



^{the} messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

I will
THANK GOD
for my blessings
without forgetting
I am
BLESSED
TO BE A
BLESSING.

November 2022



Children's Church Highlights: August-November

-Children's Church offering during 8 & 10:30 am service times will be given to Shoebox Sisters to help with the \$10 per box for shipping around the world! We were blessed in October to be able to pack over 200 boxes with the Sisters encouragement and guidance.



-Nov 13th Mrs. Christy will be taking all the children's church helpers to CiCi's Pizza as a thank you for all the time they spend worshipping and leading small people in small groups every week. We can't do it without them! Literally!

-Themes this semester have included godly character in the Dojo, and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in Winter Extreme sports. These kids bring so much joy and enthusiasm to Sunday morning worship!



in November

Nov 2 Awana
Nov 9 Red/White/Blue Night
Nov 16 Awana
Nov 23 Thanksgiving NO AWANA
Nov 30 Lost & Found Night
(Dec 7th is Cookies with Moms!)

Dedication!

PARENT CHILD CHURCH DEDICATION...
Dec 11th in the 10:30 am service. If your family would like more information or would like to be a part of this service please contact Christy Johns 423-790-2674 or cjohns1269@gmail.com

Kids Precept!



Precept Kids will pick back up in February 2023 on Sunday evenings for 3-6th grades and includes a meal, Inductive Bible study and fellowship.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Practice on Sunday night 6-7:15 pm ish in the Treehouse for kids K-6th grades. We have a VARIETY of worship styles going on this month. Worshipping with kids is high intensity and precious learning moments about God's love and how we express our delight in Him.

Nov 13th "Every Beat" song in 8 & 10:30 am service (bring your oxygen mask and join us)

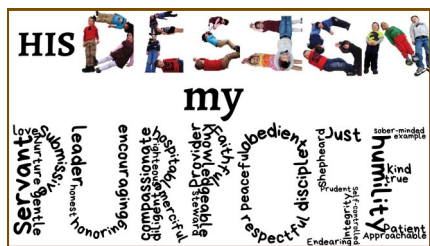


Nursery:

So thankful for a 6 week rotation that serves our church family without wearing out our volunteers. If you would like to join this rotation or want to be part of our future WEEK 7! contact Karen Bryson or Christy Johns We hope to have enough church family members to spread out the love an additional week.



As usual, it is hard to believe that another year has almost gone bye. As we head into November, it is always a time of reflection and with the Thanksgiving holiday a time to be thankful. While I hope it is regular occurrence in our lives throughout the year, I do want to encourage us to pause and look where God has brought us to this point and return thanks for His great mercy and grace. This month brings for us one of my favorite events in the student ministry calendar, Friendsgiving. We have extended an invite to the Meadowview Baptist students this year as a way to show our gratitude for them and what God is doing in their life. As always, it is a time for us to slow down and say "Thank you" to at least one person we have needed to say those words to throughout this year. Would you pray for our gathering that it would promote unity amongst churches and develop a lifestyle of gratitude towards God and the intentionality of sharing our gratitude for others.



This year we have focused on our "Identity in Christ." We have taken a look at what the Bible says about those who are in Christ, and we have sought to realize those implications in our day to day lives. For our last event of the year, we are going to focus our attention on our "Identity in Christ" particularly as it relates to being male and female. In the first chapter of the Bible in Genesis there is a clear distinction between light and darkness, land and water, sun and moon, day and night, animals and humans, and male and female. For decades now our culture has sought to blur some of those distinctions and acts as if there is no difference. In the moment, the greatest blurring is taking place between male and female. While we could spend time talking about that, our focus is going to be solely on understanding the specific roles that God has given men and women and seeking to live those out in a culture that will find those narrow minded. Please pray for our students to be humble enough to receive the teaching of the authority of Scripture and bold enough to live it out amongst their generation.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle

p.s. I am excited to announce that we are doing our first College Retreat in a decade. It is November 18-20th at Ocoee Retreat Center and the topic is "Touchy Topics." Pastor Bo Dunkle will be helping our students have a biblical basis that leads to practical ways to navigate "Touchy Topics" in the space of work, school, social media, etc. Please pray for our college students to not waiver in their faith and with conviction, when appropriate, take a stand for truth as made known through the authority of Scripture.



