



# the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

**June 2021**

THE RETURN TO  
**CAMP CHEROKEE**

**June 5-10**

**Family Festival  
June 26th**



**Back Yard  
VBS!**





## Wednesdays!

## Nursery

**CHOIR & CHRIST IN THE FEASTS:** Weekly on Wednesdays 6-7:15 pm ish in Treehouse includes 15 minutes of Choir/Worship, Study, crafts & feasting! Learn to Celebrate the OT fulfilled in JESUS!

June 2 PENTECOST  
 June 9 TRUMPETS  
 June 16 DAY of ATONEMENT  
 June 23 (no class, VBS @ Deer Hollow)  
 June 30 TABERNACLES

**NURSERY:** We are taking this summer to strengthen our nursery rotation before the return of school in the fall. Why should you be a part of nursery ministry???? Because you love Jesus, the church and want to love and meet families who are visiting or are serving the body. This IS a mission field; free, local and once a month...everyone wants to go on big adventures and take pictures while they serve the LORD, are you willing to humbly serve the littlest ones here at home? See Karen Bryson or Christy Johns

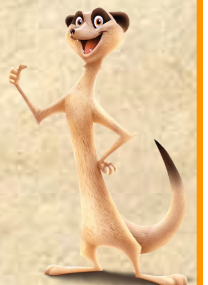
More Feasting in JULY! K-6th grades.  
 PreK kids are welcome with a parent/adult  
 PLEASE RSVP so we can make sure we have all the supplies we need! Christy Johns 423-790-2674 or cjohms1269@gmail.com

91st Year of VBS @ CCBC

**BACKYARD VBS - B-VBS** Reserve your kit for **ROAR 2021!** today and let us know how many kids, and if you need help from our amazing traveling VBS team: Sharon Magee, Jackie, Liam and Ember Coleman, Natalie Olmstead and Christy Johns.

This is a 3-day B-VBS approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per day. A great way to invite neighbors, family and friends to your home and learn more about how God is Good! All supplies provided, and help available.

**ZOOFARI FAMILY FESTIVAL:** June 26th from 11am - 2 pm at the Creek! This is a festival to go along with our Backyard VBS all through June and July. Invite your people as a kick off or as a wrap up from your B-VBS! We will need LOTS of volunteers here on campus that day to help do crafts, feed the herd, beat the drums, play in the fields etc. Think Trunk r Treat with a summer, craft, worship, evangelistic, community outreach. Sign up with a spouse, friend or Sunday School class.



What a difference a year makes? After graduation and end of the year celebrations, it has caused me to reflect on the grace and mercy of God in how he has brought us this far. While this may have been a very strenuous year, the reality is that we are dependent upon the grace and mercy of God every year. It is He alone who sustains us and supplies the strength we need to walk through this life.

All praise to God!

That thought serves as a helpful reminder to me as we approach Camp Cherokee after a year off. Each year that we go, undoubtedly, God will do a miraculous work in the lives of students and adults. There is nothing that I do or that the students do that deserves the outpouring work of God in our lives. He lavishes His grace and mercy on us undeserving and we want to ask that He does it again.

This year we are focusing on "The Return" to the basics. We will look at the foundational truths and spiritual disciplines that every follower of Jesus must be firmly planted on and practice. After a year that has caused us to think outside of the box and do things differently, we do not want to get distracted by the novelty of these practices and forms. Nor do we want to return to old practices and forms that were based on tradition, but we want the purity of the basics that God, through His Word, has called us to.

- Would you pray for both the students and adults who will be at camp to take an honest evaluation of their spiritual life before God and invite Him to reorient it around what He says is important?
- Would you pray that God would call people to Himself in salvation?
- Would you please pray for students to be fully convinced that the ways of God are better than the ways of the world and their OWN ways?
- Would you pray that every students would be active participants in the mission of God, and that God would set apart some to GO into all of the world?

Thank you church family for being faithful to pray for us. We know that any work done by God is an outpouring of His grace and mercy and not because we prayed or did a work. However, He asks us to ask in prayer and we want to be faithful in prayer to ask Him to show us His glory!

