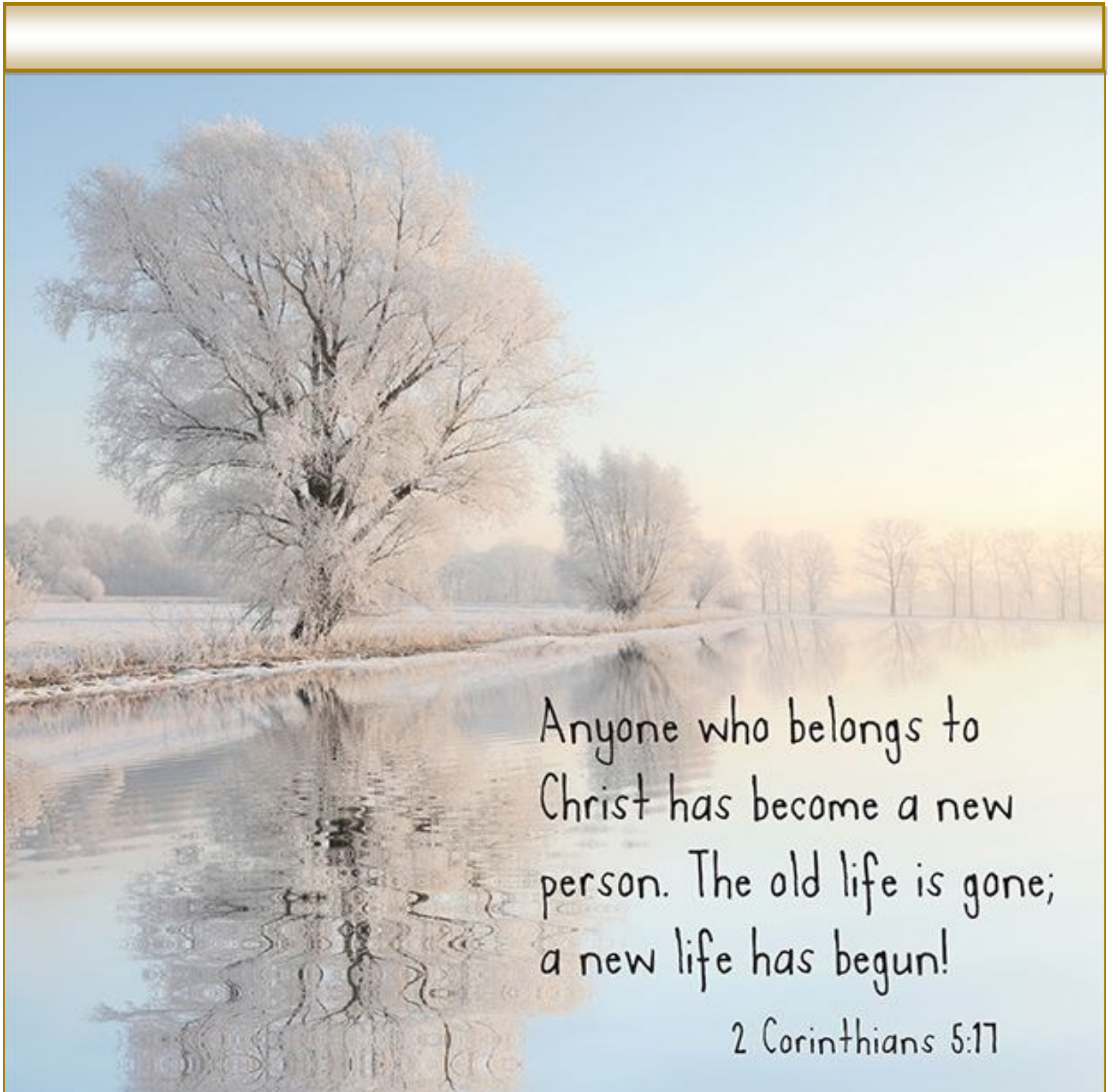




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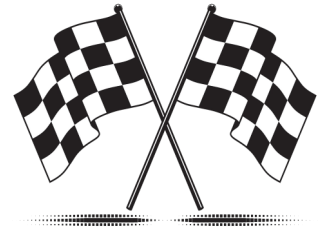
a river of hope in a thirsty land



Anyone who belongs to
Christ has become a new
person. The old life is gone;
a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17

January 2023



AWANA for January is GRAND PRIX MONTH!