Disciple U-Sunday, November 6th @ Rick and Jen Stody's House @6pm

Connect Night-Sunday, November 13th @ David and Katie Delmotte's house @6pm

Friendsgiving-Wednesday, November 16th @6:15 w/special guest Meadowview Baptist Students.

Fall Retreat: His Design My Purpose-November 18-20th @ Ocoee Retreat Center.

No Life122-Wednesday, November 23rd.

CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

Nov. 12th - Royal Fun Run @ 9am

Nov. 18th - Thanksgiving Lunch @ 11:30

Nov. 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 6th - CCA Christmas Program “One King” @ 7pm

Dec. 12-16th - Upper School Semester Exams

Dec. 16th - Early Dismissal

A Season of Stretching Faith

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

We are in the midst of the annual Autumn season, where we are reminded of creation's built-in beauty flowing out of the design and wisdom of the divine hand of God. Recently, some of our logic school students used their senses to capture this season and put it down in words.

The trees drop leaves on the frosty ground while
Birds are chirping and looking for food and
Golden trees stand upon frosty grass.
Falling leaves sound like fire on a cold day
And crunch underfoot as
Crows call for berries that are being frosted away.

It is a great opportunity and pleasure to guide students daily to seek, investigate, and ponder the true, good, and beautiful throughout our scheduled coursework. When we consider these attributes, it is not to be limited simply to an academic exercise but to infiltrate all of life from blessings to sufferings.

This season has brought significant wellness challenges for the Academy's students, faculty, families, and friends. As is typical, when seasons change, typical illnesses such as strep throat, flu, and common cold increase. We are experiencing those familiar sicknesses, but we also have heavier health issues in our community. As many of you know, one of our former faculty members, Dr. Witte, was hospitalized for nearly a week. We have had parents of students undergo significant surgeries. Two faculty members have walked with their parents through hospitalization and ongoing medical needs.

Then at the end of October, a physical need that hit our students and faculty hard was the news that Mrs. Shelli Byrnes, who teaches 8th and 9th grade English as well as logic course, was diagnosed with carcinoid syndrome, is a rare type of cancer with no formalized treatment plan.

These multiple health issues and various other trials have brought us into a season of stretching our faith and focusing our prayers. For the remainder of this semester, we do not know the path forward, but we know the Good Shepherd will faithfully lead us day by day.

In the words of Mrs. Byrnes to the students and faculty, “Remember Aslan; good is not safe, and safe is not our goal as Christians. God is not surprised, and the goal is the glory of God and our good.”

This season reminds us that just as the “golden trees stand upon the frosty grass,” we too can stand upon the faithfulness of grace as we gaze upon the golden face of Christ.

We covet your fervent and faithful prayers for the Academy all the time, but this season has shown us how dependent we are on God's grace and mercy through his people's prayers.

The following is a prayer found in the *Valley of Vision* entitled “The All-Good.” It is a good model prayer to follow for CCA during this season.

MY GOD,
Thou hast helped me to see,
that whatever good be in honour and
rejoicing, how good is he who gives them,
and can withdraw them;
that blessedness does not lie so much
in receiving good from and in thee,
but in holding forth thy glory and virtue;
that it is an amazing thing to see Deity
in a creature, speaking, acting,
filling, shining through it;
that nothing is good but thee,

that I am near good when I am near thee,
that to be like thee is a glorious thing:
This is my magnet, my attraction.

Thou art all my good in times of peace,
my only support in days of trouble,
my one sufficiency when life shall end.
Help me to see how good thy will is in all,
and even when it crosses mine
teach me to be pleased with it.
Grant me to feel thee in fire, and food and
every providence,
and to see that thy many gifts and creatures
are but thy hands and fingers taking hold of me.
Thou bottomless fountain of all good,
I give myself to thee out of love,
for all I have or own is thine,
my goods, family, church, self,
to do with as thou wilt,
to honour thyself by me, and by all mine.
If it be consistent with thy eternal counsels,
the purpose of thy grace,
and the great ends of thy glory,
then bestow upon me the blessings of
thy comforts;
If not, let me resign myself to
thy wiser determinations.¹

Praying Onward,

Pastor Dave
CCA Headmaster

¹ Bennett, Arthur. “The All-Good.” *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, Banner of Truth Trust, 1975, pp. 10-11. Used by Permission.



