



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

October 2022

CCBC

trunk
'R'
treat



October 30, 5-7 pm



October

TRUNK R TREAT!

October is TRUNK R TREAT month! October 30th 5-7 pm a BIG opportunity to extravagantly love our community. 2 hours, lots of fellowship. You don't have to have a fancy trunk just FRIENDLY...we need some trunks that are simple and quick and some that allow for lingering or games. Our goal every year is 50 trunks. Ways to help? Candy donations (lots of these needed!) Host a trunk, Meet people and help them Register, Fire pit and place to sit and visit, Prayer trunk, Just give out candy! See Christy Johns to sign up.



C4

Children's Church (K-4th grades) will be a partner of SHOEBOX SISTERS on Sunday October 9th in both 8 & 10:30 am service as they teach us how to pack a few hundred shoeboxes in the Treehouse! Shoebox supplies for your own family will be available in the Fellowship Hall during the month of October, so many great options for Candies Creek to participate. A shoebox is more than just a Christmas gift, its a gift for all eternity!

NURSERY

NURSERY: We are so thankful for all our amazing adult and teen leaders who help keep our six week nursery rotation rolling! Would you prayerfully consider joining this sweet ministry to young families and visitors? We have a few spots to fill so we can continue to offer safe, quality nursery and a thriving, growing Children's Church! See Karen Bryson or Christy Johns to sign up.

Revelation Precept!

REVELATION PRECEPT! What a book, what a King and Savior. So thankful for all the adults and children who participated in our Sunday evening Precept class on the book of Revelation. While we don't claim to be end-times experts, we have started with a good biblical foundation and are beginning to get a "picture" of what the Lord has in store for us, "A Sneak Peek Into the Future" check out our bulletin board in the Children's Hallway to see the unveiling!

Sunday School teachers love Jesus and the Word and are so faithful to our Candies Creek Kids each Sunday morning. They volunteer 52 weeks out of the year to bring solid biblical teaching to our kids. THANK YOU!!!

Children's Choir is pretty active on Sunday evenings in the Treehouse for kids K-6th grades. (We will NOT meet on October 2nd or October 30th) but every week in-between! See Megan Allen, Laura Dye or Christy Johns for more info.

AWANA in October

October 5 No AWANA Fall Break Ya'll
 October 12 Tie Dye Night
 October 19 AWANA
 October 26 Hoe Down Night



As we moved into the back third of the calendar year, the student ministry over the years has developed some traditional seasonal events. One of those events is called "Harvest Night" that takes place on the last Wednesday night of the month. The intentional naming of "Harvest Night" is two fold. It is to recognize the time of the year we are in but most importantly it is a night that students strategically invite their lost friends in order to hear the gospel. When it first began, the bulk of the teaching came from me as I put together a relevant gospel presentation. However, over the years, this has turned into a night where students get up and share "Ghost Stories" or more commonly known as testimonies. While you may not like the seasonally relevant name of "Ghost Stories" it in a sense is exactly what it is. The students get up and tell stories of who they were before Christ and now how they have been spiritually given new life awaiting Christ's second coming and the giving of a new body. So, maybe in this season you should go around sharing your "Ghost Story" when people are more apt to listen to you in this season.

But "Ghost Stories" or testimonies are not just for the lost who need to know the power of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Testimonies can be a source of encouragement to those who are already followers of Christ. Found in the book of Revelation is the battle between the dragon and the angels of heaven. In referencing to "the accuser of our brothers", Satan, John says that the believers have conquered Satan "by the blood of the Lamb and BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY..." The most significant part for the physically slain believers is that they have been covered by the blood of Christ, but their lives lived in faithfulness to God have been the evidence or testimony of their faith in Jesus for salvation. So let your testimony or "Ghost Story" be lived out everyday and so prove your salvation and encourage others to faithfully pursue after the Lord.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



Wednesday, October 5th-No Life122

Sunday, October 9th-Connect Night at the Steinle's 6-8pm

Wednesday, October 12th-Ice Cream Bar at Life122

Sunday, October 23rd-Guy/Girl Connect Night-TBA

Wednesday, October 26th-Harvest Night 6-7:30pm (Bonfire-Hayride)



CCA epistola



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Upcoming Dates

Oct. 3rd-7th - Fall Break

Oct. 14th - 1st Qtr Report Cards

Oct. 21st - Mayfield Farm Park Field Trip

Oct. 28th - Jean/T-Shirt Day

Oct. 31st - Reformation Day

Nov. 11th - Veterans Day

Nov. 18th - Thanksgiving Lunch

A Tale of Two “Truths”

John 17:17 ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Fall 2022 is officially here, and with it have arrived pumpkin spice lattes and another significant American election. Although not as longingly anticipated as pumpkin spice lattes, elections are critical events that often function as barometers for collective beliefs. They signal what citizens of the United States believe to be true and in whom they are willing to place their trust. Whenever one casts a vote, one makes a statement of faith; and one’s faith is placed in what one finds to be a genuine reflection of reality, i.e., the truth.

