



# *the* messenger

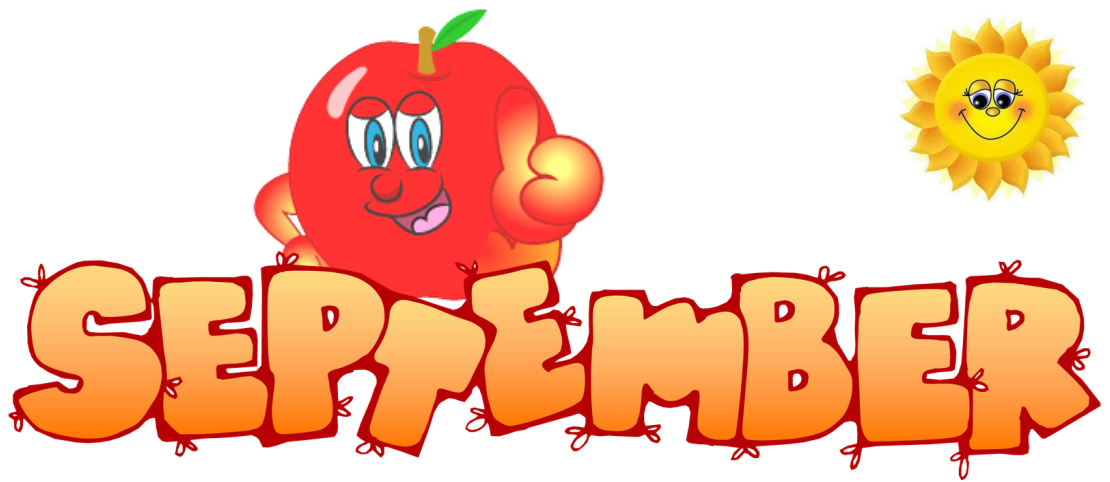
*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

## *increase*

*Now he who supplies seed  
to the sower and bread  
for food will also supply  
and increase your store  
of seed and will enlarge  
the harvest of your  
righteousness.*

*2 Corinthians 9:10*

**September 2023**



## AWANA

### AWANA in September OUR LEGACY

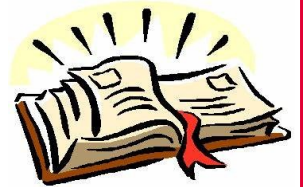
Sept 6th 20's Night  
 Sept 13th AWANA  
 Sept 20th Neon Night  
 Sept 27th AWANA



## Kid's Precept

Kids Precept (and adults too!) Cost is \$12  
 September 10th 4-6 pm includes a meal each night in  
 Fellowship Hall

Extreme Adventures with God:  
 Isaac, Esau and Jacob  
 Sign up with Christy Johns ASAP!



## Trunk R Treat

A church wide, community-loving event  
 hosted here in our parking lot.

Trunk r Treat October 29th 4-6 pm  
 (note the time change)

Sign up sheets will be included in Sunday School class  
 folders or see Christy Johns for  
 more info. Host a trunk with a  
 class, friend, spouse, kids,  
 or ministry idea!



## JOY STORY!

JOY STORY children's choir musical in  
 September

Sept 3rd No choir, practice your songs  
 and lines with the CD!

Sept 10th "The Way" choreography,  
 lines and music

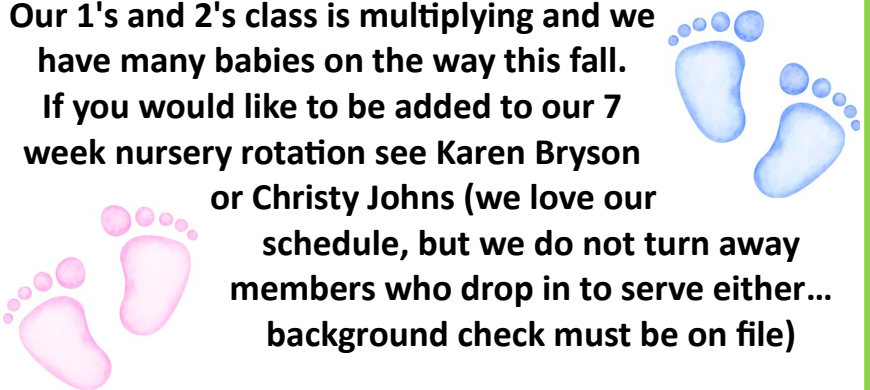
Sept 17th "The Great I AM" lines and  
 music



