



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

March 2023



For as the earth bringeth forth

HER BUD, AND AS THE GARDEN
CAUSETH THE THINGS THAT ARE
SOWN IN IT TO SPRING FORTH;
SO THE LORD GOD WILL CAUSE
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PRAISE TO SPRING
FORTH BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11

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AWANA in March

March 1 AWANA
 March 8 AWANA
 March 15 NO Awana Spring Break
 March 22 AWANA
 March 29 AWANA
 Dirt Cake Night



We will be enlisting Listeners for our 2nd annual VERSE A THON on April 12th. If you have a Bible and an hour and half, sign up with Richie or Katie Kerley or Christy Johns...nothing sweeter than hearing children recite God's Word.

Kid's Precept

Kids Precept ABRAHAM: God's Brave Explorer continues March 5, 19, 26th (we will not have class on March 12th Spring Break) Final Celebration on March 26th. We have loved learning about covenant and God's promises and Abraham's faith. NEXT UP: EXTREME ADVENTURES WITH GOD: Isaac, Jacob and Esau (4 week study) TBA



Children's Choir

What an incredible group of leaders, kids and worship each Sunday night in the Treehouse. We are planning a mini-concert in the 8 and 10:30 am service for April 30th (last day of Children's Church C4 will be April 23rd)



JONAH: Cruise Ship to Battleship



VBS 2023 JONAH: Cruise Ship to Battleship June 25-29th 6-8:45 pm Meal, Marketplace Nineveh, Missions and we will read the entire book of Jonah! Preparing us to go from pleasure and comfort to battle stations and compassion for the lost. Be watching for bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for ways to get involved.

Secret Church

SECRET CHURCH....VBS....Only God could sovereignly plan this out. Secret Church this year is April 21st 7 pm to 1 am on the book of JONAH! Cost is \$10 to pay for the scripture journal. We will livestream from here at Candies Creek. Sign up with Christy Johns asap ...buy some new highlighters and pens and plan your contribution to the snack table! A long wonderful night in the Word together

- * Kids Precept Celebration March 26th
- * Cumberland Springs Bible Camp Sign Ups in April! ...5th/6th grades for July 10th-14th
- * Verse a Thon AWANA all ages April 12th
- * Last Children's Church April 23rd
- * AWANA Closing Celebration April 26th
- * Choir mini Spring Concert April 30th
- * VBS Walk Thru Sign Up May 7th
- * Parent Child Church Dedication May 14th
- * Kids Choir and Wed Night Fellowship starts June 7th
 - * VBS Meeting June 11th
- * JONAH VBS 2023 June 25-29th 6-8:45 pm
- * Cumberland Springs Bible Camp July 10-14th

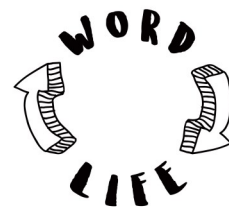
CANDIES CREEK KIDS LOOKING AHEAD:

Spring is in the air! With warmer temperatures it is a joy to get outside and do some work, and that is exactly what we are going to do. The students will have an opportunity on their spring breaks to be involved with service in our community. We are partnering again with CityFields, who is an organization that seeks to revitalize communities. The exciting news is that their work is extending over to the College Hill area, which has been predominately an African American neighborhood. They are seeking to restore pride in the neighborhood through the purchasing of homes in order to revitalize them and sell them first to a community member (who has gone through home owner training), and second to an at large community leader (pastors, educators, first responders, etc.). The students will be helping break up the ground on a new community garden in the area where each community member can claim a spot and grow a garden. While we do this service, we will be praying and looking to engage in conversation with those from the community about the gospel.

