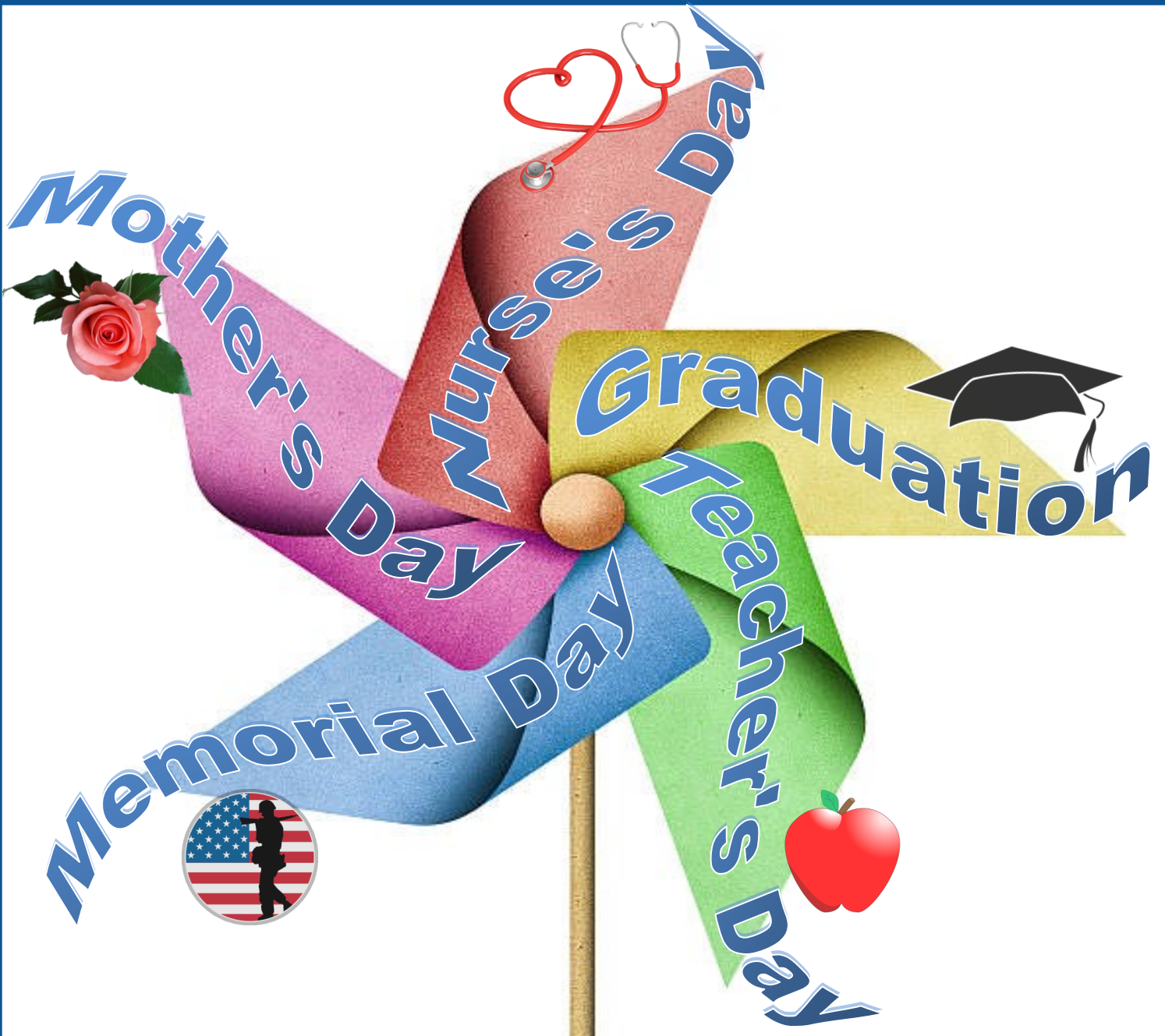




# the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

**May 2021**



And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,  
for those who are called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28 ESV



## Dedication

PARENT CHILD CHURCH Dedication service will be Mother's Day, May 9 during the 10:30 am service. Please contact Christy Johns for more information. The deadline to sign up is May 3rd.

## Nursery

NURSERY: We are happy to be able to serve families and children of preschool age this summer! Please contact Karen Bryson or Christy Johns to be part of a once a month rotation in the nursery. Lots of snuggles, love, smiles and snacks.



