



# the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

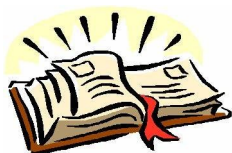




# JULY



## Wednesdays this Summer !



PSALMS & PSONGS and a meal each Wednesday night at 6 pm for kids K-6th grades. We will NOT have class on July 13 (kids will be at Cumberland Springs Bible Camp) Our children's choir will be preparing for a Psalm Psing on July 31 in the 10 am Worship service.



## Lookin' Ahead...

Promotion Sunday is August 7th! A new year of Sunday School, Nursery and C4 (Children's Church) and Precept Kids. We are looking for a 4th grade teaching assistant and a 2 yr old teacher and assistant for this school year in Sunday School. We have a few spots open in nursery rotation to get a complete six weeks! See Karen Bryson to sign up.

## Monumental!

The church response to our VBS was **MONUMENTAL:**  
So many prayers, lessons, labor, love, meals, melons, games, ice cubes, pictures, all amid the great story of Joseph and Jesus our Deliverer. Thank you to a church family that loves Jesus, children, one another and our community.



## Please be praying for Cumberland Springs Bible Camp

for our 5/6th graders July 11-15.



Precept for Kids...Revelation part 2 begins August 7th at 5:30- 7pm with a meal and Bible study each evening. Precept Kids is great for kids 3rd grade and up and we welcome adults also who want to join in. It has become multi-generational and we love it. See Tiffany Creekmore, Christy Johns or Stephanie Cooke for info. Childcare is provided with RSVP.



Looking for paid childcare workers from 5:30-7:30 pm this fall on Sunday nights. Background check is required. See Christy Johns for more details.

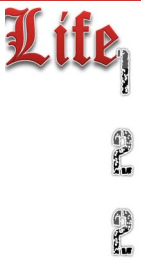
AWANA returns August 31st. Make plans to be a part of this friend-loving, Scripture-learning, theme crazy ministry.

A VERY SPECIAL family night kick off is being planned, be watching for more details.





I give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness. Each year, and every day, God is faithful to do His work of transformation in our lives. Camp is always a time that I can step back and see in a short period of time the work that He is doing in students' lives. From students hungering and thirsting after the Word of God to other students coming to a place of surrender in their life of sin, call to ministry, or letting God's Word be their authority in every area of life, I am grateful for their appropriate response to God and His conviction. Would you join me in prayer for ENDURING change in their life and for my responsibility to help support them in their walk with the Lord?



As we go into our last month before school starts, there are multiple opportunities on the calendar for our students to CONNECT in community with one another and a tremendous opportunity to disciple the nations. We are heading back to Clarkson, GA for the 11th year to partner with Bennett Ekandem in working with refugees. This year we are doing a more VBS/Academic camp setting that will provide us with the opportunity to have steady relationships inside of a controlled environment. In the evening, we will still be doing our relationship evangelism and disciple making with the community as a whole which always proves fruitful. Also, we will work with another missionary, Neal Hadaway, and his wife, Trish. We are going to host a jewelry making party for the Afghan women, and the guys will be taking some young Afghan boys on a play date to a local swimming pool. Please be in prayer for our students during this month that we will grow in community with one another through shared experiences. Pray also that students going to Atlanta will develop a heart for the nations through serving and developing relationships with the nations.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle

- ⇒ Wednesday, July 6th-NO LIFE122
- ⇒ Tuesday, July 12th-Connect Night  
at the Delmotte's @6pm
- ⇒ July 17th-22nd-Atlanta Mission Trip
- ⇒ Wednesday, July 20th-NO LIFE122
- ⇒ Tuesday, July 26th-Connect on the Go  
(Details TBA)

## On Mission for the Nations July 17-22



# CCA epistola



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## Upcoming Dates

Aug. 3-5th - Teacher In-Service

Aug. 5th – Family Orientation 6pm

Aug. 8th - First Day of Classes for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Sept. 5th - Labor Day

Oct. 3rd-7th - Fall Break

## Seasons change

*“Ecclesiastes 3:1 <sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

**S**ummer greetings. Over the past several months we have been laying out a vision of what our ideal graduate looks like. Here is our simple four-part vision.

For our faculty and staff to partner with parents to produce ideal graduates who are 1) committed to Christ; 2) careful and creative thinkers; 3) confident communicators; and 4) citizens of virtue.