Jan 4th thgiN sdrawkcaB

Jan 11 AWANA

Jan 18 Build a Car Night TNT and Dessert with Dad for all clubs

Jan 25 Tune Up Night TNT

(if you have skills in eating dessert, painting cars, cutting out cars, putting on tires etc...we would love to have you! See Jamie Creekmore to serve either Jan 18 or 25th)



GRAND PRIX.... in the Worship Center January 29th for all TNT! NEW TIME for weigh in and last minute repairs: 4:30 pm RACE STARTS 5:30 pm

Walking Tacos and Banana Pudding along with exciting and spectacular races! Fellowship and Family Fun



CHILDREN'S CHURCH C4

Begins again on January 8th in the 8 and 10:30 am worship service for kids K-4th grades. We will be looking at the Good News (Passion Week) and Shipwrecked (Life of Paul)

SAVE THE DATE!!!:

CHILDREN'S LEADERS EXTRAVAGANZA

for nursery, Sunday School, AWANA, choir, Precept, VBS leaders!

Friday January 20th 5-7:30 pm

A thank you dinner...A training opportunity....Fellowship

RSVP Mrs. Christy (423) 790-2674 childcare provided with reservation!



2023 VBS!!!



YOU, yes YOU are invited to help
Brainstorm, Contribute and Create to this year's VBS theme:

Jonah: Cruise Ship to Battleship

January 8th after the 10:30 am worship service...we are writing our own curriculum and we have the skeleton of the ship ready, just need your input and help to get it out to sea!!!!

This VBS we will read the entire book of Jonah, focus on Missions, journey to Marketplace Ninevah and more!

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

These are familiar verses to us and they come from a man who is Lamenting the state of Judah and where they find themselves in Babylon. Still, Jeremiah finds himself giving glory to God for His steadfast love, unending mercy, and great faithfulness. As we wrap up another year and start a new year, I want to remind you that God's love never ends, unlike a year, and His mercies are new as the start of a new year. May you receive encouragement from this word and give this encouragement to others this year as you trust God with His promises.

Trusting God in His promises is connected to our theme in the student ministry this year as we look at "Hope Grows." I spoke on Christmas Day about "hope" being faith directed at the future because of our faith being revealed in the past. In other words, because God has been faithful in the past, we can trust Him with the future. God put this on my heart back in the fall when reading through the New Testament. There is a theme throughout the letters that as persecution increases, hope or faith directed at the future increases. Therefore, this year we are going to look at the faithfulness of God to deliver on His promises in the past, and then direct our attention to the promises that are not yet fulfilled and grow in hope for those.

In the month of January, we are going to take a look at "eschatology" or the study of end times. This will not be in an effort to figure all of it out, but to see the promises God gives us and long for that day when He does return. Please pray for us as we seek to understand the purpose behind all of the mystery of the end, and grow in hope as we wait upon His promises.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



Wednesday, January 4th-Life 122 Starts back at 6:15pm.

Sunday, January 22nd-Connect Night: The Witt's at 6pm.



CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

Jan. 2nd - Teacher In-Service

Jan. 3rd - 1st Day of Classes
Spring Semester

Jan. 6th - Fall Semester
Report Cards Issued.

Jan. 10th - Parent Council
Meeting

Jan. 16th - MLK Day - No
School

Jan. 19th - Parent Academy

A Fresh Start

"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..." Hebrews 12:1a-2b

A new year is upon us and with this new year brings a fresh start. Education has two opportunities to bring a fresh start: the beginning and the end of the school year. The most recent fall season was tumultuous, particularly with our staff. There was not a single week during the fall semester where our entire staff was present the whole week. Nonetheless, the Lord graciously provided what we needed every step of the way. Now we look forward to a fresh start.

As we enter this spring semester, we will add two additional faculty members, both of whom have been on staff previously. In our lower school, we will be adding a new full-time second-grade teacher with Mrs. Carissa joining our team. Mrs. Allen previously served as our learning support assistant in the third year of the academy. We are excited to have Mrs. Allen return and give her full attention and skill set to the growth and maturing of our second-grade class.

