



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

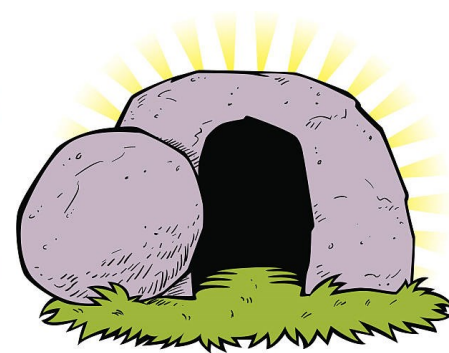
March 2024



He is not here; He has risen, Just as He said... Matt. 28:6



MARCH



AWANA in March

March 6 AWANA
March 13 Spring Break No AWANA
March 20 AWANA
March 27 AWANA Fruit of the Spirit Night

SECRET CHURCH

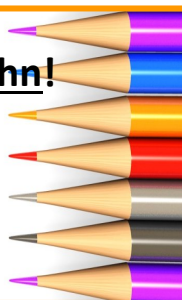
- SECRET CHURCH! with David Platt and Radical ministries
- April 19th 7 pm until April 20th 1 am(ish)
- Treehouse of Children's Building
- Book of Ruth and the persecuted church in North Korea, Cambodia and Indonesia
- Cost \$10 includes a guided Scripture Journal of Ruth
- Bring your Bible, pens, snacks, snacks, snacks, comfy camp chair and clothes
- Limit 25 people
- Questions, or Sign Up with Christy Johns
423-790-2674
- (This is PROVIDENTIAL PREPARATION for VBS 2024 at Candies Creek)

Children's Church

March 3 Super Sports Spectacular
March 10 NO C4 SPRING BREAK
March 17th Berry Blast Theme Park
March 24th Berry Blast Theme Park
March 31st No C4 RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Kids Precept in the Book of John!

March 3 Lesson 4
March 10 No class
March 17 Lesson 5
March 24 Lesson 6



Bible Camp

CUMBERLAND SPRINGS BIBLE CAMP

July 15-19th 8-4 pm

4th, 5th, 6th graders from Candies Creek

sign up \$130 at cumberlandsprings.org

Worship, camp songs, Bible study, canoeing, hiking, arts, swimming lessons daily!

Please contact Christy Johns for more info and to sign up to ride the church van to and from camp daily (7:15 am - 5 pm)



VBS 2024

VBS 2024 Ruth: Kinsman Redeemer

June 23-27th 6 pm to 8:45 pm

VBS Walk Through 8 am - 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall on May 19th drop by before or after Sunday School to snack and see the theme and sign up!

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS June 1st for PreK (kids entering K in fall 2024) up to those who have completed 6th grade

VBS BIG MEETING in the Treehouse at 12 pm June 9th

We need people to bake and donate loaves of bread during VBS, so kids can see and feel and taste real bread while they visit Marketplace Bethlehem.

Would you like to be on our Bread Team? See Sharon Magee or Christy Johns.

Parent Child Dedication

PARENT CHILD CHURCH Dedication for Mother's Day May 12th. Contact Christy Johns if you are interested or have any questions.



Opening in our 8 am nursery rotation! Serve once every seven weeks and meet, love and serve our Preschool families. Background check is required. See Karen Bryson or Christy Johns





Sunday, March 3 @ StuB 6-8pm

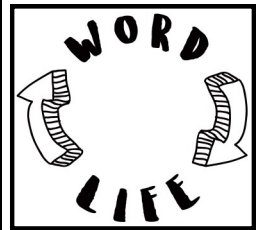
Sunday, March 17 @ Steinle's 6-8pm

Sunday, April 7 TBD

Sunday, April 21 TBD



WORD2LIFE 2024



Being Bold

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Hebrews 4:12-16 NLT

What a gift we have in prayer! Through the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, we have direct access to our Creator, Redeemer, Provider, Sustainer, Father, King. What a humbling thought to know He cares enough for us to give us the privilege of communication with Him. His word speaks to us, teaches us, admonishes us, corrects us, guides us, and blesses us. And we may be confident that He hears us when we bow to Him in prayer.