At the end of the month we will be having our Disciple Now themed "Hope Grounded." This is a variation off of our annual theme of "Hope Grows." That theme focuses on how our "hope" (faith directed to the future) can grow when we face suffering or persecution because of the great and precious promises that God gives us about the future. "Hope Grounded" is going to be a challenge to dig into and trust the Word of God in order that their "hope" will be sustained and held onto even against the flow of culture today. The Scripture that comes to mind is Psalm 1 that says, "Blessed is the man...[who] delights...in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree PLANTED by streams of water..." (vs. 1a, 2, 3a) The students will have guest teachers in the homes of approved members of CCBC where they will look at a curriculum called "Upstream." It will challenge them by taking a look at the characters of Caleb, Ruth, Barnabas, and Andrew on how they can live going UPSTREAM against culture by being GROUNDED in the truth of God's Word. Please pray for our students to have real time examples of how submission to the Word of God breeds life, and how rejection of the Word of God brings death. Pray that they will be excited by the Word of God and committed to growing in knowledge and application of it to their lives. Thank you!

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



March 13-14th-Serving our Community at CityFields 9am-2pm

March 15th-No Life 122

March 24-26-Disciple Now "Hope Grounded"
 (Cost is \$35 and Reg. deadline is 3/8)



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Upcoming Dates

Mar. 2 - Milestone Testing

Mar. 6-10 - Read Across America

Mar. 7 - Parent Council Mtg

Mar. 10 - 3rd Qtr Ends

Mar. 13-17 - Spring Break

Mar. 23 - Parent Academy

Mar. 23-24 - TACS State Fine Arts Competition

Mar. 24 - Report Cards

Mar. 31 - Preview Day

Traditional vs Progressive Education

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

Everyone agrees that education is a good thing. Unfortunately, the agreement pretty much ends there. Although almost everyone agrees that education is *good*, there is wide disagreement on what education *is*.

Since the beginning of the twentieth century, there has been a sometimes heated debate, not only about what schools should do, but what they should be. Generally speaking, there are two sides in this debate.

On one side are the traditionalists, made up mostly of parents, but including older teachers and private school teachers. Traditionalism still holds sway in many private Christian schools. Classical education is a species of traditionalism that retains the older emphasis on classic literature and languages.

On the other side are the progressives, made up mostly of educational professionals. Progressives dominate teachers colleges and educational publishing companies and control almost all of the professional academic journals and education publications that professional educators read. Almost all professional development programs for teachers in public schools are conducted from a progressivist perspective.

The first and most important difference between the two philosophies has to do with how they conceive of education and what they think it is for.

What Education Is For

For traditionalists, schools are academic institutions with a more purely academic purpose, which is to develop the mental ability of students in particular, and more generally to pass on the Western cultural heritage to the next generation. Classical schools maintain the emphasis on the full

range of the Western culture and tradition, but even many non-classical private Christian schools, although they may not be fully aware of their debt to Greece and Rome, still emphasize those aspects of traditional American education that are grounded in Western ideas and values.

Progressives, on the other hand, see schools more as social service agencies whose purpose is to prepare them for the social, political, and economic realities of modern life. This would include job skills training, certain forms of social indoctrination, and a certain amount of psychological conditioning.

Traditionalism isn't necessarily against all of these things, but it recognizes that they are approached best indirectly and only as by-products acquired while pursuing academic ends.

While job skills training for progressives would involve instruction in specific skills needed for specific kinds of work, the traditionalist considers instruction in basic skills—in addition to higher kinds of thinking skills acquired through the study of grammar, logic, rhetoric—and math skills to be the best preparation for any job. The familiarity with history and classical literature, because of the ideals and values gained through the reading of it, would be considered to contribute to the formation of a more employable person.

Social and political indoctrination for progressives commonly manifests itself in an emphasis on issues like environmentalism and multiculturalism. Recent national science standards, for example, place a great deal of stress on climate change.

Traditionalists tend to avoid stressing particular political or social beliefs, and instead place an emphasis on a more broad kind of civics education that emphasizes an understanding and appreciation of America's unique political order through a more academic familiarity with the story of America's founding, and the more objective treatment of the nation's history and culture through time.

And while the progressivists consider an understanding of child psychology as essential for a teacher, and the practice of certain therapeutic exercises in the classroom as part of a teacher's role, traditionalists tend to stress the kind of moral literacy that can be gleaned from the humanities, as well as training the affections through the reading of the Bible and, for the classical educator, classical history and literature.