Thank you church family for all the support and flexibility you offered us with AWANA this year. Stops and starts, tents and buildings, schedule changes and more. YOU were faithful in prayers and encouragement and we give God all the glory for the Word He has hidden in each child's heart.

## C4

c4 Children's Church finished strong with an Annie Armstrong Picnic! We also completed a study in the book of Nehemiah, God's Word changes lives... we will return to C4 in August with Promotion Sunday. Children are welcome in the 8 and 10:30 am church service each week...worship activity bulletins will be available on request in the Children's building each week to help kids follow along with Pastor Stan and Jonathan.

## This Summer!

CELEBRATING CHRIST in the FEASTS: Wednesdays starting June 2 for K-6th grades from 6-7:30 pm. We will open with choir in the Treehouse then begin our study with Pentacost and some feasting! Sign up today with Jenny Steinle or Christy Johns



RESERVE your BACKYARD VBS Roar! kit for 2021...its free and packed with curriculum, schedule, craft supplies, and music to make outreach to your neighborhood as affective as possible. If you would like to schedule our VBS traveling team to come and help you with some or all the details, see Sharon Magee, Jackie Coleman or Christy Johns...



ZOOFARI FAMILY FESTIVAL...June 26th 11-2 pm on campus! This is like a summer trunk r treat style outreach, only we are supplying the theme, games, crafts, meal and music. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to host an area with your friends, family or small group. We need a Safari Welcome Team to register, a Snapshot Team to take some pictures we can give as gifts for follow up. More places to serve... see Sharon or Christy or Jackie for more info.

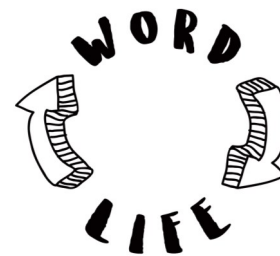
Thank you! Those words are not enough to express my gratitude for the church allowing me a sabbatical this year. While I still have two weeks more to take this fall, the weeks in April were well timed and beneficial. I took my time to study leadership development and how we can be more effective as a church in developing leaders from the people that God has given us at CCBC. Leadership has always been a passion of mine, and this time fanned the flame of that passion, and I cannot wait to get back to work at investing in the next generation leaders.

This month we will be taking time to honor our graduates and the hard work and discipline that it took to get there. I believe this is an important part of being a church family by celebrating accomplishments and taking time to develop spiritual markers that cause us to recall the faithfulness of God. Please join me in praying for these graduates and committing to discipling them in their next phase of life.

On Sunday mornings, the students will be joining the church wide focus of Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out. On top of that, we are holding each other accountable to abide at least one time each week in our common text using bible study methods taught on Wednesday nights in April. On Wednesday nights, we will focus on the book of Titus and Living Wisely in an Unwise World. Our students are being challenged by our culture each and every day of their lives. We will be focused on how to stand upon God's Word and walk wisely when the world does not stand for truth. Please pray for our students and the next generations of believers to stand for the truth of God's Word that does not change.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



**Sunday, May 2nd-Early Bird Deadline for Camp Cherokee to pay \$185 (\$215 afterwards)**

**Wednesday, May 12th-Baccalaureate Service in Worship Center @6PM (NO LIFE 122 THAT NIGHT)**

**Sunday, May 16th-Graduation Sunday and Lunch following the 10:30am service.**

**Sunday, May 23rd-Connect Night @6pm**



# CCA epistola



*“Wisdom involves two elements: one, gaining insight into the way of things...and two, learning to shape our lives in conformity with this objective order.”*

## Upcoming Dates

May 3-7 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 20, 21, 24, 25 - Final Exams (Upper School)

May 23 - Year End Celebration & Kindergarten Graduation

June 1 - All Fees are due

August 6 - Family Orientation

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

## Reading for Wisdom

*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. — Proverbs 4:7*

Ancient cultures had a special wisdom literature, such as Proverbs or Ecclesiastes in the Bible, a literature which gives direct, sage counsel. To a great extent, however, all of ancient and medieval literature counts as wisdom literature. The authors understood themselves to be passing on wisdom to their readers, whether they wrote poetry or philosophical dialogues, and readers sought out literature as a principal means of becoming wise. Certainly, the joy of a story beautifully told or the delight in syllables ingeniously intertwined played a role as well, but these things were secondary to the aims of masters like Homer or Dante. Contemporary education has lost this pursuit of wisdom through reading, and when schools read someone like Homer at all, he frequently becomes mere history. Wisdom involves two elements: one, gaining insight into the way of things (that is, into the objective structure of reality or what the Greeks would call the *logos*) and two, learning to shape our lives in conformity with this objective order.

