



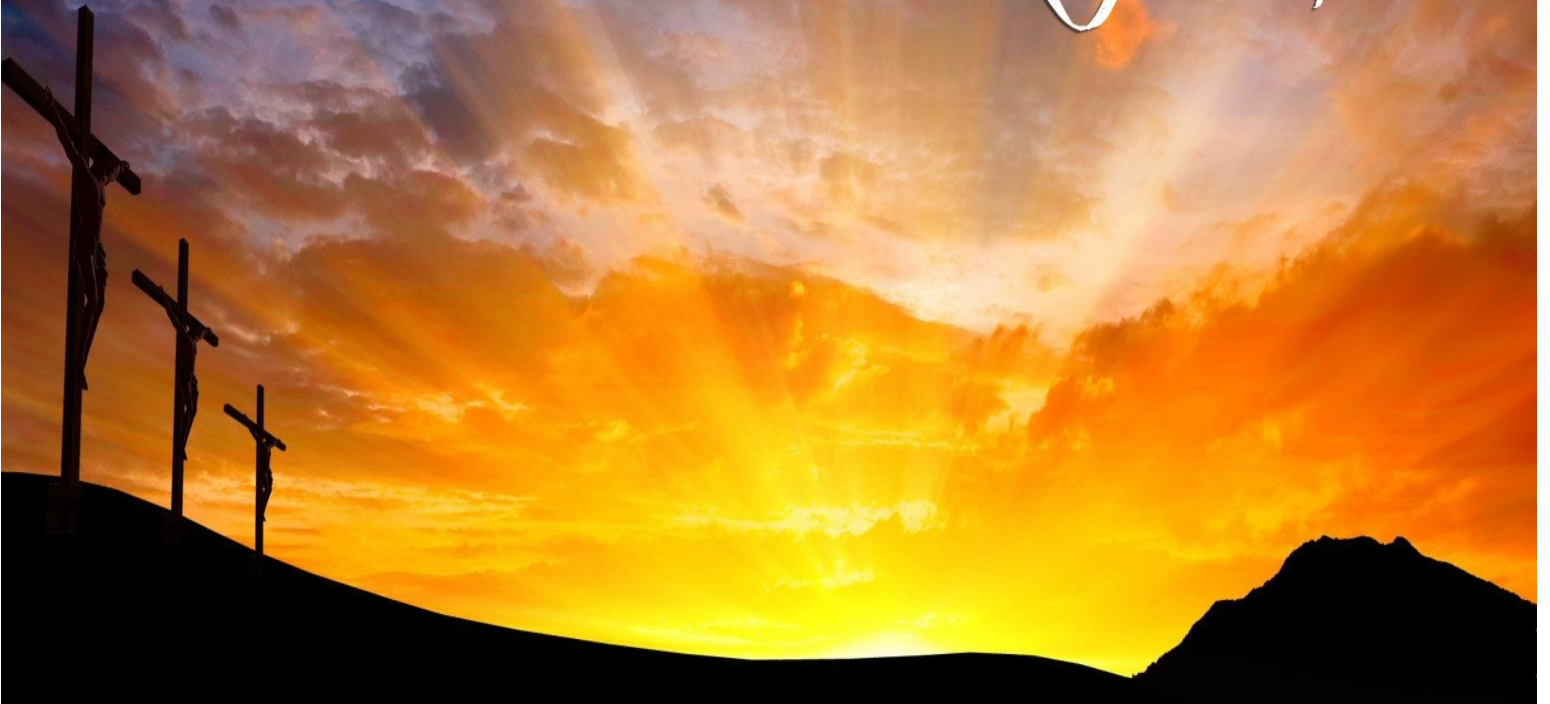
the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

April 2025

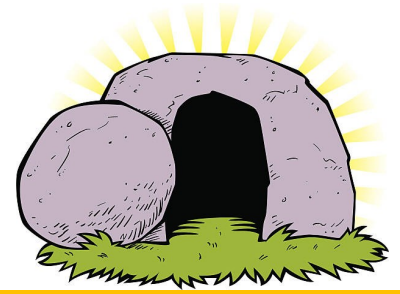
Earth's saddest day and
gladdest day were just...

