



the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

March 2021

*For God so loved  
the world....*

*John 3:16*



### AWANA in March



March 3 Pajama Night (BH 21 & 22 AND TNT 4.2  
 March 10 SPRING BREAK no AWANA  
 March 17 AWANA returns 6-7:30! Gametime outside  
 March 24 Fashion Disaster Night!  
 March 31 AWANA  
 Beginning March 17, after the time change, AWANA will resume its regular schedule of 6-7:30 pm. We will be able to go back outside for Gametime and utilize the Pavillion when needed.

### Nursery

Nursery Rotation begins again March 7 for 8 & 10:30 am services. As you can see we currently have places where members can joyfully serve the body. Please contact Karen Bryson or Christy Johns to be part of this ministry to families. Often the first impression is made with smiles and welcomes from those meeting visitors at the door, it is a delight to share Jesus!

### C4

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** returns 8 & 10:30 am during the worship services.  
**WOOHOO!!!!**  
 We cannot wait to see our K-4th graders in the Treehouse each week. We will begin studying the book of Nehemiah and "The Great Race"

### PRECEPT FOR KIDS

**ESTHER BIBLE STUDIES:** We will finish up Esther Read Aloud on Zoom and Esther Precept Study. What a tremendous time we have had learning together about obedience and God's Providence in all circumstances. Be watching for the next opportunity to jump in...  
**REVELATION? JAMES? NAMES OF GOD?**

**ZOOFARI AND ROAR:** See the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall for sign up!

**ZOOFARI:** One day VBS event Saturday June 26th. Either a kick off or finale for your very own Backyard VBS, this is a time for our entire church to come together & serve the community!

This will be on campus LIVE!

**ROAR:** Backyard VBS hosted by our church members at their home and given lots of support and help from our VBS TEAM! Sharon Magee, Jackie Coleman, Liam & Ember and Natalie Olmstead. Schedule a 3-day VBS event at your home/backyard/driveway etc. Invite your neighbors and we will either give you all the supplies you need or come out and actually help you do VBS! We learned last year that this is a tremendous way to reach the people who live around you with the help and support of the church. Sign up in Fellowship Hall for June or July and reserve your VBS @ Home kit or schedule a BACKYARD VBS with our CCBC team.

**REMEMBER:** ZOOFARI, the one day event, is open to everyone whether you host a Backyard VBS or not. A great way to bring your friends to the campus.

**SUMMER PLANS** for camp are in the works for 5-6th graders. Announcements coming soon!

Marching on! It is hard to believe that a year ago is when COVID began and threw our lives into a whirlwind. What is amazing, a year later, is that God is still in control. While things look different, God is still God and the mission that He has for His people is still the same. We could sit back and complain about the waste of a year, or we could stand up and give praise to God for all that He has done in the past year, including how He has matured and grown us through it all. I rejoice as well in how the church has been aggressively on mission to be gospel proclaimers in the midst of undesirable circumstances. Proof again that the mission of God through the church will not be thwarted and that when difficulty comes, God is exalted through the obedience of His church.

Update, we spent the months of January and February teaching and identifying the spiritual gifts in one another's lives. The month of March will be focused on mobilizing students to begin experimenting within the church with their potential gifts. The important thing is that they are coming to the gathering with a purpose to be used by God. The Dream Team (Student Leadership Team) has put together a list of weekly responsibilities that students can sign up for according to their potential gifting. The Dream Team participants will be serving as leaders in each one of these areas to equip and model for students how they can serve. If you have a student(s) in the student ministry, please encourage them to sign up to use their spiritual gift. If you do not have a student, please pray that the next generation would become accustomed to serving the church of God with spiritual gifts He has provided for them.