Our ancestors understood that we inhabit a universe with real patterns and laws that all work together to form a whole, an order which could be discovered by the observant but could never be invented. In our own culture, we have limited this discoverable order to the purely mechanical operations of physical science, but our ancestors understood that life and morality, beauty and spirit occupy the same universe as rocks, rivers, and sky, and that all alike are subject to a pattern. In his masterpiece, *The Abolition of Man*, C. S. Lewis describes the way that ancient cultures the world over all noticed this way of things and sought to inculcate it through their literature. Borrowing a term from Chinese philosophy, Lewis calls this way of things the Tao, usually translated simply as “the Way.”

We can see an example of this expressed in the fourth commandment: “Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” Because it was created by God, the universe works in such a way that when children honor their parents it goes well with them. This pattern in the fabric of the world is so obvious that nearly all cultures have recognized it. Our own culture may scoff, but we can no more change this pattern than we can change the law of gravity.



Many parents in the world of classical education are anxious that their children pull all the facts from the literature they read. We may call this “reading for knowledge” rather than “reading for wisdom,” and we should recognize right away that reading for knowledge is not a bad thing. We dutifully have our children read Caesar, and part of the use of this is that they learn certain facts of history (how the Roman army, the Senate, and the government of the provinces functioned, for example). They read all this in Latin, and we are right to drill the knowledge of vocabulary, case, mood, and tense. Facts like these, along with names and dates, are the kind of thing one can put on flashcards—and you had better have those flashcards. Classical education spends a great deal of time and energy on reading for knowledge like this because we hope that our children will accumulate a body of canonical knowledge. Without this body of knowledge they will not have the keys to unlock that great treasury of wisdom that is the Western canon.

If we teach our children only how to read for knowledge, however, we will justly receive the complaint that the work is boring and there is no point. (They’ll probably complain no matter what, but we can do something about the justice of it.) This means that as our students read we must walk with them through the text, helping them to see the world beyond it, identifying moments of insight into the laws of virtue, the patterns of good and bad relationships, the structures of temptation, or the ways that cities and peoples come to ruin. We can find this wisdom in any text of the Western canon, even when we read fiction or poetry—even (perhaps most of all) when we read fairy tales.

We may contrast reading for wisdom with the more prevalent method that is taught in many schools. There, the objective of most discussions is to achieve something called “critical thinking” about what the students have just read. By telling students to think critically about a piece of

writing, they are really being asked, for example, to identify any bits of evidence in the text of historical oppression along the axes of gender, race, or class.

If the instruction has a slightly more philosophical bent, the directive to think critically will focus on the “deconstruction” of the students’ worldview, what Lewis calls “seeing through” or “debunking.” Students are taught to read the text to simply hunt for points where the text either reflects or challenges their worldview. If the point in the text reflects, the students are invited to critique the author; if it challenges, to admire.

What these students are never taught to ask is whether anything they read is true. As we read for wisdom, there may well be something like the deconstruction which is so admired in progressive pedagogy, but the point is never deconstruction for deconstruction’s sake. The point is the pursuit of wisdom. From Virgil, for instance, we may discover a profound insight into the real nature of things, into what it means to have a call placed upon one’s life and to labor long without seeing the fruit of that call. This insight, because it is true, because it reflects something about the way of things, breaks into our petty self-contentment and exposes to us a bigger, deadlier—though more beautiful—world, a world which was there all along, although we needed a Virgil to teach us how to see this side of it.

