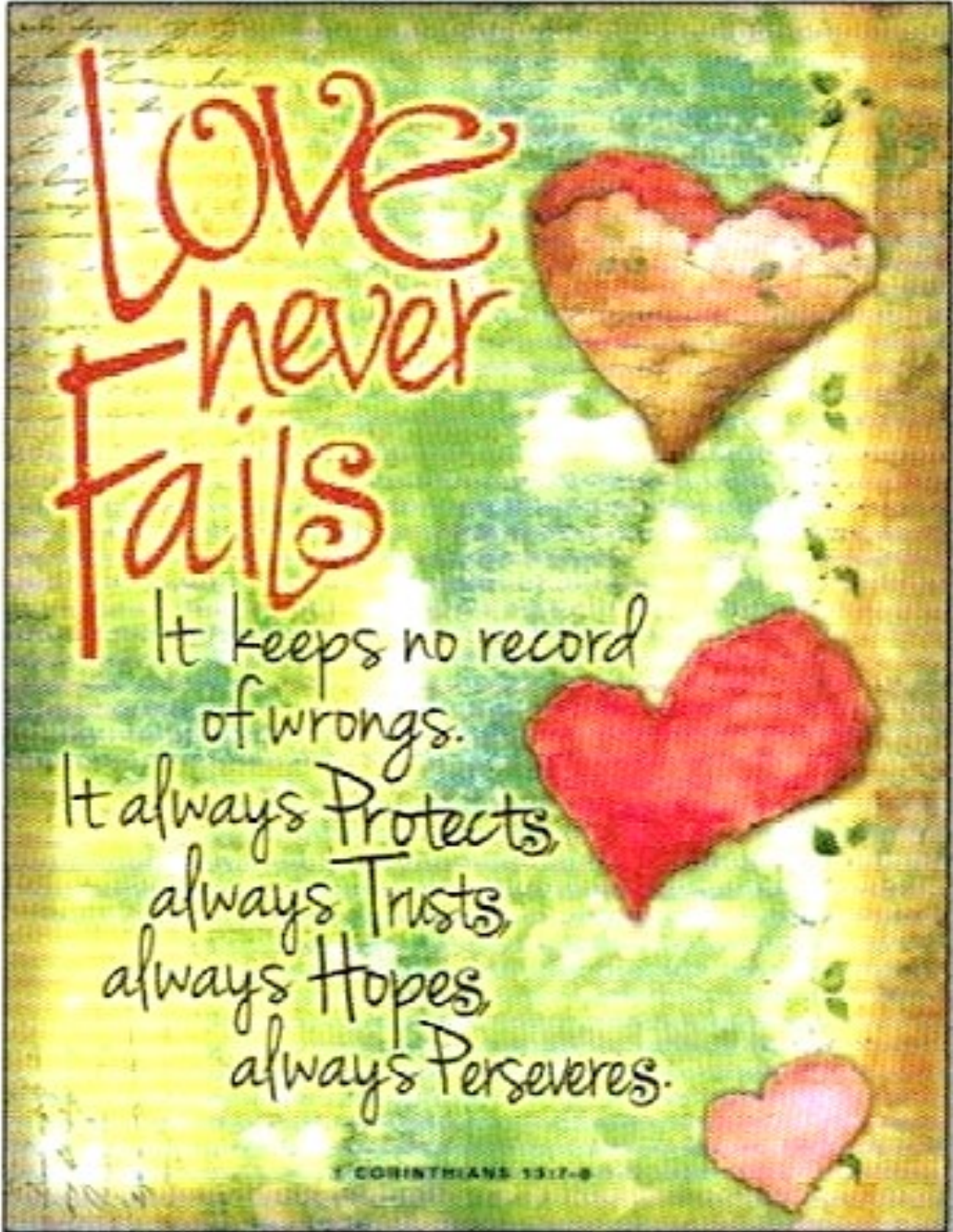


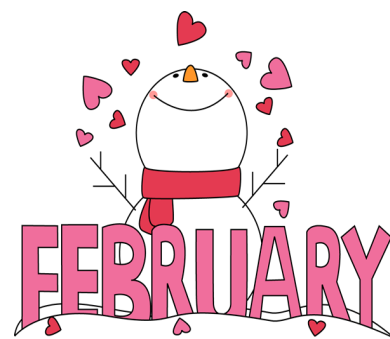


the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*



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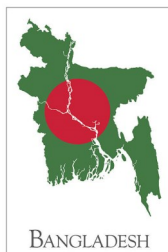
## AWANA in FEBRUARY