Some people argue simply for the sake of argument. Yet, most mature persons debate, even aggressively, because they seek to persuade another person to accept what they find to be true. Why? Because even though our culture has swallowed the lure of subjective and personal truth, every person knows innately that X can be true and Y can be false. Though some say that something can be true for you and not for them; they reason, argue, and fight because they know that there is no such thing as “my truth” or “your truth.” There is only “the truth.” They may not have discovered what that is, and they may be confused over the content or source of truth. But while they spread the pseudo-gospel of subjectivism, they live a life based on objective truth and objective moral values.

For example, a modern secularist might picket for the right to allow a pre-teen to undergo “gender reassignment surgery” or for the freedom of a high schooler to act like a cat by hissing, meowing, and wearing cat ears and a tail, all the while telling you that you are wrong to discourage people from following “their truth.” Sadly, neither of these examples are based in fantasy, and in both cases, there were either politicians or “social scientists” who stepped in to support these crazed actions.

But how can a progressive secularist, who claims that all truth is subjective (which is itself an objective truth claim, ironically), also claim that he holds the moral high-ground, while positing that you are wrong to force “your truth” on others. If truth is subjective, there is no foundation or justification for claiming that one thing is right and another is wrong, that one concept is true and another false. Yet, progressive secularists use language of “right,” “wrong,” “true,” and “false.” Why? Simple! They know there is objective truth about nature and morals. However, they do not know the foundation of objective truth or where one can discover it.

So, what then is the foundation of objective truth and morality? Is it this “science” we hear so much about, that is cited as making definitive decisions that just-so-happen to change from month-to-month? Is it the government that establishes truth by edict and force of arms? Or, is it society—the majority—that provides a foundation for objective reality as it claims its own truth and throws the minority in figurative, as well as literal, chains?

None of these can be the foundation. They are each too fickle and flawed to ground objective truth. But God and his holy, inspired, infallible Word are not. God is the ground of objective reality, and his Word reveals truth to men.

Man’s manufactured truth deceives and destroys, but divine, objective, knowable truth found in the holy Scripture and exemplified in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ enlightens, binds, heals, and transforms.

The very words of God are true, “the sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.” (Psalm 119:160).

What, then, does a nation bent on self-destruction need? The election of a new candidate? The implementation of yet another policy change? One more six-dollar pumpkin spice latte? No. The nation needs the light of objective truth about Christ that shines out through the pages of his Word.

Here at CCA, we desire to be truth-seekers and truth-tellers as we teach another generation to recognize the problem of subjectivity and the power of divine truth. May we pray that our nation finds the truth it so desperately needs, and may the Lord bring healing to our land this fall season.

Truth matters,
Pastor Dave & Dr. Witte

MATTHEW 28:19

TO THE NATIONS

Declare His Glory

- In response to our "Open Our Eyes" missions conference in the winter, we made a commitment to join God in the work that He is doing in **North Africa** through the open doors that have been given to Brad and Jackie Stanley. The next opportunity for us to join them is December 30th-January 10th. This will primarily be a medical mission trip, so if you have any experience with medical or dental work, please pray about joining the trip. If you are interested or have questions, please come to an interest/orientation meeting on Sunday, October 2nd following the 10:30am service.

- We have also been given an opportunity to serve as support staff for the "H" family that lives in **Southeast Asia**. They are having an area wide training and are need of people to do childcare and security. This will be at the end of December into January. Please see Pastor Stan if you are interested.

CCBC Family,

Wow! We are praising God for 10 years in the Dominican Republic.

Thank you, thank you for your faithful partnership to our family and Students International.

We also had a fun visitor recently! Jamie Work, was able to fly down and encourage us to "Redeem the Time" from Ephesians 5:16. Eric is excited moving forward to seek out more ways Students International can foster unity within the varying local churches and ministries of Jarabacoa.



Celebrating with you,

The Millers

Eric, Chelsie, Kai and Eli





Dear **Kingdom Citizens**,

I am grateful that God allows us to help one another know that we exist to honor Him and help others. When I build by “two word personal ministry fingerprint” into seven words, it becomes **ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO PARTNER WITH THE KING**.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first His **kingdom** and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you... Matthew 6:10 is a piece of Jesus model prayer, “Your **kingdom** come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.” Ephesians 2:19-20 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens** with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **King Jesus** Himself being the cornerstone...