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



- Wednesday, June 2nd-Mandatory Camp Meeting @6pm in the StuB
- June 5-10-"The Return" to Camp Cherokee
- Sunday, June 13th-Camp After Party and Sharing @ Tweed's River House 4-8pm
- Tuesday, June 22nd-Connect Night @6pm
- Tuesday, June 29th-Connect Day

# CCA epistola



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## Upcoming Dates

June 10 - All Fees are due

August 6 - Family Orientation

August 9 - First day of 2021-2022 academic year.

## Philosophy: The Love of Wisdom

*Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

In Colossians 2:8, believers are warned not to be taken captive by philosophy. Here Paul is referring to philosophy with a foundation based on human reasoning. There is another approach toward philosophy which is noble and worthy of study because it is founded on Jesus Christ. The first puffs up, rings hollow, and caters to human pride. The second leads to a knowledge of truth and reality, applying that knowledge (wisdom), and fostering humility.

What stands at much of the western academic tradition until the 19th century is a pursuit of knowledge and wisdom under the authority of Jesus Christ. The word philosophy is actually derived from two Greek words, “philia” (love) and “sophia” (wisdom). In the 4th century BC, Plato (428-348BC) founded his academy in Athens, Greece. It was the first place of higher learning in the western world. In Plato’s day, there arose itinerate celebrity teachers who were paid to travel to cities and present the latest ‘philosophies.’ Eventually, they grew into a group known as the “Sophists” or wise ones. Their unofficial headquarters was Athens, where the latest philosophies of the day were presented (See Acts 17:18-21 or listen to Pastor Jonathan’s recent messages (May 23, 30) from Acts 17).

So how does this tie into CCA and classical education? Our present culture is not that different from Paul’s day. The modern-day Sophists are professors and some preachers who deny there is transcendent truth that is knowable, providing a framework for reality to be understood. That is why today if you listen close, you will hear the popular mantras “My truth” or “Your truth.” At CCA, we believe and teach there is truth, and it is knowable, giving an understanding to reality. We pray and work for a revival of the pursuit of the threefold philosophical divisions evident in the Middle Ages. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) brought about a distinctively Christian worldview to the three divisions:

1. ‘Natural philosophy’ to explore the natural world created by God.
2. ‘Moral philosophy’ is the study of man as God’s image-bearer and man’s relationships.
3. ‘Divine philosophy’ where eternal and spiritual truths are the concentration.

Pray with us as we teach and lead students to love wisdom (philosophy), not for the manipulation of knowledge to exercise one’s power over others, but for truth to be applied for the good of others and the glory of Christ.

Learning Philosophy,  
Pastor Dave

Dear Church Family,

**Genesis 28:14** Your **seed** will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your **seed** shall **all the families of the earth be blessed**.

**Isaiah 52:7** How lovely on the mountains, Are the feet of him who **brings good news**, Who **announces peace**, And **brings good news** of happiness, Who announces salvation, *And* says to Zion, "**Your God reigns!**"

**Psalms 96:2** Sing to the Lord, bless His name;  
**Proclaim** good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

**Psalms 96:3** **Tell of His glory among the nations,**  
**His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.**

**Luke 4:43** But He said to them, "**I must preach the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

**1 Timothy 3:16** By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, **Proclaimed among the nations**, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Making **Progress** as **Kingdom Citizens**:

MULTIPLYING Generations of disciples of Christ

**Living Sent:** DAILY as I go & among UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

Spiritually Burdened to Move to People in Love

**Inviting Along:** I initiate Intentional RELATIONSHIPS & CONVERSATIONS

Honest/Open/Transparent

**Proclaiming Christ:** I Prepare myself as a **witness** to all people

Frequent Natural Conversations about Christ

Please know that I care greatly about you and Christ formed in you,  
Pastor Stan

# Includes 8 Week Challenge

May and June, 2021

## Let's Do This Together

**Accept the Challenge**  
Pick Up Your Free Copy  
Plan with Your Group  
**Engage in Conversations**

**Be ready to discuss by:**

**May 2 INTRODUCTION**

**May 9 Ch. 1 Evangelism Doesn't Have to be Uncomfortable**

Principle: You have all you need to begin sharing Jesus with people right now.