*by: Dr. Dan Sheffler professor of philosophy with Memoria College*

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## **PRAISE THE LORD!**

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<b>Expenses in April</b>	<b>\$61,964.40</b>
<b>Given 2021 YTD</b>	<b>\$257,405.84</b>
<b>Expenses 2021 YTD</b>	<b>\$232,514.24</b>
<b>Annie Armstrong</b>	<b>\$9,802.00</b>

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021



Thursday  
May 6th @ 11AM  
First Baptist  
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LOVE, LIFE, AND  
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2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

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### **Shoebox Sisters:**

There are several things you may not have realized about the Shoebox Sisters:

- They meet every other Friday in the mornings
- Not all of us can spend money but we do spend our time unwrapping, organizing, or creating packets or dresses
- The Christian fellowship is precious
- Our May meeting dates are May 7th and May 21st

If you have questions, call Jean at 423.614.0273.



*Ladies Acts 2:42 Gathering May 22nd - 10am*

Annette Tweed's River House  
916 Eads Bluff Rd. Georgetown



*Our Christian sympathy is extended to:*

*LeAnne Shean & Family for  
the loss of her  
Mother Sue Parker*

*Dale & Sabel Hooper & Family for  
the loss of their  
Son Rusty Dailey*

**Monday Night Community Group:**  
Looking for Christian fellowship that loves to explore the Bible and apply its New Testament principles to life---join our Monday night study as we start looking at Paul's letter to the Colossae church. We enjoy fellowship time from 6:30 to 7 and then start looking at the Scripture at 7:00. For more information, contact the church office.

Dear **PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**,

We always want to start with Scripture so that we are **ACTING ON God's Word**. 1 Peter 2:9 says, But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may **proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**. This is a key verse for our church body and Candies Creek Academy in particular. We are the **"royals"** acknowledging that **we are children of the King and set apart to live out His marching orders**.

We are investing in you by providing a resource, **Sharing Jesus Without Freaking Out** (2nd Edition), to increase conversations with one another as Christ's body **so that we increase conversations with the lost**. We are convicted that this will be a useful and valuable tool for you in 2021 as a springboard for **"Natural Gospel Conversations"** as a lifestyle for life.

"What if talking about your faith felt as natural as discussing your family, your work, or your hobbies? **Evangelism doesn't have to be uncomfortable**. You're under no pressure to prove anything. It really just amounts to having a conversation, and almost any context provides the opportunity for evangelism. You can spot these opportunities when you listen, because people talk about what's important to them. So think of evangelism as building a relationship with someone and intentionally planning to share Jesus as a part of everyday living" (from the back cover of the book).

If we...  
Know and Trust the Gospel  
Know and Love God  
Know and Love Others  
Know and Love Those who are Lost,  
THEN WE WILL **PROCLAIM CHRIST**.

Being Equipped and Equipping Others,  
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**

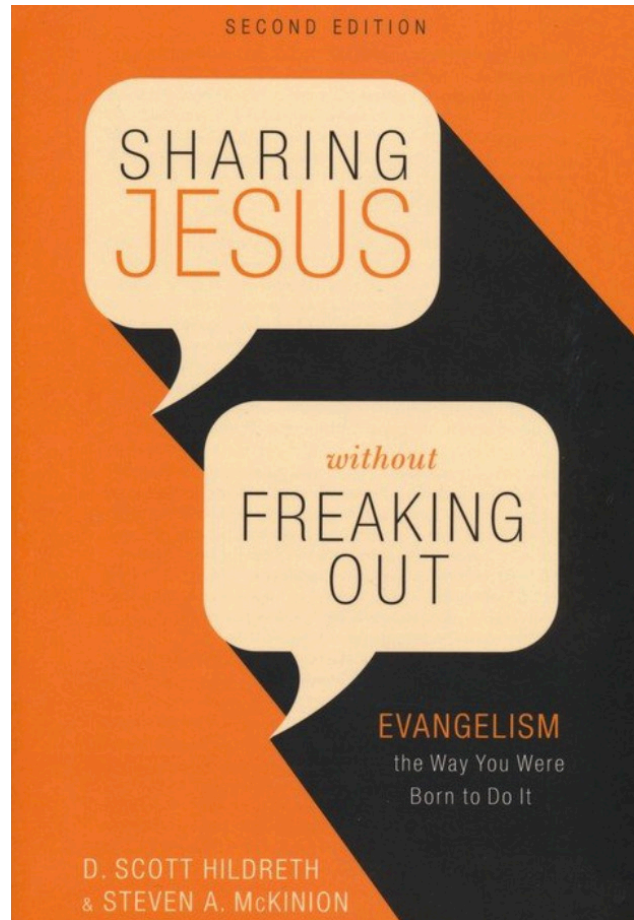
Principle: People are already interested in what is best for them,  
the gospel is best for all people.

