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a river of hope in a thirsty land

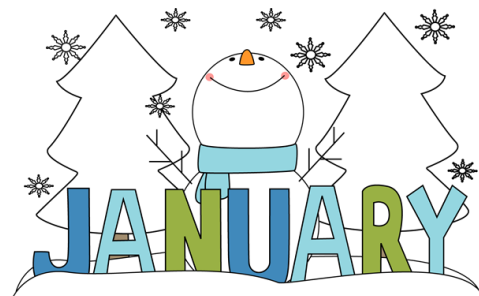
*For I am the Lord your God who takes
hold of your right hand &
says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.*

Isaiah 41:13

January 2021



Happy New Year!
2021



In January



Awana in January: Be watching for weekly announcements as to whether we are continuing AWANA @ Home call in or moving to AWANA Live! inside the children's building.

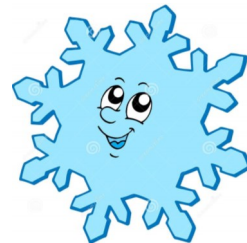
Jan 6 is Backwards Night

Jan 13 AWANA

Jan 20 Build A Car/Drive Thru (if we are doing @ Home)

Jan 27 Tune Up Night

Jan 31 GRAND PRIX! *** (subject to change in date)**



Kid's 30 Day Bible Challenge

30 Day Bible Reading Challenge in ACTS! See the attached reading plan in this Newsletter. Children may complete either the younger/older plan or even do the family reading plan of one chapter per day. If your child would like to sign up to be on "Zoom with Acts" please let me know. We will meet on zoom once per week to read the scripture OUT LOUD, TOGETHER! No pressure to read though, your child can fellowship and follow along each week. We will be reading the passages from the week prior, praying and encouraging one another. We will start zoom on January 7th at 7 pm. Contact Mrs. Christy to sign up for "Zoom with Acts" Every child who completes the 30 Day Challenge will receive a great book from Voice of the Martyrs.

VBS

VBS: We will plan on Backyard VBS and VBS @ Home again this summer 2021. We will tentatively plan for a LIVE VBS gospel week on campus also, but the Backyard and @ Home version VBS is a sure thing. Be praying as we search for just the right curriculum and if you would like to host a week outdoors in June/July.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all parents and children who have held fast this year in children's ministry. I grieve the cancellations and postponements with you and your children. I am thankful for the extra dose of grace you have exhibited during the topsy turvy schedules.

KIDS 30 DAY Bible Reading CHALLENGE in ACTS!

There are 31 days in January and 28 chapters in Acts...Read either the shorter passage listed for younger children or the longer passage for older children. Families can also read one entire chapter together per day!

Look for and pray about:

- 1) Gospel conversations in each passage.
- 2) People in Acts, the Jews and Gentiles.
- 3) Common words or language that we use even today.
- 4) How the church lives together and loves one another.
- 5) Signs and wonders of the Holy Spirit!

Let me know if/when you complete the challenge. We have the Courageous book series from Voice of the Martyrs and I would love for you to choose a book; Stephen, Paul, Thomas, Valentine, Patrick, and Nicholas.