Dear **Members** of the local church body,

I come from big families in Bradley County, the Gibsons and the Bennetts. And, I have been connected to a larger family known as the church in Bradley County and other areas as well. We need each other in a sense of inter-dependency. **We return the love that God has for us to Him in love.** Therefore, **we give ourselves to one another in relationship as Christ's body.** We serve, care for and encourage our **brothers and sisters** in Christ. Pastor Jonathan has been emphasizing church membership in October.

So we are going to slow down in this idea of church membership. Here is what happens...

- The (new) member... covenants with the members of the local church body as fellow workers in the mission.
- The local church body... affirms the profession of faith and oversees growth in the relational discipling process.

Part of our Church Covenant Statement also says: "I will humbly participate in the Biblically-prescribed process of church discipline (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; 1 Timothy 1:8; 5:19; Titus 3:5-11)." Please know that this isn't just a bring-people-up-front type of a church discipline. The Biblically-prescribed process starts with a one on one conversation.

Another huge piece of personal ministry is peacemaking. Hebrews 14:12 says, **"Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord."** And Matthew 5:9 says **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."** It takes the grace of God and hard work as fellow workers to keep peace in our families and our church family and even church family to church family. We are emphasizing personal ministry this year and peacemaking will be highlighted in November. We were created for God's glory, and we need God's Word to make sense out of life.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Stan



PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in Oct. \$70,096.11
Expenses in Oct. \$67,609.36

Given 2022 YTD \$670,800.55
Expenses 2022 YTD *\$759,278.14

* Includes \$46,000.00 gutter replacement expense

Lottie Moon \$10,285.00

Caring Place Annual Coat Drive

October - December

Collection boxes are located in
the Fellowship Hall & WC foyer

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry...2022

October is a very busy month in the Shoebox Ministry because it is when the final shoeboxes are filled and preparations for shipping them begin. On October 22, eighteen men, women and children came to help put 736 packed AND labeled shoeboxes in the large cartons and pack 42 additional shoeboxes for the older boys that included large soccer balls and pumps. "LABELED" means about half of our shoeboxes already have the \$10 shipping fee paid through donations. That is simply amazing!!! The rest of the shoeboxes will be "cartonized" after the church-wide offering on November 13th that will cover the rest of the shipping costs.

Please remember to PRAY for these shoeboxes as we send them off:

1. Pray for the child receiving the box that his/her heart is open to understanding the Lord's perfect salvation...and then sharing it with others.
2. Pray for the nationals who are trained to present the salvation story.
3. Pray for the families of the children who will also hear the message.
4. Pray for the new churches that grow out of the simple shoebox gift.
5. Pray for the National Operation Christmas Child Ministry during this extremely busy/hectic time for them as the Collection Centers and Processing Centers are in full operation.

Dates to Know:

- Nov. 4.....**Shoeboxes and cartons of shoeboxes moved to Worship Center with help of Candies Creek Academy Upper School and volunteer men
- Nov. 13....**Shoebox Shipping Offering Sunday
- Nov. 16...**Final labeling and cartonizing of shoeboxes
....delivery to First Baptist
- Nov. 29...**Atlanta Processing Center
(This is a full day's activity in which energized helpers go by van to Atlanta to process shoeboxes for final shipping. Call the church office or 423.614.0273 if you are interested in knowing more.)



Ladies Game Night

Monday Nov. 7th

@ 6:30 Fellowship Hall

Light snacks



Candies Creek Academy

**Saturday
Nov. 12th
@ 9am**



For Online Registration
Scan QR Code

Registration also available at CCA
423-790-5660 info@candiescreekacademy.com

A School for the Nations

*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:*

*Shane Griffith & Family for the loss
of his brother Adam Griffith*

*Brad Boyer & Family for the loss
of his father David Boyer*

*Caroline Poteat & Family for the loss
of her sister Aileen Denton*

*Chris Wilson & Family for the loss of his
mother Mary Nadean Wilson*



EXPERIENCING ANEW THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD

Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen (Jude 24-25 NASB).