By Martin Cothran

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Dear Follower of Christ and Fellow Worker as Candies Creek Baptist Church,

I am so thankful for each one of you. Think big about who God is, how He wants to use your life and how we can grow together in **Trusting God**. Several times, we have provided a common, secondary resource for our community groups to use and our members to utilize as we carry out different pieces of our mission and vision individually and as a body.

Several adult community groups will take advantage of a very useful book by Jerry Bridges, Trusting God. The recommended schedule is as follows...

- 3/5/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 1 p. 227 (Preface & Chapter 1, p. 1)
- 3/12/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 2 p. 237 (Chapter 2, p. 11 & Ch. 3, p. 23)
- 3/19/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 3 p. 249 (Chapter 4, p. 45)
- 3/26/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 4 p. 259 (Chapter 5, p. 65)

I am grateful that Pastor Jonathan opened Job and several other Scriptures so that we could consider how to respond when life doesn't go as planned, when considering why bad things happen & when walking through suffering.

I intend to open some Psalms of Lament in March as God continues to guide us as a pastoral team and our church body as fellow workers.

God's Sovereignty means that I don't have to get swallowed up by life's situations.

A question that my Community Group leader, Jeff Sprayberry, has kept before our group is...

"Can I trust God's heart when I can't trace God's hand?" James Ford

Trusting God,
Pastor Stan

**Trusting God is in control,
all is well with my soul.**

2023 CCBC Annual Focus

Psalm 9:10

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You,
For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Shoebox Sibling Update

Just got word that 9.3 million shoeboxes were collected in the USA last year....the most ever! And worldwide, over 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected. Since its start, over 200 million shoeboxes have been collected and distributed. This year, the 200 millionth shoebox was given to an 8 year old girl...an orphan in Ukraine. Isn't it a gift from the Lord to be allowed to participate in this Samaritans Purse ministry?

The March Shoebox Sister activities are:

March 10....Workday

March 24....Workday



Watch the bulletin for an update on our next packing date which is yet to be determined. Shoeboxes for the 2-4 year old kiddos will be packed at that time.

PRAISE THE KING!

Given in February \$67,079.46
Expenses in February \$73,218.25

Given 2023 YTD \$129,243.07
Expenses 2023 YTD \$137,115.15

Lottie Moon Total \$42,462.56

Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 5-12, 2023

**YOUR PRAYERS HAVE
ETERNAL IMPACT**



**Memory Verses...
Romans 8:22-23**

Monday Night Community Group

The Monday night group has begun an in depth examination of I Corinthians, If you would like more information about the fellowship, please call the Dunns at 423.614.0723. The group alternates meeting in the church library or a home.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

*Gloria Westerfield & Family for the loss of
her mother Gwendolyn Quick*

*Jared Greer & Family for the loss of
his dad Glynn Gattis*

*Tom Woulfe & Family for the loss of
his mother Anne Woulfe*



Hello! **SPRING** *Wedding Showers!*

*Billy & Jacqueline VanWinkle - March 12th, 3-5pm
Registered on Amazon*

*Jake Delmotte & Katelyn Vincent - Mar. 19th, 2-4pm
Registered on Amazon & at Target*

*Philip Grant & Marissa Morris - March 26th, 2-4pm
Registered at Target*

*Hayden Moore & Macy Gibson - April 2nd, 2-4pm
Registered at Target*

*John Klepzig & Alyssa Avratin- April 16th, 2-4pm
Registered on Amazon & at Target*