AWANA in February is always **CRAZY** theme month.

- Feb 7 Crazy Hair Night
- Feb 14 Crazy Sock Night
- Feb 21 Crazy Hat Night
- Feb 28 Fashion Disaster Night



AWANA GO is our annual missions emphasis! \$10 a year gives a child in Bangladesh all they need to be part of an AWANA club learning Scripture and being taught the Gospel. Our goal is to give enough to duplicate our club size of 113 in Bangladesh = \$1130



## Missions Conference

There will be **NO Children's Church** on **February 4th** due to our "Fill Our Hearts" Missions Conference.

Children K-4th should attend worship service with their parents that day. There will be childcare for babies up to PreK during the conference each evening... parents will need to keep children with them during meal times.

- o **Sunday Feb 4th**  
8 & 10:30 am & 6:30-8 pm
- o **Monday Feb 5th** 6:00-7 pm  
Children may dress up in International Clothes
- o **Tuesday Feb 6th** 6:00-8 pm



**Kid's Precept** begins Sundays, February 11th!

5:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This is a 9 week inductive Bible study for kids and parents are welcome too. Cost is \$12 and includes a meal each week, book 1 of John: Jesus in the Spotlight and bible study with homework and encouragement and support!

RSVP with Mrs. Christy.

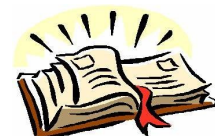


## VBS 2024

**Ruth: Jesus our Kinsman Redeemer**  
June 23-27th ... Sign up at our Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall during the month of February... In advance we are asking the church to help us collect small jars with lids, lightweight yarn, and some people who can commit to baking bread for the week of VBS

## Bible Camp

**CUMBERLAND SPRINGS BIBLE CAMP:** for **CURRENT** 4th/5th/6th graders at Candies Creek. We will be taking two vans to Day camp Monday - Friday. See Christy Johns if you have questions. Sign up for Day Camp 2 July 15-19th at [www.cumberlandsprings.org](http://www.cumberlandsprings.org) (limited space available sign up soon) cost is approximately \$130 with discounts for multiple kids (the day camps serve kids 6-12 yrs old, you may sign up your younger kids, but we will have limited space on church vans for 4-6th graders)



Wow! Thirteen years of ministry has a strange mix of flying by so fast and being a long time. In some ways, becoming the youth pastor seems like a few months ago. Then, in reality, I realize that my seventh grade students were just born or not even born when I got here. I love students though!

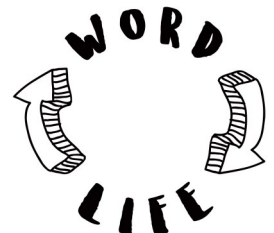
As I have reflected on my own spiritual journey, I realize that I love students so much because of the investment and life change that God did in my life while I was a student. It was my first student pastor, Mike Friday, who taught me the importance of having an abiding time with God. I had faithful Sunday school teachers who held up the Word of God before me each week, and they took time to care for me personally. I had Stan Gibson teach me the importance of serving behind the scenes, and he modeled with me the importance of accountability in order to encourage personal spiritual growth. There is also the subtle modeling of many adult volunteers who sacrificially gave of their time and finances to go on trips and just BE with me. One of those individuals being Milton Hooper, who like a kid, faithfully served the Lord in front of me while having a good time. Still, I could go on and on about the opportunities given to me and the patience that people of Candies Creek have had with me.