- 1 Let's begin this month by praising God for the sacrificial and redemptive work of Jesus that makes it possible for us to "stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy" (Jude 24).
- 2 In seeking to please God, Moses longed to know His ways (Exodus 33:13). Pray that the members of your church family will experience a renewed desire to know and better understand the ways of God.
- 3 Pray that the members of your church will have the same heart as Moses when he said to God, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here" (Exodus 33:15).
- 4 Pray that churches in your community will experience the kind of revival that sets them apart from the ways of the world. Pray that these congregations will be distinguished within your community by the ongoing, manifest presence of God (Exodus 33:16).
- 5 Pray that your pastor and church leaders will be desperate to experience the glory of God (Exodus 33:18).
- 6 Pray that your entire congregation will understand how God holds Christians accountable individually and corporately when they depart from His presence, purposes, and ways (Ezekiel 36:19).
- 7 Pray that Christians across the country will long for the manifest presence of God more than just His blessings of favor. Pray that we will all see Christ's powerful presence as the only hope for lasting, spiritual victory within our churches and nation (Psalm 44:3).
- 8 In Matthew 21:12-16, we see Jesus cleansing the temple in Jerusalem. Pray that God will move in a similar way today, bringing purification, prayer, power, perfected praise, and His anointed presence back into the lives of church members.
- 9 Pray that Christians will purpose to demonstrate their love for Christ by obeying Him completely. Pray for the grace to lay down whatever displeases Christ and do that which brings Him the greatest pleasure (John 14:21).
- 10 Before every spiritual awakening in America, the church has acknowledged through prayer her need for God's manifest presence. Cry out to Him today that this same burden will once more arise and be evidenced by the church's pursuit of God through fervent prayer (James 5:16).
- 11 When the manifest presence of God is felt among church members, they often sense an increased burden for the lost to be saved. Just as Jesus came to seek and save the lost, pray that today's church members will do the same (Luke 19:10).
- 12 Ask God to so manifest His power within His people that boldness and clarity of witness become the norm (Acts 1:8).
- 13 As we sense Christ's holy presence personally, pray that believers everywhere will be moved to courageously obey the two Great Commandments: loving God with all their hearts and loving their neighbors as they love themselves (Matthew 22:37-40).
- 14 Pray that God will break the church's love of self, money, and pleasure (2 Timothy 3:2-4). Pray that we will instead choose to love Christ, seeking His manifest presence more than the passing pleasures of this world.