**May 16 Ch. 2 Evangelism Is Storytelling**

Principle: You don't have to prove the claims of Christianity, just present them clearly.

**May 23 Ch. 3 Evangelism Is Better When It's a Conversation**

Principle: Gospel conversations are better for everyone

**May 30 Ch. 4 Evangelism Is Contextual**

Principle: Every context is an opportunity to share the joy of the gospel with others.

**June 6 Ch. 5 Evangelism Listens to the Needs of Others**

Principle: The issues people face are open doors to connect the gospel to them.

**June 13 Ch. 6 Evangelism Is An Announcement of Good News**

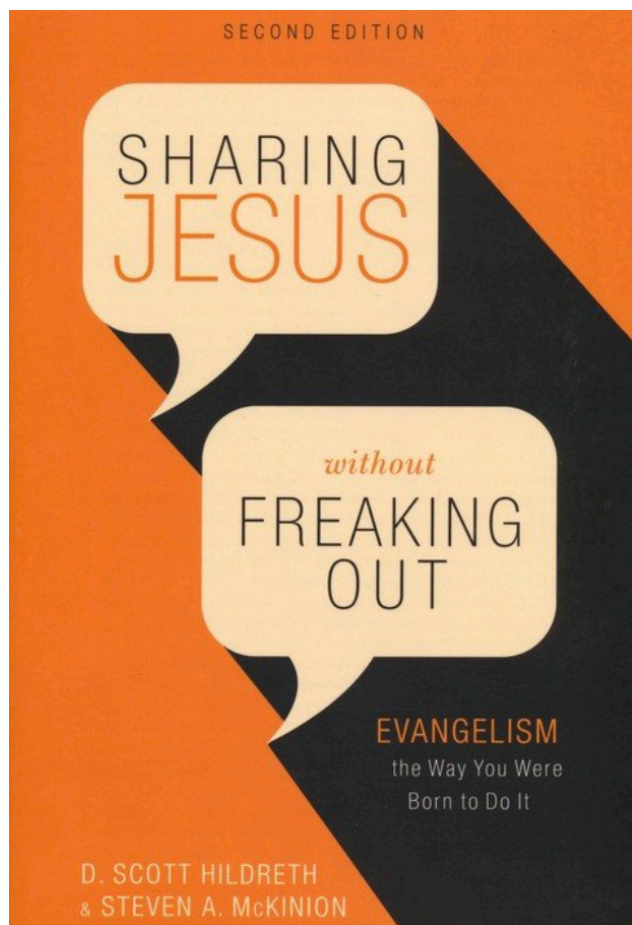
Principle: People are already interested in what is best for them,  
the gospel is best for all people.

**June 20 Ch. 7 Evangelism Is Best In Relationships**

Principle: Gospel Conversations must be grounded in relationships,  
both with Jesus and with others.

**June 27 Ch. 8 Evangelism Happens On Purpose**

Principle: A Jesus-sharing lifestyle starts with a plan to share Jesus  
as a part of everyday living.



*No news is.....no news. Our team continues to meet a couple times each month, to consider any new resumes from candidates (which at this time there are not many coming in), to pray together and to also discuss our current interim platform and how that plays out as we move into the summer and potentially fall months. Meagan Jolley is doing a phenomenal job at coordinating all the moving pieces of the music ministry. Our music leaders that have stepped up to lead us on Sundays during this time while we wait, continue to do so in a way that glorifies God and allows us to worship corporately without missing a beat (no pun intended). Please continue to pray for us while we wait on the Lord to make His will known to us. We trust that He knows what He is doing, especially during times when we don't necessarily see Him moving. We know He is.....and that is enough.*

*If you would like pray specifically for our team, here are a few specific prayer points for you:*