CHURCH BODY: We have some props  
 we would love to borrow for the set  
 stage! Large Rocking Horses,  
 Christmas tree with lights, large toy  
 props and animal props that would  
 help set the scene!  
 See Christy Johns

We are opening up another nursery class this year!  
 Our 1's and 2's class is multiplying and we  
 have many babies on the way this fall.

If you would like to be added to our 7  
 week nursery rotation see Karen Bryson  
 or Christy Johns (we love our  
 schedule, but we do not turn away  
 members who drop in to serve either...  
 background check must be on file)





With school and new routines in full swing, we have an exciting opportunity to connect with other believers in our community at Fields of Faith. Fields of Faith has been an annual event in our community for almost the last decade, and it serves as a way to unite believers from different denominational backgrounds around the cause of prayer, unity, and proclaiming the gospel to our community. This year it will take place inside of Cleveland High School's Raider Arena. While the event starts at 6:30pm, there will be a tailgate party starting around 5:30pm that will remain open until the start of the event. I will be asking parents to drop off and pick up your students from Cleveland High School that night. I will encourage students to invite their lost or unchurched friends as this is an easy on ramp into the church and spiritual matters. Please pray for our students to be encouraged by other believers and the united passion to see the lost students of this county come to faith. Please pray, as well, for follow up disciple making to take place for those who receive Christ for the first time.

On Wednesday nights we are going to look at the first few chapters of Isaiah in a series called "U Turn." Over the years I have learned both by experience and through God's Word that "Repentance" is not something to be feared but is actually a BLESSING from God. Listen to the language God gives Isaiah as He calls His people back to Him, "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18) I love the INVITATIONAL language that God gives to all sinners to "COME." Someone who has the power to wash away the stain of sin and who invites us to come to Him is not someone to run from in terror, but He is the One who offers mercy and forgiveness through love. WHO else would we turn to? Please pray for us to find the BLESSING in repentance, and that God would reveal the areas in our life that we need to turn away from.

Humbly Desiring to Serve,

Jonathan Kyle



Connect Night-Sunday, September 10th at Curt and LeAnn Klepzig's House @ 6pm

Connect Night-Sunday, September 24th at Scott and Tawnya Hicks' House @6pm

Fields of Faith-Wednesday, September 27th at Cleveland High School's Raider Arena @6:30pm

# CCA epistola



*“...we want to call upon you to be our needed watchman on the walls through prayer to the only one who neither slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121:4).”*

## Upcoming Dates

Sept. 4th - Labor Day (No School)

Sept. 8th - Grandparents Day

Sept. 11 - Parent Council

Sept. 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Sept. 15-Oct 2nd - CCA Discount Card Fundraiser

## Watchmen Needed

<sup>17</sup> “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel.  
-Ezekiel 3:17

On the last Sunday of August, CCBC heard a message from Ephesians 6:10-17 from pastor Coby Goins. Pastor Coby instructed us that we are not spectators in the spiritual battle that surrounds us, but we are participants. It is necessary always to wear the full armor of God. In ancient times, there were men who were assigned to be watchmen. In fact, God specifically appointed Ezekiel, the prophet, to be a watchman for the nation of Israel as they were in exile in Babylon around 593 B.C. (Ezekiel 3:17, 33:7). A watchman was stationed on a wall or lookout tower to be on guard for approaching dangers to a king, city, fields, or vineyards (2 Samuel 18:24, 2 Kings 9:17). The watchman’s duty was the first line of defense against attacks from an enemy or thief.