Thank you, Mrs. Christy Johns 423-790-2674

30 Day Bible Reading Challenge **ACTS** of the Apostles

<u>DAY</u>	<u>YOUNGER</u>	<u>/</u>	<u>OLDER</u>	<u>GOSPEL CONVERSATION</u>
Day 1	Acts 1:4-8		or 1:4-14	You Will Be My Witnesses
Day 2	Acts 2:36-39		or 2:22-41	Peter: Be Saved!
Day 3	Acts 3:12-19		or 3:11-23	By Faith In His Name
Day 4	Acts 4:8-12		or 4:1-12	Salvation in No One Else
Day 5	Acts 5:29-32		or 5:12-32	Peter: Obey God
Day 6	Acts 6:7-10		or 6:7-15	The Word Spreads
Day 7	Acts 7:54-60		or 7:51-60	Stephen: Gospel Martyr
Day 8	Acts 8:26-35		or 8:26-40	Philip: Isaiah & the Ethiopian
Day 9	Acts 9:1-9		or 9:1-18	Saul: Damascus Road
Day 10	Acts 10:40-46		or 10:36-46	Commanded to Testify
Day 11	Acts 11:15-18		or 11:15-25	Barnabas: Fellow Worker
Day 12	Acts 12:6-12		or 12:6-18	Peter: Jailed and Rescued
Day 13	Acts 13:26-32		or 13:23-37	The Good News
Day 14	Acts 14:21-23		or 14:21-28	Gospel Hardship
Day 15	Acts 15:6-11		or 15:6-21	Saved Through Grace
Day 16	Acts 16:25-33		or 16:25-40	Paul & Silas: Gospel in Jail
Day 17	Acts 17:30-34		or 17:16-34	Paul: Idols in Athens
Day 18	Acts 18:24-28		or 18:24-28	Apollos: Fellow Worker
Day 19	Acts 19:1-7		or 19:1-10	Baptized
Day 20	Acts 20:22-24		or 20:22-35	Chains & Afflictions Await
Day 21	Acts 21:10-14		or 21:1-14	Paul: Surrendered to Gospel
Day 22	Acts 22:11-16		or 22:6-21	Paul: Testimony to the Mob
Day 23	Acts 23:6-11		or 23:1-11	Dispute Over Resurrection
Day 24	Acts 24:24-26		or 24:22-26	Felix Hears the Gospel
Day 25	Acts 25:14-16		or 25:13-22	Politics & Religion
Day 26	Acts 26:12-18		or 26:12-23	Festus & King Agrippa
Day 27	Acts 27:33-38		or 27:21-38	Shipwreck
Day 28	Acts 28:23-31		or 28:21-30	With All Boldness

Gospel and Faith Conversations abound in the Book of Acts! Be **encouraged**, **pray for one another**, and **report** back to the church at Candies Creek as God provides YOU with opportunities, until all have heard!

As much as we would like the start of a New Year to press a "reset" button on the events of the world in 2020, most likely things will continue on as they have for the last several months. That is not to say things will not get better at some point in 2021, Lord willing, but that is to say if your "hope" is in the arbitrary flipping of a calendar then that "hope" is not in anything of worth. Now, as always, the Christians' hope should be in the certainty of the Lord and His promises. Despite the difficulty of the last year, His promises remain the same and if anything have magnified in importance.

The theme of the student ministry this year is "Return." "As we anticipate returning to life as normal in 2021, our goal is to RETURN to our first love, which is our relationship with God." While the theme does allude to our desire as a church to Return back to some kind of normalcy in our gathering, the theme comes from the post exilic writings of the Old Testament after Babylonian captivity. Most notably, we will spend time in the book of Ezra and Nehemiah. We will look at the 3 aspects of their return; Return to Worship (rebuilding of Temple), Return to Christ (revival of the people), and Return of Defense/Apologetics (rebuilding of the wall). There are some observable behaviors that we hope to demonstrate in this year and evaluate.

1. Prioritizing the Gathering with 60% attendance to the gatherings in a month and yearly events (DNow, Spring Retreat, Camp, Mission Trip, Fall Retreat)
2. Developing a life giving and altering abiding time with God that leads to at least one weekly conversation stating what God is teaching me.
3. Proclaiming the gospel with our lips leading to 10 gospel conversations within the year.
4. Determining to be and do disciple making by faithfully attending Community Group and being involved in a disciple making relationship either as the disciple or the discipler.

These will not be dogmatic rules but they will be aspirational goals for us all to shoot for, and they will provide an observable measuring stick for how we are progressing. Notice that one of the goals is in connection with our church wide goal of 2021.

I look forward to how God continues to transform us in 2021 and provides a forced course correction in our spiritual lives due to the pandemic. Let's not get frustrated, but let's be humble and patient on the Lord and what He is doing in us. Let 2021 be the year you RETURN to the Lord in complete obedience.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

Jan. 5 - Teacher In-Service

Jan. 6 - Classes Resume

Jan. 8 - 1st Semester Report Cards Issued.

Jan. 18 - MLK Day (No School)

Jan. 29 - Jean Day

The First Art of the Trivium: Grammar

John 1:1 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

I often speak of the grammar stage in classical education as the beginning point to learn any subject matter. For example, if the Lord called me into the vocation of car maintenance, I would need to enter the car mechanic’s grammar stage. First, I would need to learn some automobile vocabulary such as tires, brakes, engines, radiators, and eventually, VCM’s (vehicle control modules). But the art of grammar must go beyond the rudimentary elements of any subject.