Next month I plan to address the fourth part of our vision “citizens of virtue” because in this edition of the Epistola it is important to be aware of some important changes. Please join us in praying for the school in general and people specifically as we begin another school year. We have been working hard to get things in place and ready for the start of a new school year. It is our desire to have several things in place to continue the vision and mission the Lord has given us in the area of Christian classical education.

Here are several items to know and to be praying for as it relates to our faculty.

1. Dr. Witte turned in his resignation letter back on May 23 citing that he and his family have made certain financial sacrifices over the last several years, and it is now necessary for him to find another job with a greater salary. The Lord has used Dr. Witte in numerous ways to educate, mature, and grow students over the last four-and-a-half years. While we are saddened to see his time here end and his academic prowess will be missed, we trust that the Lord is working out his will for Dr. Witte, his family, and CCA.
2. With the vacancy of Dr. Witte’s position, we had to shift our schedule and staff and then seek a new faculty member who will be able to fulfill what is needed in our Upper School. The Lord has raised up and led us to a young man who we believe can fill this immediate need. His name is Riley Brashier, and he is married to one of CCA’s very own graduates, Taylor (Cavett) Brashier. Mr. Brashier is a graduate of Union University, has been serving as a student minister in his home church in West Tennessee and substituting some in the public school in his small hometown.

3. Because of our growth, we have also hired a pre-school assistant to meet our current Pre-K needs and to provide additional support for our Pre-K director Jaimi Wright. Laurie Carlisle will be fulfilling this role and we are excited about her coming on board with her education and skill set to educate and care for the youngest of our students. Mrs. Carlisle has a Bachelor's degree from Clemson University and Master's degree from Ohio University.
4. As many of you know, we have been searching for an Upper School math and science faculty member. During the spring semester we had several quality interviews; and during the last few days of the school year, we were able to secure a new hire. Her name is Laura Modali, and she is a native of Indonesia. Mrs. Modali has a Bachelor's degree in physics, will complete her Master's of Art in Teaching from Liberty University this fall. She is also beginning an advanced degree in physics from Texas A&M.
5. We have also hired two additional part-time faculty members for our Upper School. Suzanne Lenna, who previously taught here at CCA is back after a two-year hiatus. She holds a degree from MTSU and is also the mother of Meredith Lenna, who is a graduate of CCA. Mrs. Lenna will be teaching Math 7 and Spanish 1. Another new hire, Shelli Byrnes (pronounced Burns), will expand our English department and also teach some logic and speech classes. Mrs. Byrnes holds degrees from John Brown University and St. Ambrose University and has taught at Christian schools in various countries.

6. Finally, Kristal Peters recently informed us that it is necessary for her to step away from her position in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade due to some family needs connected with her husband taking a new job. If you are aware of any possible candidates, please let us know. Please be in prayer for us as we continue to seek the Lord's will and guidance in preparing for this coming academic year.

We look forward to more formal goodbyes and introductions as we draw closer to the start of the fall semester. Finally, thank you for your commitment, sacrifice, and prayers for our earnest work at Christian classical education; because without each of you, this young school could not exist.