Today, we have replaced watchmen on the wall with security cameras to continually watch for potential physical threats against our homes, schools, churches, and businesses. While we are thankful for this technology, we must depend upon the Lord to protect as Psalm 127:1 so beautifully reminds us. “Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

As Candies Creek Academy progresses through this new academic year, we want to call upon you to be our needed watchman on the walls through prayer to the only one who neither slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121:4). While we are often cognizant of the physical threats at times we can become sleepy and inattentive to the spiritual battles that loom within students and staff while they are at school and as they encounter life off campus with family, friends, and cultural forces. All discipline problems are the root of spiritual issues of the heart.

We need you to suit up with the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:11,13) and take your post as a watchman on behalf of the students, staff, and their families as they encounter the unseen spiritual forces waging war upon their souls. Please join us in “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18).

**Prayer:**

“LORD our Refuge and Protector, you alone watch over Candies Creek Baptist Church and Academy. Hear from heaven my petitions for the spiritual and physical needs of CCA and other places of education.

1. Forgive my bemoaning of the next generation’s spiritual condition when I have neglected my watchman’s duty.
2. Give me a growing burden to be a faithful watchman on the wall, equipped with your armor and guided by the Spirit in prayer.
3. Now, LORD, you know every cosmic power and spiritual forces of evil seeking to distract, disillusion, and destroy students, families, and staff from seeing the beauty of the gospel and living in obedience to your divine commands. Lord, hold back the schemes and forces of evil so the next generation of students will flourish in love, truth, and grace for the good of their neighbors and nations and the praise of your mighty name.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Watching,  
Pastor Dave  
CCA Headmaster

Thank you to everyone who made a one-time or multiple donations to the Dana Work Scholarship Fund over the last four months. These donations are directly applied as scholarships to individual families who qualify. As of August 31st, we have committed \$22,250 for this school year. As of the last report, we were about halfway to our goal. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to fulfill our commitments this year and for the year to come.





**Dear Imitators of God,**

It is a joy to pray for you all! Part of my abiding is utilizing a key prayer point from the word of God to pray for you! I am thankful for God's financial provision for us, Candies Creek Baptist Church, throughout the years. In August, our receipts were \$82,511.25, and our expenses were \$62,772.35. Thank you for being sensitive to what God has done, is doing and wants to do through the people of Candies Creek Baptist Church. By grace, we continue to move forward with ministries and mission in faith, even when our cash flow is low. We are trusting God, to Him be the glory!

Matthew 22:37 And He said to him, "You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 The second is like it, 'You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.

#### HOW DO WE LOVE GOD & LOVE PEOPLE?

**LOVE  
GOD**



The  
King

Praying *Surrendering*  
Praying *Abiding*  
Praying *Worshipping*

**LOVE  
PEOPLE**



one  
another

Praying *Gathering*  
Praying *Equipping*  
Praying *Loving*



the  
lost

Praying *Living Sent*  
Praying *Inviting Along*  
Praying *Proclaiming Christ*

**Our response to God's glory and His gospel is a deep, abiding trust in the loving, living King.** By grace, it is our pleasure to walk in newness of life powered by the Holy Spirit with the priorities of a disciple as our way-of-life.

Thank you for being a people that see the value of Candies Creek Baptist Church ministering beyond Candies Creek Baptist Church and beyond our immediate community. How we love God and how we love people is making a difference in other churches and other countries already! God is opening more and more opportunities for us to live out His vision for us!