- 15** Since no evil dwells in God's presence (Psalm 5:4), pray that God will powerfully move across our nation, breaking this country's addiction to sexual immorality and violence (Psalm 11:4-5).
- 16** When we lose our commitment to value God's presence, it is easy for us to also lose our commitment to other things He values, such as the life of a child (Luke 18:16). Pray that Christians will seek God's Word to understand what things are important to Him.
- 17** In Deuteronomy 4:29, the Hebrews who had been scattered to other nations because of their sins were told that they would find God if they searched for Him with all their heart and soul. Pray that the believers in your community who have lost the sense of God's presence will diligently seek Him today.
- 18** Psalm 24:6 mentions a generation of Hebrews who sought the face of God. Pray that today's generation will experience the kind of revival that marks them as a generation seeking the face of God.
- 19** When God asked the Psalmist in Psalm 27:8 to seek His face, he responded, "I shall seek Your face, LORD." Just as David responded with a quick commitment, pray that our churches will eagerly commit to seek God's face.
- 20** First Chronicles 16:11 reads, "Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually." Pray that the members of your church family will continually seek God and the strength He alone provides.
- 21** Men tend to love the darkness of wickedness more than the light of God's holy presence (John 3:19). Pray that Christians in your community will so love God that the light of His holiness within them will push back the darkness of sin around them.
- 22** When God's people have profaned His name because of their sinful deeds, He often steps in to restore the glory of His reputation among the nations (Ezekiel 36:22). Pray that God will do everything necessary in order to see the reputation of His holy name restored in today's church.
- 23** There are many influences in today's world that can lead us to spend much time thinking about ungodly things. Pray that the members of your church will learn to set their minds on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1-2).
- 24** Pray that your Christian friends will lay aside the falsehood of their old selves and, in Christ Jesus, put on the new self, which has been created in righteousness and holiness and truth (Ephesians 4:22-24).
- 25** Living in a world system designed to entangle us in sin, pray that God's people will fix their eyes on Jesus and follow His example of selfless obedience to the Father's will (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- 26** Pray that God's mercy and grace will abundantly touch the ignorant and unbelieving in your community, manifesting in their lives the faith and love found only in Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 1:13-14).
- 27** Pray that the "spiritual house" God is building with the "living stones" of your church family will reflect His glory and the strength of His mighty presence (1 Peter 2:5).
- 28** In longing for the manifest presence of Christ, pray that your church family will be neither useless nor unproductive in her knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also pray that diligence, faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love will characterize their walk with Him (2 Peter 1:5-8).
- 29** The Bible tells us that an evidence of a person knowing Jesus is their commitment to keep His commandments (1 John 2:3-4). Pray that Christians across the world will grow in their commitment to love Jesus by knowing Him and by keeping His commands.
- 30** Pray that churches will recognize and avoid those who are holding on to a form of godliness but denying its power, seeking to simply establish an organization without the manifest presence of God (2 Timothy 3:5).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	John 11	1 John 12 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - ?	2 John 13	3 John 14	4 John 15 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30am - Moving boxes to the Worship Center	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Members Business Mtg. 4:30 pm Disciple U Stoody's/6:00pm	7 John 16  Ladies Game Night 6:30 pm/FH	8 John 17	9 John 18	10 John 19	11 John 20 	12
13 Children's Choir Special <u>OCC Shoebox Offering</u> MDT Calendaring Mtg. 4:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. 4:30 pm Students CONNECT Night/Delmottes'/6:00 pm	14 John 21	15 1 Thess 1	16 1 Thess 2 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> - Deliver boxes to First Baptist Students FriendsGiving	17 1 Thess 3	18 1 Thess 4	19  Fall Retreat
20  No Children's Choir	21 1 Thess 5	22 2 Thess 1	23 2 Thess 2 No Children's or Youth Activities	24 2 Thess 3  Office Closed	25 2 Pet 1	26
27 Last C4 until Jan. 8th	28 2 Pet 2	29 2 Pet 3 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> Workday @ Atlanta Processing Center	30 Jude			

SUNDAYS

Early Worship Service (& C4).....8:00 am
 Community Groups9:15-10:15 am
 Late Worship Service (& C4).....10:30 am
 Children's & Adult Choir.....6:00 pm

TUESDAYS

One Another Care Course (thru 11/15)....10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting.....6:00 pm
 AWANA.....6:00-7:30 pm
 Life 122.....6:15 pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Prayer Meeting6:30 am
 Ladies Bible Study.....9:00 am
 Praise Team Practice.....6:30 pm





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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st	Traci Blackburn, Noah Loudermilk
2nd	Kathy Lane, Nicolas Burnette, Josh Ensley, Nate Higgins, David Delmotte, Charlie Wattenbarger
3rd	Ben Locklear, David Gluckner, Tom Carroll
6th	Sadie Gibson, Liam Coleman, Chandler Hunt, Tommy Allison
7th	Holli Simko, Chris Brown
8th	Kim Gregg, Mike Ledford
9th	Jordan Lopez, Noah Strickland
12th	Gretchen Shoemaker
13th	Tammy Willis
15th	Tawnie Locklear
16th	Racean Edmonds, Josh Olmstead
20th	Billie Jean Strike
21st	Marsa Garner, Phil Taylor, Charlie Koozer
22nd	Eve Beard, Teresa Borders, Martha Wattenbarger, Kevin Goodwin
23rd	Josiah Parris
24th	Sydney Delmotte
25th	Joshua Missinne
26th	Rick Adolph
27th	Kirk Martin
28th	Wyatt Simko, Parker Roberts
29th	John Missinne
30th	Capri Nation, Tom Jolley



One Minute Clinic

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

Please remember to pray for our short term sister in North Africa and the H-family in Asia.



What is the One Minute Clinic?

Twice a day... at 6:30 am & 6:30 pm

take 1 Minute to pray for this month's topic everyday.