



the messenger



a river of hope in a thirsty land

MAY 2023



CAMP CHEROKEE 2023

May 27 - June 1



Parent Child Church Dedication

Mother's Day, May 14th in the 10:30 am service. If your family has questions or would like to be a part of this service contact Christy Johns 423-790-2674 or cjohms1269@gmail.com



BIKE RODEO

May 24th 6-7 pm



PreK-6th grades.

Bring your bike, scooter and helmet. We supply the parking lot, popsicles and Band Aids. Camp meeting for youth parents will be going on in the StuB so this is a great time for your kids to hang out and ride and play while you get all the info!



We are THRILLED and THANKFUL for your response to serving in the nursery ministry! And just in time, we have bushels of little blessings coming this fall! If you are interested in being a part of this ministry see Karen Bryson or Christy Johns (we hope to add an 8th week rotation by end of 2023)

VBS 2023 Meeting JONAH

JONAH: Cruise ship to Battleship
Come tour a sneak peek walk through of our VBS theme and content in the Fellowship Hall on May 7th during the morning services and SS hour. You can taste, see, touch and hear the incredible message God gives us through the book of Jonah. Sign up to volunteer and register your kids too. We are going to journey from comfort to purpose, from disobedience to obedience, from hatred to compassion as we learn about missions together!

AWANA 2022-2023 RECAP

Thank you church for a tremendous year of AWANA! Our club grew to 150 kids enrolled...with an average attendance of over 95 kids per week. Our end of the year Verse-A-Thon also allowed the kids to say enough verses and collect enough gifts from you to....hear this....provide 150 kids in Bangladesh with AWANA for this coming year! God doubled our club internationally. We are thankful to the Word, parents, kids and your support. This year we had the greatest number of Timothy Award winners also. Timothy Award goes to kids who have completed 4 books from 3-6th grade (most of these kids also completed 3 additional books in K-2nd)

Timothy Award:

Henley Purser	Elle Olmstead
Jack Stody	Shawna Elmer
Nathaniel Williams	Ember Coleman
Kyle Lewis	Kimber McAlister
Addy Jolley	Kelsey McAlister



JONAH: Cruise Ship to Battleship

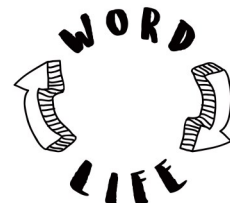
VBS!
June 25-29th
6-8:45 pm
(Sunday thru Thursday)



Camp seems to come earlier and earlier each year. One of the reasons it feels that way is because IT IS EARLIER this year. With camp moved up one full week, our summer schedule is kicking off the day after many of our student's last day of school. I think this will make for an exciting time in which students will look forward to with great anticipation. Combining with four other churches this year, we will make our annual trip to Camp Cherokee in order to get away from the distractions of every day and focus on our relationship with Jesus Christ. This year our focus will be on "Hope Grows," which has been our focus for the year. The students will be encouraged to look at the promises that God has given us in His Word that will serve as the motivating, or increasingly motivating, factor for enduring through the difficulties of life and possible persecution. Would you please pray for the students and adult workers who will be a part of the week that they will learn of the precious promises that God has given us, and live with conviction that they have already received though not fully actualized in their lives.

May is also a month to celebrate! We will be honoring our graduates and celebrating with them on Sunday, May 21st. It is good to mark moments in our lives of accomplishments, and as a church body it is great to be able to do that together. Moments, like graduation, are accomplishments we can look back at and see the hand of God in our lives and the grace that He has shown to us. Please pray for our graduates and for the future that God has for them, and that they would live in submission to His revealed will in their life.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,
Jonathan Kyle



- ⇒ 5/3-Atlanta Mission Trip Interest Meeting following Life122
- ⇒ 5/7-Early Bird Deadline for Camp-cost moves from \$215 to \$230
 - ⇒ 5/7-Disciple U @Stoody's @6pm
- ⇒ 5/21-Graduate Sunday Recognition and Lunch to follow 10:30am service.
- ⇒ 5/24-Mandatory Parent Meeting for Camp Participants @6pm
 - ⇒ 5/27-Leave for Camp at 1pm
- ⇒ 5/27-6/1-Camp Cherokee "Hope Grows"



Camp
Cherokee '23
May 27-June 1

CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

May 8-12 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11 - Field Trip Tellus Museum