Reflection is good for us. Reflection allows us to REMEMBER the goodness of God in the past in order to give us confidence to trust His goodness moving forward. That is why over the last few Wednesday nights we are going to look at Remember. I will be sharing memories of things that took place in the student ministry in my time here. Simultaneously, we will be looking at 2 Timothy which was Paul's last words to his son in the faith, Timothy. My intent is to impart important things that God has laid on my heart to teach students in the past, so that they remember and do not forget.

Only by the grace of God! While the next few weeks will be emotionally tough, they are necessary to give glory to God and share our appreciation for one another. My family and I are so grateful for the church called Candies Creek. We will never be able to express in words how much God has used you to impact our lives. We love you!

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



### SUPER BOWL PARTY



Sunday, February 11th  
6:00 pm - StuB  
@ 6:00 pm



◆ Sunday, February 18th  
Late Nighter -TBD



WORD2LIFE 2024

# CCA epistola



*The Jews in Rome during the 1st century evidently regarded being “a teacher of children” a worthy and high calling.*

## Upcoming Dates

Feb. 1-16 Laundry Detergent Fundraiser

Feb. 9 - TACS Fine Arts Competition at Calvary Baptist in Red Bank (No School)

Feb. 12 - New Student Enrollment Begins

Feb. 13-14 TACS State Academic Testing

Feb. 16 - Donuts with Dad

Feb. 19 - Parent /Teacher Conferences - (No School for Students)

Feb. 23 - 4th/5th Grades Wax Museum

Feb. 29 - Make-Up Picture Day

## Teacher of Children

*“and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—”*

### **Romans 2:19–20**

The context of Romans 2 is Paul confronting the haughty attitude the Jews have as they compare themselves with the Gentiles. Paul quickly silences them by addressing their disobedience to the law of God they rightly affirm and approve. There are three categories of people in verses 19-20. Paul recognizes the Jews esteem the teaching of the law of God. One category that is particularly interesting is “teacher of children.” The Jews in Rome during the 1st century considered being “a teacher of children” a worthy and high calling.

In our day, the vocation of teaching is not seen as such a high calling. This is evidenced by the low pay scale we place on our teachers. The attitude of the general public is that there are more important or worthy careers, and most of them are associated with high-income potential and less day-to-day hassle. Think about it, do most people you know consider a teaching position in an elementary, middle, or high school a prized position?

Regardless of our culture’s valuation upon the teaching of children, Scripture exhorts us to teach children (Deut. 6:7, Psalm 78:5-7), and Jesus welcomed them with open arms (Matt. 19:4-15). All of us have a part in teaching children. Parents are the premier educators of their children, and when a child is in a school setting, their teacher(s) are educators as well. Additionally, there are other family members — siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins — and then there are neighbors, community members, and most certainly, the church. Each of these play a part in teaching children.

CCBC as a whole, has continued to do its part in placing a high calling on teaching children. The fruit of this labor and investment is still in development. There are a few areas to highlight as we press forward.

At the beginning of this school year, we arranged for seven students to begin band lessons through a homeschool band co-op in Chattanooga. Last month, these students showcased what they learned in a band concert held at Brainerd Hills Baptist Church.



#### CCA Band Students

Front Row, Left to Right:

Everett Sethman (6th), Ella Coffman (6th), David Steinle (6th)

Back Row, Left to Right:

Nathaniel Williams (7th), Malachi Helms (8th), Scarlett Sethman (8th), and Mary Kate Steinle (8th)

In December, a selection of students participated in the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools (TACS) District Academic Testing. In January, we were notified that eighteen of our students have qualified for the State Academic Testing, which will take place this month on February 13-14th.

On Friday, February 9th, more than forty of our students will compete at the TACS Fine Arts Competition at Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank. You are welcome to come and see our students compete. We have a few students who will have musical solos, in addition to an elementary choral group, a small and large middle school ensemble, and a small high school ensemble. In addition to the music category, our eighth graders will compete in a reader's theater category; elementary and middle school students will compete in chess, spelling, and public speaking competitions; and several students have submitted pieces of art.