Oswald Chambers, in Prayer: A Holy Occupation, encourages "reckless belief" when we pray.

"So many of us limit our praying because we are not reckless in our confidence in God. In the eyes of those who do not know God, it is madness to trust Him, but when we pray in the Holy Spirit we begin to realize the resources of God, that He is our perfect heavenly Father, and we are His children."

Expounding on the Apostle Paul's advice in 1 Thessalonians 5, nineteenth century pastor C.H. Spurgeon said, *"The more we pray, the more we rejoice. Prayer gives a channel to the pent-up sorrows of the soul; they flow away, and in their place streams of sacred delight pour into the heart. At the same time the more rejoicing, the more praying. When the heart is in a quiet condition and full of joy in the Lord, then also will it be sure to draw near to the Lord in worship. Holy joy and prayer act and react on each other... When joy and prayer are married, their firstborn child is gratitude. When we joy in God for what we have and believingly pray to Him for more, then our souls thank Him both in the enjoyment of what we have and in the prospect of what is yet to come."*

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Brothers and sisters in Christ, may we not be negligent in our communication with the Lord; may we not be lazy in the work of interceding for others; may we not be timid about approaching the throne of grace. But may we faithfully embrace the practice of being bold in prayer.

CCA epistola



Candies Creek Academy is pressing onward toward the ultimate goal of forging individuals who embrace their royal identity in Christ, so they will fulfill their God-given purpose to glorify and proclaim His excellency among the nations.

Upcoming Dates

March 4-7 - Read Across America

March 5-6 - Milestone Testing

March 8 - Muffins with Mom

March 11-15 - Spring Break

March 21-22 - TACS State Competition

March 22 - 3Q Report Cards

Pressing On

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

Paul had a goal before him as he sat in a dingy ancient Roman jail. He did not let his past or present circumstances deter him from the goal "to live is Christ to die is gain." Candies Creek Academy is pressing onward toward the ultimate goal of forging individuals who embrace their royal identity in Christ, so they will fulfill their God-given purpose to glorify and proclaim His excellency among the nations.

This goal develops slowly with incremental steps. In March, we will end the third quarter of the academic year and enter the fourth and final quarter. As we press on during the final quarter, we need your prayers. There is still a lot of ground to cover in our classes.

March is a busy time at the academy. We are currently working with our students and families on re-enrollment for next year. We also meet new families and students who are gathering information and seeking the Lord's will to determine if CCA is a fit for their student(s) this coming Fall.

We are preparing, evaluating, and discussing next year's schedule, along with what teachers will be needed to fill any vacancies and even add teachers as we project growth in enrollment. We continue to work with Rardin and Carroll architects, the state of Tennessee, and local fire marshals to seek a feasible solution to have the StuB classified for educational space. We need your prayers during this season.

On March 5- 6, our 6th through 9th graders will take their second milestone test to provide our teachers with results to prepare students for our standardized testing at the end of April. In February, our students competed in the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools (TACS) Academic Testing and Fine Arts Competitions. Students who placed first or second advance to the state competition. Below is a list of our students who placed in the top three per their category. We are thrilled to see how well our students performed in academics and fine arts.

2024 TACS Academic District Winners

	Name	Grade	Category	Place
1	Emma Brackin	5th	5th Grade Grammar	3rd
2	Eli Moore	5th	Old Testament	1st
3	Eli Moore	5th	New Testament	1st
4	Nathaniel Williams	7th	Science	3rd
5	Mattie Brooks	7th	7th Grade Expository Writing Essay	3rd
6	Scarlett Sethman	8th	8th English	3rd
7	Cora Gibson	8th	8th Math	3rd
8	Baylee Beard	8th	8th Creative Writing Poetry	2nd
9	Mary Kate Steinle	8th	8th Expository Writing Essay	1st
10	Emma Thompson	10th	Algebra II	3rd
11	Haley Davis	10th	H.S.- Expository Writing Essay	2nd

