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a river of hope in a thirsty land

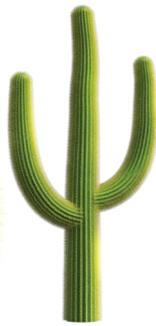


IDENTITY

CAMP CHEROKEE 2022

JUNE 4 - 9

May 2022



Parent Child Church Dedication

May 8th in the 10:30 am worship service. Contact Christy Johns if your family would like to be a part of this service or if you have questions!!
cjohns1269@gmail.com 423-790-2674

We praise God for the AWANA Verse-A-Thon results from Candies Creek...Thank you church, here is what God is doing with your commitment.

675 verses recited in one night

\$2,893 dollars raised from your pledges

289 children in Bangladesh sponsored for one year of AWANA

Our club averages 75-85 kids per night (119 enrolled)
The Lord provided enough for a club in Bangladesh almost four times the size of our own!



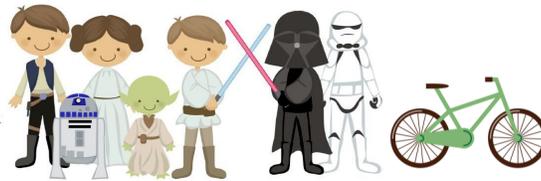
Summer Wednesdays!

Psalms and Psongs this summer
June and July on Wednesday evenings
6 pm - 7:15 pm ish. Meal provided.
K-6th grades!
PreK (welcome with a parent attending)



Bike Rodeo Wednesday May 4th - 6:00 pm

...bring your bike, helmet and dress like Star Wars as we ride our bikes in the parking lot by the children's building. PreK-6th grades are welcome. Parents may park in the gravel, bring a lawn chair and fellowship. There will be directional arrows to keep kids in the same direction! RSVP Christy Johns 423-790-2674 or cjohns1269@gmail.com

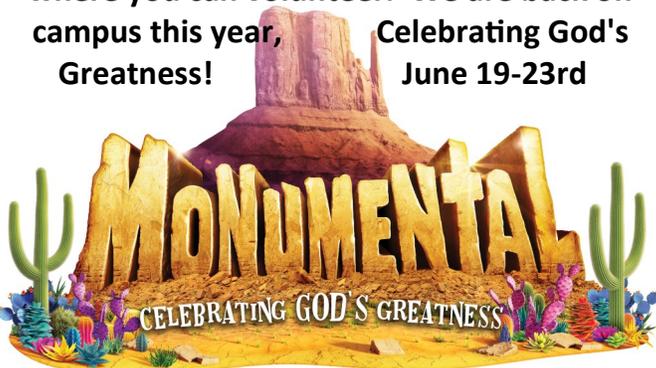


Children's Church

Big thanks to our Children's Church volunteers this year and their love of God's Word and willingness to lead small groups every week! We will return in August with new themes and Bible stories.

VBS Interest!

MONUMENTAL VBS meeting May 1st
Drop by during the Sunday School hour or from 12-1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy the snacks, theme, decorations and see where you can volunteer. We are back on campus this year, Celebrating God's Greatness!
June 19-23rd



Nursery!

We have had one complete rotation of our six week nursery schedule! Thanks to all who have volunteered. We have a few remaining places in week 6 rotation and are looking forward to this summer with one service! If you are a church member and/or parent of preschoolers and are able to serve please contact Karen Bryson or Christy Johns.

Children's Sunday School!

Sunday School Promotion: Your child will remain in their current class this summer and "graduate" up on August 7th! We will have need of adults/couples/friends in the following classes for 2022-2023: 2 yr old class 2 adults; 4 yr old class assistant, 2nd grade assistant, 4th grade assistant.

Another year of school has come and gone and now it is time to celebrate all of the accomplishments of the year. As normal, we will honor our graduates from both high school and higher education. While graduation may not be a biblical event, I do see in the Scriptures the significance of celebrating milestones in our lives such as the feast in the Old Testament. Like the feasts were intended to remind those celebrating of the faithfulness of God, ("All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" Leviticus 23:42b-43), so should we commemorate moments in our lives to celebrate the faithfulness of God to bring us to points of achievement. Graduates, take time this month to reflect upon the faithfulness of God to provide for you through family, teachers, friends, and His amazing grace in order to reach this milestone in your life. Likewise Christian, take moments in your life to celebrate accomplishments and reflect upon the goodness and faithfulness of God.