Summer blessings to all,  
Pastor Dave  
CCA Headmaster



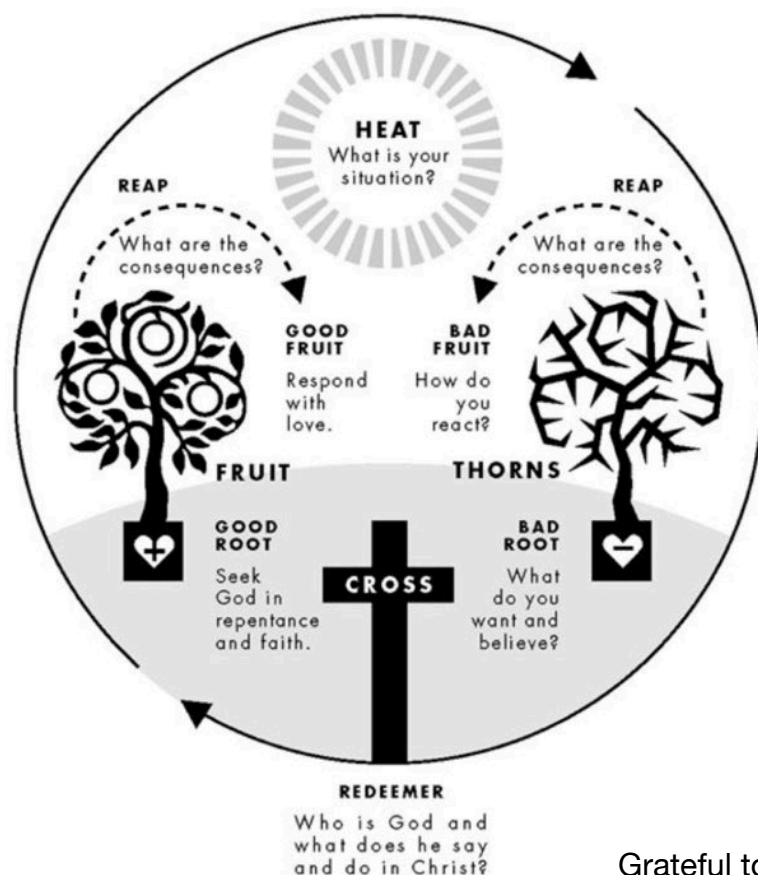
Dear Church Family,

I found this summary of **How People Change: Heat-Thorns-Cross-Fruit** online:  
<http://biblesumo.com/how-people-change-executive-summary/> (only excerpts copied here)

**How People Change** by Timothy Lane and Paul Tripp starts with God, and so avoids the fatal flaw in all the self-help books. You become profoundly different as you come to the growing realization, "It's not all about me." It's all about the One who is remaking us into His image, and thus into a community that practices lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness in the earth. (David Powlinson)

## CHAPTER 6: THE BIG PICTURE

- Practical hope, comfort and direction result from looking at our lives and our world from God's overall perspective on change.
- The Bible is honest about the trouble we face in a fallen world.
- Scripture's description of the change process that God oversees in our lives can be described using the categories of HEAT, THORNS, CROSS and FRUIT.



**Heat:** This is the person's situation in daily life, with difficulties, blessings and temptations.

**Thorns:** This is the person's ungodly response to the situation. It includes behavior, the heart driving the behavior, and the consequences that result.

**Cross:** This focuses on the presence of God in his redemptive glory and love. Through Christ, he brings comfort, cleansing, and the power to change.

**Fruit:** This is the person's new godly response to the situation resulting from God's power at work in the heart. It includes behavior, the heart renewed by grace, and the harvest of consequences that follow.

Grateful to share resources,  
 (Jeremiah 17:5-8) Pastor Stan



# PRAISE THE LORD!



**Given in June (as of 6/29) \$58,116.33**  
**Expenses in June (as of 6/29) \*\$128,697.67**

**Given 2022 YTD \$373,588.43**  
**Expenses 2022 YTD \*\$471,432.43**

\* Includes \$46,000.00 gutter replacement expense

Adult Choir,

I am so excited about gathering  
back together with all of you.

Choir practice starts August 7th, @ 6pm.

If you have interest in joining the choir...  
now is the time!

You have a reason to sing..

Our King is worthy of worship and our song is about Him!

Psalms 96: 1-2

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name;

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

Wow! Praise The Lord!!!

Love all of you.

Can't wait to see you there!

Pastor Sammy



## Shoebox Sisters

Come help pack **500** shoeboxes to be sent to  
10-14 year old students in Africa, Western Europe  
or Central America. The supplies are all  
purchased....extra energy for packing would be  
very helpful.

Friday, July 8.....Workday, 9:30AM

Tuesday, July 12...Build **500** Samaritan Purse  
Shoeboxes

Thursday, July 14.. **Packing Day**, 9:30AM

Friday, July 15..... **Packing Day**, 9:30AM

Friday, July 22.....Workday, 9:30AM

Thank you to those who are regular Shoebox  
Missions donors.

**All** those funds go towards the \$9 per shoebox  
shipping fee that gets the shoeboxes overseas.

Already about 300 shoeboxes  
have the \$9 labels on

them....that's HUGE! Thank  
You, Candies Creek Church.