May 21 - Kindergarten Graduation and Year-End Celebration

May 17-24 - Final Exams

May 24 - Last Day / Early Dismissal

Trusting Him Through It All

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah - Psalm 62:8

We can never forecast the twists and turns or ups and downs an academic year will bring, but we can have hope undiminished because God commands us to trust in Him. This academic year began with enthusiasm as our enrollment steadily grew, and we added five new faculty members. As we approached the end of the first nine weeks, it was apparent that there was a needed change in a grammar school classroom. In less than a week, God provided for the need. *Trust in him at all times.*

On the first Saturday of Fall Break, we learned one of our new faculty members had been diagnosed with a rare cancer. Uncertainty arose in our hearts concerning the way forward, but not our hope in God (Job 13:15). As we moved into the final weeks of the Fall semester, three more challenges arose:

1. One of our new faculty members, who was completing her master's degree, was required to fulfill her student teaching at a different school. *Trust in him at all times.* God timely provided what we needed and more to meet her departure.
2. A faculty member learned of a needed surgery, taking her out of the classroom for the final weeks of the Fall and the beginning of Spring semesters. *Trust in him at all times.* Again, God provided the right person for the right time.
3. One of our staff members needed surgery over Christmas Break. *Trust in him at all times.* Again, God graciously saw us through every need over that break and as we began the Spring semester.

The Spring semester began, and our students and faculty were putting in a lot of hard work as they prepared for academic and fine arts district competitions. Since it was our first full year of competition, we were surprised at our success, with several students moving on to the state competition. At the state level, we had a handful of students in the top three to our surprise again. *Trust in him at all times.*

During this time, another trial arose. A faculty member, who teaches Spanish, needed expedited surgery that would require a six-week recovery. Where do you find a Spanish teacher in the middle of a semester, in less than a week, to teach one fifty-minute class, five days a week, with minimal pay? *Trust in him at all times.* The Lord provided a native Spanish speaker to lead our first-year Spanish students.

During the final week of April, our students worked through standardized testing, and early reports have shown steady and some significant advances in our logic and rhetoric school scores. *Trust in him at all times.* We concluded the month of April with our Royal Auction. If you missed this year's auction, you missed a wonderful evening of community, entertainment, and fundraising for the Academy. We set a goal of \$15,000; our current numbers show we exceeded it with a net raised of more than \$17,000. *Trust in him at all times.*

We invite you to *pour out your heart before him* on behalf of the Academy as we prepare for the 2023-2024 academic year, which will be the Academy's tenth anniversary. *Trust in him at all times.*

Learning to trust,
Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster



Dear Disciples of Christ who have been blessed with every spiritual blessing,

I join Paul in his prayer... **Ephesians 1:18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might **20** which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **22** And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, **23** which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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

5/7/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 10 p. 313 (Chapter 12, p. 173)

5/14/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 11 p. 323 (Chapter 13, p. 195)

5/21/23 Discussion Guide Lesson 12 p. 331 (Chapter 14, p. 209)

5/28/23 Community Group Leaders see Stan if you have questions.

National Day of Prayer, 6:30pm, **Thursday, May 4**, North Cleveland Church of God

We are hosting one prayer session of **Convergence: Awakening Prayer Initiative** from 2-4pm on **Saturday May 6** at the Squires Recital Hall, Humanities Center, Lee University, 1250 Parker St. NE. This will have an interdenominational element and international component as we join with a Korean prayer team led by Pastor Jung.

Plan ahead for one service in June and July at 10:00 with Community Groups beginning at 8:45. We are looking forward to a wonderful summer!

Trusting God,
Pastor Stan

Camp Cherokee 2023

May 27-June 1

Use the QR code to register



PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in April
April Expenses

\$80,208.37
\$75,686.08

2023 Given YTD
2023 Expenses YTD

\$287,379.54
\$294,801.87

Annie Armstrong Offering

\$5,455.00

Happy
Mother's Day!



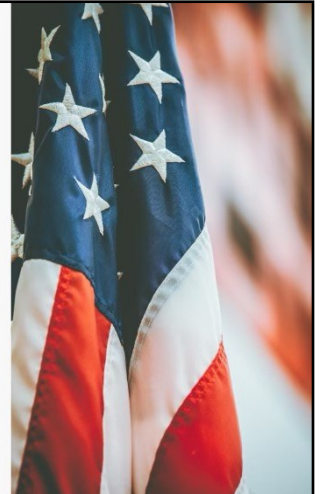
Congratulations
GRADUATES!