Teacher of Children,  
Pastor Dave  
CCA Headmaster



**Dear Candies Creek Baptist Church Family,**

**You have encouraged Pastor Jonathan** and me so well as God has revealed more of His next steps for the Kyles. I praise God for the health of the members of Candies Creek Baptist Church. You have displayed a keen awareness that the kingdom of God is bigger than Candies Creek! You have served as fellow workers alongside of Pastor Jonathan. You have celebrated the beautiful story of training up and sending out! You are willing to step up as Pastor Jonathan has trained you to do! You have trusted God in this journey! You have committed to pray for them and pray for us!

**Pray that:**

- God will stretch us, the Kyles and Eastanallee.
- God will provide for us, the Kyles and Eastanallee.
- God will be the source of our strength, the Kyles and Eastanallee.

**Please keep your calendar clear for February 18th** so that we can honor the Kyles as a church family. **Pastor Jonathan will preach his send-off services that morning** and we will probably cry and laugh and pray and keep dreaming of how God wants to use our lives and our churches for His glory. **We will also do a drop in reception from 3:30-5:30** as a time to let you express your gratitude to God for how He has used Pastor Jonathan and his family in your lives. Be prepared to bless them on that day!

In 2024, pray that by **grace** we will **rehearse and apply the gospel**. Our annual focus will be a steady reminder of Pastor Jonathan as we use this year to emphasize applying the gospel to life until it becomes a lifestyle. Coming in March, April and May, some community groups will use **Gospel 101** by Jeff Dodge which uses a subtitle of **Learning, Living and Sharing the Gospel**.

Living in the love of God,  
Pastor Stan

**PRAISE THE LORD!**

Given in Jan.  
Jan. Expenses  
Lottie Moon

\$90,715.64  
\$59,691.30  
\$33,623.58

*Drop-in Reception for the  
Kyle Family  
Sunday Feb. 18th  
3:30-5:30 pm*

**Senior Adult  
Fellowship Soup Lunch**

Wed. Feb. 14th @ 11:30 am  
in the Fellowship Hall

 **"Legacy"** 

**Marriage Conference**

February 10th  
10 am - 3 pm - StuB

\$15 per Couple - Payable at the church office


Lunch & Childcare Provided

Sign up at the Welcome Desks




**Shoebox Ministry**

Preparations by the Shoebox Sisters have already begun for the 2024 shoeboxes....one can never start TOO early! Some items they found this month that are great sale additions for shoeboxes include toboggans, gloves, Valentine stuffed animals and dominoes. You might want to purchase some for your own shoeboxes. Join the fellowship on February 9th and 23rd. Meet some new friends.



Thursday,  
Feb. 22nd  
6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall



*Our Christian sympathy  
is extended to:*

*Jeff Ballew & Family for  
The loss of his mother  
Jackie Ervin*





# "Fill Our Hearts"

(Isaiah 56:6-8)

Missions Conference

February 4-6th

Special Guest Speaker

Dr. Jamison Work



## Sunday - 2/4

Session 1: 8 & 10:30am

4-6pm - Missions Fair w/Chili Supper Starting at 5pm. (National and International partners supported by CCBC will be represented)

Session 2: 6:30pm

## Monday - 2/5

Session 3: 6pm

7-ish pm - International Meal - Practicing Proximity to the Nations International Friends Network will provide different national meals for people to experience and get to know international families.

## Tuesday - 2/6

Prayer For The Nations - 6pm

Session 4: 7:15pm



## Loving Well

Loving others well requires surrender to God's will: sometimes pulling close; sometimes letting loose.