As summer approaches, so does all of the perennial events of the student ministry. These are events that require a lot of help, and they provide a great opportunity for a person to learn the ins and outs of ministry. Therefore, Ben Vest has accepted an invitation given to him in order to be my Student Ministry intern for the summer. Ben has been a faithful student in the student ministry from 7th grade till now his freshman year. He has been serving in leadership capacities while a student such as our student leadership development team (STIRR Team) and a mix of adults and students leadership team called the "Dream Team." On multiple occasions Ben has preached in my absence and provided leadership in other teaching areas. While Ben does not aspire to full time ministry, he has demonstrated the characteristics of both an elder and deacon as prescribed in 1 Timothy 3. Therefore, he will be a faithful servant in the church for the entirety of his life even if ministry is not a full time vocation. It is the responsibility of the church to equip young men with whom we see the gifting of the Holy Spirit on them in regards to these offices in the church. Please pray along with me for him as he is stretched and challenged throughout this summer in the area of ministry.



Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle

Sunday, May 8th-Early Bird Deadline for Camp

for the cost of \$185

Wednesday, May 11th-WVHS Baccalaureate Service

(@WVHS) Life 122 will still meet in StuB @6:15pm

Sunday, May 15th-Graduation Sunday and Lunch

following second service.

Wednesday, May 18th-Atlanta Mission Trip Interest Meeting

@7:30pm

Wednesday, June 1st-Mandatory Parent Meeting

for Camp @6pm in StuB.

Camp Cherokee

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June

4-9



CCA epistola



“Careful thinking begins by arranging data within a moral framework to determine what is true, making a judgment possible to create a harmonious solution.”

Upcoming Dates

May 2-6th – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6th – Nations Projects Due

May 13th – Last Day for Royal Masters

May 20 – Kindergarten Graduation & Year End Celebration

May 19-25 – Upper School Final Exams

May 25 – Final Day of School

The Careful & Creative Thinker

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

In February’s newsletter, CCA laid out its vision for the ideal graduate:

“It is the goal of the faculty and staff at Candies Creek Academy (CCA) to partner with parents to produce ideal graduates who are 1) committed to Christ; 2) critical thinkers; 3) confident communicators; and 4) citizens of virtue.”

This month we are turning our attention to “critical thinkers.”

The term “critical thinkers” sounds good, but I assume most of us would fail at adequately defining it. After researching the term in preparation for this article and using some of my own “critical thinking,” I believe it will serve CCA better to steer clear of this amorphous term for another that is more specific and carries less baggage. “Critical thinking” is not only a nebulous concept, it was popularized by the progressive humanist educator John Dewey (1859-1952), who also called it by the name “reflective thinking.”

Classical education largely stands in opposition to the educational reforms of John Dewey, who argued that “reflective thinking” is

“active, persistent and careful consideration of any belief or supposed form of knowledge in the light of the grounds that support it, and the further conclusions to which it tends.”¹

This definition supports his philosophy of naturalism. Naturalism suggests that the avenue to truth is exclusively by way of scientific, empirical facts. Classical Christian educators, meanwhile, believe humans are made in the image of God and students’ thinking cannot be reduced to repeated exercises of scientific inquiry. Therefore, “careful and creative thinker” is a better description of our ideal graduate at CCA.

¹ Dewey, John, 1910, *How We Think*, Boston: D.C. Heath. [Dewey 1910 available online]

Thinking starts when we are presented with a problem or identify discord. Socrates (470-399BC) has been quoted as saying, “Great is the power of contradiction,” implying that contradiction is the power that stimulates thought. So what is meant by producing students who are “careful and creative thinkers?”

Careful thinking begins by arranging data within a moral framework to determine what is true, making a judgment possible to create a harmonious solution.