*That we as a team would continue to be patient and persistent in prayer,  
That there would be a continued spirit of unity in decision making amongst our team,  
That we would continually depend on God and not man during this time. As it says in Psalm 34:8, that we would continue to taste and see that the Lord is good and that we would be blessed for taking refuge in Him.*

*The Worship Pastor Search Team,  
Candra Gluckner, Judi Renfro, Julie Adolph, Tom Jolley, Shawn Williams,  
Jake Simko and Don Markham*

## **PRAISE THE LORD!**

**Given in May (as of 5/27)                      \$53,110.96**  
**Expenses in May (as of 5/27)                \$33,282.75**

**Given 2021 YTD                                    \$310,521.80**  
**Expenses 2021 YTD                            \$265,796.99**

We will vote on June 6th regarding sending Jamie Work & Phil Taylor as Messengers to the 2021 Southern Baptist Convention

The Monday Night Community Group is on a very tentative schedule in June due to vacations. Call the Dunns at 423.614.0273 for more information

### **Shoebox Sisters:**

The Shoebox Sisters are working towards a huge packing in July. The Friday workdays for June are June 4th and 18th @ 9:30 am



*Our Christian sympathy is extended to:*

*Ruth Hooper & Family for the loss of her Sister Mary Lee Thomasson*

*Cindy Snow & Family for the loss of her Mother Louise Little*

*Tammy Willis & Family for the loss of her Grandmother Ruth Cross*

*Katie Delmotte & Family for the loss of her Grandmother Huguette Suzanne Stone*

## *Acts 2:42 Gatherings*

*2 Opportunities in June*



**Saturday, 12th - 10am**

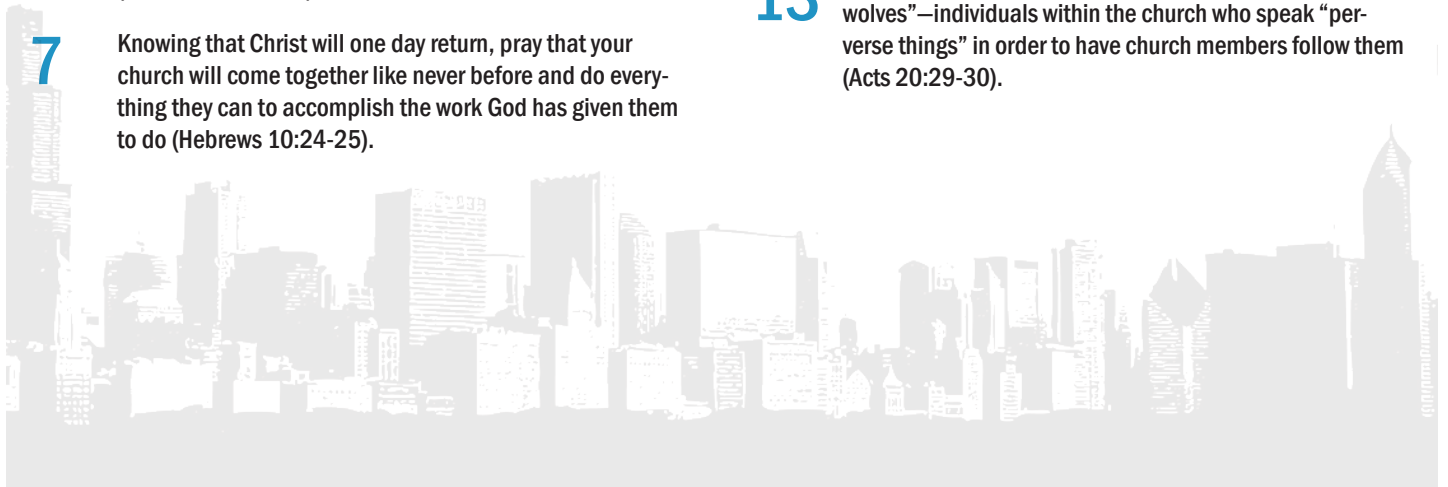
**& Monday, 14th - 6 pm**

## BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up of the body of Christ**; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13 NASB).

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).