**Trusting God,**  
Pastor Stan





### Shoebox Ministry

Now is the perfect time to be putting those final touches on your shoeboxes because soon the stores will be flooded with eager shoebox shoppers depleting the wares. Remember, we can't send liquids, war toys, candy or toothpaste. But we can send school supplies, sunglasses, t-shirts, balls, yo-yos, coloring books, hair accessories, jumping ropes, handheld cars or dolls, etc. Take a child with you to shop to discover the world of fun as they see it. Sept 8th and 22nd are the upcoming Shoebox Sister workdays...please come join the fellowship at 9:30 and help prep shoebox items.

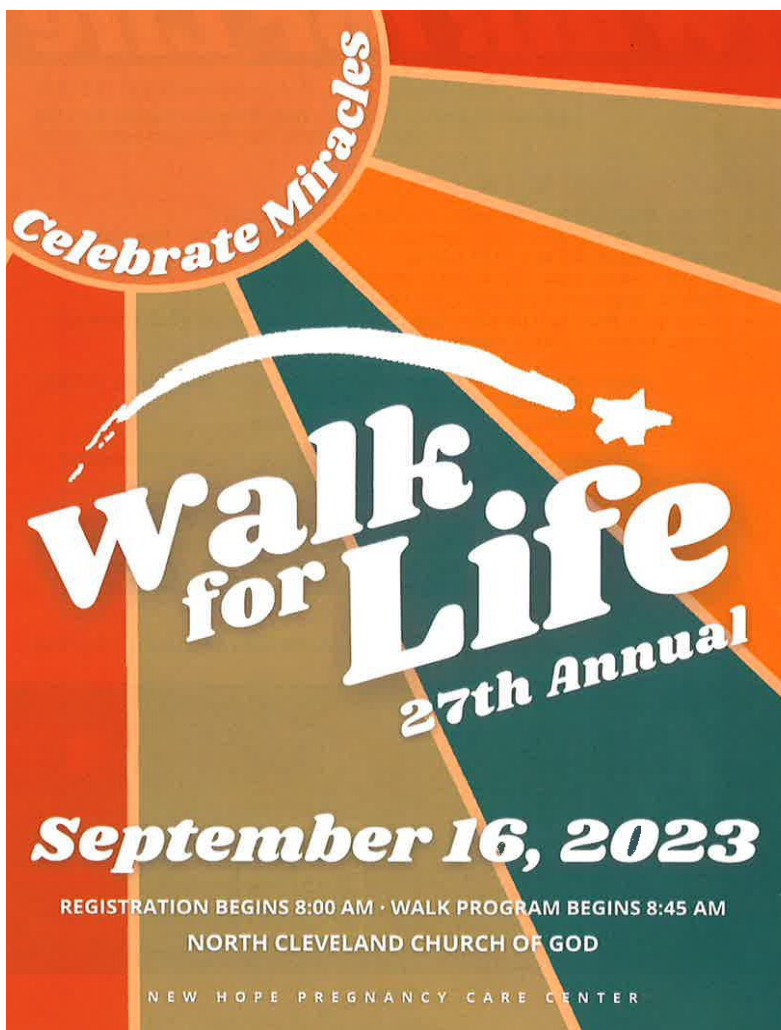


### PRAISE THE LORD!

<b>Given in August</b>	<b>\$82,511.25</b>
<b>August Expenses</b>	<b>\$62,772.35</b>
<b>2023 Given YTD</b>	<b>\$550,106.98</b>
<b>2023 Expenses YTD</b>	<b>\$609,700.50</b>
<b>Lottie Moon</b>	<b>\$2,662.58</b>

### Monday Night Community Group

Consider joining us for a several month study of the book of Acts. As we travel through Acts, we will connect it to the New Testament epistles we've studied over the last couple of years. The group meets at 6:30 on Monday nights for fellowship followed by study of the Word. For location, please call Lewis or Jean Dunn at 423.614.0273 or the church office.



Living Sent Saturdays in September

Community Groups serving together!

## Praying For The Next Generation

“Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts” (Psalm 145:3-4 NASB).

“AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM” (Luke 1:50 NASB).