*Noah & Liberty Loudermilk - April 23rd, 3-5pm
Registered on Amazon & at Target*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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5 Alaska Interest Mtg. 12 pm-Choir Rm _____ Financial Peace U 12:30 pm _____ Battle Plan for Prayer 6:00 pm	Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer		8	9 Ladies Bible Study 9:00 am	10 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	11	
12 Rush/VanWinkle Wedding Shower 3-5 pm/StuB _____ Deacons' Mtg. 4:30 pm _____ No Evening Gatherings	Students CityFields Service Days		Spring Break (County Schools)			17 	18
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19 Delmotte/Vincent Wedding Shower 2-4 pm/StuB _____ GEM Team Mtg. 4:30	20	21	22	23	24 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	25  <u>Disciple Now</u>	
26 <u>D-Now</u> _____ Grant/Morris Wedding Shower 2-4 pm/StuB _____	27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15-10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:30 am
 Kid's Precept4:00 - 6:00 pm
 Adult & Kid's Choir6:00 - 7:30 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 Study9:00 am
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm





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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Nala Woulfe, Joe Flowers, Will Vest, Tanner Payne
4th	Essie Gibson, Marshall Bellizzi
5th	Jaxon Moseley, Torina Brewer
6th	Wilma Ledford, Kim Shay, D'wana Scroggins, Caleb Missinne
7th	Ella Klepzig, Leanne Shean
8th	Yasmin Willis, Justin Martin
9th	Heather Gibson
10th	Nora Willis, Amanda Kyle, John Torchick
11th	Jordan Stanley
12th	Jennifer Maddux, Braeden Dye, Tommy Coleman, Josh Burnette, Curt Klepzig
13th	Bonita Lee, Madison Rush, Alex Maddux
15th	Rebecca Simmons, Trevor Brantley
16th	LeAndra Bean
17th	Amy Ensley, Patrick & Bobby Dye
18th	Shannon Kelly
19th	Gwyneth Miller
20th	Robin Williams
21st	Suzanne Morris, Ron Thomas
22nd	Steve Johnson
23rd	Kay Hammonds, Richard Stout, Chloe Gates, Karen Hinkle
26th	Adaline Simko, Lindsey Simko
27th	Rory Cooke
28th	Brad Stanley, Dan Gilson
29th	Brittany Morgan
30th	Clarice Nation, Jakob Moore, Drew Strike
31st	Adelia Hall



One Minute Clinic

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. **17** And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Following the Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd, and I know My own, and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice; and they will become one flock, with one shepherd” (John 10:14-16 NASB).

- 1** Let's begin this month by praising God for knowing those who are His and for calling us, whether Jew or Gentile, to be one flock under His perfect leadership (John 10:14-16).
- 2** As the Good Shepherd, Jesus taught that true Christianity involves knowing Him personally (John 10:14). Pray for a change of heart and understanding to take place for any in your church who have reduced Christianity to a religious system of knowing about Jesus and trying to be good.
- 3** Since our love relationship with Jesus is modeled by His love relationship with God the Father, pray that the church will better understand and live out the submissive, obedient love Jesus demonstrated toward His Father (John 10:15).
- 4** In a day when many communities see the church divided and at odds with one another, pray that the Christians in your community will pursue unity in spirit, as one flock with one shepherd (John 10:16).
- 5** Jesus identified Himself as the kind of shepherd whose sheep follow Him because they know His voice (John 10:4). Pray that the kind of spiritual relationship and intimacy required to consistently recognize Jesus' voice and activity will be restored to today's church.
- 6** With many voices proclaiming strange, unbiblical “truths” today, pray that your church family will be discerning enough to steer clear from any person or teaching that is not from God (John 10:5).
- 7** Pray that the spiritually lost in your community will understand that if they are not following Jesus, they are easy prey for the thief whose intent is to steal, kill, and destroy them (John 10:10).
- 8** Pause to thank God for sending the Good Shepherd, the One who said, “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand” (John 10:28).
- 9** Pray for those around you who have spiritual, physical, emotional, or relational needs, asking the Good Shepherd to so work in their lives that they too can testify, as David did, “The LORD is my shepherd, I will not be in need” (Psalm 23:1).
- 10** For those you know who need to lie down in green pastures and be led beside quiet waters, pray that they will submit to the loving leadership of God, trusting Him to understand their needs and to provide for the deepest longings of their souls (Psalm 23:2-3).
- 11** Pray that your Good Shepherd will daily guide you in paths of righteousness so that His reputation and name will be more fully exalted in your neighborhood and community (Psalm 23:3).
- 12** Knowing that Christian missionaries, pastors, and believers around the world are walking through the valley of the shadow of death right now, pray that they will fear no evil but will be comforted by the rod and staff of our gracious Shepherd (Psalm 23:4).
- 13** For Christians who are being persecuted by enemies of the faith, pray that even in front of their enemies' eyes, God will so bless and anoint them that their cup overflows (Psalm 23:5).
- 14** Having been blessed by the goodness and lovingkindness of God, take time today to praise Him for being the wonderful shepherd He is. Thank Him for the assurance of knowing there is an eternal home He is preparing for those who know and follow Him (Psalm 23:6).