2024 TACS Fine Arts Individual District Winners

	Name	Grade	Category	Place
1	Noah Pell	5th	Elementary Spelling	1st
2	Preston Averette	5th	Elementary Spelling	2nd
3	Essie Gibson	3rd	Elementary Female Solo	1st
4	Maelyn Mizzell	5th	Elementary Female Solo	2nd
5	Eli Moore	5th	Elementary Chess	1st
6	John Steinle	4th	Black & White Pencil Drawing	3rd
7	Emma Brackin	5th	Charcoal Drawing	1st
8	Jaycee Cavett	5th	Color Pencil Drawing	2nd
9	Alethea Allen	4th	Mixed Media	1st
10	Katie Davis	5th	People and Animal Photography	3rd
11	Eli Moore	5th	Watercolor	3rd
12	Jackson Cavett	3rd	Woodworking	1st
13	Ember Coleman	7th	Middle School Female Solo	3rd
14	Ruby Thompson	6th	Acrylic Painting	3rd
15	Kendall Allen	7th	Black and White Pencil Drawing	2nd
16	Silas Dunn	8th	Digital Media	1st
17	Lily Dunn	5th	Garment Construction	1st
18	Mary Kate Steinle	8th	Landscapes & Architecture Photography	1st
19	David Steinle	6th	Sculpture	1st
20	Ella Coffman	6th	Sculpture	2nd
21	Amelia Itson	9th	String Solo	1st
22	Judah Ballew	9th	Digital Media	3rd

2024 TACS Fine Arts Group District Winners

1	Elementary Choral Group	1st
2	Middle School Small Vocal Ensemble Class A	2nd
3	Middle School Large Vocal Ensemble Class A	1st
4	Mary Kate Steinle & Emmie Ensley Classical Piano Duet	1st
5	Middle School Readers Theater	3rd
6	High School Small Vocal Ensemble	2nd

After Spring Break, several students listed above will participate in the TACS Fine Arts State Competition in Murfreesboro, TN, on March 21-22. Some of our students and families will spend the night because it is a two-day event. Since our students and groups have to qualify for this competition, this is a non-budgeted item, so if you would like to help support our students as they compete at this state competition, please designate any gifts to the TACS State Competition. We need your prayers and support as we continue to press on in the high calling of partnering with parents to equip, model, and mobilize students to be effective disciples through Christ-centered education with academic excellence.

Pressing On,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster



Upper School Art Entries



Lower School Art Entries



Elementary Ensemble



Middle School Ensemble



Dear Candies Creek Baptist Church Family,

In 2024, pray that by **grace** we will **rehearse and apply the gospel**. Our annual focus will be a steady reminder of Pastor Jonathan as we use this year to emphasize applying the gospel to life until it becomes a lifestyle. Some community groups will use **Gospel 101** by Jeff Dodge which uses a subtitle of **Learning, Living and Sharing the Gospel**.

Date.	Gospel 101 Lesson	CCBC Hook (Sub-hooks)
3-3	(Lesson 1) Gospel	
3-10	(Lesson 2) God	God (Holy, Creator)
	A. God: Loving Creator	
	B. God: Supreme Authority	
	C. God: Final Judge	
3-17	(Lesson 3) Humanity	Man (Rebellion, Sin)
	A. Humanity is willfully ignorant	
	B. Humanity is passionately rebellious	
	C. Humanity is condemned to death	
3-24	(Lesson 4) Christ	Jesus (Crucified, Risen King)
	A. Christ: perfectly obedient	(Love, Redeemer, Restorer)
	B. Christ: substitutionary sacrifice	
	C. Christ: victoriously risen	
3-31	(Lesson 5) Justification	

Our heart is to help you know & communicate a clear, complete & true gospel utilizing Gospel 101's three objectives of *Gospel Fluency*, *Gospel Community* & *Gospel Action*. As you look at the March schedule above, you can compare and contrast the language of Gospel 101 & the CCBC hooks/sub-hooks language. **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."** Romans 1:16

Living in the love of God,
Pastor Stan

Phases of a Student Pastor Search

Phase One: Evaluate the Need for the Position at This Time in the Life of the Church