This may sound simple and straight forward. But we know real world problems do not always fit into easy-to-define categories. This is where creative thinking needs to begin by assessing the problem or discord from various vantage points to find workable solutions.

A simple three-step process of thought — from careful thinking to creative thinking and back to careful thinking should be used until a true, harmonious, and workable solution is provided. We must ask: Is it true? Is there harmony?, Is it workable? If not, then the three-step process must be repeated.

In a world awash with moral, physical, social, and technological disunity, there is no lack for the need to think carefully and creatively through issues, seeking that in every thing God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:11).

To conclude, we now see our ideal graduate slightly different than when we began. It is the goal of the faculty and staff at Candies Creek Academy (CCA) to partner with parents to produce ideal graduates who are 1) committed to Christ; 2) careful and creative learners; 3) confident communicators; and 4) citizens of virtue.

We invite you to join us in our efforts to produce graduates who will think carefully and creatively by praying for and giving to CCA. We need prayer leaders who are willing to guide prayer teams that deliver thanksgiving and requests to God regarding the Academy.

Additionally, we need givers who can commit to a regular, consistent time to help students and staff, as well as those who can help provide for the school’s financial needs.

In the days ahead, we plan to emphasize our Dana Work Scholarship fund. This scholarship fund is specifically designed to help families and students who demonstrate a financial need. We always have more requests for aid than we are able to meet. So, would you consider giving to the good and just cause in preparing future generations to be committed to Christ, careful and creative thinkers, confident communicators, and citizens of virtue?

CCA is making a difference in families and students everyday. But just like the farmer who sows his seed, waters it faithfully, and patiently depends on God, he does not see the harvest for months. Likewise, we will not see some fruit for many years to come, and only eternity will reveal the full harvest.

Consider today linking arms with us through praying, volunteering, and giving. Your support is crucial to the soon coming harvest.

Thinking,
Pastor Dave

Worship Pastor Sammy Parris and Family



(L-R) Sammy Missy Samuel Stephen Josiah Sara Jacob Katie Morgan
(not picture Morgan's husband Trey)

Psalm 95 (1-6)

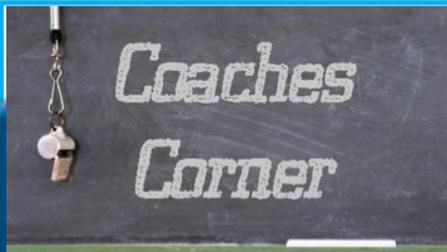
***O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord,
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with [a]thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him with [b]psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
And a great King above all gods,
In whose hand are the depths of the earth,
The peaks of the mountains are His also.
The sea is His, for it was He who made it,
And His hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker***

***The Psalmist reminds us in this passage of our great King and Lord. The "Rock Of Our Salvation".
It reminds us to sing and shout joyfully in His presence because of all His mighty works.***

***I am thrilled to be leading the choir as we sing "Through The Fire" on May 1st, and "Thou O' Lord" on May 22nd.
There will also be a fellowship time with Choir/Praise Teams and their families on May 15th in the StuB
(after a short choir practice)***

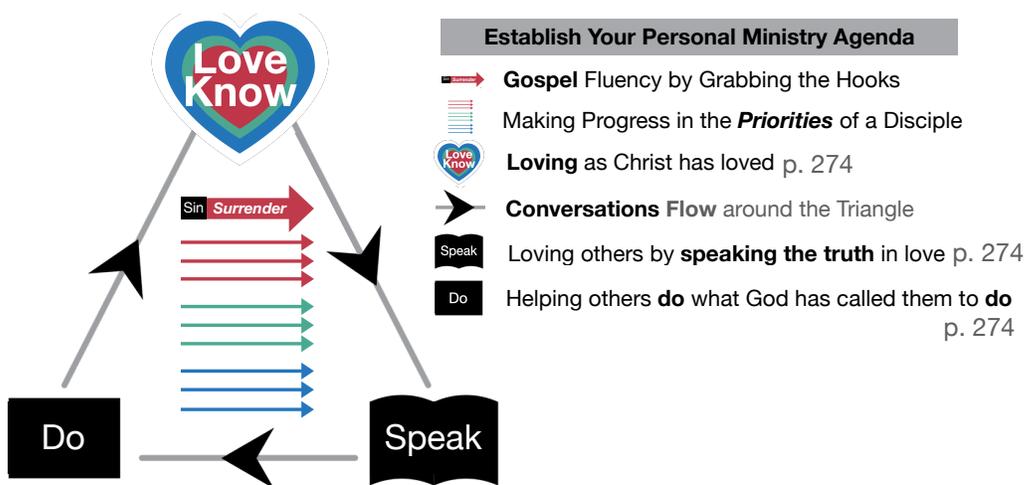
***I (We) are so excited to be here and worship the "Lord our Maker" together with you church family.
And look forward to the days ahead.....***

