



the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

**July 2024**





## VBS 2024

### VBS 2024 RUTH: KINSMAN REDEEMER



Many thanks to all who served, prayed, donated watermelons, led worship, taught the Bible, planted seed, weed-eated the Grainfield, worked on air conditioners, cooked food, baked bread, worked in the Marketplace, Shoebox crafts, shared skits and monologues, loaned tents, cleaned up etc and etc.



This was a huge church effort and unique style of VBS. Candies Creek we had almost an equal number of volunteers (7th graders up to 80 yr olds) as we had kids! Your heart for the Word of God translated into a harvest for the next generation. Thank you church, Christy Johns

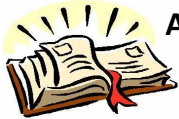
### Bible Camp

#### CUMBERLAND SPRINGS BIBLE CAMP

please pray for our day camp crew of 2 van drivers and 18 children on July 15-19th.

Vans leave promptly at 7:15 am each morning

And return around 5:15 pm.



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

#### Children's Choir schedule for July



- July 10th Practice in the Treehouse 6 -7:30 pm
  - July 24th Practice in the Treehouse 6 - 7:30 pm
  - July 28th Worship in the 10 am service.
- Be practicing songs with your choir CD.

**K! Ready orientation is July 21st for all Preschool parents who have signed up. Childcare available in nursery & immediately following the one service. Come have a light snack & a quick meeting with us in the Treehouse. We will be setting dates for training & dates for you to receive your child's K! Ready kit.**

**Promotion Sunday is almost here!** August 4th kids will move into their new Sunday School class and time of 9:15 am and church will return to two service times. **Children's Church** will begin in the 8 & 10:30 am service times for K-4th graders. What is the **biggest need in Children's ministry for this year?** **Substitute teachers!** Let your child's teacher know you appreciate their service **every Sunday** as you teach or attend another class.

### AWANA

AWANA registration will open in mid July for the 2024-2025 year. [candiescreek.twotimtwo.com](http://candiescreek.twotimtwo.com)  
AWANA begins August 28th Be praying about serving and/or bringing children. AWANA is Bible based evangelism and discipleship where kids know, love and serve Jesus through Scripture memorization and sound doctrine.

# PRAISE THE LORD!

**Given in June** \$76,468.83  
**June Expenses** \$68,090.83  
**2024 Given YTD** \$434,918.95  
**2024 Expenses YTD** \$440,196.76  
**Lottie Moon Offering** \$2,382.00  
**(Final Annie Armstrong Offering** \$11,514.00)

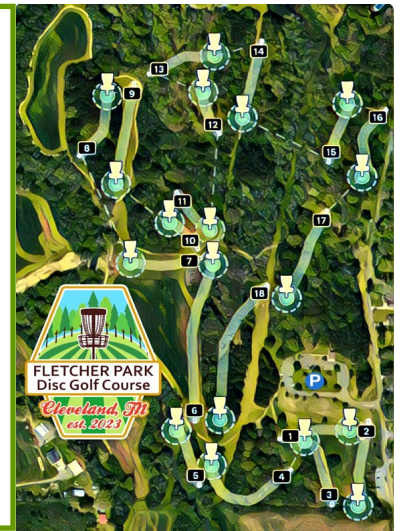
Men's Ministry Event

## Disc Golf

Saturday, July 13th  
@ 9 am

## Fletcher Park

Contact Jake Simko for  
more info  
(423)-322-9599



## Student Ministry

Connect-Tuesday, 7/9 @ the  
Smith's /6:00pm

Atlanta Mission Trip  
July 14-18

**ATLANTA**

Back-to-school Bash/July 30th

Starting in August we will be using GroupMe for our group chats and communication. To join GroupMe, Parents use the left QR code on the screen, and students use the right QR code on the screen. If you are unable to access it or do not have the GroupMe app, contact Jonathan Vest, (423) 650 - 6364



Parent's Group Chat

Student Group Chat



*The Dana Work Scholarship Fund*  
est. 2021

**\$15,000**  
**Goal**  
**June-August**

*A School for the Nations*



## Shoebox Ministry Update

Thank you to all the VBS kids and adults who helped create beaded dolls for the Shoeboxes. Each doll will be placed on top of the goodies that go into a 10-14 year old girl's shoebox.