The heart of the gospel is that **Jesus is the crucified, risen King**. Life and salvation are made possible by grace through faith in Jesus as King. God had created a people through whom the Messiah would come. Jesus is King. We speak of “*surrendering*” as submitting ourselves fully in loving service to The King. We speak of “*worshipping*” as doing everything for the glory of God. King Jesus is worthy of glory and honor and praise!

We will open **Kingdom Parables** in **Matthew 13** over the next six weeks...

Week 1	Oct. 2	Intro and v. 10-17	Dr. Witte
Week 2	Oct. 9	1-9 & 18-23	Parable of the Sower Stan
Week 3	Oct. 16	31-35	Parables of the Mustard Seed & Leaven Jonathan
Week 4	Oct. 23	24-30 & 36-43	Parable of the Wheat & the Tares Dr. Witte
Week 5	Oct. 30	44-46	Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl Dave
Week 6	Nov. 6	47-50	Parable of the Dragnet
		51-58	Parable of the Trained Scribe and Conclusion

Partnering with The King means that **we are working with The King** and **we are working for The King**.
Personal Ministry begins with The King.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Stan

PRAISE THE LORD!

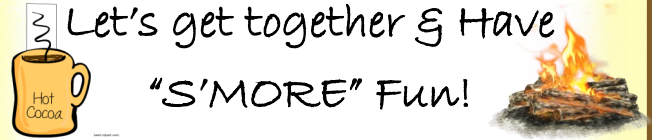
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* Includes \$46,000.00 gutter replacement expense



Fall Connect Night



Let's get together & Have

"S'MORE" Fun!

Sat. Oct. 22nd, 6:30-8:30pm

@ The Blackburn's

258 Jameson Dr. - Georgetown TN

Hot Cocoa, corn hole, football & s'mores by the fire pit!

Children are welcome to attend!



October 22 at 6:30 p.m. Cleveland, TN

Join WillowBend Farms for a 5k night race/1 mile walk to IllumaNight Human Trafficking and bring awareness to the reality of it in our community. Runfortheirfreedom.com

Monday Night Community Group

Monday nights are a great time to "JUMPSTART" your week with a serious look into God's Word. Currently, we're looking at the first 12 chapters of Exodus to get the Israelites out of Egypt after studying God's provision for them through Joseph 430 years earlier through the famine. Call 423.614.0273 for more info.

Your 2022-23 Deacons

Agreeing to serve in rotation: Freddy Bryson, Edwin Plank,

Dennis Tweed, Scotty Smith, David Gluckner

Presently serving: Rick Adolph, Jim Booher,

Tom Carroll, Jamie Creekmore, Sam Elmer,

Tom Jolley, Richard Kerley, Tommy Medley,

Andy Strike, & Shawn Williams

Rotating off this year: Curt Klepzig,

Josh Olmstead, & Jake Simko

It's Finally Arrived!!!

the Operation Christmas Child
Shoebbox Challenge

"ADOPT A BOX"

Consider having your family
create a box for a child who may have
never received a gift in his life and
who has never heard about Jesus before!!

Stop by the
"Adopt A Box" table in
the Fellowship Hall any
Sunday in
October for more
information.