Pastor Sammy



Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp
 PEOPLE IN NEED OF CHANGE HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED OF CHANGE

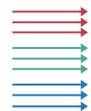
- “God’s plan is that through the faithful ministry of every part, the whole body will grow to full maturity in Christ.” p. xi
- “When God calls you to himself, he also calls you to be a servant, an instrument in his redeeming hands. **All of his children are called into ministry...**” p. xi
- “The ‘passive body that pays the professionals’ culture of the modern evangelical church must be forsaken for the ministry model God has so wisely ordained.” p. XII
- “**...mobilize God’s people for personal ministry.**” p. XIII



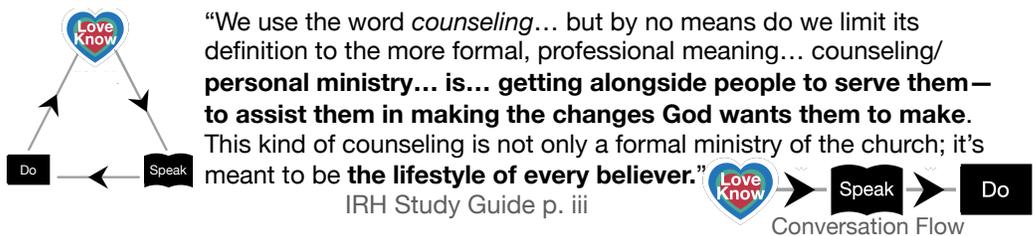
Establish Your Personal Ministry Agenda

- ➡ **Gospel Fluency by Grabbing the Hooks**
 Making Progress in the *Priorities* of a Disciple
- ➡ **Loving** as Christ has loved p. 274
- ➡ **Conversations Flow** around the Triangle
- ➡ **Speak** Loving others by **speaking the truth** in love p. 274
- ➡ **Do** Helping others **do** what God has called them to **do** p. 274

Sin Surrender ➡ “The only proper **response** to the comfort of the **gospel** is to accept its **call** and **follow Christ** in obedience.” p. 217



“**Take general** commands, **themes**, perspectives, and principles of **Scripture** and fashion them **into specific steps of change.**” p. 247



“An **agenda** is simply a **plan** for accomplishing a goal, a **map** that shows us our destination (**the changes that need to take place**) and **how to get there** (How? Where? When? With whom?).” p. 245

Given in April (as of 4/29)
Expenses in April (as of 4/29)

\$61,518.86
\$81,850.77

Given 2022 YTD
Expenses 2022 YTD

\$245,494.83
\$266,233.51

Annie Armstrong

\$6,694.00

PRAISE THE LORD!

Welcome Gathering

& Gift Card Pounding For

The Parris Family

May 1st @ 6:00 pm - StuB

Congratulations
Graduates!



*We remember your sacrifice today. & every day
on this memorial day.....*

THANK YOU!

The Monday Night Community Group

The group is on a brief hiatus until May 30 when they will begin to finish up their study of the Gospel Luke by looking at Luke 23.

Shoebox Sisters

The Shoebox Sisters suggest that May is a great month to focus on collecting hygiene items for your shoeboxes. Suggestions include soap, washcloths, toothbrushes with caps, deodorant for the older kids, combs, hair brushes, etc.