- 1 Pray that this generation of adult believers and church leaders will be faithful in declaring God's great works to the next generation (Psalm 145:4).
- 2 Knowing that every generation needs the mercy of God, pray that the youth and young adults of America will earnestly fear and reverence the One who can extend mercy to an entire generation (Luke 1:50).
- 3 In Numbers 32:13 we see that because of their propensity to do evil, the LORD'S anger burned against Israel, and the entire generation paid the price. Pray that today's generations will be faithful to God and will walk in His righteous ways, not the unrighteous ways of the world.
- 4 Pray that the next generation will truly know and worship the one true God and not go after cultural idols in the vain pursuit of things He has not given them (Deuteronomy 29:25-26).
- 5 Pray that the next generation of adults in America will be alert spiritually to the danger of neglecting God, the One who created them and gave them life. Pray that they will be protected from the kind of false doctrines that could lead them into the worship of demonic idols (Deuteronomy 32:15-18).
- 6 Knowing that God sometimes hides His face from perverse generations (Deuteronomy 32:20), pray that the current generation of young believers will walk faithfully before God in the power of the Holy Spirit and help others do the same.
- 7 Knowing it is possible for a generation to become completely void of its knowledge of God and His work on the earth (Judges 2:10), ask God to protect the next generation by raising up strong leaders who will boldly declare to their peers the wonderful truths found in God's Word.
- 8 Pray that the godly men and women of the next generation will be preserved even when the wicked strut about on every side and vileness is exalted among the sons of men (Psalm 12:7-8).
- 9 Pray that the next generation will be bold in their walk with Jesus. Pray that their boldness will endure even during moments of persecution as they stand firm in the truth that God is with the righteous generation (Psalm 14:4-5).
- 10 Pray that the next generation of believers will endeavor to have clean hands and pure hearts before the LORD, not lifting up their souls to falsehood or swearing deceitfully (Psalm 24:4).
- 11 Knowing that the counsel of the LORD stands forever, and that God's plans for life are beneficial to every generation, pray that young believers in our nation will pursue biblical truth over worldly counsel (Psalm 33:10-11).
- 12 Pray that the youth of America will be open and receptive to the teachings of God's Word. Pray that their love for Jesus will be so great that passing on biblical truths to the next generation will be a natural part of their walk with Christ (Psalm 71:17-18).
- 13 Pray that the next generation will put their confidence in God and not forget His works. Pray that they will keep His commandments and not be like stubborn and rebellious generations that have come before (Psalm 78:7-8).
- 14 Pray that the youth of America will prepare their hearts to encounter and serve God and that their walk with Him will continually demonstrate faithfulness. Pray that they will not turn back to the ways of the world when the daily battles of life become difficult (Psalm 78:8-9).