Another familiar person to the academy is Dr. Luajean Bryan. Dr. Bryan will teach our two upper-level math courses for the spring semester. Unfortunately, Mrs. Modali, who was teaching our math courses, is required to complete her student teaching for her master's degree at another school. This was a disappointment to our staff and students. As we sought the Lord and trusted him to lead us to the next teacher for Mrs. Modali's classes, He surprised us beyond our expectations. The Lord was faithfully arranging and preparing Dr. Bryan to have the opportunity to return to the classroom after three years of full retirement.

We give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for what He has done. We look forward with anticipation to trust him further as we enter this new semester and a new calendar year. Will you join us in thanking the Lord for his fatherly care over us? Will you join us in asking for his continued guidance for the academy during this spring semester and the new calendar year? We have no idea what is ahead of us this semester or calendar year. But this we know, we can confidently trust the One who holds the oceans in his hands and has numbered every grain of sand has given us a fresh start and will lead us forward.

Starting Fresh,
Pastor Dave



Dear Follower of Christ,

I am looking forward to where God takes you and God takes us together this year. We use Scripture for strategic planning in order to honor God!

Proverbs 21:5 says...

The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage,
But everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 **Trust in the Lord** with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

2023 CCBC Annual Focus
**Trusting God is in control,
all is well with my soul.**

As we left 2022, Pastor Jonathan kept Romans 8:16-25 before us in the "Active Anticipation" sermon series in December. It also served to launch us into 2023. **As leadership, we are encouraging every member to memorize Romans 8:18-39 bit by bit in 2023.** January → Romans 8:18-19

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. *(You are encouraged to memorize the translation of your choice!)*

Additional Schedule

February → Romans 8:20-21

March → Romans 8:22-23

April → Romans 8:24-25

Trusting God,
Pastor Stan

Community Group
Recommended Study
Trusting God by Jerry Bridges
March, April, May 2023
Adult Leaders see curriculum order form
In your community group folders



Shoebox Ministry

The December-long vacation is over and it's time to get back to work!!!

Put January 13th on the calendar as the first Shoebox Sister meeting day (9:30).

The group will set goals for the 2023 Shoebox year and look at a tentative calendar of meeting dates.

The 2022 Shoeboxes went to Madagascar, Mali, Peru, Malawi, Guatemala, Burundi, The Philippines and Hard to Reach countries. Most of the Candies Creek shoeboxes have gone to African countries in the past with some reaching parts of Europe. It was the first time to have Candies Creek boxes delivered to The Philippines.

Again, thank you to the Candies Creek Baptist church body for its generosity in providing for all the shipping costs for the 1648 shoeboxes sent in 2022.

2023 CCBC Annual Focus

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Happy New Year!

Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

*Brenda Carroll & Family for the loss of her
Mother Nellie Brown*

*Stephanie Cooke & Family for the loss
of her sister & brother-in-love
Brittany & Dustin Dillard*

PRAISE THE KING!

Given in Dec. to date \$94,465.75
Expenses in Dec. to date \$85,815.65

Given 2022 YTD \$843,898.61
Expenses 2022 YTD *\$918,565.57
*Includes \$46,000.00 gutter replacement expense

Lottie Moon YTD \$39,171.56

Thank You to all the groups who served in 2022!
and for your faithfulness in signing up
to serve again in 2023!

Preparing & Delivering (& possibly serving) a meal on
the 1st Tuesday of the month to the

Cleveland Emergency Shelter

If your small group is interested in serving one of the months
open 2023, ... See the list in your group folder or contact
Marilyn at the Office 479-3731

Thank you, Again!



You're Invited to a Drop-In

Baby Shower



Shawn & HeatherAnn Flowers Blair

January 22, 2-4 pm-StuB

Registered at Amazon, Target, & Walmart



Jesus

The Name Above All Names

Philippians 2:9

Hearing, Trusting, and Obeying Jesus

“Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘YOU SHALL KEEP ON LISTENING, BUT SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND; AND YOU SHALL KEEP ON LOOKING, BUT SHALL NOT PERCEIVE; FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART, AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.’ But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear” (Matthew 13:13-16 NASB).