Ten years ago—February 1, 2014—we stepped out of an old apartment building into the dark frigid air and mostly-deserted streets of predawn Kyiv, Ukraine, to catch a pre-arranged taxi that would speed us to the airport for a flight back home to the U.S. Two days earlier, we had taxied with an interpreter through a Siberian-like winter wonderland to an orphanage three hours west of Kyiv. There, we reconnected with 15-year-old Artem, 10-year-old Nina, and 7-year-old Yura, whom we had joyfully hosted in our home just days before, during the Christmas/New Year season of 2013-14. We made the journey to Ukraine out of love, to propose adoption; our intention was to pull them close—to make them ours for life. But it was not to be. Instead, we could pull them close for only a moment, to hug them and pray over them, before letting them loose from our grip and entrusting them into God's grace. A journal entry made at the end of that wearying day included this simple prayer, and it remains our plea on their behalf: "Oh Lord, please keep them and bring them to an understanding of Your saving grace and shelter them in Your care."

It is a precious gift to know that we may approach the throne boldly through intercessory prayer, just as Jesus prayed for His disciples in John 17: "...I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, and that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me..."

If Christ prayed for us, we are compelled to pray for each other. In this month that we celebrate Valentine's Day, may we who are brothers and sisters in Christ show our love for each other and for the lost in much more meaningful ways than cards and candy. May we love well by embracing and practicing the gift of intercessory prayer, faithfully lifting each other to the Lord for His care and keeping.

To love well is to pray much.



The Bible Is Our Basis  
Jude 20 But you, beloved,  
building yourselves up on your most holy faith,  
praying in the Holy Spirit,  
21 **keep yourselves in the love of God...**



Prayer Is Our Power  
In 2024, pray that by **grace** we will  
**rehearse and apply the gospel.**

God's Glory Is Our Goal



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4  <b>Global Mission Conference</b>	5	6	7	8	9 <b>Shoebox Ministry</b> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	10  <b>"Legacy"</b> Conf. 10 am - 3 pm 
11 <b>Deacons Mtg.</b> 4:30 pm <hr/> <b>Kid's Precept Returns!</b> 4:00 - 5:30 pm <hr/> <b>Life 122 Super Bowl Party/6 pm</b>	12	13 <b>Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night</b> 5:30 pm - 3B Spray.	14  <b>Senior Adult Lunch</b> 11:30 am/FH	15	16	17
18 <b>Kyle Reception</b> 3:30-5:30 pm <hr/> <b>Life 122 Late Niter</b>	19 	20	21	22  <b>WOW - Women of The Word/6:30 pm F. H.</b>	23 <b>Shoebox Ministry</b> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**SUNDAYS**

Early Worship Service.....8:00 am  
 Community Groups.....9:15 - 10:15 am  
 Late Worship Service .....10:30 am  
 Kid's Precept (2/11).....5:30pm  
 Adult Choir .....6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**THURSDAYS**

Men's Prayer Meeting .....6:30 am  
 Ladies bible Study .....9:00 am  
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,  
 bearing with one another in love. - Eph. 4:2





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**CHARLESTON, TN 37310**

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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Jadon Kyle, Edwin Plank, Donnie Davis  
 Eli Moore, Sammy Parris  
 Alex Tweed, Jeff Sprayberry  
 Luke Steinle  
 Janice Sprayberry  
 Kadence McAlister  
 Everleigh Simko, Ember Coleman,  
 Vianca Willis  
 Brooklyn Creekmore, Alan Blackburn, Sr.  
 Alice Smith, Kelly Allison,  
 Jamie Creekmore, Jack Borders  
 B.J. Purser, Scotty Smith  
 Heather Barkley  
 Wendy Torchick  
 Dena Loudermilk  
 Belle Cooke, Elliott Loudermilk,  
 Graham Delmotte, Wendy Simko  
 Judi Renfro  
 Coby Goins  
 Peter Hoffman, Shawn Loudermilk  
 Ainsley Olmstead, Wyatt Smith, Ronnie Casteel  
 Brenda Carroll, Joyce Harris, Benjamin Geyman  
 Hailie Elmer