Join with local pastors and congregations

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 4 | 6:30PM
@ NORTH CLEVELAND CHURCH OF GOD

On-Campus in the Worship Center
Live Online at NCCOG.com



SAVE THE DATE!

VBS!

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6-8:45 pm
(Sunday thru
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Shoebox Ministry Update

The shoeboxes for the youngest age group...both boys and girls....are already packed and labeled. Those always get packed in March or April because we don't need to wait for all the school supplies to come on sale in July. It was an additional blessing to have five of our young children helping in the task. Upcoming workdays are May 5th and 19th at 9:30. We usually meet in the rooms above the church offices.



Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

*Carolyn Poteat & Family for the loss
of her Sister Mary Hale*

*Alan Jones & Family for the loss
of his Wife Loretta Jones*

*Heather Gibson & Family for the loss
of her Mother Judy Harrell*

*Terry Chastain & Family for the loss of
his Mother Charlene Chastain*

Submitting to and Praying for Those in Authority

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil (Romans 13:1-4 NASB).

- 1 Pray that followers of Jesus in our country will recognize God's hand in placing governing authorities over us and will submit to those authorities (Romans 13:1).
- 2 Pray that Christians in your community will do what is good so as to have no fear of their authorities (Romans 13:3).
- 3 As a deterrent to doing evil, pray that the fear of just punishment for breaking God's and this country's laws will be restored within the hearts of everyone living in our land (Romans 13:4).
- 4 Pray that believers across the country will regularly offer up entreaties, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings on behalf of those who are in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- 5 With foolishness abounding in our culture, pray that Christians will silence the ignorance of these individuals by submitting to those in authority and doing that which is right (1 Peter 2:13-15).
- 6 Just as Jesus felt compassion for the distressed people He encountered in His ministry, pray that the authorities in your life will feel compassion for the people they are leading (Matthew 9:36).
- 7 Pray that your spiritual authorities will have the kind of burden for the lost that moves them to pray regularly for a harvest of souls, for more workers to help in spreading the gospel, and for church members to disciple new converts (Matthew 9:37-38).
- 8 Pray that your spiritual leaders will walk under the authority of Christ and will not be fearful or shrink back from ministering to those who are spiritually oppressed or physically ill (Colossians 2:10; Matthew 10:1).
- 9 Pray for your church leaders to demonstrate humility by realizing that the authority and spiritual gifts they have for ministry have been freely given to them by God so they can freely minister to others (Matthew 10:8).
- 10 Pray that the church leaders in your community will not be tempted with greed but will completely depend on God to meet their personal needs and the needs of their families (Matthew 10:9-10).
- 11 Pray for those authorities in your life who preach or teach the Word of God to do so accurately (2 Timothy 2:15) and to trust the Spirit of God to give them exactly what they are to speak (Matthew 10:19-20).
- 12 Pray that God will place over you and your church family authorities who have a wholehearted commitment to Christ and who are willing to surrender everything in following Him (Matthew 10:37-39).
- 13 Pray that your church leaders will have such an unmistakable oneness with Jesus that everyone in your community will know they are walking in a close, personal relationship with Him (Matthew 10:40).