Phase Two: Seek Nominations for Members of the Search Team

Phase Three: Select the Search Team

Phase Four: Select a Leader and Ground Rules for the Team

Phase Five: Keep on Praying for Discernment over the Need and the Process

Phase Six: Discover Expectations (Staff, Parents, Volunteers, Students)

Phase Seven: Update the Job Description

Phase Eight: Evaluate the Budget, Salary and Benefits

Phase Nine: Review the Church Personnel Policies

Phase Ten: Gather Names But Don't Contact Them Yet

Phase Eleven: Prepare a Church Information Packet

Phase Twelve: Develop a Pre-Interview Questionnaire

Phase Thirteen: Now It is Time to Consider Resumes and Narrow the List

Phase Fourteen: Make Initial Contact and Begin Mailing the Questionnaires

Phase Fifteen: Narrow the List to One Candidate

Phase Sixteen: Prepare Interview Questions

Phase Seventeen: Conduct the First Interview

Phase Eighteen: Check References and Follow-up with the Candidate

Phase Nineteen: Conduct a Second Interview

Phase Twenty: Extend the Invitation to Come In View of a Call

Phase Twenty-One: Extend the Call

Phase Twenty-Two: Follow-up, Welcome and Evaluation

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PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in Feb. \$56,313.00
Feb. Expenses \$78,290.69

2024 Given \$147,028.64
2024 Expenses \$145,574.35

**Annie Armstrong
Offering** \$205.00



Looking ahead:



*April: Game Night-April 20th in StuB @
6:30pm (childcare provided)*

Thursday, March 21st
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



Senior Adults! Save The Date!

*The Annual Senior Adult Dinner
Will be Sunday, April 14th at 12:00 pm*



Shoebox Ministry

YES.....the Shoebox Sisters meet year 'round to prep gifts for the children. Last Friday, they added 2nd needles to the ball pumps and then secured the ball pumps in the fold of the deflated soccer balls and playground balls that had been donated. It's a big job when there are over 150 balls. Other weeks they create game kits or place soap in soap holders or toothbrushes in sanitary caps. Some women are continuously sewing dresses for the younger girls or pencil bags and backpacks for older kids. And always, the Christian fellowship is so much a part of the activity. Come join us every other Friday...

here's the calendar: March 8 and 22....Workshop

April 5 and 19.....Workshop

Some time in April, the group will pack over 300 shoeboxes for the Age 2-4 Children.

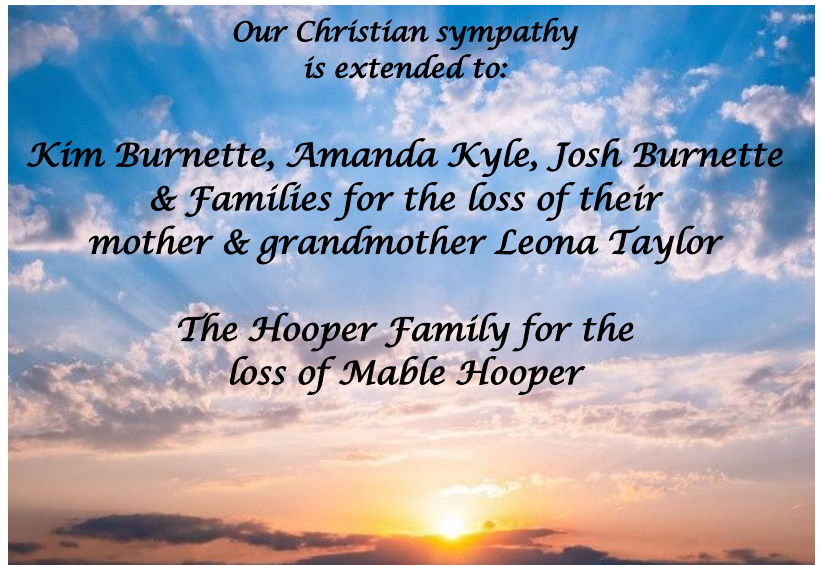
We'll keep you posted on that date.