Caring Place Annual Coat Drive

October - December

Boxes will be in place Oct. 9th

You're Invited

Wedding Shower

For

Sam Lockman & Katie Parris

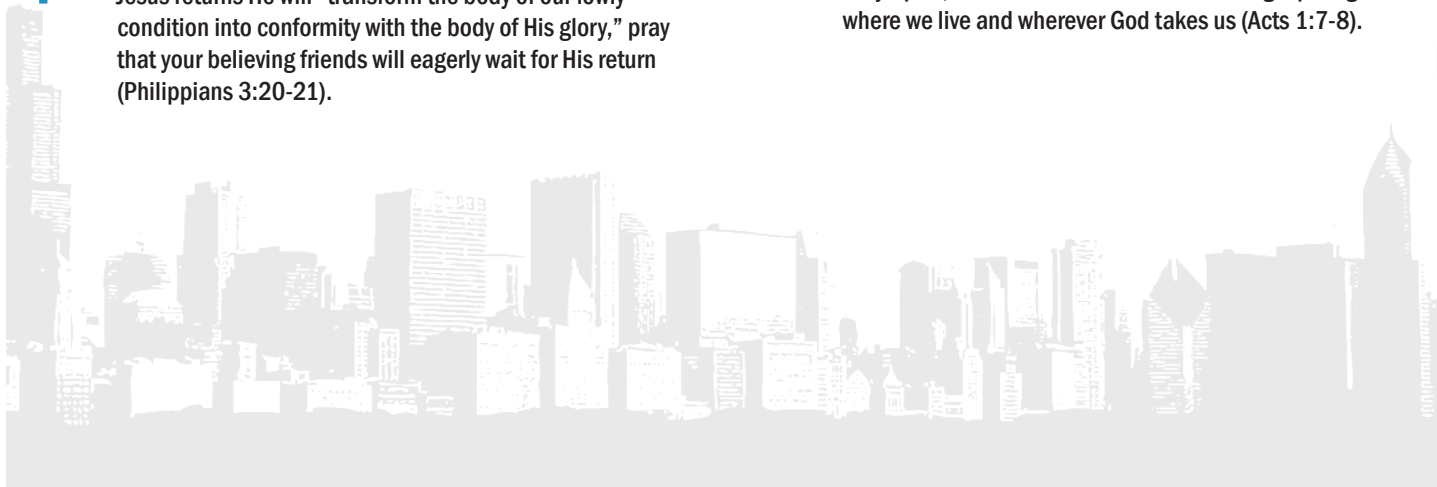
Sunday, October 23rd 2-4 pm - StuB

They are registered at: Target & Walmart







PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST

“Be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, **he would have been on the alert** and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason **you must be ready as well;** for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will” (Matthew 24:42-44 NASB).

- 1 Since no one knows when Jesus will return, pray that Christians in our nation will experience personal revival and will live with a constant readiness for His return (Matthew 24:44).
- 2 Jesus said His faithful servants would truly be blessed when He returns. Pray that the members of your church family will be faithful and sensible in carrying out their God-given responsibilities (Matthew 24:45-46).
- 3 Pray that genuine repentance will come to those Jesus described as “evil slaves,” individuals who during the end times identify themselves as Christians but mistreat real believers and engage in frivolous living (Matthew 24:49-51).
- 4 Jesus told the parable of the ten virgins to warn people that they must be spiritually ready when He returns for His bride, the church (Matthew 25:1-13). Pray that those in your community who do not know Christ will have their hearts opened to the truth of the gospel.
- 5 In the parable of the talents, Jesus said, “To everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away” (Matthew 25:29). Pray that your church family will faithfully handle what God has entrusted to them.
- 6 When Jesus comes in His glory, all nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32-34, 40). Pray that genuine followers of Jesus will live committed to loving Him by caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of fellow believers.
- 7 Knowing that our citizenship is in heaven and that when Jesus returns He will “transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with the body of His glory,” pray that your believing friends will eagerly wait for His return (Philippians 3:20-21).
- 8 Pray that in the midst of persecution and spiritual struggle, Christians around the world will be courageous and will walk by faith, not by sight. Pray that we will find hope as we remember that to be absent from the body is to be at home with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-8).
- 9 Knowing that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, pray that being pleasing to Him will be our ambition, whether at home or absent (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).
- 10 We know that when Jesus returns, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. Because of this, pray that everyone who has this hope fixed on Jesus will purify himself, just as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3).
- 11 Just as Paul encouraged the Corinthian believers to learn from the example of the Hebrews under Moses’ leadership, pray that Christians today will learn well the lessons of faith illustrated by those who have gone before us (1 Corinthians 10:1-11).
- 12 Pray that the spiritual eyes of your church family will be enlightened so that they will know the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18).
- 13 Jesus warned of stricter judgment for cities that had experienced Him at work but had failed to repent (Matthew 11:21-22). Pray that your city will experience the miraculous power of God and be quick to turn back to Him in repentance.
- 14 Not knowing the appointed times which the Father has fixed by His own authority, pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be bold witnesses of the gospel right where we live and wherever God takes us (Acts 1:7-8).