- 1 Ask God to raise up godly men in your church who will fill the roles of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor teacher. Pray that God will empower them with these spiritual gifts for the good of your church and for the glory of God (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- 2 Pray for your church's leadership to understand God's plan for equipping the saints. Pray that God will guide them as they determine the approaches and methods He would have them use in helping each person in your church family become more like Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- 3 Where there is division in your church, pray that God would equip your church leaders to develop unity among all the members through your shared faith (Ephesians 4:13).
- 4 Pray that your congregation will not only excel in its knowledge of the Son of God, but will manifest the holy character and anointed service that is birthed out of a Spirit-filled walk with Christ (Ephesians 4:13).
- 5 As your church gathers for worship, pray that your church leaders will have a special anointing to equip your church for the ongoing work of service throughout the week (Ephesians 4:12).
- 6 Pray that your church family will commit to encouraging one another to pursue love and good deeds. Please pray that this pursuit will have a unifying effect on the church (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 7 Knowing that Christ will one day return, pray that your church will come together like never before and do everything they can to accomplish the work God has given them to do (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 8 Pray that Christians in your community will have Peter's boldness and declare to all men everywhere that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16).
- 9 Fervent, corporate prayer seemed to be a common response when the New Testament believers faced difficulties or challenges (Acts 12:5). When churches in our nation face struggles from either within or without, pray that we too will turn to God with fervent, consistent, corporate prayer.
- 10 When major decisions were made by the early church, prayer and fasting were almost always seen as a key part of the decision-making process (Acts 14:23). Pray that today's churches will understand why prayer and fasting are important and will once again return to these biblical practices.
- 11 It is so exciting to read passages like Acts 6:7, where it says, "The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly." Pray that God will graciously bring the type of revival and spiritual awakening where these wonderful occurrences will once again become the norm.
- 12 Sadly, there are many people who have left the church. As your church family gathers for worship, pray that God's Spirit will stir the hearts of those who have left to repent and return to seek God together with His body (Hebrews 10:25).
- 13 Pray that God will protect our churches from "savage wolves"—individuals within the church who speak "perverse things" in order to have church members follow them (Acts 20:29-30).