Finally, the Spring Retreat will put a capstone on the introductory teaching on "Return" as this year's theme. Michael Sherrard, who is a pastor, author, and speaker for Summit Ministries (Worldview Ministry), will be with us teaching the students "How to Love their Neighbor without Losing their Soul" in the midst of this progressive culture that puts pressure on Christians to abandon the truth of Scripture for the sake of "accepting" your neighbor and everything they stand for. This will be a great weekend to spend with each other in fellowship and to equip our students to live out their faith in an increasingly secular society. You can sign up by going to <http://www.candiescreek.com> and clicking on Student Ministry and scrolling to the bottom of the page. The cost is \$25. Your student will not want to miss this opportunity.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



**March 8-11th-Spring Break Surprises**  
**(Something Fun Mon-Thurs)**

**March 10th-NO LIFE122**

**March 26-27th-Spring Retreat:**  
**"How to Love Your Neighbor without Losing Your Soul." (Deadline March 21st)**



Loving Your Neighbor  
Without Losing Your Soul

**SPRING**  
*retreat*

**March 26-27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Cost \$25**

# CCA epistola



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## Upcoming Dates

March 1-5 - Dr. Seuss Week

March 5 - 3rd Qtr Ends

March 8-12 - Spring Break

March 19 - Report Cards Issued

March 26 - Muffins with Mom

March 28 - Open House

## The Third Art of the Trivium: Rhetoric

*And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. - Acts 18:4*

The final pathway of the Trivium (three ways) is called Rhetoric. The focus and development of this stage happen in the 9-12th grades. Rhetoric dates back to Aristotle, the Greek philosopher (384-322 BC), who wrote an entire book titled “On Rhetoric.” In his book, he defines rhetoric as the power of seeing all the available means of persuasion concerning a particular subject or situation.

From Greek, to Roman, to Middle Ages, to Renaissance, and finally, the Modern period, rhetoric has been defined or understood in various ways. For example, during the Renaissance, rhetoric was simply understood as the art of eloquence in what we would call poetry. Today, popular American culture recognizes rhetoric as extreme exaggeration lacking genuine sincerity and minimal truth. CCA is interested in teaching rhetoric in a classical or traditional sense. The goal for our students to develop the ability to speak and write persuasively with truth as their governor.

The rhetoric stage traditionally consists of five canons. These are not the large-caliber cannons used during wars from the 14th to 19th centuries. “Canon” comes from a Greek word that means principle or law. So, there are five principles or laws found in the rhetoric stage.

The first canon is invention (*inventio*), which is merely coming up with an idea or argument to be communicated. The canon of arrangement (*dipositio*) is the skill where the idea or argument is organized to make the message clear to the audience. Then comes the canon of style (*elocutio*) is the skill of choosing the best way to deliver the message to impact the reader or listener. The fourth canon is memory (*memoria*) which involves the presenter’s knowledge and understanding of the idea or argument. The final canon is delivery (*pronuntiatio*), which consists of the skill to speak or write well.

To achieve our desired goal of graduating students who will speak and write persuasively with truth as their governor, the prior pathways of the Trivium are essential. Kevin Clark and Ravi Jain say it well. “The rhetorician’s training begins in the earliest days of grammar education: delighting in what is beautifully said, whether in poetry, literature, drama, or Scripture, and memorizing the same. Copious oral reading of stories, Scripture, poems, nursery rhymes, etc., is essential.” To summarize the Trivium, we begin PreK-5th grades with the Grammar stage, pointing them to the tools of knowledge. We then move to the 6th-8th grades to develop the tools of reasoning, which culminates in the 9-12th grades with the tools of communication.

Learning Rhetoric,  
Pastor Dave  
CCA Headmaster



**Dear Fellow Workers,**

I have been **blessed to hear** many stories of natural gospel conversations, "**Brick Stories.**" It was precious to see a young child share one, a couple of weeks ago, in a worship service. If you missed it, then you can see it at this link: <https://vimeo.com/user24100500> & click "Sunday 02.21.2110:30am." We all can celebrate as we "***Live Sent, Invite Along & Proclaim Christ.***"

Pastor Jonathan will begin this month with a second sermon on "The Holy Spirit." Following that, God has led me to point us to **John 3** as we move through March to Easter on April 4. On March 28th, Pastor Jonathan has invited Michael Sherrard who will address "Why Racism is a Gospel Issue."

Between now and April 4, please join me in **memorizing John 3:16, 3:21, 1:4, 8:12 & 12:46** in the translation of your choice!!! (You may want to use 1-2 of these in a "Natural Gospel Conversation")

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that **everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.**"

**John 3:21** But **the one who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds will be revealed as having been performed in God.**"

**John 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind.

**John 8:12** Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "**I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.**"

**John 12:46** I have come as Light into the world, so that no one who **believes in Me will remain in darkness.** (New American Standard Bible-1995)

The **LOVE OFFERED in John 3:16** is not always received by individuals. God loves us more than we love ourselves. God's love is near & available. When we follow King Jesus, we trust His love, & HIS LOVE CHANGES US! We have to live in God's love in order to live out God's love (walking in light).