In classical education, the usage of grammar is broader than the contemporary thought of language rules. Meaning, it is not limited to word usage, word order, sentence formation, diagramming of sentences, or speaking and writing properly. Rather grammar is seen as art (skill) to be developed into a tool and seed of learning. It is foundational to gaining knowledge of all other subject matters. Thus, the art of grammar is explained as “the art of dwelling in culture by learning to speak and to hear, to read and to write” by Kevin Clark and Ravi Jain in their book *The Liberal Arts Tradition*. To put it more simply, grammar is the “art of being at home in language.”

Therefore, in the grammar stage (preK-5th grade), we concentrate on language. The first step in learning is hearing, then speaking. My youngest daughter is two years old; and for a couple of months now, she has been using words she has heard for over two years. The next step is to pronounce them accurately and then put words together to communicate. In our preK class, we teach how to recognize, pronounce, and write the most basic language elements—the alphabet. As we move through kindergarten and up to the 5th grade, we continue directing and correcting the speech, listening, reading, and writing as it relates to grammar—not as a subject, but related to an encyclopedia of subjects.

Finally, if it were not for the One who is called the Word, developing the art of grammar would be an exercise in self-actualization rather than God’s glorification. The Word gives grammar worth.

Learning grammar,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster

The Monday Night Community Group is continuing its study of the Word of God via Zoom. 10-15 people fellowship weekly to focus on one or two chapters of Scripture and apply verses to real life. So far we have traveled with Paul on his missionary journeys, analyzed methods of false teaching in II Peter and Jude, examined Daniel and his prophecies, and walked with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark, to name just a few of our studies. Upon completing the book of James on January 4th, we will resume looking at Genesis by studying the middle third of that book. For more information, contact the church office. 479-3731

PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in Dec.	\$102,273.26
Expenses in Dec.	\$ 83,303.65
Given in 2020 (Through 12/30)	\$792,400.83
Expenses in 2020	\$748,124.12
Lottie Moon Missions	\$27,767.25

The Shoebox Sisters have postponed their 2021 start-up until early February due to COVID-19. Contact any of the ladies for more information.

This quote, from Franklin Graham, was in the last Samaritan's Purse newsletter:



"Each gift box is a Gospel opportunity, and we work with our church partners everywhere to make sure children hear about Jesus, have opportunities to respond to Him in repentance and faith, and learn how to share the Gospel with their friends and families. During the past 10 years, more than 11.5 million children have trusted Christ as their Savior through The Greatest Journey, our discipleship lessons for shoebox recipients. Praise God!"

ACTS: 30 Day Kids (and Adults)

Bible Reading Challenge; short passages, long passages, or entire chapters, whatever your ability we have a challenge for YOU! You may pick up a copy of the guide in the Worship Center & they are also included in this Newsletter and I am happy to email copies to whomever needs! Thanks for joining us for our 2021 January challenge. - Ms. Christy

Ladies Bible Study resumes!

Acts Part 1 - Jesus' Witnesses, Empowered by His Spirit - 8 week study on chapters 1-12

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm ZOOM ONLY beginning Jan. 12

Thursdays 9:00 - 11:00 am Zoom and in-person (your choice) beginning January 14




If you are new to Precept studies, please contact Marsa Garner at 605-5705 for workbook ordering info and orientation date.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

*The Chastain Family for
the loss of
Bill Chastain*

*Phil Taylor & family for the
loss of his mother
Shirley Taylor*

*Craig Brenizer & family for the
loss of his father
Rick Brenizer*



Coaches Corner

Dear Church Family,

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. This God-sized annual goal will require everyone’s engagement in prayer and natural gospel conversations. We all need Jesus. The world needs the gospel. Our heart is for **Acts**, of the Holy Spirit, to inspire us and convict us so we are calling the people of the church to study **Acts** in their personal abiding time so that we can **apply the commission of “being witnesses” and “proclaiming Christ” to our life until it becomes a lifestyle.** Christy has called this a **“30 Day Bible Reading Challenge.”**

Please do not be overwhelmed and yet be willing to grow as one who “Proclaims Christ.” Please see this quote from Alvin Reid, “I pray you will move from focusing on getting every word just right in a presentation to **knowing the gospel’s reality in your own life, leading you to have regular conversations with people** in which you **increasingly talk about Christ with growing confidence.**” God commissions His Followers to come alongside people in loving relationships... asking good questions... hearing backstories... in order to build bridges... naturally sharing your story/relationship with Christ... and naturally sharing The King’s Story (the gospel)... then continuing in loving, discipling relationships with individuals!