- 15** Pray that the God who rules forever, whose throne is from generation to generation, will not forsake the next generation of believers, but will restore them through a dynamic love relationship with Himself (Lamentations 5:19-21).
- 16** Pray that any remedial judgments experienced by this generation of church members will bring forth the fruit of repentance, and that those who have changed their ways will, in turn, pass on that which they have learned to the generations that follow (Joel 1:2-3).
- 17** Jesus said of His generation: "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign" (Matthew 12:39). Pray that the next generation will not seek mystical signs for direction in life, but will place their faith in the One who knows and controls the future.
- 18** Some generations have been more sensitive to repent from sin than others (Matthew 12:41). Pray that the next generation will have sensitive hearts and will repent when their sinful ways are exposed through the Spirit and the Word.
- 19** Jesus once attributed the disciples' inability to cure a young boy on the unbelieving and perverted nature of that day's generation (Matthew 17:17). Pray that the power of God will once more be seen openly in our country as this generation repents and walks with God in great faith.
- 20** Since no one knows the exact day or hour when Christ will come back, pray that the next generation will be on the alert and will live with an urgency and readiness for their Lord's return (Matthew 24:36, 42).
- 21** Jesus knew that there were those of His generation who were ashamed of Him and His words (Mark 8:38). Pray that those who know and belong to Jesus today will live boldly, not being ashamed of Him or His words.
- 22** Pray that the men of the coming generations will not act like children when it comes to their spiritual walk. Pray that they will have and live by the wisdom that comes from above (Luke 7:31-35).
- 23** With many generations being represented within your community, pray that all those around you who are lost will repent from their sins and place their faith in the saving work of Christ alone for their salvation (Acts 2:37-40).
- 24** Just as David served the purpose of God in his own generation, pray that every next-generation believer at your church will seek God's will for his or her life, and will lovingly obey the commands of Christ (Acts 13:36).
- 25** Pray that next-generation Christians within your community will worshipfully present their bodies to Christ as living and holy sacrifices (Romans 12:1).
- 26** Pray that believers in the next generation will prove themselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (Philippians 2:15).
- 27** Pray that every spiritual leader raised up to lead the next generation in your community will hold fast to the word of life so as not to run or toil in vain (Philippians 2:16).
- 28** Pray that every person in the next generation who is drawn to Christ and becomes a believer will understand their oneness with Him and come to see that Christ living in them is the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).
- 29** Pray that the next generation will serve Christ well by loving their neighbors as they love themselves (James 2:8).
- 30** Pray that the believers living in the next generation will be strong in their faith and will love Jesus wholeheartedly. Pray that they

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September</h1>					1	2 
3  <i>Adult Choir 6 pm</i>	4  <b>Labor Day!</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	5  Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm	6	7	8 CCA Grandparents Day! <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	9
10  <i>Kid's Precept Begins 4:00 pm</i> <u>Deacons Mtg.</u> 4:30 pm Students CONNECT Night/6:00pm/Klepzig's	11	12	13	14	15	16 "Walk for Life" 8:45 am 
17	18	19	20	21	22 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am/Ed. Bldg	23
24  Students CONNECT Night/6:00pm/Hicks'	25	26	27  Fields of Faith 6:30 pm/CHS Field	28	29	30

#### SUNDAYS

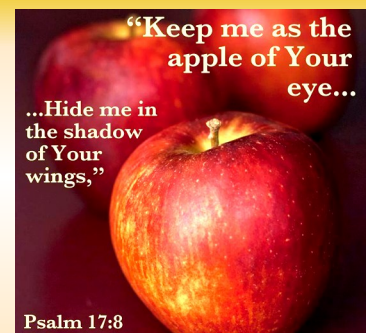
Early Worship Service.....8:00 am  
 Community Groups.....9:15 - 10:15 am  
 Late Worship Service .....10:30 am  
 Kid's Precept Bible Study (9/10).....4:00 pm  
 Adult & Children's Choir .....6:00 pm

#### WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting (WC).....6:00 pm  
 AWANA.....6:00 - 7:30 pm  
 Life 122 (StuB).....6:15 pm

#### THURSDAYS

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





**CANDIES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**294 OLD EUREKA RD.**  
**CHARLESTON, TN 37310**

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Livia Kyle
3rd	Rachael Casteel, David Braden
5th	Gibson Purser
6th	Shane Coleman
7th	Chuck Barkley, Caleb Ledford
9th	Stephanie Cooke, Laura Dye
10th	Karen Bryson, Brendon Witte
12th	Jean Dunn, Nathan Land
14th	Angel Purser, Jim Booher
18th	Pete Coleman
19th	Eslie Gluckner, Sierra Missinne, Patty Celender, Campbell Nation
20th	Mandy Dixon, Paula Missinne
23rd	Kaiden Simko, Alayna Tweed, Brandy Land
24th	Owen Jolley, Patti Gates
25th	Rheagan Hall
27th	Tiffany Creekmore, Matt Coleman
29th	Hudson Burnette, Corban Kyle