Our heart is for "**all people**" to have **light, love & life.**

With HIS LOVE for HIS CHURCH BODY & for a lost world,

Pastor Stan

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Given in Feb.  
Expenses in Feb.

\$57,840.50  
\$54,208.87

Given 2021 YTD  
Expenses 2021 YTD

\$137,774.80  
\$113,395.77

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\$647.00

*You're Invited to a Wedding Shower*

*Tyler Johns & Allie Bramlett*

*Sunday March 28th, 2-4pm StuB*

*They are registered at Target, Amazon, &  
Bed, Bath & Beyond*

*Home Colors: Neutrals, Whites, Grays*



*Support students & save money!*

*February 12 - March 5, 2021*



Did you know that an average family of 4 uses about 5 gallons of laundry detergent in a year?

Some people pay up to \$140 for their detergent.

You can purchase a 5 gallon bucket, like this one shown, from CCA for \$50!

We have Tide and Gain equivalents in several options:

TIDE: ORIGINAL + DOWNY	GAIN: ORIGINAL + DOWNY
FREE & CLEAR FOREST FRESH	MANGO TANGO

The Shoebox Sisters will have their normal meeting on Friday, March 5 to build shoeboxes and prepare for the first packing of the year. That meeting will be in the rooms above the church offices. The first packing of the 2021 Operation Christmas Child year will be the following Monday, March 8th and Tuesday, March 9th in the Treehouse. All meetings start at 9:30....please feel free to join the fellowship at these work sessions.



## Ladies Bible Study

### Acts Part 2 - Paul, Jesus' Witness to the Gentiles

Begins March 23 (Tuesday night Zoom) and March 25 (Thursday morning in person and Zoom). No childcare at this time.

Contact Marsa Garner at 605-5705 as soon as possible for more information

*Our Christian sympathy is extended to:*

*Cynthia Brenizer, Marla Gatlin, & Family for  
the loss of their mother  
Danah Hindman*

*Tom Jolley & Family for the loss of his brother  
Michael C. Jolley*

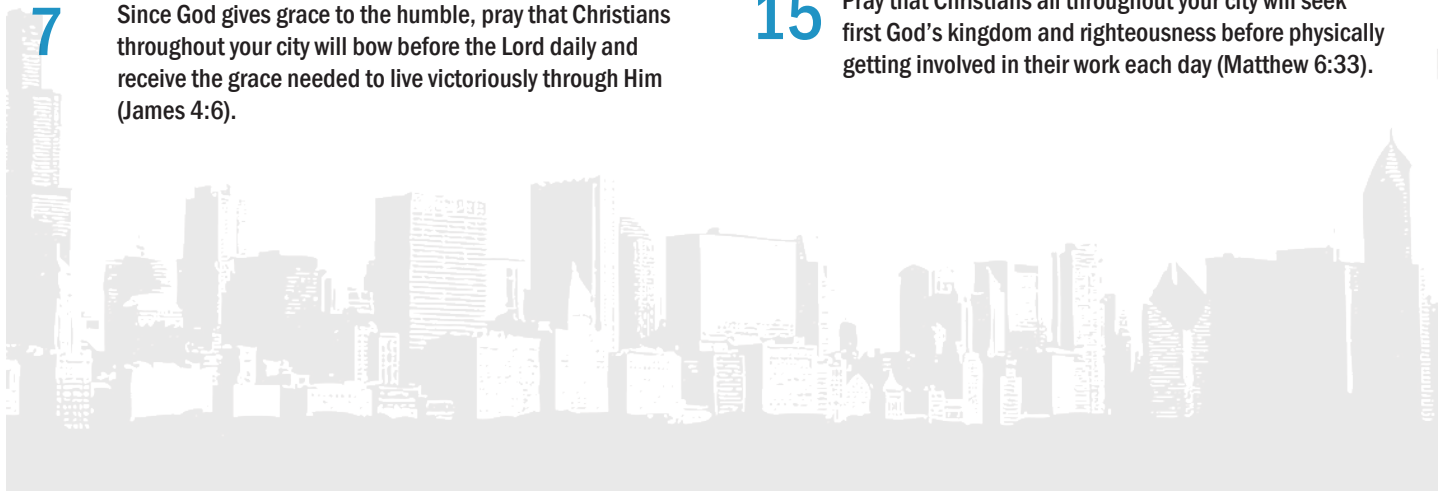


## PRAYING OVER YOUR CITY

When [Jesus] approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes" (Luke 19:41-42 NASB).