## One Minute Clinic

**Psalm 108: 1-4**

**1 My heart, O God, is steadfast;  
 I will sing and make music  
 with all my soul.**  
**2 Awake, harp and lyre!  
 I will awaken the dawn.**  
**3 I will praise you, Lord,  
 among the nations;  
 I will sing of you among the peoples.**  
**4 For great is your love,  
 higher than the heavens;  
 your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

**What is the One Minute Clinic? Twice a day... at 6:30 am & 6:30 pm  
 take 1 Minute to pray for this month's topic everyday.**

**Praying for Campus Renewal**

*Jesus’ heart for this generation blazes with fiery love. Generation Z (from ages 11 to 26) is navigating a challenging world unknown to older generations. They’ve endured a pandemic and are faced with gender confusion/identity issues every day in the hallways of their campuses. Daily conversations are filled with racial and political divisions.*

*Students on the campuses of our nation were born into a digital world. Social media platforms and smartphones are an extension of their lives—and whether they realize it or not, they hold the “knowledge of the world” in their hands.*

*But do they know God? Have they experienced the transforming love of Jesus? Are they filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to speak truth and hope to their generation? Do they know that by seeking God in humble, fervent, and unified prayer—they can invite a spiritual awakening to Christ to sweep their campuses?*

*This month, we pray for a reviving move of the Spirit to invade the more than 4,000 college and university campuses in this nation. And we especially pray for God to use the Collegiate Day of Prayer on February 29 as a catalyst to transform this generation.*

1 A battle for the minds and hearts of students rages on our campuses. Ungodly indoctrination fills the classrooms. Pray for the protection from the enemy’s attempts to steal their destinies designed by God (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

2 Campuses across our nation are filled with students who function under a cloud of despair. Lives are marked with hopelessness and questions about the future. Pray for the hope of Christ to overwhelm the darkness and fill our campuses with joy and peace (Romans 15:13).

3 Many colleges and universities have lost their original callings. Institutions such as Princeton, Harvard, and Yale were established as places of faith, but no longer are devoted to Christ. Pray for breakthrough on such campuses and a return to their God-ordained destinies (Isaiah 55:11).

4 Christian students are challenged on secular campuses like never before. Their love and devotion to Christ are often more mocked than embraced. Pray for students to remain strong and confident in their faith despite the opposition (Romans 12:12).

5 Students are often unknowingly influenced by media, professors, and other voices that espouse untruths and ungodly ideologies. Pray for the Spirit to bring a revelation of truth rooted in the hope of Christ (Psalm 64:1-9).

6 Pray for this next generation to be grounded in God’s Word and quick to discern truth in a culture that espouses lies and deception. Pray for them to articulate truth to their peers with clarity and power of the Spirit (2 Timothy 2:15).

7 Social media influencers are significant voices among students—for good and for bad! Pray for young Christian influencers to use their platforms to expose lies and preach the truth of Jesus to their lost generation. Pray that they will resist the lure of popularity but will instead focus on proclaiming Christ in creative ways (Psalm 119:160).

8 Many students are wounded by the lack of love in their homes, especially from absent fathers. Pray they will know the loving heart of their heavenly Father, and then allow the Spirit to heal their past hurts and prepare them to be godly leaders (Malachi 4:6).

9 Pray for godly men and women to step up as mentors to this student generation. Pray for students to have strong believers in their lives who model walking in faith and love despite the opposition they might feel on their campuses (Philippians 4:9).

10 We're instructed to tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders He has done. Pray that older generations can connect with students to testify of God's goodness and encourage them to seek the Lord for revival in their own generation (Psalm 78:4).

11 It's a biblical admonition for one generation to tell of mighty works and glorious splendor of God to the next generation. Pray that all generations will experience spiritual awakening in our day—and that there will be great joy in sharing God's miraculous works of salvation and restoration (Psalm 145:4-5).

12 Pray for the fulfillment of Joel 2 in our day—that God's Spirit "will be poured out on all people," that "sons and daughters will prophecy," and that "young men will see visions." Ask God to raise up the next generation as a prophetic voice of hope to our nation (Joel 2:28-29).