## *2 Corinthians 3:17*

*Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is there is liberty*



*Our Christian sympathy  
is extended to:*

*Anthony Miller & Family for the loss of  
his father Herman Gale Miller*

*Josh Ensley & Family for the loss of his mother  
Clara Elizabeth "Betsy" Ensley*



*The Dana Work Scholarship*  
*est. 2021*

**\$10,000**

**Goal**

**May-August**

*A School for the Nations*





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>JULY</div>					1 Luke 3	2
3	4 Luke 4 <div>happy 4th JULY!</div>	5 Luke 5 <div>Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - DS</div>	6 Luke 6	7 Luke 7	8 Luke 8 <div>Shoebox Ministry 9:30am</div>	9
				Alaska Mission Trip		
10	11 Luke 9	12 Luke 10 <div>Students CONNECT Night Delmotte's 6:00 pm</div>	13 Luke 11	14 Luke 12	15 Luke 13	16 <div><div>Santitas Purse 15th Anniversary Christmas Car</div></div>
			Cumberland Springs Bible Camp			
			No Psalms & Psongs			
17	18 Luke 14	19 Luke 15	20 Luke 16	21 Luke 17	22 Luke 18 <div>Shoebox Ministry 9:30am</div>	23
				Atlanta Mission Trip		
			No Life 122			
24 <div>Members Business Mtg. 4:30 pm</div>	25 Luke 19	26 Luke 20	27 Luke 21	28 Luke 22	29 Luke 23	30
31 <div>Children's Choir will sing</div> <div>Church-wide Lunch</div>	<div></div>					<div>Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes</div> <div>August 7th</div> <div>Early Service - 8:00 am</div> <div>Small Groups - 9:15 am</div> <div>Late Service - 10:30 am</div>

#### SUNDAYS

#### June/July Summer Schedule

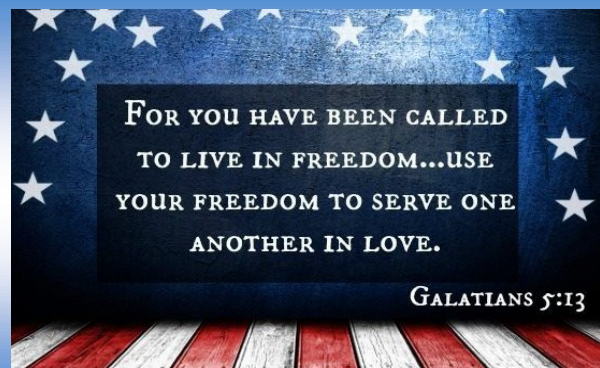
Kid's Breakfast (up to 18 yrs).....8:15am  
 Community Groups .....8:45am  
 Worship Service.....10:00am

#### WEDNESDAYS

Psalms & Psongs.....6:00pm  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00pm  
 Life 122.....6:15pm

#### THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting .....6:30am  
 Ladies Summer Bible Study .....9:00am







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

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

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1st	Tobias Missinne, Jake Beard, Don Markham
3rd	John Curtis Klepzig
4th	Kathy Flowers
5th	Katie Parris
6th	Lanny Graham
7th	Morris Clark
8th	Elle Olmstead
9th	Rick Simko
10th	Natalie Hoffman
11th	Kelly Moore, Benito Mendoza, Stan Gibson
12th	Heidi Delmotte
13th	Chaislyn Witt
14th	Baylee Beard, Andra Griffey
16th	Erika Olmstead, Anthony Miller
17th	Noah Locklear, Garrett Martin, Marilyn Ebling
19th	Erin Goodwin
20th	Crosby Nation, Donna Thomas
21st	Andrew Markham
22nd	Linda Braden
23rd	Jennifer Higgins, Becky Zaidman
24th	Braiden Long, Annette Markham
25th	Virginia Beesley
26th	Miles Moseley
27th	Cora Gibson, Meredith Matson, DeWayne Pierce, Milton Hooper
28th	Gareth Miller
29th	Katelyn Vincent
31th	Palmer Blackmon, Leah Jolley, Jenny Steinle, Dale Elrod



## **One Minute Clinic**

**"Don't forget to do good  
and to share what you  
have because God  
is pleased with these  
kinds of sacrifices."**

**HEBREWS 13:16**



## PRAYING FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it" (Matthew 16:18 NASB).

Coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:4-5).