Also included in those boxes will be Blessing Bracelets created by 5th and 6th grade girls as well as high school students. Each handmade gift is an expression of love.



July is always a very busy month for the Shoebox Ministry. Mark July 26th on your calendar as the next big packing day...this one will be for the boy and girl, 10-14 year old boxes. We'll start at 9:30 with a circle of prayer. In preparation for that day, the Shoebox Siblings will also meet on July 12th and July 19th. Shoeboxes need to be constructed; pencil bags packed; and last minute gifts organized and inventoried. We meet above the church offices. Any workers are welcome.

*Our Christian sympathy  
is extended to:*

*The Family of Elaine  
Dillard*

*Peggy Taylor & Family  
for the loss of  
Phil Taylor*





**Dear Kingdom Citizens,**

Candies Creek's leadership has named "**the things**" that we want to embody and pass on generation after generation in relationship. "**These things**" are (1) **glory**, (2) **gospel**, (3) **priorities** and (4) **pattern**. Earlier this year, we opened Gospel 101 in several community groups. Listen to the following quote from chapter 2: God (the God hook): "**The main character of our story is not us. It is God.**" p. 21

We are committed to emphasizing God's glory and His name! Jesus means savior, and Christ means Messiah/King.

**Notice the connection between forgiveness/salvation and God's glory as you read the following verses that highlight "for His name's sake!"** This is a big part of a clear, complete and true gospel.

**Psalm 25:11** (from the OT writings)  
For Your name's sake, O Lord,  
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

**Isaiah 43:25** (from the OT prophets)  
"I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake,  
And I will not remember your sins.

**Luke 9:23** (from the NT gospels)  
And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. 24 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

**1 John 2:12** (from the NT teachings of the apostles)  
I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

**Living in the love of God,**  
Pastor Stan

## Praying Psalms

*"Hear my cry, O God; give heed to my prayer... I call to You when my heart is faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:1-2*

The Rock. Often times when I see references in Scripture to Christ as our Rock, my mind recalls a childhood memory of our favorite swimming hole, which—oddly enough—was called "the trees." It was part of a reservoir in our rural community that was accessed by walking along a short stretch of railroad tracks and then down a well-worn path through the woods (the trees). You could wade in, being careful not to lose your footing on the slick rocky bottom, but a favorite game was going into the deep center of the swimming hole and playing water tag, with home base being a giant boulder that you could stand on. It was fully submerged under water, but when you swam to it, you could climb up out of the deep and stand on its surface in shallow water, where you were "safe" from being tagged. Just a simple children's game enjoyed on hot summer days... but still a reminder (in my simple mind) that we are always safe from the enemy, safe in our Savior's care, when we run "to the Rock that is higher" than anything this world throws at us.

This confidence in God's loving care and safe, calming presence, as the One to whom we should run daily, is expressed so well by David throughout the Book of Psalms:

*"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies." Psalm 18:1-3*

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14*

*"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:1-3*

*"My soul waits in silence for God only; from Him is my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.... On God my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times... pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:1, 5-8*

May we who are the body of Christ at Candies Creek be confident and consistent in our prayer life, following the call of David's writings and all of Scripture. An old hymn of the faith also paints a vivid image of Christ as The Solid Rock:

*"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.*

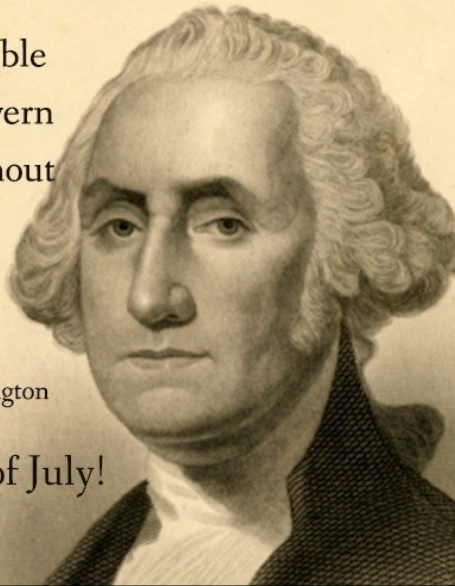
*On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand."*