- 14** In order to keep the Christians in your community from being like sheep who have no shepherd, ask God to raise up pastors in your community who will lead their congregations to walk according to God's will and direction (Numbers 27:16-17).
- 15** Pray for your authorities to be extremely sensitive in obeying the promptings of God. Pray that God will guide them and let none of their words fail or lack God's anointing (1 Samuel 3:19).
- 16** Pray that your authorities will shepherd the people under their care according to the integrity of their hearts and will guide them with skillful hands (Psalm 78:72).
- 17** Pray that your pastors will gently lead the members of your congregation toward Christian unity, gathering the members around them just like a shepherd compassionately gathers his flock (Isaiah 40:11).
- 18** Pray that your authorities will not be blind to danger, ignorant regarding Satan's attacks, or lazy when it comes to watching out for those under their care (Isaiah 56:10).
- 19** Pray that your spiritual authorities will not be greedy or tempted to seek after unjust gain. Pray that God will give them great understanding to lead others in His ways (Isaiah 56:11).
- 20** Ask God to raise up over your community spiritual authorities who know God intimately and who are always seeking God's manifest presence and His will (Jeremiah 2:8a).
- 21** Ask God to protect your community from spiritual authorities who walk in sin, speak by some authority other than God's, and pursue those things that are not profitable for the community as a whole (Jeremiah 2:8b).
- 22** Pray that God will raise up pastors in your city who are constantly pursuing the heart of God—spiritual shepherds who will feed God's children biblical knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15).
- 23** Ask God to protect your spiritual leaders from the kind of stupidity that comes from not knowing God or seeking Him (Jeremiah 10:21a).
- 24** Ask God to prosper those who are in spiritual authority over you and to keep their flock from being scattered (Jeremiah 10:21b).
- 25** Ask God to fill your community with spiritual shepherds who will not ruin God's vineyard or turn the churches into desolate wilderness where the Spirit's presence is lacking (Jeremiah 12:10).
- 26** Pray that those in authority will constantly be aware of how God holds them accountable when their evil deeds cause God's children to be destroyed or scattered (Jeremiah 23:1-2).
- 27** For those churches in your community who are currently without a pastor, especially those who are losing members and are fearful of their future, pray that God will raise up wonderful shepherds for them who will bring peace and unity (Jeremiah 23:4).
- 28** Ask God to raise up spiritual shepherds in your community who will seek the lost, bring back those who are scattered, and minister to those who need to experience God's healing grace (Ezekiel 34:4).
- 29** Ask God to raise up spiritual authorities in your community who are committed to the task of equipping the saints, who will then serve God for the purpose of building up of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12).
- 30** Pray for those in spiritual authority over you to not flee when their responsibilities or circumstances become difficult. Pray that they will always demonstrate an appropriate concern for those under their care (John 10:12-13).
- 31** Pray for your pastors to shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; nor yet as lording it over those allotted to their charge, but proving to be examples to the flock (1 Peter 5:2-3).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - Dunn	3 Atlanta Mission Trip Interest Mtg. following Life122	4 	5 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	6 Convergence: Awakening Prayer Initiative 2-4 pm/Lee U
7 VBS Walk-through a.m. services Jamaica Interest Mtg./12:00 MDT Mtg. 4:30 pm Disciple U Stoodys/6:00pm	8	9	10 WVHS Bacculaureate 6:00 pm @ WVHS	11	12	13
14 Parent Child Church Dedication Mother's Day! 	15	16	17	18	19 Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	20
21 Graduates  Recognition & Lunch Deacons' Mtg. 4:30 pm Adult Choir Fellowship 6:00 pm	22	23	24 CCA Teacher Luncheon 11:30 am Kid's Bike Rodeo! 6-7 pm Mandatory Parent Mtg. for Camp - 6:00 pm	25 WVHS/Hopewell Elem. Teacher Luncheons	26	27 Camp Cherokee
28  Memorial DAY		30 Camp Cherokee	31	1		
	Office Closed			Joy Story Intro/6 pm		

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service8:00 am
Community Groups.....9:15 - 10:15 am
Late Worship Service10:30 am

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm



Attention: Ladies! To all those interested in the Precept Upon Precept study method, We will be doing "Jude: Contend for the Faith" this summer. It's the perfect time to try it out!

Wed night 6-7:30 or Thurs 9-11am

Childcare available both times. Orientation week 5/31 & 6/1 2 weeks off (VBS and July 4) finish 7/19 & 20 contact Marsa Garner 605-5705 or Amy Martin 331-8822 by May 21



CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
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CHARLESTON, TN 37310

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st		Becky Atchley
2nd		Jenna Gibson, Pete Matson
3rd		Richard Kerley
5th		Skylar Kelly, Freddie Bryson, Carter Ensley, Lukas Hall, Gene Crisp
7th		Peggy Branham, Josh Shamblin
9th		Haley Leggett Derrick Nolan Gibson, Jake Simko
10th		Jason Kirkendall
11th		Kaylee Payne
13th		Tyler Woulfe
14th		Lauren Jolley, Jimmy Simmons
17th		Anna Claire Klepzig, Felicia McAlister
18th		Karen Hall, Matt Simko
19th		Patricia Scroggins
20th		Tawnya Hicks
21st		Caleb Olmstead
22nd		Jacqueline Rush Vanwinkle
23rd		Sarah Parris, Jonathan Vest
25th		Toni Goodwin
26th		Shawna Elmer
27th		Schalles Green, Nicky Burnette

One Minute Clinic

HER CHILDREN ARISE UP,
 AND CALL HER BLESSED;
 HER HUSBAND ALSO,
 AND HE PRAISETH HER.

PROVERBS 31-28 KJV