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

Pastor Stan



PRAY: God, give me today...

- (A) the opportunity to speak with someone about The King
- (B) the wisdom to see it
- (C) the courage to take it.

Dear Church Body,

As a search team, we want to give you an update of where we are in the process of searching for our next Worship Pastor. We want to thank you for your continued prayer and support to us. We also want to give you information regarding the interim transition as we move forward into 2021.

As some of you may know or have heard, we are continuing to search for the man God would have as Worship Pastor at Candies Creek. We thought we were close a couple months back when we had a serious candidate, whom we all, including the staff, thought was the man God was bringing to us only to have him unexpectedly decline to move forward in the process after learning we were ready to move forward with him. I say 'unexpectedly' but that was only unexpected to us. *It was not unexpected to God.* Nor was God wondering what would happen next or reaching into His back pocket to pull out Plan B. God continues to grow our faith in Him, in His timing and continues to bless our team with love for one another and a spirit of unity. We have already opened up what we are referring to as the second phase of our search. We have begun to receive resumes again and are continuing to meet frequently as a team as we end out 2020 and begin to start the New Year.

We want to thank you for your prayers for us this past year. Please continue to pray for our team. That God would continue to work in us, individually, as a team and that His hand would guide our conversations, our search and our interactions with potential candidates. We want to be as transparent with you as possible. If you have questions please feel free to contact any of us by email, phone or in person and we would be happy to talk with you. It is a large task and we are blessed that God has called us to it. It is weighty at times, but that is only when we fail to remember that it is God doing the work and our responsibility is to trust and be available vessels for Him to use.

As you know, Jesse has been our interim worship leader this past year and has done a wonderful job of leading our church body in worship week after week. We are so thankful for his willingness and humble heart to serve the body in this transitional role. As the search process now enters a second phase in 2021, Jesse will be stepping away the end of January to join his family in worship at a sister church. The staff will be letting you know in January of an opportunity to love and bless Jesse for giving of his time and talents to us this past year.

God has given Candies Creek an unbelievable amount of people with talents and abilities who are eager and willing to use those abilities and talents for the Lord. Jake Simko, Matt Coleman and Meagan Jolley have all enthusiastically agreed to help in the transition and lead us in worship over the next several months to come. As a body, please pray for them, encourage them and show your appreciation to them for their willingness to serve in this way. We are such a blessed body of believers.

Again, if there are any questions you have or things you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact us. We are so thankful for you,

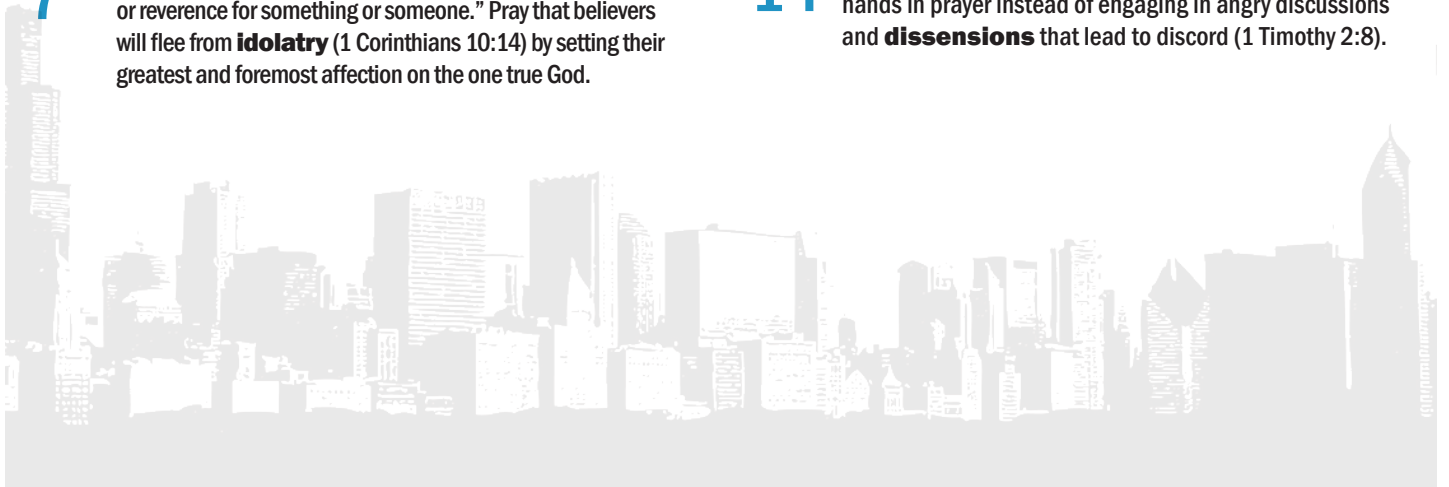
CCBC Worship Pastor Search Team
Shawn Williams, Tom Jolley, Jake Simko, Don Markham, Judi Renfro,
Candra Gluckner & Julie Adolph