*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:*

*Kim Burnette, Amanda Kyle, Josh Burnette
& Families for the loss of their
mother & grandmother Leona Taylor*

*The Hooper Family for the
loss of Mable Hooper*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1	2					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer						
Students CONNECT Night/6:00pm/StuB					Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm	Spring Break					
No Evening Gatherings		Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm -	No Evening Gatherings			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Students CONNECT Night/6:00pm/Steinle's				 WOW - Women of The Word/6:30 pm F. H.	Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					 Adult Choir Good Friday Service 7pm	
31 Sunrise Service						
						

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service.....8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15 - 10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:30 am
 Kid's Precept5:30pm
 Adult Choir6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting (WC).....6:00 pm
 AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm
 Life 122 (StuB).....6:15 pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
 Ladies Bible Study9:00 am
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm

He is not here; he has risen!...
 Luke 24:6-7





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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

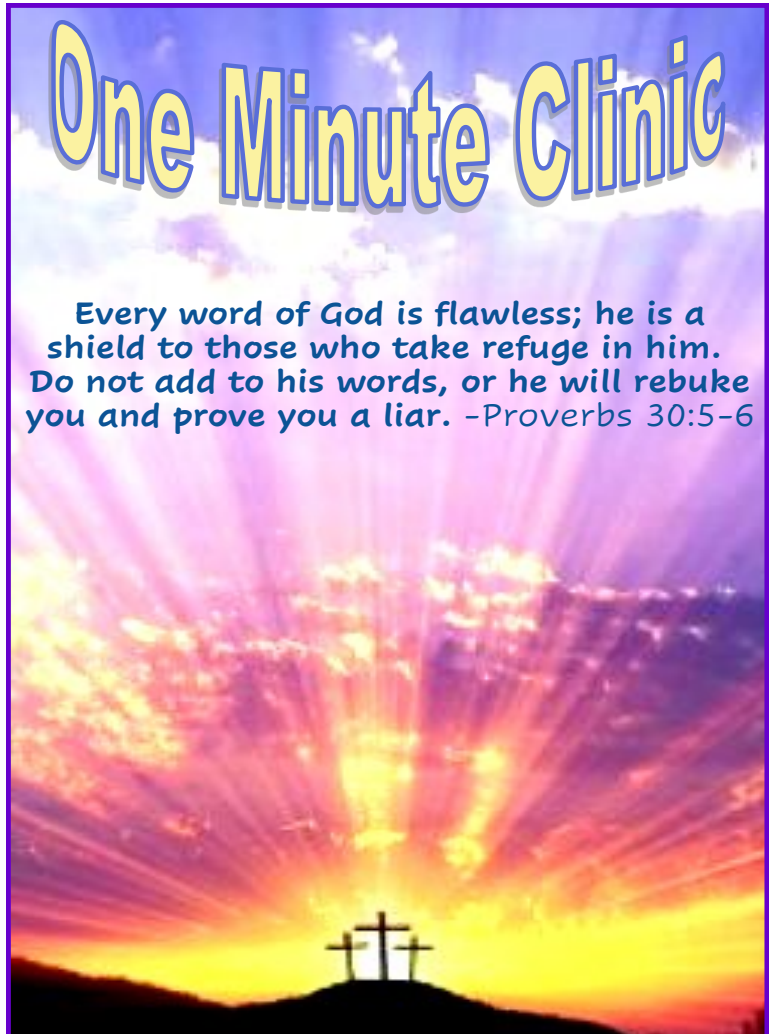


2nd	Joe Flowers
4th	Essie Gibson
5th	Torina Brewer, Jaxon Moseley
6th	Wilma Ledford, Kim Shay
7th	Ella Klepzig
8th	Yasmin Willis, Justin Martin
9th	Heather Gibson
10th	Amanda Kyle, Nora Willis, John Torchick
11th	Jordan Stanley
12th	Braeden Dye, Tommy Coleman, Josh Burnette, Curt Klepzig
13th	Bonita Lee
17th	Amy Ensley, Patrick Dye, Bobby Dye
20th	Robin Williams
21st	Suzanne Morris, Ron Williams
22nd	Steve Johnson
23rd	Kay Hammonds, Richard Stout
26th	Lindsey Simko
27th	Rory Cooke
28th	Lela Maddux, Brad Stanley, Dan Gilson
29th	Brittany Morgan
30th	Clarice Nation, Jakob Moore, Drew Strike
31st	Adelia Hall



One Minute Clinic

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. -Proverbs 30:5-6



PRAYER GUIDE // MARCH 2024

The Power of the Cross for Revival

The disciples didn't know true revival until they witnessed firsthand the power of the Cross of Christ revealed through the resurrection! Prior to the Cross, they were content to follow their Rabbi/Teacher as Jesus taught, performed miracles, and proved that He was the true Messiah.