“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

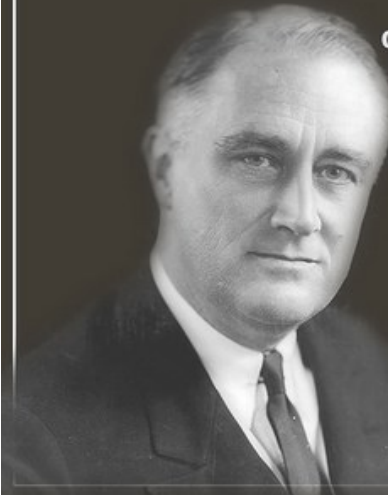
- George Washington

Happy 4th of July!



“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future”

Franklin D. Roosevelt  
1882-1945



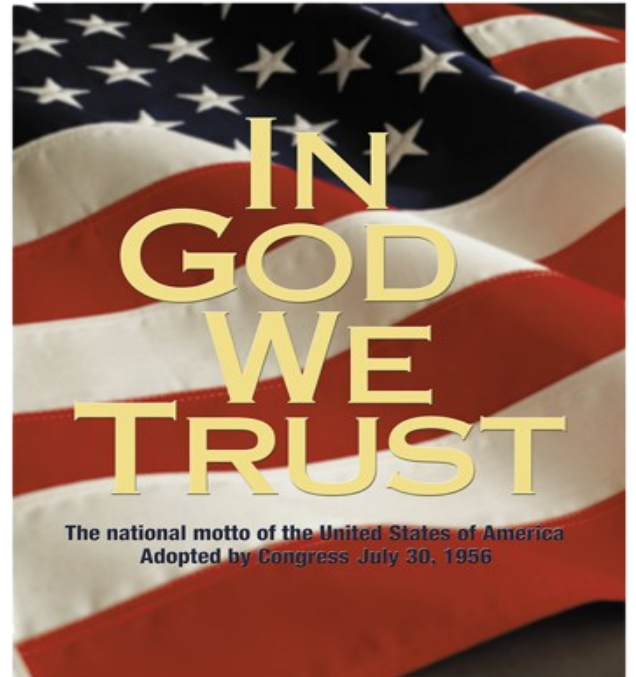
“...the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God.”

-JFK

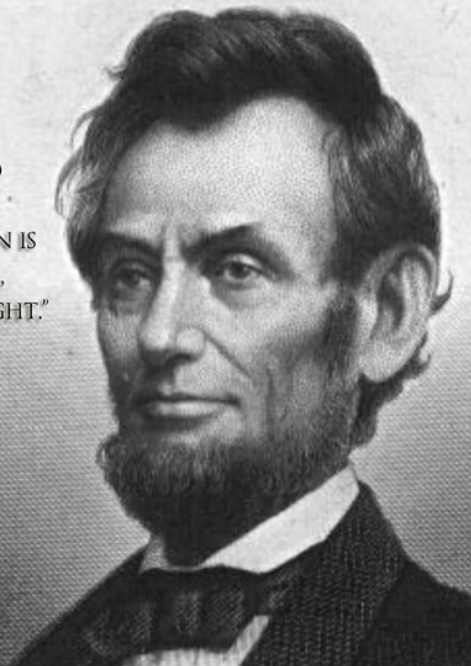


IN  
GOD  
WE  
TRUST

The national motto of the United States of America  
Adopted by Congress July 30, 1956



“MY CONCERN IS NOT WHETHER GOD IS ON OUR SIDE; MY GREATEST CONCERN IS TO BE ON GOD'S SIDE, FOR GOD IS ALWAYS RIGHT.”  
-ABRAHAM LINCOLN



“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

-RONALD REAGAN



In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven “I AM” declarations about His identity as Messiah, including the eternal promise that He is the “way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). To know and embrace the truths of Jesus is the pathway to living free from the guilt and condemnation of sin.

Peter, on the other hand, made his own “I am not . . .” statements when he was confronted by curious people just prior to Jesus’ crucifixion. In the dark of night, Peter was asked if he was a follower of Jesus, to which he replied three times, “I am not.”