Three days apart.





APRIL



VBS 2025 join us in the Old West Town of Shiloh where covered wagons, cowboys and the pony express collide with Biblical Israel to give us the story of Samuel, US Marshall, God's judge, prophet and priest who leads the nation of Israel in their search for a King!



Walk Thru VBS May 18th in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School kids and adults can look, taste and touch items that go with our theme.

Volunteer Sign up at the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

NEEDS: simple sewing of felt horse heads for our stick ponies! See Christy Johns, Sharon Magee or Wendy Torchick

Children's Church



There will be no C4 on Easter Resurrection Sunday April 20th.

However we WILL have our final C4 on April 27th at 8 & 10:30

In May, June and July families please make plans to pick up children K-3rd grades promptly from Sunday School and attend worship together!

May 4th Ci Cis Pizza for all C4 helpers will be immediately following the 10:30 am service! RSVP for those riding on the van. We LOVE our C4 helpers.



AWANA for APRIL

April 2 AWANA
April 9 The Big Recall
April 16 AWANA
April 23 Cardboard Testimonies
April 30 CLOSING CELEBRATION...
6pm in the Worship Center for all parents/clubbers/church family... FREE Kona Ice for all clubbers immediately following on the playground. Students and parents may also purchase an Ice to celebrate with us.



PARENT CHILD CHURCH DEDICATION:

May 11th Mother's Day at 10:30 am.

Please contact Christy Johns if you have questions or would like to participate in this service. cjohns1269@gmail.com or 423-790-2674 RSVP by April 30th.

K! Ready

... a fun Monday fellowship AND training on June 2nd.

We will have training for parents of our 2, 3, 4 yr old classes with childcare provided. And a lunch and fellowship on the playground in between sessions.

New Kits will be ordered soon!

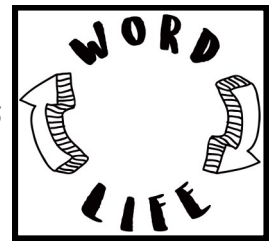
Contact Christy Johns with any questions.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the Children's ministry Volunteers for 2025. Children's ministry involves many families working together to care for, love and grow the children who are an important part of the church body. Candies Creek values every stage of life and we are grateful for your part in serving this next generation of leaders. These kids are future pastors, missionaries, deacons, bible teachers, parents and fellow workers in Christ!

Student Ministry

Wednesdays
@ 6:15 pm



Happy April! As we move into this month we are looking forward on the schedule to D-Now on the 11th-13th! This will be an intensive discipleship weekend with messages, small groups, alone time with God, and service - all with the purpose of growing closer to our God. The theme of this year's weekend is "One" which feeds into our overall focus this year on Unity.

Ephesians 4:4-6 says "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." This weekend we will focus on the truth that is one God, one way to heaven, one church, and one mission. My prayer, and the prayer that I ask you lift over this weekend, is that our students will come to understand these things and truly see the value in being one with their brothers and sisters in the faith.

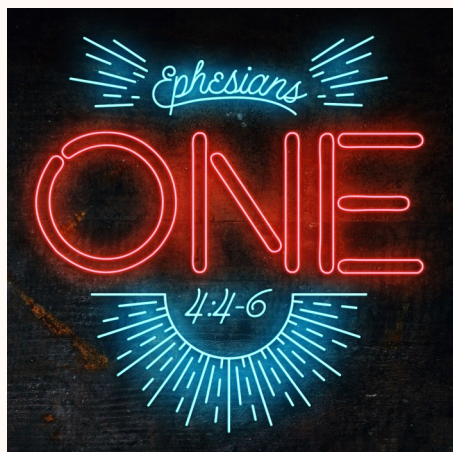
As we focus on the idea of "oneness" my mind is drawn back to the concept of fellowship in the Bible. At times, we can look at fellowship through a "cookies and punch" lens. The truth is, the idea of fellowship is much deeper. It is closeness and relationship with one another that goes much deeper than simple social connections. Rather, it is a form of covenant participation. As we confess Christ as our Lord and Savior, we not only enter into covenant with God but also with the other believers around us. We recognize our place as under God's authority as well as our place next to one another bowing to our King! We are one with each other because of our equal standing before God and we participate in fellowship when we live among each other with this mindset.