- 15** As Moses asked God to provide a godly successor for the Hebrews so they would “not be like sheep that have no shepherd” (Numbers 27:17), pray that Christian churches in your city will be continually blessed with leaders who are sent and anointed by God to shepherd His people.
- 16** Throughout biblical and church history, God has at times intentionally scattered His people. This is one of His corporate, remedial judgments when His people sin against Him (Ezekiel 36:19). As churches in your community find their members being scattered to other churches or back into the world, pray that they will corporately repent as they make the connection between their sins and God’s discipline.
- 17** When God’s sheep are scattered because of His discipline, pray that they will not miss the reason for the scattering and consequently grieve God and profane His name through their prideful, unrepentant attitudes and actions (Ezekiel 36:20-21).
- 18** Even as David appealed to God to forever carry His sheep like a shepherd carries a lamb, pray that God will save, bless, and carry the members of your church family as they journey with Him (Psalm 28:9).
- 19** The psalmist said that death would be the shepherd to those who put their trust in their own wisdom and riches (Psalm 49:12-14). Pray that the wealthy and wise of your community will turn to Jesus for eternal, spiritual life.
- 20** Pray that the Shepherd of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, will save the lost of your community, restore His life within the churches of your city, and cause His face to shine on every believer (Psalm 80:1-3).
- 21** Pray that the Good Shepherd will send wise men throughout your community to speak words of godly wisdom that are like well-driven nails (Ecclesiastes 12:11).
- 22** Ask the Good Shepherd to send godly under-shepherds into the churches of your city to exercise oversight, “not under compulsion but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not with greed but with eagerness,” not domineering over those under their care, but being good examples (1 Peter 5:2-3).
- 23** Recognizing Jesus as the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, pray that those who are His will stop straying from His presence but will die to sin and live for righteousness (1 Peter 2:24-25).
- 24** Just as a shepherd gathers his sheep to keep them safe from their enemies, pray that God will give the people of your church a unifying focus on Jesus and the truths of His Word in order to keep them safe from the schemes of our adversary (1 Peter 5:8).
- 25** As the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of His hand, pray that we will daily be attentive to the voice of our Shepherd, being careful to not harden our hearts like the Hebrews in the wilderness who rebelled against His sovereignty and tested His leadership (Psalm 95:7-9).
- 26** Pray that we will manifest an attitude of humility in serving the Good Shepherd, knowing that “it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves” (Psalm 100:3).
- 27** Pray for any in your church family who have strayed from God like a lost sheep, asking our Shepherd to guide them back to that place of walking in the Spirit and obeying His commands (Psalm 119:176).
- 28** Pray for great conviction to be felt and repentance to be experienced by those pastors who are destroying and scattering the sheep of God’s pasture (Jeremiah 23:1).
- 29** For those churches whose pastors have destroyed God’s flock, pray that God will place new pastors over His sheep, leading hurting members back to the place where they will “not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing” (Jeremiah 23:4).
- 30** Pray that the great Shepherd of the sheep will equip us “in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight” (Hebrews 13:20-21).
- 31** Even if we have to suffer great persecution in the days to come, pray that we will obediently press on in serving Christ, motivated by the thought that someday our Good Shepherd will guide us to the springs of the water of life and will wipe every tear from our eyes (Revelation 7:17).