- 1 Where the hearts of God’s children have become dull and their ears no longer hear His voice, pray that they will awaken from their slumber and respond obediently to His Word (Matthew 13:13-14).
- 2 The Hebrews saw the power of God as He delivered them from the Egyptians, yet they failed to trust Him (Deuteronomy 1:32). In remembering all that God has done for His church, pray that we will never lose our trust in Him as the One who delivers us from evil.
- 3 Knowing that eternal destruction awaits those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9), pray that every person in your neighborhood will repent, place their faith in Jesus, and be saved.
- 4 Our churches and our nation desperately need a healing touch from God’s hand. Pray that we will understand our need for revival and return to an attentive love relationship with Jesus (Matthew 13:15).
- 5 King Asa did right in the sight of the Lord and led Judah to put their trust in God when attacked by Ethiopia (2 Chronicles 14:2-11). Pray that God will give us godly leaders who will walk in righteousness and lead our nation to trust in Him once again.
- 6 Knowing that God chooses us before we choose Him, pray that a great many within our nation will be chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood (1 Peter 1:1-2).
- 7 In longing for another great spiritual awakening, pray that the heart’s soil of those who are lost will be fertile and receptive to the gospel. Pray that Satan will be bound from snatching away the seed sown in their hearts (Mark 4:15).
- 8 When the people of Judah feared for their lives, King Jehoshaphat exhorted them to put their trust in God (2 Chronicles 20:20). Regardless of the persecution that may come to followers of Jesus, pray that we will continue to seek God’s will and follow after Him with confident trust.
- 9 Pray that the members of your church family will no longer obey the lusts of their mortal bodies, but will present their lives to God as instruments of righteousness (Romans 6:12-13).
- 10 On one occasion, when His mother and brothers came to visit Him, Jesus told His disciples that His real mother and brothers are those who hear and obey the Word of God (Luke 8:21). Pray that your church family will listen to Jesus and truly obey His commands.
- 11 Pray that we will learn how to wait for the Lord, the One who is our help and shield. Pray that we will also rejoice in Him and trust in His holy name (Psalm 33:20-21).
- 12 Pray for the people in your community to understand that whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever does not obey the Son will not see life, because God’s wrath abides on him (John 3:36).