MANIFESTING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:19-23 NASB).

- 1 As we begin a new year, thank God that through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set us completely free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).
- 2 During seasons of revival, the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's children becomes very obvious. Pray today for the kind of revival where Christians repent from pursuing the desires of the flesh and commit to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16).
- 3 Since man's fleshly desires and the ways of the Spirit stand in direct opposition to one another, pray that your church family will discern the difference between the two and experience the power of Christ to walk in victory over sin (Galatians 5:17).
- 4 Paul told the Thessalonians that it was God's will for them to abstain from sexual **immorality** (1 Thessalonians 4:3). Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will sweep through your congregation, moving everyone to turn from pursuing immorality to pursuing holiness instead.
- 5 The Bible tells us that God has not called us to **impurity**, but to sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:7). Pray that in the lives of your friends, impure thoughts and actions will be replaced by those that are set apart for God's glory and honor.
- 6 Since the way a person thinks and lives out their life can greatly influence others, pray that Christians will not follow their **sensuality** and malign the way of the truth for others (2 Peter 2:2).
- 7 The word *idolatry* can be defined as "extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone." Pray that believers will flee from **idolatry** (1 Corinthians 10:14) by setting their greatest and foremost affection on the one true God.
- 8 Hearts and minds through the ages have often been lured away from a Spirit-filled walk by a focus on witchcraft, divination, and **sorcery** (Deuteronomy 18:10; 2 Chronicles 33:6). Pray that those who practice this wickedness will not be able to entrap the people of your community.
- 9 In today's church, many have allowed **enmities** to develop between them. A person can even become an enemy of God when he or she becomes a friend of the world (James 4:4). Pray that Christians will not oppose or become hostile toward God or each other, but will daily experience the unifying love of Jesus.
- 10 Pray that God will protect your church family from individuals who have "a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words" (1 Timothy 6:4). These people often spread **strife** and evil suspicions.
- 11 Pray that the members of your church family will not relate to each other out of **jealousy** or selfish ambition (James 3:16). James says these sinful ways are the birthing place for disorder and every evil thing.
- 12 Pray that those around you who struggle with anger will be set free from this sinful attitude. Pray that their **outbursts of anger** (Galatians 5:20) will disappear completely because of the abiding presence of Christ in them.
- 13 Pray that the leaders of your church will "avoid foolish controversies . . . and **disputes** about the Law," since these are unprofitable and worthless (Titus 3:9).
- 14 Pray that the men of your congregation will lift up holy hands in prayer instead of engaging in angry discussions and **dissensions** that lead to discord (1 Timothy 2:8).