**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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Senior Adult Sunday</b> <b>Lunch After 10:30</b> <b>Service</b> <hr/> <b>Membership 101</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	3	4 <b>National Teachers Day!</b> <hr/> <b>Cleveland</b> <b>Emergency Shelter</b> <b>Meal Night - 5:45 pm</b> <b>Youth Leaders</b>	5	6 <b>National Nurses Day!</b> <hr/> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> <b>FBC 11:00 am</b>	7 <b>Shoebox Ministry</b> <b>9:30 am</b>	8
9 <b>Child Dedication</b> <b>10:30 am Service</b> 	10	11	12  <b>Walker Valley HS</b> <b>Baccalaureate</b> <b>6:00pm WC</b>	13	14	15
16 <b>Graduate Sunday</b> <b>&amp; Lunch</b> <hr/> <b>Membership 101</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Shoebox Ministry</b> <b>9:30 am</b>	22 <b>Ladies Acts 2:42</b> <b>Gathering</b> <b>10:00 am -</b> 
23  <b>CCA Kindergarten</b> <b>Graduation &amp;</b> <b>Year End Celebration</b>	24	25	26  <b>Bike Rodeo</b>	27	28	29
30	31 <b>Memorial Day</b> 					

**SUNDAYS**

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**THURSDAYS**

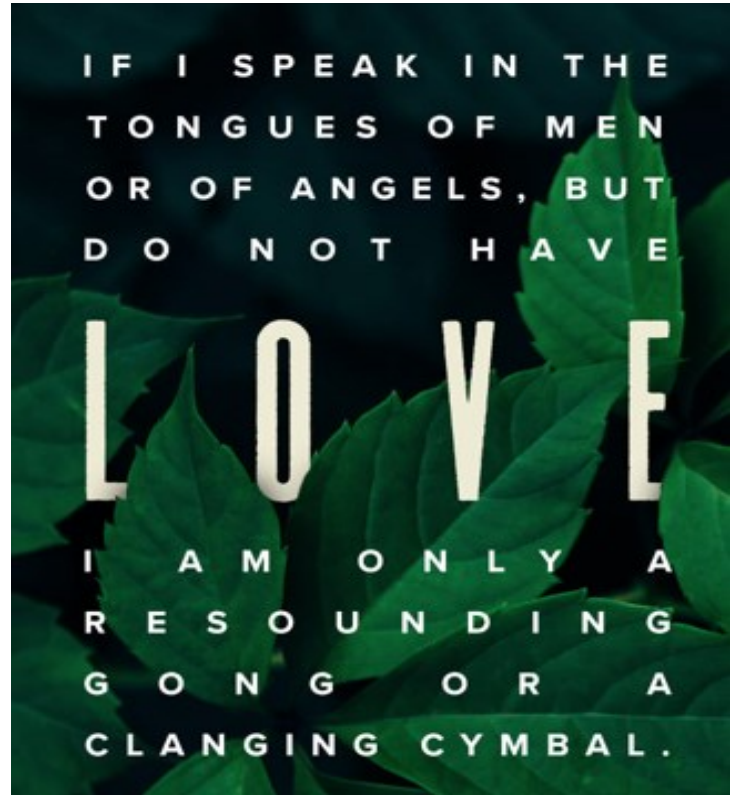
Men's Prayer Meeting .....6:30am  
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:00am





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**CHARLESTON, TN 37310**

**Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor**  
**Jonathan Kyle, Co-Pastor & Student Pastor**  
**Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Becky Atchley
2nd	Jenna Gibson, Stephanie West, Craig Winsor, Pete Matson, H.A. Clark
3rd	Richard Kerley
5th	Carter Ensley, Lukas Hall, Skylar Kelley, Freddie Bryson, Gene Crisp
7th	Peggy Branham, Josh Shamblin
8th	Keller Vaughn
9th	Haley Leggett Derrick
10th	Jason Kirkendall
11th	Kaylee Payne
12th	Jackson Mount
13th	Tyler Woulfe
14th	Lauren Jolley, Jimmy Simmons
17th	Addison Brenizer, Anna Claire Klepzig, Felicia McAlister, Brendon Gates
18th	Karen Hall , Matt Simko
19th	Patricia Scroggins, Ethan Winsor
20th	Tawnya Hicks
21st	Caleb Olmstead
22nd	Corinne Winsor, Jacqueline Rush
23rd	Jonathan Vest
25th	Toni Goodwin
26th	Shawna Elmer
27th	Schalles Green, Nicky Burnette
31st	Riley Black, Allen Wattenbarger