I AM.

I am not.

One declaration leads to hope, freedom, and the eternal life. The other declaration is borne out of fear and leads to bondage to sin and shame.

Living free in Christ means embracing all the truths of who Jesus is - and inviting His power to revive your life and awaken a lost nation. Pray for greater revelation of your identity in Christ - and live free!

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1 Jesus declares, “I am the bread of life” and reveals that those who believe in Him will never be hungry or thirsty again. Pray that you will be fully satisfied in Jesus, free from seeking fulfillment anywhere but in Christ alone (John 6:35).

2 Jesus is the “living bread that came down from heaven.” Pray that your loved ones will embrace Jesus as the true “life of the world”—their only hope to live free and forgiven (John 6:51).

3 Jesus declares, “I am the light of the world.” Ask Jesus to awaken your heart to embrace His light and live in freedom from any darkness that threatens your joy (John 8:12a).

4 Those who follow Jesus “will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” On this day of celebrating liberty and freedom, pray for the lost in our nation to follow the light of Jesus and truly be free (John 8:12b).

5 Jesus declares, “I am the gate for the sheep.” Praise Jesus as your doorway to eternal life and everlasting protection. Invite Him to free you from fear of any enemy that would seek to destroy you (John 10:7).

6 Jesus is the gate through which the lost can enter and receive salvation. Lift up in prayer the names of family and friends who have not yet found their freedom and salvation in Jesus (John 10:9).

7 Jesus declares, I am the resurrection and the life.” Praise Jesus that by His resurrection, you are free from death and destined to eternal life. Pray that you will walk in joyful freedom of new life in Christ (John 11:25).

8 Pray for those who do not yet believe in Jesus - and thus are destined for eternal death. Pray for softened hearts to embrace, believe, and live free in Christ (John 11:26).

9 Jesus declares, “I am the good shepherd.” Praise Him for His tender care and watch over you, knowing that He sets you free from sin and restores your soul (John 10:11a).

10 As the Good Shepherd, Jesus lays down His life for the sheep. Pray for the lost in our nation who have yet to experience the freedom that comes in embracing Jesus’ sacrificial gift of salvation (John 10:11b).

11 Jesus declares, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Reaffirm your belief today that Jesus is the only way unto salvation—and that all truth and life rests in Christ alone (John 14:6a).

12 We live in a world with deceiving messages that all roads lead to eternal life. Pray for truth to be known that “no one comes to the Father except through [Jesus]” (John 14:6b).

13 Jesus declares, "I am the true vine." Pray that you will stay connected to the Vine, remain in Jesus, and live as one who freely bears spiritual fruit (John 15:1).

14 Those who are not connected to Jesus as the true Vine will do nothing and bear no fruit. Pray for the lost who don't know Jesus to recognize their need to be connected to the source of all life (John 15:5).

15 Where the Spirit is present and at work, there is freedom in Christ. Pray for the Spirit to be at work in your home, your church, and your city - transforming lives into the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:17).

16 If Jesus sets us free, we are free indeed! Pray for greater freedom in Christ as the Spirit works in the hearts of the lost and leads them to repentance (John 8:36).

17 If you hold to Jesus' teaching, "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Pray for a fresh vision of Jesus that anchors you in confidence and truth (John 8:32).

18 Jesus died to set us free from the slavery of sin! Pray that you will stand firm in the truth, walk in faith, and never again fall under the burden of sin, guilt, and condemnation (Galatians 5:1).

19 Living free in Christ does not mean indulging in sin and taking forgiveness for granted. Pray that your heart is stirred to serve others and love selflessly, just as Jesus loves you (Galatians 5:13).

20 It is because of faith in Jesus that we can approach God's throne "with freedom and confidence." Be bold in your prayers today as you seek God for spiritual awakening throughout our nation (Ephesians 3:12).

21 Obedience to God's precepts and purposes brings freedom, joy, and hope for the future. Pray that you and your family will walk in freedom because your hearts are inclined to obey (Psalm 119:44-45).

22 Jesus has defeated the power of the enemy to "steal and kill and destroy." Pray for those who are struggling to live in freedom from addiction or hopelessness—that they will discover life to the fullest through Christ (John 10:10).