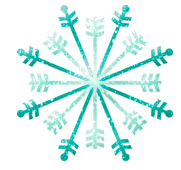




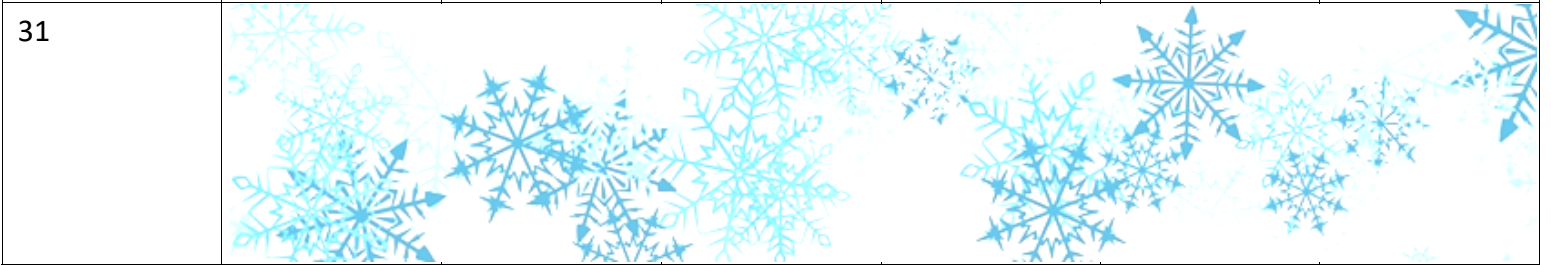
- 15** Pray that God will protect your congregation from divisive individuals who use their words and actions to divide church families into sinful, self-condemned **factions** (Titus 3:10-11).
- 16** Pray that your church's leaders and members will "not become boastful, challenging one another, **envying** one another" (Galatians 5:26).
- 17** Just as Jesus warned His disciples to be on guard against sin, pray that the hearts of your Christian friends will "not be weighted down with dissipation, **drunkenness**, and the worries of life" (Luke 21:34).
- 18** Pray that the Christians in your community will "behave properly as in the day, not in **carousing** and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy" but instead clothing themselves with the Lord Jesus (Romans 13:13-14).
- 19** Pray today that everyone in your church family will **love** God with all their heart, soul, and mind and will love their neighbors as they love themselves (Matthew 22:37-39).
- 20** As it was with the first followers of Christ, pray that today's believers will continually be filled with **joy** and with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52).
- 21** Romans 8:6 says that the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and **peace**. In a world of turmoil where even many Christians are struggling to walk in peace, pray that every believer will learn how to set his or her mind on the Spirit.
- 22** As we look at those who have gone before us, who through faith and **patience** inherited the promises of God, pray that today's Christians will also practice patience and diligence in their walk with Christ (Hebrews 6:11-12).
- 23** Pray that the members of your church family will not let **kindness** and truth leave them, but will bind these qualities around their necks and write them on the tablets of their hearts (Proverbs 3:3).
- 24** Just as Paul prayed for the church at Thessalonica, pray that God will count your church family members worthy of their calling and will "fulfill every desire for **goodness** and the work of faith with power" (2 Thessalonians 1:11).
- 25** In Matthew 23:23, Jesus pronounced woe on the scribes and Pharisees because they tithed mint, dill, and cumin, but neglected justice, mercy, and **faithfulness**. Pray that today's church will be faithful to do everything that pleases God.
- 26** Pray that today's Christians will sanctify Christ as Lord in their hearts and will always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks them to give an account for the hope that is in them, with **gentleness** and reverence (1 Peter 3:15).
- 27** Paul wrote that in the last days, difficult times will come, in part because many individuals will not have **self-control** (2 Timothy 3:1-3). Pray that the men and women in your church will be dead to selfish desires and will walk under the controlling influence of the Spirit of Christ.
- 28** Pray that Christians in our nation will learn how to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and will consistently make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts (Romans 13:14).
- 29** Remembering how Christians have been called to freedom from the Law, pray that we as believers we will not turn our freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love will serve each other (Galatians 5:13).
- 30** Pray that your church staff and the members of your church family will walk by the Holy Spirit, finding the spiritual power needed to not carry out the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).
- 31** As we conclude this month, let's take some time and meditate on all that God has done in providing us with life through His Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11).

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JANUARY



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SUNDAYS

Early Worship8:00am
Late Worship10:30am

WEDNESDAYS

AWANA @ Home.....6:00pm
Life 122.....6:15pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30am





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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Brook Plank
Ken Catoe
Jenna Bryson, Liz Moseley
April Burnette
J.L. Belcher
Morgan Miller
Cindy Glenn
Chase Evett
Josh Jolley
Kim Cody, Rhonda Jolley
Connie Dillard, Madison Shean
Nicole Marrie
Cynthia Brenizer
Jackie Stanley, Asher Gluckner
Sharon Simmons
Emily Bean, Shawn Ballew,
Ezra Loudermilk, Mike Bull
Jake Blackburn, Shane Pierce, Paul Gates
Natalie Olmstead, Jackie Coleman, Brenda Belcher
Adaiya Gluckner, Elaine Rice
Tanya Lopez, Mary Louise Graham, Samuel Elmer
Mead Vest
Ray Ledford
Robin Parsons, Matthew Flowers,
Jonathan Kyle, Charles Bean
Addyson Jolley



One Minute Clinic

Read Isaiah 55

Thank You Jesus that your ways and your thoughts are higher than ours.

As we move into 2021
please help us
to rest in your plan.

