of 2021. As a team, we have met a couple times this month and continue to receive resumes, discuss those resumes and either eliminate candidates or move candidates on to the next step of the process, requesting more information by way of a questionnaire. Please continue to pray for us as a team and for the candidates that's come our way; that God would guide us and give us discernment as we continue to seek His Will and His man for CCBC.

CCBC Worship Pastor Search Team

PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in Jan.(Thru 1/29) \$72,134.65

Expenses in Jan. " \$54,590.92

Lottie Moon Missions \$29,388.50

The Shoebox Sisters are rejoicing!!!

Why?, you might ask...

It's because we are starting a new year of working together to create boxes that demonstrate Jesus' unmerited love and sacrifice for each of us and kids around the world.

February workdays scheduled are 2/5 & 2/19...

Come join the fellowship and purposefulness in all our activities. We need your help!!!



The Monday Night Community Group might be for you if you have a time conflict connecting to the other Community Groups or you'd enjoy delving deeply into God's Word...currently in Genesis.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Doyle McCracken & Family for the loss of his sister Amy McCracken Cooker


Linda Braden & Family for the loss of her mother Emma Williams

Tom Woulfe & Family for the loss of his father Robert Woulfe

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR

heart,

WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.



Coaches Corner

Dear Church Family,

I am trusting God that you have been **inspired** and **encouraged** by **abiding in Acts** and **hearing stories from brothers and sisters** who have had intentional conversations with people. We have been making you aware of our **priorities** and the **congregational vision** we have for 2021...

MULTIPLYING
Generations

Living Sent

Inviting Along

Proclaiming Christ

By faith, in 2021 we will be **Kingdom Citizens** having **two-thousand-twenty-one** **“natural gospel conversations”** one person at a time until ALL have heard.

As we have seen in Acts, God calls His children to be aware of those with little or no hope and to **have a spiritual burden to move toward hopeless people in loving relationships**. So many people need to receive the love of God! Relationships start by intentional conversations. **Asking good questions** is important in gaining an understanding of where someone comes from (their **backstory**). If we **listen well**, then we can often **build bridges** to “Natural Gospel Conversations” because of their pain or life experiences. This makes it more natural for us to **share our story** which involves our own pain, life experiences and relationship with our King! We want everyone to know **The King’s Story** that **Jesus is the crucified, risen King!** This happens one person at a time until ALL have heard. It may be that God wants you to go straight to the gospel in a conversation. However, we want to show you and see you experience more “natural gospel conversations” leading to **loving, discipling relationships**.

Coming alongside people in loving relationships

Asking good questions & hearing backstories

Building Bridges to “Gospel Conversations”

Sharing our story

Sharing The King’s story

Continuing in loving, discipling relationships with individuals

Equipping Kingdom Citizens to be prepared and take action, unashamed of the gospel.

Preparing Individual Witnesses in 2021 to **Prepare Individual Witnesses** until ALL have heard!

Pastor Stan

Music/Worship Pastor

Full-Time Salary commensurate with Education and Experience

Location: Charleston, Tennessee

The primary purpose of this position is to develop, direct, and oversee the music ministries of Candies Creek Baptist Church. As we seek to make disciples and proclaim Christ to all people, this pastoral position requires the individual to serve not only as a music leader, but also as a shepherd to God's people who serve in this area of ministry, as well as to the entire congregation.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plan, schedule, lead and coordinate (in conjunction with the Senior Pastor) Christ-exalting music for all worship services by choosing songs that will engage the congregation and support the preaching of God's Word.
2. Encourage all generations in the church by recruiting, teaching and training musicians/singers to serve the Lord in the areas where they are gifted.
3. Coordinate and direct weekly rehearsals with the choir, praise band, praise teams, sound/technology volunteers.
4. Cultivate a Christ-centered community within all areas of responsibility.
5. Attend weekly staff meetings and participate in the planning and implementation of church ministry and programs aligned with the vision and mission statement of the church for the betterment of the congregation as well as the community.
6. Organize, administer and manage all areas of the worship ministry.
7. Provide inspiration, leadership and encouragement for participation in God-honoring music ministries of the church: choir, accompanists, special music, praise band, children's choir, etc.
8. Actively participate in church outreach, prayer meetings and visitation ministries.
9. Be responsible for the care, upkeep, organization and inventory of all church musical equipment.
10. Perform other duties as assigned by the Senior Pastor.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be a believer in Jesus Christ with a genuine, vibrant and growing relationship with Him.
2. Have a desire to disciple and live the Gospel for the glory of God.
3. Be committed to moral purity and maintain moral and ethical standards and practices as evidenced in Scripture.
4. Have theological views compatible with the Baptist Faith and Message, with a desire for continued growth and maturity as a godly person through prayer and study of God's Word.
5. Actively participate in a community group on Sunday morning or on another night of the week.
6. Have the ability to read and direct both choral and instrumental music.
7. Honor others by communicating effectively and professionally in all circumstances.
8. Be able to work as a team player with the pastor and associate staff members.
9. Be a self-starter and self-motivated because of your relationship with Christ.
10. Be interested and willing to engage people of all ages.
11. Hold a bachelor's degree and/or seminary degree with musical emphasis (preferred but not required)

Candies Creek Baptist Church of Charleston, Tennessee is located in the rural area of eastern Tennessee off I-75 between Chattanooga and Knoxville. Candies Creek has been an active, mission-minded body of believers for just under 200 years. Averaging a church worship attendance of 375 and a Small Group attendance of approximately 300 on any given Sunday, it continues to make an impact for the Kingdom, the community and region it serves. Sunday mornings consist of two worship services that incorporate a blend of traditional and contemporary styles of worship. Candies Creek has been and continues to be a river of hope to a dry and thirsty land.