At the D-Now weekend there will certainly be fellowship - games, laughter, and fun - but it goes deeper. I pray that God blesses us and truly gives us fellowship that is representative of one church participating in covenant together.

This month, be enriched by the fact that our fellowship is done in light of a unifying God who invites to not only participate in a covenant with Him, but also with every believer around us. Love and celebrate those around you as people who, like you, bow before the ultimate King.

Grace and peace,

Jed Cole

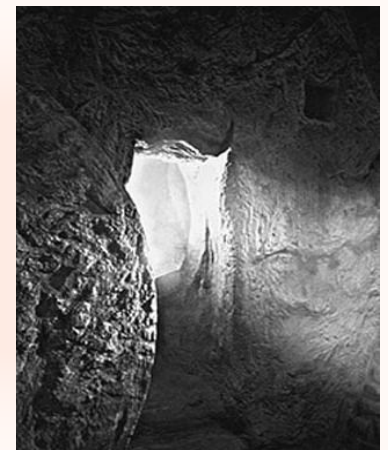


COLLEGE NIGHT - SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH
6:00 PM/MONTERREY'S MEX

D-Now
April 11th-13th

RESURRECTION SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

STUDENT CONNECT NIGHT - SUNDAY,
APRIL 27TH/6:00 PM/TBD





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ known as Creek Baptist Church,

I praise God for how we continue to send people out beyond Candies Creek and Bradley County. We prayed over two groups the last Sunday in March who are headed to the **Blue Oval City in partnership** with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and to **North Africa in partnership** with the International Mission Board. We also continue to grow the culture that everyone is **sent daily as The King's representatives** in their daily lives.

We will continue to walk through the Church Covenant and Covenant Statement at the end of each worship service this year. The Covenant Statement phrases start with "I will" and are **Biblical membership expectations as goals to be attained in the pursuit of godliness.**"

Covenant Statement 2: I will gladly give my regular financial support, through tithes and offerings, to the ongoing work and ministry of the church (2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-7).

Church Covenant C: G: We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. (Ephesians 2:21-22; Hebrews 10:25; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-34; Romans 16:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 1 Corinthians 5; Acts 2:42; 2 John 1:9-11; Matthew 10:10; Galatians 6:6; Malachi 3:8-10; Acts 11:29; Hebrews 12:12-14; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 {1-2}; {9:6-7} Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8)

Luke record's Jesus words **"into Thy hand I commit my spirit"** as one of seven sayings from the cross. Jesus wasn't just pulling that line out of the psalm but enTRUSTed Himself to the "God of truth" as an example for us!
Sunday April 13th: **A Dead Man...A Broken Vessel** (Psalm 31:9-13)
Friday April 18th: **Into Thy Hand I Commit My Spirit** (Psalm 31:1-8)
Sunday April 20th: **Save Me In Thy Lovingkindness** (Psalm 31:14-24)

Living as part of the body of Christ,
Pastor Stan

Wanting More

Does it sometimes—or maybe often—seem that in this life we find ourselves wanting more? More money? More time? More stuff? More space? More friends? More praise? More adventure?