- 15** Knowing that this world and its lusts are passing away, pray that Christians in your community will be committed to doing the will of God (1 John 2:17).
- 16** One sign that it is the last hour is the presence of antichrists. As many today are denying the fact that Jesus is Lord, pray that today's church will not be led astray by their false teachings and evil ways (1 John 2:18).
- 17** Pray that Christians in your neighborhood will be bold and stand firm when someone approaches them with doctrines not found in the teachings of Christ. Pray that they will not receive these individuals into their houses or even give them a greeting (2 John 1:9-10).
- 18** Paul warned the Thessalonian believers to not be quickly shaken from their composure should they hear that the day of the Lord had come (2 Thessalonians 2:2). Pray that the church today will have great wisdom in rejecting false teachings regarding the end times.
- 19** Pray that Christians will faithfully share the gospel with their lost neighbors, helping them not to be deceived by the coming man of lawlessness who will display himself as being God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).
- 20** Pray that more and more people will receive the love of the truth and be genuinely saved through faith in Christ. Pray that those seeking Christ in the last days will not be deceived by the signs and false wonders Satan will use to draw people away from the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).
- 21** Peter warned that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat." Pray that in light of such destruction, Christians today will purpose to walk with holy conduct and godliness (2 Peter 3:10-11).
- 22** As Christians look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells, pray that they will be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by God (2 Peter 3:13-14).
- 23** Seeing where our nation is headed spiritually and politically, pray that the church will be on guard so as not to be carried away by error and lose our own firm commitment (2 Peter 3:17).
- 24** Pray that now and in the days to come, the church will prepare for the return of Christ by growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
- 25** Jesus said, "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire" (Matthew 13:41-42). Pray that as the Holy Spirit uses warnings like this, the lost will be prompted to seek Christ for salvation, and the saved will seek to walk in greater fellowship and intimacy with Him.
- 26** As a bold witness to the lost during these last days, pray that the righteous will shine forth as the sun as they seek their Father's kingdom first (Matthew 13:43).
- 27** Knowing that we are moving closer to the return of Jesus, pray that any individuals claiming to be the Christ will be recognized for who they truly are and will not be able to mislead the people of your community (Matthew 24:4-5).
- 28** Because we are hearing more reports today about wars, earthquakes, and famines, pray that God's children will not be frightened, but will press on even more enthusiastically in obeying the commands of Christ (Matthew 24:6-8).
- 29** Jesus said that in the last days, many believers will be delivered into tribulation and will even be killed because of His name. Pray that during these days of harsh treatment, His children will not stumble in their loyalty to Him and to each other (Matthew 24:9-10).
- 30** Jesus taught that before He returns, lawlessness will increase, and most people's love will grow cold. Pray that the people of your church family will remain faithful to Christ and will be able to endure to the end (Matthew 24:12-13).
- 31** Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). Pray that today's church will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus to our neighbors and to the whole world.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 N. Africa Interest Mtg. After 10:30 Service No evening Activities	3 1 John 3	4 1 John 4	5 1 John 5	6 2 John Shoebox Ministry 9:30am	7 3 John Shoebox Ministry 9:30am	8
Fall Break						
		Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm - 6A	No Children's or Youth Activities			
9 Shoebox Ministry Packing with C4 Deacons' Mtg. 4:30 pm Students CONNECT Night/Steinle's/6:00 pm	10 1 Pet 1	11 1 Pet 2	12 1 Pet 3	13 1 Pet 4	14 1 Pet 5	15 Men's Workday 8 am -12 noon
16	17 John 1	18 John 2 	19 John 3	20 John 4	21 John 5	22 <u>Rain date</u> Men's Workday, 8 -12 Marriage Ministry  Fall Connect Night 6:30-8:30 pm Willowbend Farm "Run For Their Freedom" 6 pm/Green Way Park
23 Lockman/Parris Shower 2-4 pm StuB	24 John 6	25 John 7	26 John 8  AWANA Hoe Down & Life 122 Harvest Night	27 John 9	28 John 10 Shoebox Ministry 9:30am	29
30  5 - 7:00 pm	31 John 11					

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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Karen Leach, Susan Martens,
Christy Payne, Donna Matson
Sabel Hooper
Chuck Payne, Rusty Parsons
Lewis Dunn
Kyson Kyle, Jacob Parris,
Rosemarie Stout, Donnie Atchley
Emory Kate Delmotte, Corbin Brown
Patricia Kyle
Tonie Medley
Neriah Gluckner, Ben Vest, Andy Scroggins
Jennifer Evett, Scott Hicks, Vicki Davis
Geneva Loudermilk
Kelsey & Kimber McAlister, Caleb Evett
Will Sprayberry, Richard Roberts
Knox Witt, Kristian Williams-Soto
Lori Simmons
Tripp Hall, Jeff Brantley
Pam Burnette, Jamie Work
Claire Kerley, Candra Gluckner, Peggy Taylor
Tyler Johns
Corey Limburg
Chasity Witt
Alvin Goodwin



One Minute Clinic

**“Do you see all these
great buildings?”
replied Jesus. “Not one
stone here will be left on
another; every one
will be thrown down.”**

Mark 13:2