CONTACT:

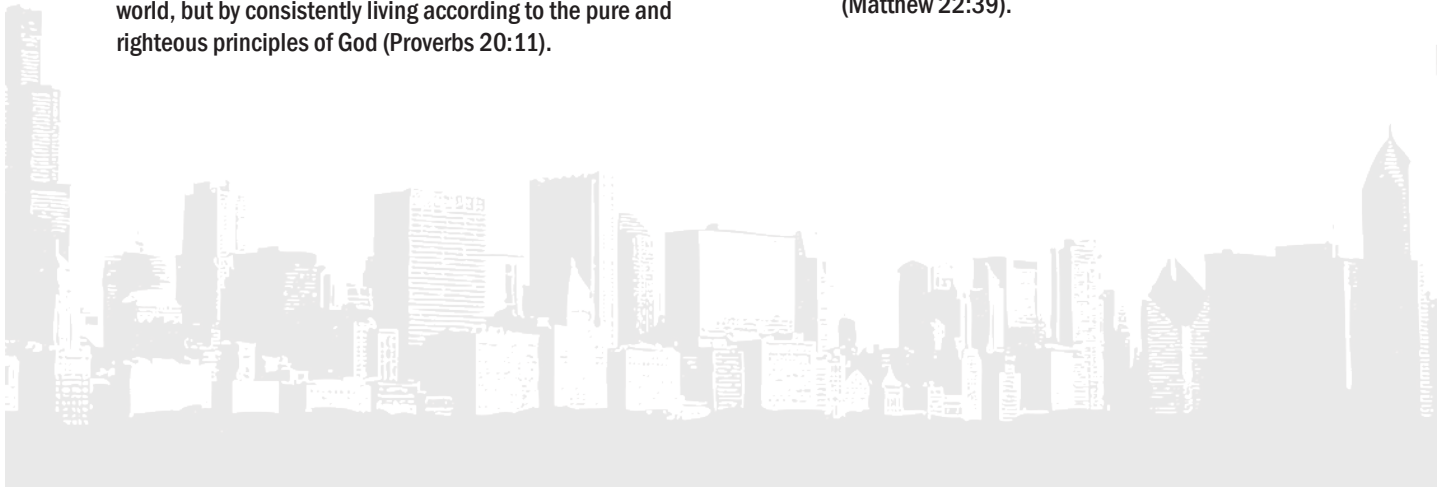
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PRAYING TOWARD THE COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER ON FEBRUARY 25

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe (1 Timothy 4:12 NASB).

Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary (Isaiah 40:30-31).

- 1 College students have had a special place in many of America's great revivals. Pray that today's churches will not despise or look down on this younger generation, but will encourage Christian students to boldly model a genuine faith in Christ (1 Timothy 4:12).
- 2 Pray for a divine visitation of the glory of God on college campuses that will cause even the hardest of hearts to surrender to Him and declare that there is a God (Habakkuk 2:14)!
- 3 In a culture that promotes abusive, angry, and unwholesome talk, pray that today's Christian college students will exemplify the kind of speech that builds up and edifies those around them (Ephesians 4:29).
- 4 Pray that Christian college students across the nation will be consistent in their walk and excellent in their speech, living lives that are free from deception (Proverbs 17:7).
- 5 Pray that Christian college students will not be careless when it comes to their conduct or ways, but will be diligent in learning and obeying the commandments and ways of God (Proverbs 19:16).
- 6 Most children who grow up in church leave the faith during their college years. This weekend, ask God to guide wayward students back into the fellowship of the local church (Hebrews 10:25).
- 7 Pray that Christian college students will distinguish themselves before others, not by mastering the ways of the world, but by consistently living according to the pure and righteous principles of God (Proverbs 20:11).
- 8 Pray that on college campuses, Christian students will conduct themselves "in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" and will stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27).
- 9 Pray for God to raise up individuals on college campuses who, like Daniel, would be set apart for God's purposes and would fast and pray for breakthrough on their campus (Daniel 10:2-3).
- 10 With so many vain philosophies being thrown at them by their peers, teachers, and culture, pray that Christian college students will not be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3).
- 11 Pray that Christian students will not forsake wisdom, but will acquire and love the wisdom that comes from above (Proverbs 4:6-7).
- 12 Pray that Christian college students will demonstrate through their daily lives that they love God with all their heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37).
- 13 Pray that God will especially equip your church to minister to the college-aged members of your community. Ask Him to raise up couples and individuals who will mentor and walk beside these young adults (2 Timothy 2:2).
- 14 Pray that Christian college students both on and off campus will demonstrate their love for others by interceding specifically and consistently for the salvation and spiritual well-being of every person they consider a neighbor (Matthew 22:39).