When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting. By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down (Proverbs 11:10-11).

- 1** When you think about the individuals and families in your city who are missing a love relationship with Jesus, do you ever weep over their spiritual condition? Pray that Christians in your city will have the same kind of loving heart Jesus does for those living around us (Luke 19:41).
- 2** Pray that the Spirit of Christ will free those in your city whose eyes have been blinded by the darkness of sin. Pray that they will be able to clearly see the light of the gospel and be saved (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- 3** All over the country, Christians are being awakened to the growing sinfulness found within our culture. Pray that we will not lose hope, but will unite in fervent prayer, trusting God to push back the darkness and bring national revival (2 Corinthians 4:6).
- 4** Cities are often exalted as God blesses the "upright" within those cities. Pray that God will exalt your city by powerfully blessing those who are faithful in their walk with Him (Proverbs 11:11).
- 5** Historically, God often brings burdened individuals together to pray prior to seasons of revival. Pray that He will unite the believers in your church and city in crying out to Him for revival and spiritual awakening (Acts 4:31).
- 6** In Acts 19, the followers of Christ living in Ephesus came together publicly to confess as wrong their involvement in the occult and to burn the books related to this topic. Pray that the believers in your city will be just as bold in turning away from sin and turning back to Christ.
- 7** Since God gives grace to the humble, pray that Christians throughout your city will bow before the Lord daily and receive the grace needed to live victoriously through Him (James 4:6).
- 8** Some people place a lot of self-exalting pride in their neighborhoods and communities. Pray that a spirit of godly humility will sweep over your city and that people will walk humbly before God and each other (Micah 6:8).
- 9** Pray that the Christian husbands and wives of your city will walk humbly before each other in order for their prayers not to be hindered (1 Peter 3:7).
- 10** Pray that the younger Christians in your city will be clothed with humility and will respect and honor their elders (1 Peter 5:5).
- 11** As times of crisis engulf our cities and communities, pray that people will make the connection between God's remedial judgments and our sins. Pray that these crises will serve as reminders of what we deserve apart from God's mercy (Titus 3:5).
- 12** Just as Daniel humbled himself as he confessed the sins of the Hebrew nation, pray that God's people will assume responsibility for the moral and spiritual erosion in our nation and will then lead their communities in repentance (Daniel 9).
- 13** Pray that God's holy presence will be deeply experienced as the churches within your city gather for worship (2 Chronicles 5:14).
- 14** Instead of becoming anxious in the midst of life's pressures, pray that your church family will learn to cast their cares on the Lord (Philippians 4:6).
- 15** Pray that Christians all throughout your city will seek first God's kingdom and righteousness before physically getting involved in their work each day (Matthew 6:33).