- 14** Dealing with Christian brothers or sisters who openly sin (Matthew 18:15-18), and responding to “so-called” brothers who live immorally (1 Corinthians 5:9-13), are not easy steps to take. Pray that your church family will know best how to apply God’s Word when helping others experience victory over sin and find restoration.
- 15** Pray that God will help the new believers in your church to put aside “all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander” and “like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word,” in order to “grow in respect to salvation” (1 Peter 2:1-2).
- 16** Realizing that the Christians in your church family are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation, pray that more than ever before they will boldly proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).
- 17** Pray for your church’s pastors, elders, and staff to shepherd your church family according to the will of God, providing good examples for the flock (1 Peter 5:2-3).
- 18** Even as Paul was committed to making mature followers of Christ, pray that God will raise up faithful men and women among your church who will be able to entrust to others the spiritual truths they themselves have received (2 Timothy 2:2).
- 19** As your church gathers for worship, pray that each member will see themselves as a unique and necessary part of the body of Christ (Romans 12:5).
- 20** Pray that the sacrificial love Jesus has for the church will be clearly modeled in the relationship each husband in your church family has with his wife (Ephesians 5:25).
- 21** Pray that the wives in your church family will model the kind of submissive respect toward their husbands that exemplifies the way the church should be submitting to Christ Jesus (Ephesians 5:24, 33).
- 22** Pray that the churches in your community will all be strengthened in their commitment to walk with Jesus and will see new believers added to their number daily (Acts 16:5).
- 23** Pray that the churches in your community will abound in faith, boldness, knowledge, love, and giving to support the work of the kingdom of God (2 Corinthians 8:7).
- 24** Pray that any churches in your community that have left their first love for Jesus will remember from where they have fallen, repent, and then return to the loving obedience they had at first (Revelation 2:5).
- 25** As churches the world over face greater levels of persecution, pray that God’s people will not be fearful, but will remain faithful to Him regardless of the severity of the tests (Revelation 2:9-10).
- 26** The church at Pergamum stands in Scripture as an example of how a church family can commit idolatry, engage in immorality, and even put stumbling blocks before those to whom it should be ministering (Revelation 2:14). Pray that churches will not allow pride to blind them of their sins, but will humbly and repentantly allow God’s Spirit to examine their ways and deeds.
- 27** The church at Sardis thought it was alive, but according to Jesus, it was spiritually dead (Revelation 3:1-2). Pray that the churches who are just going through the motions of Christianity but exhibit no real signs of spiritual life will wake up and “strengthen the things that remain.” Pray that they will press on in obeying God’s commands and completing His purposes.
- 28** Like the church in Laodicea, some churches today are lukewarm in their love for Jesus. Pray that the church in your community will not become blind and apathetic, saying, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing” (Revelation 3:16-17). Pray that these churches will see themselves like Jesus sees them and repent.
- 29** Jesus’ love for His church is so great that He says in Revelation 3:19, “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.” Pray that your church family will not run from God’s discipline, but will zealously embrace His judgments and make any changes He desires.
- 30** How many times has God stood at the door of His church knocking, only to have no one hear His voice and open the door (Revelation 3:20)? Pray that the churches in your community will continually listen for the voice of God, keeping the door of communication, obedience, and fellowship open.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night - 5:45 pm	2  Kid's Choir/Feasts 6:00pm	3	4  Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	5 
6	7  <b>Camp Cherokee</b>	8	9	10	11	12 Ladies Acts 2:42 Gathering 10:00 am 
<b>Back Yard VBS</b> P. Kyle/Gluckner/Floyd			Kid's Choir/Feasts 6:00pm			
13 Zoofari/VBS Meeting 12:15-1pm Treehouse Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm Camp After Party & Sharing 4-8 pm	14  Ladies Acts 2:42 Gathering 6:00 pm	15	16  Kid's Choir/Feasts 6:00pm	17	18  Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	19  FH Reserved 2-4pm
20  Happy Father's Day! 	21	22  <b>Back Yard VBS</b> B. McNeese/Deer Hollow Students CONNECT Night 6:00pm	23	24	25	26 <b>Family Festival</b> 11-2pm 
27	28	29  Students Connect Day	30  Kid's Choir/Feasts 6:00pm			

**SUNDAYS**

Early Worship .....8:00am  
 Community Groups .....9:15am  
 Late Worship .....10:30am

**WEDNESDAYS**

Life 122.....6:15pm  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00pm

**THURSDAYS**

Men's Prayer Meeting .....6:30am  
 Ladies 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**  
**Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st	Kim Woulfe
3rd	Sam Ledford
4th	Brian Cooke, Randy Powell
6th	Noah Burnette, Brady Shubert
7th	Craig Brenizer
9th	Robbie Scott
10th	Nathaniel Williams, Mark Witt
11th	Nan Woulfe
12th	Caraline Plank, Sydney Creekmore, Julie Miller
14th	Chloe Woulfe, Dalton Strike, Johnny Martens
15th	Rhoen Higgins, Patty Adkins
16th	Connie Hamilton, Carolyn Poteat, Scott Black
17th	Benton Thompson
18th	Kameron Kirkendall
19th	Ella Dye, Bishop Higgins
21th	Alex West
22nd	Eula Parm
23rd	Shari Buetow
24th	Jerri Bull
25th	Becky Coleman, Lindsay Alcantara
26th	Reed Blackmon, Katie Delmotte, LeAnn Klepzig, Holly Moore, Jake Delmotte, Daniel Hunt
27th	Annette Tweed, Lindel Farris
28th	Debbie Cooke
29th	Clay Black
30th	Pam Bibee



## One Minute Clinic

Pray Proverbs 20:7 over our fathers  
*The righteous who walks in his integrity--  
 blessed are his children after him!*

"Time won't slow down  
 I won't always be around  
 To listen to your worries  
 And hold you when you're hurting  
 So let me point you the one  
 Who's with you till it's done  
 Take his hand, he won't let go  
 Gave his life to bring you home..."  
 Song by Rhett Walker