- 15** As Christian college students are touched by increasing degrees of lawlessness within our culture, pray that their love for Christ will not grow cold, but will actually burn more passionately as they commit themselves to faithfully walk in the ways of God (Matthew 24:12).
- 16** Pray that no root of bitterness or competition would hinder the Lord's work in campus ministries, but that they would freely forgive and see one another as God sees (Matthew 18:21-22).
- 17** As Christians students pray and minister together on their campuses, pray that they will be encouraged to press on in their obedience to Christ, being strengthened by each other's faith (Romans 1:12).
- 18** Pray for God to raise up leaders on campus who have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God (Ephesians 1:17).
- 19** Pray that Christian students will see themselves as servants of God and will reflect His presence within them in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, in the word of truth, and in the power of God (2 Corinthians 6:4, 6-7).
- 20** As Christian college students seek God's will and receive direction for ministry from Him, pray that they will have mountain-moving faith, the kind through which God accomplishes the impossible (Matthew 17:20).
- 21** Pray that spiritually lost college students will no longer have their minds blinded into unbelief by the god of this world, but will have their hearts opened by the one true God to see "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- 22** Pray that this generation of college students will hold marriage in honor and keep the marriage bed undefiled (Hebrews 13:4).
- 23** Pray that every college-aged adult living in America will understand that "wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).
- 24** Knowing that God "tests the righteous and the wicked" and hates "the one who loves violence," pray that this generation of college students will turn away from watching the violence found in much of today's media and entertainment (Psalm 11:5).
- 25** As each college campus in America is adopted in prayer today, ask God to send a great spiritual awakening that draws millions of college students into a vibrant relationship with Himself!
- 26** Pray that on every campus across America, worship and prayer would begin to arise day and night, and laborers be sent forth into the vineyards, until God's name is made great among the nations (Malachi 1:11).
- 27** Pray that this weekend, lost college students would be inexplicably drawn by the Spirit of God to join local church services. Pray that they will hear the gospel and respond in faith that leads to salvation (John 6:44).
- 28** In coming to know Jesus, pray that this generation of college students will wait for the Lord, gain new strength, mount up with wings like eagles, run and not get tired, and walk in the Spirit of Christ so as not to become weary in loving and serving their mighty God (Isaiah 40:31).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night - 5:45 pm <u>Children's SS Leaders</u>	3	4 Kid's Precept ZOOM 6:00pm	5 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	6 
7 Kids Precept 5:00-7:00pm	8	9	10	11 Kid's Precept ZOOM 6:00pm	12	13
14  Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm Kids Precept 5:00-7:00pm	15 Youth Service Day City Fields	16	17	18 Kid's Precept ZOOM 6:00pm	19 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	20
21 Kids Precept 5:00-7:00pm	22	23	24	Kid's Precept ZOOM 6:00pm	26	27
28 Kids Precept 5:00-7:00pm					Shoebox Ministry 3/5 - 9:30 am	February

SUNDAYS

Early Worship8:00am
Late Worship10:30am

WEDNESDAYS

AWANA6:00pm
Life 122.....6:15pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30am
Ladies Bible Study.....9:00am

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is **love**.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NKJV





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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Jadon Kyle, Ben Cook, Donnie Davis, Edwin Plank
2nd	Eli Moore, Taylor Strickland
3rd	Alex Tweed, Jeff Sprayberry
4th	Luke Steinle
5th	Janice Sprayberry
7th	Kadence McAlister, Kathryn Shubert
8th	Ember Coleman, Vianca Willis
9th	Heather Flowers Blair
11th	Doris Graham
12th	Brooklyn Creekmore, Alan Blackburn, Sr.
13th	Jennings Kelley, Caleb Grannan
14th	Kelly Allison, Jamie Creekmore, Jack Borders
15th	B.J. Purser, Scotty Smith
16th	Lawson Brown, McLayne Vaughn, Hali Miller, Heather Barkley
17th	Brenda Andrews, Billy Weir
18th	Joshua Bean
19th	Teresa Rush
20th	Dena Loudermilk, Crystal Hodge
21st	Christopher Lee
22nd	Belle Cooke, Elliott Loudermilk, Wendy Simko, Graham Delmotte
23rd	Jordan Leggett, Judi Renfro
25th	Shawn Loudermilk
26th	Ainsley Olmstead, Julie Bentley, Zach Rush, Ronnie Casteel
27th	Brenda Carroll, Joyce Harris
28th	Hailie Elmer



One Minute Clinic

Faith commands the heart to quit fretting. It tells us to rest in the Father's care, trusting Him to do all in His way and in His time. The Lord allows us to enter into His rest. He alone will give us the peace, and faith if we return to Him.

**Malachi 3:7 says,
"Return to me, and I will return to you."**

**1 Corinthians 2:5,
that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men
but in the power of God.**

*Lord,
Please help me to fully return my heart
to you so that my faith rest in your
wisdom not that of men. Amen*