Remember: we can't send toothpaste or liquids.

Upcoming workdays are:

May 13
May 27
June 10
June 27



*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:*

*Eula Parm & Family for
the loss of her husband
Bill Parm*

LIVING BY THE SPIRIT

“AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY. AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME. AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED’” (Acts 2:17-21 NASB).

John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16).

- 1 In Acts 2, the disciples saw the fulfillment of God pouring forth His Spirit on all mankind. Pray that God’s Spirit will be free to work powerfully through your church to see His kingdom come and His will be done.
- 2 At Pentecost, three thousand souls were saved, baptized, and added to the fellowship of those initial believers. Pray that God will do another mighty work that brings in a great harvest of souls (Acts 2:41).
- 3 Pray that the Holy Spirit will be so powerfully present in our lives and churches that it will be easy for the lost around us to come to know Christ as Savior and Lord (Acts 2:37-38).
- 4 In John 16:8, we see that the Holy Spirit convicts the lost of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Ask God to send His Spirit to do this saving work in the life of someone you know.
- 5 Today is the National Day of Prayer! Ask God to soften hearts within our nation that we as a people may turn back to love, obey, and worship Him alone.
- 6 In Stephen’s message just before his death, he described his accusers as stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart, always resisting the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51). Pray that the lost in your community will not resist the Holy Spirit but will be open to His convicting work.
- 7 In Acts 8:29, God’s Spirit told Philip to go join the chariot of an Ethiopian eunuch. Through Philip’s witness, this court official was saved. Pray that your church family will be alert today in hearing the Spirit’s voice and obeying His commands, especially when it involves witnessing to the lost.
- 8 In many churches, we have so grieved the Spirit of God through our lack of faith that little eternal work is being accomplished. Pray that churches will no longer grieve the Holy Spirit but will trust God to accomplish through His abiding power all that He commands us to do (Ephesians 4:30).
- 9 In preparation for going to Cornelius’ house, Peter was told by the Spirit that three men would be looking for him and that he was to accompany them (Acts 10:19-20). Pray that Christians today will be this sensitive to the specific instructions God’s Spirit gives us regarding our daily activities.
- 10 In giving counsel to the newly converted Gentile believers, the church leaders in Jerusalem stated in Acts 15:28 that their decisions seemed good to the Holy Spirit. Pray that your church family and leaders will seek the Holy Spirit’s direction and approval as they make decisions.
- 11 Since the mind set on the flesh is death, pray that Christians all over the country will set their minds on the Spirit of God, experiencing life and peace (Romans 8:6).
- 12 According to Romans 8:14, all who are being led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Pray that your church family will understand their identity with Christ and will make the choice daily to put to death the immoral deeds of the flesh (Romans 8:13-14).
- 13 Just as in the natural world fire can be a cleansing agent, pray that the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit will first enlighten our minds to see the presence of sin in our lives and then burn away every desire we have for walking in the flesh (Hebrews 12:29).