- 13** We can't see where the wind comes from or where it is going, but we can hear its sound. "So is everyone who has been born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Pray that the Holy Spirit will move powerfully through your community, drawing the lost to put their faith in Christ and His saving work.
- 14** Pray that the members of your church family will trust in the Lord and do good by delighting in His presence and committing their ways to Him (Psalm 37:3-5).
- 15** While under persecution from the religious leaders, Peter and the apostles said, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Pray that Christians today will be just as committed to obeying Jesus, even in the midst of attacks from family, friends, or authorities.
- 16** Those who walk under the influence of the devil have trouble hearing Jesus' words (John 8:43-44). Pray that everyone in your community whose ears are closed to the truth of the gospel will be set free from Satan's deafening lies and vain philosophies.
- 17** Pray that your Christian friends will trust in God at all times and pour out their hearts before Him, since He is a refuge for us (Psalm 62:8).
- 18** Knowing our need for the fullness of the Holy Spirit, pray that Christians in your community will walk in great obedience to God (Acts 5:32).
- 19** Jesus said that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him (John 10:3, 27). Pray that the members of your church family will be quick to hear and obey both the Spirit's voice and God's written words.
- 20** Pray that Christians will encourage each other to never place their trust in mortal man, but only in the One from whom our salvation comes (Psalm 146:3).
- 21** Pray for those around you who may be self-serving and disobedient to the truth, knowing that wrath and indignation will be heading their way (Romans 2:8).
- 22** Pray that church leaders will not harden their hearts and continually test God when it comes to hearing His commands and faithfully following Him (Psalm 95:7-9).
- 23** Just as Paul trusted God when he faced the kind of insurmountable trials that made him fear for his life, pray that we too will not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead (2 Corinthians 1:8-9).
- 24** Knowing that God sometimes relents of the discipline we deserve because of our rebellion, pray that today's church will amend her ways and deeds, turning from sin to obey the voice of the Lord (Jeremiah 26:13).
- 25** Jesus taught, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and follow it" (Luke 11:28). Pray that the members of your church will not be a people who constantly hear God's Word but never apply it to their lives.
- 26** Pray that your Christian friends will trust in the Lord and prosper as they experience His deliverance. Pray that they will not arrogantly stir up strife or foolishly trust in their own hearts (Proverbs 28:25-26).
- 27** Remedial judgment often fell on God's people because they would not obey His voice (2 Kings 18:11-12). When God's discipline comes our way, pray that we will repent and obey His commands.
- 28** Jesus said, "The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah" (Luke 11:32). Pray that our generation will be one that truly repents when God's Word is preached.
- 29** Knowing that the one who trusts in his riches will fall (Proverbs 11:28), pray that people in your community will put their trust in Christ alone for salvation and the grace needed for daily living.
- 30** Knowing historically that God blessed His people when they obeyed His commands, pray that the blessing of His manifest presence will once again be known throughout the church as we repent of our sins and obey Him wholeheartedly (Deuteronomy 6:1-3).
- 31** Jesus said, "The one who has ears to hear, let him hear" (Luke 14:35). Pray that when His words are preached at your church, spiritual ears will be opened and all will respond to the truth that is being spoken.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Sunday Morning Schedule 	2 Office Closed	3 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - 3B Sprayberry	4	5	6	7
8 Financial Peace University Begins - 12:30 pm Battle Plan for Prayer Begins - 6:00 pm	9	10	11	12 Ladies Bible Study Returns 9:00 am	13 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	14
15 Deacons' Mtg. 4:30 pm	16	17	18	19 	20 Children's Leaders Extravaganza 5-7:30 pm/TH	21
22 Blair Baby Shower 2-4 pm/StuB Members Business Mtg. 4:30 pm Students CONNECT Night/Witt's'/6:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 GEM Team Mtg. 4:30  AWANA GRAND PRIX 5:30 pm/WC	30	31				

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service (no C4).....8:00 am
Community Groups.....9:15-10:15 am
Late Worship Service (no C4).....10:30 am
Financial Peace U.....12:30 pm
Adult Choir & Battle Plan Study.....6:00 pm

TUESDAYS

One Another Care Course.....10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting.....6:00 pm
AWANA.....6:00-7:30 pm
Life 122.....6:15 pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
Ladies Bible Study (1/12).....9:00 am
Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm





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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1st	Brooke Plank
4th	Tori Vest
5th	Linda Miller, Ken Catoe
6th	Jenna Bryson, Elizabeth Moseley
7th	April Burnette
9th	J.L. Belcher
11th	Morgan Miller
12th	Kate Johnston, Cindy Glenn
13th	Chase Evett
14th	Josh Jolley
16th	Madison Shean, Kim Cody, Teresa Gates, Rhonda Jolley, Connie Dillard
17th	Nicole Marrie, Ciera Dixon
18th	Keaira Edington, Cynthia Brenizer
19th	Jackie Stanley, Asher Gluckner
20th	Sharon Simmons
21st	Shawn Ballew, Charles Missinne, Ezra Loudermilk, Mike Bull
22nd	Jake Blackburn, Shane Pierce, Paul Gates
23rd	Natalie Olmstead, Jackie Coleman, Brenda Belcher
24th	Adaiya Gluckner, Elaine Rice
25th	Graham Seavey
26th	Tanya Lopez, Mary Louise Graham, Samuel Elmer
27th	Mead Vest
28th	Ray Ledford
29th	Robin Parsons, Matt Flowers, Jonathan Kyle
30th	Addyson Jolley, Eddy Moses



One Minute Clinic

Most Christians would probably say life is fine - not exciting or bland.
That sounds like a comfortable seat.
But God didn't design you to be comfortable;
He designed you to live boldly
(Acts 4:29-31, 2 Timothy 1:7 & Joshua 1:9).
**from Born to Fly devotional*

Pray as a body EACH ONE OF US, BOLDY
steps into 2023 with a burning desire to
reflect Christ and commit to
sharing the Gospel