## One Minute Clinic

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 NIV

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

1 Corinthians 13:10-13 NIV

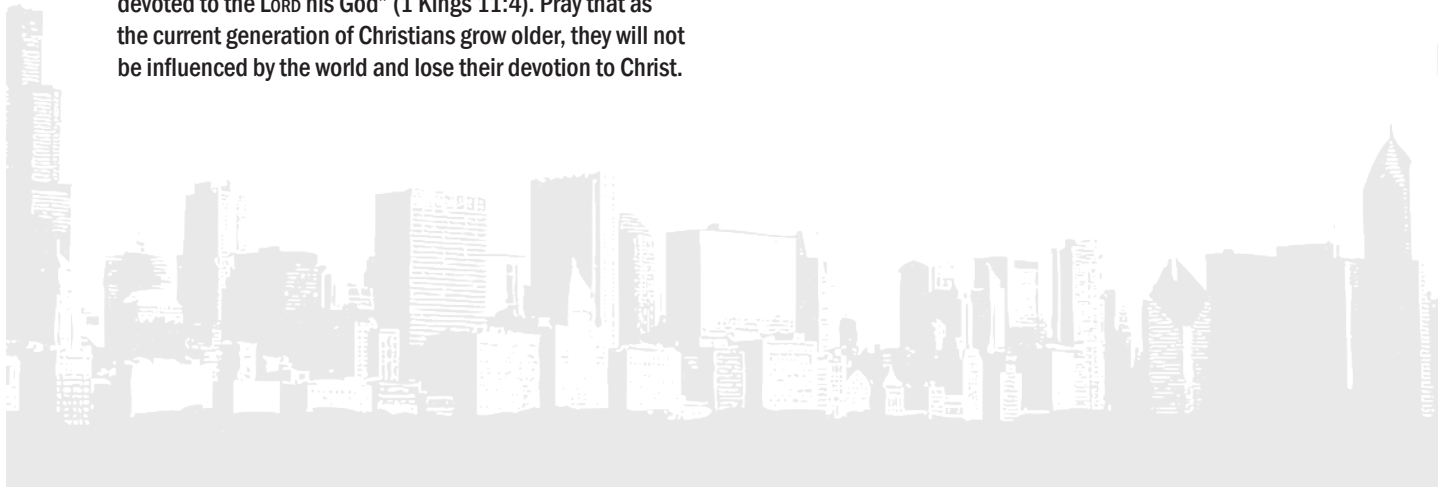
but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



## CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit (Psalm 51:10-12 NASB).

- 1 Pray that Christians the world over will present themselves to God, trusting Him to truly create within them a clean heart (Psalm 51:10).
- 2 Pray that your church family will continually long for the manifest presence of God and will unashamedly cry out to God, asking Him to fill every person in your congregation with the fullness of His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).
- 3 As hearts are revived and sense afresh the manifest presence of God, the joy of salvation is restored. Pray that God will send the kind of revival where Christians once again are excited about sharing the gospel, and the lost are eager to meet Jesus (Psalm 51:12).
- 4 It is impossible to experience clean hearts if we are harboring sin and remaining unrepentant. Pray that the members of your church will be quick to acknowledge their sins before the Lord and forsake what displeases Him (Psalm 32:5).
- 5 Greed can quickly take root in the heart. Pray that Christians in your community will not be lovers of money, but will work to lay up treasures in heaven (2 Timothy 3:2).
- 6 In Matthew 6:14 Jesus connects our willingness to forgive others with God's willingness to forgive us. In order for Christians in your church family to experience the joy of being forgiven, pray that no one who has been hurt by another will harbor bitterness or resentment in their heart.
- 7 During his old age, Solomon allowed his foreign wives to influence him to the point that "his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God" (1 Kings 11:4). Pray that as the current generation of Christians grow older, they will not be influenced by the world and lose their devotion to Christ.
- 8 King David and his people rejoiced as they gave willingly for the construction of the temple. The Bible describes their hearts as wholly devoted to God (1 Chronicles 29:9). Pray that believers will experience joy as they wholeheartedly give toward God's redemptive work.
- 9 Since God often tries our hearts and is delighted when He finds uprightness, pray that Christians will pass God's tests by living honestly and honorably before Him and each other (1 Chronicles 29:17).
- 10 King Jehoshaphat was commended by the spiritual leaders of his day when, after setting his heart to seek God, he removed the Asheroth (idols) from the land (2 Chronicles 19:3). Pray that we will eagerly, publicly stand against and remove the wicked influences affecting this generation.
- 11 Knowing that God is gracious in taking care of His children, pray that our hearts will in turn be committed to seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).
- 12 Since Jesus told us to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:19), pray that the church will make a renewed commitment from the heart to do this very thing.
- 13 According to John 13:35, the *agape* type of love we share with one another will identify us as genuine followers of Christ. Pray that selfless love will flow from hearts wherever the body of Christ is gathered.
- 14 Knowing in our hearts that our salvation has been bought at a very great price, pray that we will glorify God with our bodies and with everything we do and say (1 Corinthians 6:20).