- 14** Ask God to help your church family to pray at all times in the Spirit and to be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18).
- 15** In John 16:7, Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Helper. Pray for someone you know today who needs the help or comfort only the Holy Spirit can give.
- 16** In John 16:13-14, Jesus said the Holy Spirit would glorify Him by taking what comes directly from Jesus and passing it along to us. Pray that your church family will so walk in the Spirit that the glory of Jesus will be magnified with every decision and action.
- 17** Paul understood that through our union with Christ, our flesh has been crucified, and we have been raised to walk in newness of life (Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:4). Pray that today's church will grasp the truth that because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can become completely new.
- 18** Pray that Christians in your community will daily reckon themselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:11).
- 19** Pray that Christians everywhere will learn to walk in the Spirit in order to not carry out the sinful desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).
- 20** Walking in the Spirit enables a Christian to be able to confess, "Jesus is Lord!" (1 Corinthians 12:3). Pray that the church will experience the kind of in-depth revival that moves Christians to live completely under the lordship of Christ.
- 21** Knowing exactly what your church family needs in order to function well, God gives spiritual gifts to your church's members for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7). Pray that your fellow church members will know, understand, and use their spiritual gifts for the glory of God.
- 22** Pray that your local congregation will truly function as the unified body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12).
- 23** Pray that churches facing conflict and division over the use of spiritual gifts will pursue the "more excellent way" of love described in 1 Corinthians 13. Pray that church members will prioritize the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their individual lives above His manifestational gifts corporately.
- 24** Pray that your church family will recognize and turn away from the deeds of the flesh: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these (Galatians 5:19-21).
- 25** Pray that your church family will powerfully manifest the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
- 26** Pray that your Christian friends will walk by the Spirit and not become boastful, challenging or envying one another (Galatians 5:25-26).
- 27** Pray for the church in America to become so repulsed by the corruption that comes from walking in the flesh that it makes a greater commitment to sow to the Spirit (Galatians 6:8).
- 28** Pray that the church will come to see the Bible as "the sword of the Spirit" and will train to become more proficient in handling it (Ephesians 6:17).
- 29** What a blessing it is to know that, along with Jesus, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us according to the will of God (Romans 8:27, 34). Thank God today for giving us such wonderful intercessors!
- 30** The Spirit has warned us that in the later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1). In light of this warning, let's pray for the spiritual protection of our families, churches, and communities.
- 31** John was under great physical and spiritual oppression on the Island of Patmos; yet Revelation 1:10 says he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Pray that no matter how challenging things become for followers of Jesus, we will continue to live and walk in submission to the Holy Spirit.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 VBS Interest Mtg. 12-1 pm  Parris Family Fellowship 6:00 pm	2 Matt 18	3 Matt 19	4 Matt 20  Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night - 5:30 pm 3A-Pierce Bike Rodeo 6:00 pm	5 Matt 21	6 Matt 22	7
8 Parent Child Church Dedication 	9 Matt 23	10 Matt 24	11 Matt 25 Walker Valley Baccalaureate 6:00 pm @ WVHS	12 Matt 26	13 Matt 27 Shoebox Ministry 9:30am	14
15 Graduate Sunday & Lunch 	16 Matt 28	17 Rom 1	18 Rom 2 Atlanta Interest Mtg. 7:30 pm	19 Rom 3	20 Rom 4 CCA Kindergarten Graduation & Year End Celebration 6:00 pm	21
22	23 Rom 5	24 Rom 6	25 Rom 7	26 Rom 8 School Partnership Teachers Luncheon	27 Rom 9 Shoebox Ministry 9:30am	28
29	30 Rom 10  MEMORIAL DAY	31 Rom 11				

SUNDAYS

Early Worship8:00am
 Community Groups9:15am
 Late Worship10:30am

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30am
 Ladies Bible Study9:00am
 Ladies bible Study ZOOM.....6:00 pm





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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Becky Atchley
 Jenna Gibson, Stephanie West,
 Craig Winsor, Pete Matson
 Richard Kerley
 Carter Ensley, Lukas Hall, Skylar Kelley,
 Freddie Bryson, Gene Crisp
 Peggy Branham, Josh Shamblin
 Keller Vaughn
 Haley Leggett
 Kaylee Payne
 Tyler Woulfe
 Lauren Jolley, Jimmy Simmons
 Anna Claire Klepzig, Felicia McAlister
 Karen Hall, Matt Simko
 Patricia Scroggins, Ethan Winsor
 Tawnya Hicks
 Caleb Olmstead
 Jacqueline Rush, Corinne Winsor,
 Sierra Ledford
 Jonathan Vest
 Toni Goodwin
 Shawna Elmer
 Schalles Green, Nicky Burnette
 Riley Black, Allen Wattenbarger



One Minute Clinic

**2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters,
 whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you
 know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.**

-James 1: 2-3

*Lord, Help us to understand and embrace
 that when troubles come our way that
 your calls to see it is great joy knowing
 that as our endurance is tested , it gives
 us an opportunity to grow. May we see your
 presence in our hardest moments.*

Thank you Lord for your love.