- 1 Pray that every soul attending your church will have a right understanding of who Jesus is as both Christ (God's anointed) and Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16).
  - 2 Pray that God will build your church on the foundation of Christ and fill it with souls who are being rescued from the spiritual bondage found beyond the "gates of Hades" (Matthew 16:18).
  - 3 Pray that the "living stones" of your church family will function as priests before God, faithfully serving Him and ministering to those who are and will be a part of His eternal kingdom (1 Peter 2:5).
- Proclaiming the Authority of God's Word Without Apology**
- 4 Pray that your pastor and other ministers serving in your community will be ready at all times to faithfully preach the whole counsel of the Word of God (2 Timothy 4:2).
  - 5 Knowing that in the last days men will not endure sound doctrine but will want to have their ears tickled, pray that your pastor will powerfully use the truth of God's Word to reprove, rebuke, exhort, and teach others about Christ and His kingdom (2 Timothy 4:2-4).
  - 6 As spiritually lost individuals visit your church, pray that through God's Word they will gain the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).
  - 7 Pray that when the people of your congregation hear the Word of God preached, it will be united by faith in their hearts so as to be fruitful and spiritually profitable (Hebrews 4:2).
- 8 Pray that your Christian friends will be equipped for every good work as they consistently spend time with God, reading and studying His Word (2 Timothy 3:17).
  - 9 As God's Word faces increased rejection by our culture, pray that your church will uphold the standard that all Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).
  - 10 Pray that your pastor will boldly preach the cross of Christ and not rely on cleverness of speech to coerce his listeners. Pray that his messages will be presented with such godly power that it will be easy for the lost to be saved and the saved to be revived (1 Corinthians 1:17-18).
- Lifting High the Name of Jesus Through Worship**
- 11 Pray that the members of your church family will be true worshipers who worship the Father in spirit and truth (John 4:24).
  - 12 Pray that Christians within your church family will present their bodies to God as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, and that they will see this as their spiritual service of worship (Romans 12:1).
  - 13 Regardless of the honored positions some of your church members may have in your community, pray that every member will worship the Lord with reverence and rejoice before Him with trembling (Psalm 2:10-11).
  - 14 Pray that your church family will bless the Lord at all times by boasting of His greatness and continually praising and exalting His holy name (Psalm 34:1-3).



**15** Knowing that God's lovingkindness is better than life, pray that everyone in your church family will sense the depth of His love and openly express their praise to Him (Psalm 63:3-5).

**16** Pray that your church family will respond to God's great salvation in delivering us from the guilt of our sin by joyfully singing of His righteousness (Psalm 51:14).

**17** As the Holy Spirit continues to help us understand the Word of God, pray that we will learn to speak to each other in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with our hearts to the Lord (Ephesians 5:18-19).

### **Praying Consistently According to God's Will**

**18** Pray that all the members of your church family will be devoted to keeping alert in prayer with an attitude of thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2).

**19** Pray that God will lead the men of your church to spend time together in prayer, seeking His will and then praying with unified and holy hearts, without wrath or dissension (1 Timothy 2:8).

**20** Since God knows what we need before we ask Him, pray that your church family will pray in the Spirit according to His will instead of with meaningless repetition, thinking they will be heard for their many words (Matthew 6:7-8).

**21** Pray that everyone in your church family will submit themselves to God's will and authority, and will therefore pray for His will to be done on earth like it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

**22** Pray that your church family will learn to spend time corporately discerning God's will before they begin praying together. Ask God to reveal His will to your church through His Word and His Holy Spirit (1 John 5:14-15).

**23** Pray that your Christian friends will rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in everything, since this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

**24** Knowing that the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much, pray that your church family will walk in the righteousness of Christ, confessing their sins to each other and praying for healing (James 5:16).

### **Sharing the Good News of Jesus with Boldness**

**25** Pray that your church family will cry out to God for boldness and wisdom in sharing the mystery of the gospel with those who are lost (Ephesians 6:19).

**26** Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send Spirit-filled laborers into the neighborhoods within your community and that they will go with His anointing and power as they share the gospel with those who are lost (Luke 10:2).

**27** Pray that God will burden the members of your church family to go out into the highways and alleys of your city, compelling people to respond to the truth of the gospel (Luke 14:23).

**28** Pray that your church family will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and will be committed to the task of seeing the gospel message reach people in the remotest part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

**29** Just as John the Baptist preached the gospel using many exhortations, pray that your church family will be diligent in learning to share the gospel using a number of methods and approaches (Luke 3:18).

**30** Ask God to guide the pastors and teachers of your church who are responsible to Him for the equipping of the saints for the work of service (Ephesians 4:11-12).

**31** Pray that in ministering to others, we will have the mindset of Jesus, who humbly laid down His life for our sake (Philippians 2:5-8).