- 15** Jesus said it's the things that come out of our hearts—evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders—that defile us (Matthew 15:19). Pray that as we submit ourselves to Him, we will experience a heart change that eliminates these sins from our lives.
- 16** The psalmist said that he had sought God with all his heart (Psalm 119:10). Pray today that all across our land, Christians will rise up to passionately seek God with everything that is in us.
- 17** People with proud hearts are often tempted to lie in order to cover up personal failures. Pray that your church family will have humble hearts and will not lie to each other, since we have “laid aside the old self with its evil practices” (Colossians 3:9).
- 18** Pray today that believers in your community will “flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22).
- 19** Since God gives much grace to those who have humble hearts, pray that we will completely lay down selfish pride and every self-exalting attitude that stands in opposition to our developing humility and the mind of Christ (James 4:6).
- 20** God is good to those who are pure in heart (Psalm 73:1). Pray that we will be committed like never before to walk in God's righteousness and the purity that comes from oneness with Him.
- 21** In Psalm 78:18, the Hebrew people were described as putting God to the test by selfishly asking for meat while they were in the wilderness. Realizing that God has given us much, pray that our hearts will be protected from making selfish requests of God or speaking evil of His graciousness.
- 22** Pray that God will teach us to number our days so that we may be able to present to Him hearts of wisdom (Psalm 90:12).
- 23** In Psalm 139:23-24, David cried, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me.” Pray that within your church, hearts will be just as open to the convicting and cleansing scrutiny of God's Holy Spirit.
- 24** Treasuring God's Word in our hearts is a key element to finding victory over sin (Psalm 119:11). Pray that Christians the world over will make a new commitment to read, meditate on, and memorize God's Word, doing everything necessary to truly hide it in our hearts.
- 25** Pray for the members of your church family to use their time wisely. Knowing that the days are evil, let us pray diligently that we will make every moment count in serving Christ and living for Him (Ephesians 5:16).
- 26** God makes it abundantly clear in Scripture that everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Him (Proverbs 16:5). Let's pray again today that God will deliver His body from pride, the great enemy of our heart's devotion to God.
- 27** Since “foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child,” pray for parents to have wisdom in knowing how to discipline their children. Also pray that the children of this generation will have their hearts set free from the foolish things of the world (Proverbs 22:15).
- 28** Jesus was often grieved at the hardness he saw in the hearts of the Pharisees (Mark 3:5). Pray that God will send the kind of revival that will soften the hearts of those who have become hardened to His Word and to the authentic movements of His Spirit.
- 29** Within the context of what has come to be known as the First Great Commandment, we are exhorted to love the Lord with all our heart (Mark 12:30). Let's pray today that the church will fall in love with Jesus again and that our love for Him will fill and consume our hearts.
- 30** “Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus” is a truth that greatly helps us to not lose heart during these difficult days (2 Corinthians 4:14). Pray that Christians everywhere will learn to keep our eyes focused on the resurrected Jesus.
- 31** When Jesus was headed to the cross, He told His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled (John 14:1). The solution for their anxiousness about the future was for them to believe in Him just like they had believed in the Father. Pray that our belief in the Person, words, and teachings of Jesus will rise to new heights and that we will walk with Him and not have anxious hearts.