They participated in Jesus' ministry by collecting fishes and loaves. They brought people to meet Him. They battled fear on the raging seas and demonstrated a bit of faith in crying out to Jesus for help. But the power of the gospel did not yet flow through them.

Then came the darkness of the Cross, two days of confusion and uncertainty—and the bursting forth of Jesus as the Overcomer of Death and the Giver of Hope. The Cross transformed them into devoted followers who healed the sick, raised the dead, and spread the gospel abroad. Revival overtook them as the Spirit breathed life, power, and hope into them!

This month we journey with Jesus toward His glorious resurrection. Let's join the disciples in living in the hope of revival through the power of the Cross.

1 The Cross of Jesus offers light in a culture darkened by sin and rebellion. We may witness evil seep into spheres of society, but we are not without hope! Pray that you will not be overwhelmed with discouragement, but instead embrace Jesus as the Overcomer (John 12:46).

2 Jesus boldly proclaims He is the light of the world - and the darkness simply cannot overtake Him. He defeated it at the Cross. Pray that believers will reflect the light of Christ to others, especially those who walk in darkness (John 8:12).

3 Praise God for the power of the Cross. Because of it, the glory of the Lord has risen upon us! We need not cower in fear or embrace the gloom of sin. Pray that your soul is revived and refreshed by the glorious presence of Christ (Isaiah 60:1).

4 Healing is a byproduct of the Cross. When we seek the Lord for the refreshing of our souls, He provides an abundance of prosperity and security. Pray for His reviving Spirit to heal you and instill hope for your future (Jeremiah 33:6).

5 When God revives us, we die to sin and live to righteousness. It is by Jesus' wounds that we are healed! Pray that you and your family will be restored by embracing the gift of the Cross (1 Peter 2:24).

6 The Cross brought clarity to Peter as he stood before the religious rulers. He now understood his one message: that salvation is found in no one else except Jesus! Pray that your soul is revived to this truth - and you, too, will know your mission to proclaim Christ (Acts 4:12).

7 Jesus' message as He launched His earthly ministry was clear and concise: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Repentance—turning to embrace new life filled with the glories of heaven—comes through the Cross. Pray for hearts in our nation to be inclined toward repentance, that we might be revived in hope (Matthew 4:17).

8 Repentance turns the heart toward Jesus and invites the cleansing work of Christ to wipe out sin. And joyfully, times of refreshing from the Lord are unleashed to those who surrender in faith and trust. Ask God to refresh His Church with His forgiveness granted through the Cross (Acts 3:19).

9 Confession of sin leads to forgiveness and cleansing of the soul that can only be accomplished through Jesus and the Cross. Pray for those closest to you—family and friends—to embrace the power of confession and forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

10 John the Baptist understood the power of repentance: "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." The Cross opened the floodgate for followers of Christ to produce expansive spiritual fruit. Pray that reviving repentance will characterize your church and lead to much Kingdom fruit (Matthew 3:8).

11 Praise God that He is rich in mercy! Through Jesus and the Cross, we are alive with transformed hearts and abundant living. Ask God to reveal His mercy to those walking in darkness so that they are awakened to hope in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5).

12 In God's great mercy, He gives us "new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Pray for the lost to be awakened to their desperate spiritual state—and for a new awareness of God's mercy toward them (1 Peter 1:3).

13 We live in hope because “mercy triumphs over judgment.” Pray for God’s mercy upon our nation—that our deserved judgment is replaced by an outpouring of His Spirit in revival and awakening (James 2:13).