- 16** Pray for the fathers in your city to know and follow Jesus, modeling a love for their wives and children that reflects the type of love Jesus has for the church (Ephesians 5:25).
- 17** God is always looking for righteous intercessors who are willing to stand in the gap on behalf of their cities and their nation. Pray that more and more committed intercessors will arise from the churches of your city (Ezekiel 22:30).
- 18** Pray that God will give your church's leadership and members a fresh vision of genuinely becoming a praying church (Matthew 21:13).
- 19** Pray that the adult Christians in your city will consistently model seeking the Lord in all things and that the younger generations will find strength and hope in the Lord as they too become committed to seeking Him (Acts 17:26-27).
- 20** All over your city, Christians are being challenged with circumstances that are testing their faith in God and the promises of His Word. Pray that their faith in God's ability to do what He has said He will do on their behalf will rise (Hebrews 11:6).
- 21** Many nations depend on their political power, military strength, financial might, technological resources, medical advancements, and educational institutions to solve difficulties. Pray that we as a people will put our trust in God alone as our deliverer (Zechariah 4:6).
- 22** Pray that the Christians in your city will forsake any attitudes of self-sufficiency and will acknowledge their tremendously desperate need for God (John 15:5).
- 23** In many churches and communities, the fear of man is a major influence in the decisions being made. Pray that in your city, Christians will have a healthy, biblical fear of God and will continually seek His heart regarding direction and decisions (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10).
- 24** Pray that every member of the churches in your city will acknowledge the importance of knowing and applying God's Word in their daily lives (Psalm 119:9-11).
- 25** Pray that the people of your city will see sin like God sees it and will refuse to accept any type of moral stance that is contrary to the clear teachings of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- 26** Pray that Christians in your city will be filled with a desire to memorize and meditate on God's Word (Psalm 119:15-16).
- 27** Pray that churches in your city will demonstrate genuine repentance in response to personal and corporate sin. Pray that submission to the lordship of Christ will become the norm (2 Corinthians 7:9-10).
- 28** In Matthew 5:14, Jesus taught that His followers will be "the light of the world" and that "a city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Pray that the life and light of Jesus will shine through the lives of Christians in your city and that many will see Him and be saved.
- 29** Pray that Christians in your city will become committed to personal, daily prayer that is effective and wholeheartedly centered in the will of God (James 5:16).
- 30** Pray that the Christians of your city will unite in praying for those who are in authority over them and consequently will be blessed of God by being able to experience quiet and peaceful lives (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- 31** Pray for your city to experience revival and spiritual awakening. Pray that the kind of heart that moved Jesus to weep over Jerusalem will be found in us as we make a renewed commitment to pray for our cities (Acts 2:41).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night - 5:45 pm <u>Mon. Night Small Group</u>	3	4	5 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am  Kids Precept 5:00-7:00pm	6
7  <b>Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer</b>	8 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	9 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am	10  <b>Spring Break!</b>	11	12	13
14  Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26  Student Spring Retreat	27
28  Johns/Bramlett Wedding Shower 2-4 pm Stub	29	30	31			

**SUNDAYS**

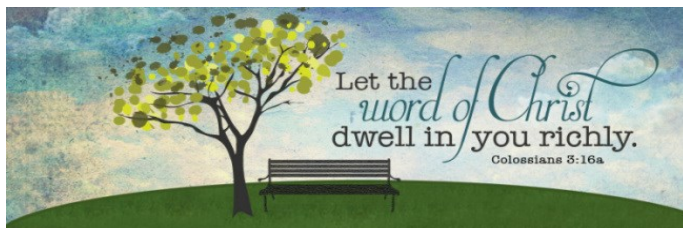
Early Worship .....8:00am  
 Community Groups (3/14).....9:15am  
 Late Worship .....10:30am

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**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**

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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Shelby Hammonds  
 Nala Woulfe, Joe Flowers  
 Essie Gibson, Marshall Bellizzi  
 Jaxon Moseley, Torina Brewer  
 Kim Shay, D'wana Scroggins  
 Wilma Ledford, Caleb Missinne  
 Ella Klepzig, Leanne Shean  
 Yasmin Willis, Justin Martin  
 Heather Gibson  
 Nora Willis, Amanda Kyle  
 Jordan Stanley  
 Jennifer Maddux, Braeden Dye, Tommy Coleman,  
 Josh Burnette, Curt Klepzig  
 Madison Rush, Bonita Lee, Alex Maddux  
 Rebecca Simmons, Trevor Brantley  
 LeAndra Bean, Jennifer Hammonds  
 Amy Ensley, Brenda Gilson,  
 Patrick Dye, Bobby Dye  
 Shannon Kelley  
 Gwyneth Miller  
 Robin Williams, Micah Brown  
 Suzanne Morris, Ron Thomas  
 Steve Johnson  
 Chloe Gates, Karen Hinkle, Kay Hammonds  
 Raquel Brown  
 Adaline Simko, Lindsey Simko  
 Rory Cooke  
 Brad Stanley, Dan Gilson  
 Brittany Morgan  
 Jacob Moore, Drew Strike  
 Adelia Hall



## One Minute Clinic

So, prayerfully make a list today of the people in your life who don't know Jesus yet. Pray through that list all during the month. Listen for God's Spirit to give you wisdom and prompting to share the story of Jesus with them at just the right time and in just the right way.

**1 Peter 3:13-18**

*Dear Jesus,*

*Please help us to ALWAYS be prepared to give the reason for the hope we have with gentleness and respect.*

*Amen.*