23 Praise God that believing in Jesus means being set free from sin! Our culture is beset by deepening deception and slavery to sin. Pray for radical breakthrough and an awakening to true freedom in Christ (Acts 13:38-39).

24 When we live free in Christ, we reap the benefits of holiness and eternal life. Pray that your church is a beacon of hope in a dark world because the power of the gospel is boldly proclaimed (Romans 6:22).

25 When we live as free people in Christ, we can show respect to others, love people, fear God, and honor our leaders. Pray for a transformed culture through an awakening to Christ as the only hope (1 Peter 2:16-17).

26 Praise God that there is no condemnation for those who are free in Christ and thrive through life in the Spirit! Pray for a refreshing of the Spirit in your own life and in your family—and throughout your church and community (Romans 8:1-2).

27 We know that one day "creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God." Pray for the glory of God to be revealed to a lost world—and for multitudes to come to faith in Christ (Romans 8:20-21).

28 It is through Jesus that freedom is proclaimed to the captives and there is "release from darkness for the prisoners." Pray that the darkness of your city and our nation is overcome with the proclamation of the gospel (Isaiah 61:1).

29 When we are in Christ, God promises we are new creations. We are liberated from the old and are free to live in the newness of life and hope. Pray that you will live in new freedom and joy (2 Corinthians 5:17).

30 It is in the power of Jesus' name that we are delivered and forgiven of our sins. Pray for the glory of Christ to fill your home, your city, and our nation—for the sake and glory of His name (Psalm 79:9).

31 The Spirit of truth guides us into living free in Christ—and He tells us of "what is yet to come." Pray for Church to be revived and our nation awakened to hope and freedom in Jesus (John 16:13).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 No Evening Gatherings	4 Independence  Day!	5	6 
7	8	9 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - Students CONNECT Night 6:00pm/Smith's	10	11	12 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	13
14 Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm	<b>Atlanta Mission Trip</b>					
	<b>Cumberland Springs Bible Camp</b>					
21	22	23	24	25	26 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	27
28 Kid's Choir/ 10:00 am Service  Members Business Mtg. 4:30 pm CHURCH-WIDE Fellowship - 6:00 pm	29	30 Youth Back-2-School Bash	31			

**JULY SUNDAYS**

Community Groups.....8:45 - 9:45 am  
Worship Service .....10:00 am

**WEDNESDAYS**

Prayer Meeting (WC).....6:00 pm  
Life 122 (StuB).....6:15 pm  
Children's Choir .....6:00-7:30 pm  
Ladies Bible Study.....6:00-7:30 pm

**THURSDAYS**

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

*"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened." - Billy Graham*





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

**Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor**  
**Sammy Parris, Worship Pastor**  
**Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director**

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Tobias Missinne, Jake Beard, Don Markham
4th	Kathy Flowers, George Loudermilk
5th	Katie Lockman
7th	Morris Clark
8th	Alice Torchick, Elle Olmstead
9th	Audrey Torchick, Natalie Higgins, Rick Simko
10th	Natalie Hoffman
11th	Kelly Moore, Benito Mendoza, Stan Gibson
12th	Heidi Delmotte
13th	Chaislyn Witt, David Ownbey
14th	Baylee Beard, Andra Griffey
16th	Erika Olmstead, Tracey Hardin
17th	Garrett Martin, Marilyn Ebling
19th	Jeff Davis
20th	Donna Thomas, Crosby Nation, Aaron Chastain
21st	Andrew Markham
22nd	Linda Braden
23rd	Jennifer Higgins, Becky Zaidman
24th	Annette Markham, Braidon Long
25th	Virginia Beesley
26th	Miles Moseley
27th	Cora Gibson, DeWayne Pierce, Milton Hooper
29th	Katelyn Delmotte
31st	Palmer Blackmon, Leah Jolley, Jenny Steinle, Jennie Davis, Dale Elrod



If any of you lacks  
**WISDOM**  
 let him ask God, who gives  
**GENEROUSLY**  
 to all without reproach,  
 and it will be given him.

**JAMES 1:5**

**One Minute Clinic**