14 Because of the Cross, we can approach God’s throne of grace with confidence and receive mercy in our time of need. Pray for people across our nation recognize our desperate need. Call upon God for His mercy through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4:14-16).

15 God does not stay angry forever but delights to show mercy. He pardons and forgives those who seek Him. As a nation, we are undeserving of His mercy. But because of the Cross, we have hope! Pray that the leadership of our nation turns to God with humble hearts and seeks His mercy (Micah 7:18-19).

16 God’s presence is revealed to us through the power of the Cross. In His presence, there is great joy. Pray for a revival of joy in your heart and in your family because you welcome the presence of God, which results in eternal pleasures! (Psalm 16:11).

17 God’s presence is ushered in because of the Cross. When we trust in Jesus, we are assured that we need not fear because God will neither “leave us nor forsake” us. Pray that your church serves as the dwelling place of God in your community—with revived confidence to be immersed in a lost world. (Deuteronomy 31:6).

18 God declares that He will be exalted among the nations of the earth! Pray for the lost in our nation to recognize the one true God and seek Him through the Cross. Ask God to revive our nation with the glory of His presence (Psalm 46:10).

19 We live in a dry and weary land. Our only hope for revival is the watering of the soul through God’s healing presence. Pray for people to recognize how thirsty and parched they are without the hope of the Cross. Invite God to flood our land with His presence (Psalm 63:1-3).

20 Jesus declared that He will be with us “always, to the very end of the age.” The Cross assures us death is defeated and hope is alive! Pray for your community to know the love of Christ demonstrated through your church—and that the lost will be awakened to their need for Jesus (Matthew 28:20).

21 The Spirit gives us boldness to proclaim the power of the Cross. When Peter and John’s accusers witnessed their courage under fire, they were astonished and acknowledged these “ordinary” men had been with Jesus. Pray that those around you will have no doubt that you know Jesus (Acts 4:13).

22 The Holy Spirit gives us the boldness to “fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.” Pray that you will

confidently proclaim the message of the Cross whenever you have opportunity to testify of Jesus (Ephesians 6:19).

23 Even while in Roman custody, Paul “proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!” Paul’s heart was revived with the hope of the Cross and his mission was undeterred. Pray that believers will proclaim the gospel without hesitation (Acts 28:31).

24 Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy, the waving of palm branches, and shouts of “Hosanna!” On this Palm Sunday, rejoice that Jesus is the hope and salvation for all who receive Him. Pray for the triumphal welcome of Jesus into your own community (John 12:13).

25 As Jesus got closer to the Mount of Olives, the crowd joyfully praised God for the miracles they had witnessed. Pray for such a reviving, refreshing work in your community that the people cannot stay silent! Pray for miracles of surrender to the gospel and healing of broken lives (Luke 19:37).

26 Jesus continues His journey toward the Cross. Followers of Jesus can stand strong and let their hearts take courage because revival and spiritual awakening are embodied in Jesus’ willingness to confront death head-on. Praise Jesus that He makes all things new (Psalm 31:24).

27 Praise God that He gives us victory over the sin and the sting of death through our Lord Jesus Christ! Pray for opportunities to proclaim hope over death to those around you—that they might awaken to Christ (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

28 Jesus’ blood poured out for us represents the ultimate sacrifice in the new covenant between God and man. Praise God that because of Jesus and the Cross, we live in a revived and restored relationship with our Father (Luke 22:20).

29 On this Good Friday, Jesus’ journey to the Cross culminates in being pierced and crushed for our sins. Darkness reigns and boasts victory. Yet, it is by Jesus’ wounds that we are healed! Give thanks for the Cross that shatters the darkness (Isaiah 53:5).

30 Jesus prepared His disciples by telling them exactly what would happen: “They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” Pray as you wait for it. No matter how dark it seems, Jesus will rise and revive us to live forever in the power of the Cross (Mark 9:31).

31 Hallelujah, the glory of Christ breaks through with the dawn of Easter morning! Jesus has swallowed up death forever and wiped away the tears from all faces. Pray for the power of the resurrection to sweep our nation with a Great Awakening to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord! (Isaiah 25:8).