13 Pray for students to be "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor" on their campuses. Ask God to use them to bring hope and healing through Jesus to the brokenhearted and those caught in the darkness of this world (Isaiah 61:1-3).

14 We have a history in this nation of being blessed with seasons of revival that were ignited through the prayers of students on campuses. Pray that students will recognize they are strategic in God's Kingdom as they walk in love, faith, and holiness (1 Timothy 4:12).

15 Ask God to stir a passion in students to take the gospel beyond their campuses to the ends of the earth. Pray that God will call students into a new missions movement that accelerates the spread of the gospel through social media platforms and into unreached people groups (Acts 1:8).

16 After researching the history of revival on campuses throughout our nation connected to the First Great Awakening, leaders of the Collegiate Day of Prayer ask the question, "Why not here; why not now?" Pray that now is the time for another awakening to flood the campuses across this nation (Psalm 126:4).

17 More than 4,000 campuses across the U.S. are in desperate need of a move of God that impacts students and transforms campuses. And a revived next generation will impact our nation with passionate zeal for Christ. Pray for a Spirit-led stirring on every campus (Isaiah 42:13).

18 Pray for an awakening to Christ to sweep the campus of your alma mater. Pray for the leadership of your college or university to honor God in their decisions and for students seek wise spiritual counsel in their life pursuits (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

19 The recent weeks-long revival on the Asbury University campus drew thousands of people from around the nation and world who were eager to experience the refreshing of God's Spirit. Pray that the fires lit at Asbury will continue to be fanned into greater flames on more campuses (Isaiah 9:2-3).

20 The key to revival is fervent, united prayer. Students across this nation are gathering to pray for God to move on their campuses. Ask God to ignite prayer movements that draws students together in persistent prayer saturated with faith and hope (Isaiah 41:10).

21 Pray for students to be captured by the vision of saturating their campuses in faith-filled, fervent prayer. Ask God to increase their passion to sacrificially pray and fast for their fellow students to know Jesus (Matthew 21:22).

22 Throughout history, college campuses have been touched by revival. The zeal of youth is often a catalyst for national spiritual awakening. Ask God to use the Collegiate Day of Prayer on February 29 as a catalyst for revival to flood our campuses—and touch our nation (Psalm 80:19).

23 Students across this nation will join in prayer on the Collegiate Day of Prayer, seeking God for awakening on their campuses. Pray for those who are producing the simulcast out of Baylor University, that all the technical details will flow together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26).

24 Pray for pastors and churches across this nation to join in concerted prayer for God to move through the Collegiate Day of Prayer. Ask God to unite His Church with deep love for students and a vision for revival in the next generation (Ephesians 3:10-12).

25 Pray for the team producing the Collegiate Day of Prayer at Baylor University. Ask God to make them sensitive to the Spirit's leading so that they can make the right program adjustments. Pray for equipment to function well, for those who lead and speak to fulfill their assignments, and for the broadcast to be seamless in calling a nation to prayer (John 16:13)

26 Pray for the Baylor University campus to be saturated with the presence of God in preparation for the Collegiate Day of Prayer. Ask God to raise up day-and-night prayer and a sense of anticipation that God's Spirit is going to sweep through this campus (Psalm 16:11).

27 Pray that students on campuses across the nation will gather in groups to watch the Collegiate Day of Prayer simulcast on February 29—and that they will grow in their zeal to pray for their own campuses. Pray that the broadcast will be shared multiple times across social media platforms so that millions will be touched with the hope of spiritual awakening throughout our nation (Habakkuk 3:2).

28 Pray for all the pre-production work happening on the Baylor campus right now for tomorrow's simulcast. Pray that meetings will go smoothly, any issues will be figured out, and that the staff and production crew will be refreshed with sleep in preparation for tomorrow (Isaiah 40:31).

29 Tonight is the Collegiate Day of Prayer simulcast that will reach around the world through social media and other platforms. Pray that this vision for campuses that began 200 years ago will be a catalyst for revival in this next generation and throughout our nation (Acts 3:19-20).