Does it occur to us that we need not spin our wheels and spend our energy wanting more of these things when we have The One who surrendered all—more than we can imagine—to give us all we need for abundant life and eternal security? We would do well to find ourselves wanting more intimacy with Christ, whose self-sacrifice, burial, and resurrection conquered death and dissatisfaction and created the only way to knowing contentment, as described by the apostle Paul and by the writer of Hebrews:

“...I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11-13

“Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you nor will I ever forsake you,’ so that we confidently say, ‘The Lord is my Helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?’” Hebrews 13:5-6

We will find ourselves wanting less of worldly things and wanting more intimacy with Christ when we devote more time to prayer. The following is found in The Classic Collection on Prayer, a compilation of the writings of 19th-century pastor/chaplain, prayer warrior and author E.M. Bounds:

“God gave us all things in prayer by promise because He had given us all things in His Son. Amazing gift—His Son! Prayer is as unlimited as His own blessed Son. There is nothing on earth or in Heaven, for time or eternity, that God’s Son did not secure for us. By prayer, God gives us the vast and matchless inheritance that is ours by virtue of His Son. God charges us to ‘come boldly unto the throne of grace.’ [Heb. 4:16] God is glorified and Christ is honored by large asking.”

Wanting more peace? More joy? More wisdom? More hope? More discernment for understanding?

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

“Consider it all joy...when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” James 1:2-5

“...having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:1-5

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Philippians 4:8





WOW! Ladies



"EGG-stravaganza!"

Tuesday, April 15th

5:30-7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Please bring a snack to share, a pre-washed container of strawberries and \$1.00. You can wear your WOW! T-shirt, or buy one at the event if you want :-)

Annette Tweed 423-309-8623 or
Traci Blackburn 423-421-0618

The Adult Choir presents:



Christ THE PERFECT Sacrifice

Good Friday Service

April 18th - 7:00 pm - Worship Center

Given in March	\$67,878.96
March Expenses	\$64,550.75
2025 Given	\$206,843.81
2025 Expenses	\$220,351.20
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$2,625.00



Easter Sunrise Service 7:15 am at the Cemetery

Attention Please

In regards to the **Candies Creek Cemetery**, which is a separate entity from Candies Creek Baptist Church, we are in need of some maintenance over and above the general clean-up and mowing. The cost is 2,000.00. If you have family buried in the cemetery or you know of families that you can pass this information along, any donations toward this work would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to **Candies Creek Cemetery** and you can drop them off at the church or mail to:

Sabel Hooper
8669 Eureka Road NW
Charleston, TN 37310.
Thank you!

Senior Adults

You will be our Guests of Honor On Sunday, April 27th for Lunch & Special Guest Music by Randy & Sherri Miller in the StUB after the 10:30 service (Noon-ish)

Please sign up or call the office by April 23

MISSIONS

Missions 101

Missions 101 is a class required for all participants in Candies Creek-sponsored mission trips. It is a once-in-a-lifetime requirement. If you have never attended Missions 101 and you hope to participate in one of Candies Creek-sponsored mission efforts this year, or you simply want to renew your missions awareness, this year's class is scheduled for

Saturday, April 26th from 10 am to 12 noon.

Please call the church office to sign up. (423) 479-3731

South Asia Mission Trip

Dates: July 24 - August 2/Team Leader - Jamie Work

Interest Meeting - Easter Sunday, April 20th after the 2nd service in the Choir room

Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

Jeff Sprayberry & Family for the loss of his Father E. L. Sprayberry

Elaine Rice & Family for the loss of her Brother James Peels

Jonathan Kyle & Family for the loss of his Mother Patricia Kyle

PSALMS part 2 Ladies Precept

May 1, 8, 15, 22 Thursdays 9-11 am

Cost: \$16 for PUP book & \$14 for In & Out version

RSVP with Christy Johns to ask questions, sign up or request childcare



They engaged in a footrace to the burial site. It wasn't a friendly competition; Peter and John were just bewildered at Mary's claim that the tomb was empty. Their grief was still raw over the horrid crucifixion, death, and burial of their Master. And now they saw for themselves that Jesus' body was missing. Only the linen grave clothes remained.

They returned to their homes confused, "for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead" (John 20:9, ESV). But Mary lingered behind, weeping over the loss of her beloved Jesus. And then, Jesus spoke her name. "Mary."

Instantly, everything changed. Mary raced to tell the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (vs. 18). Hope was alive in her soul! Her faith was revived to believe in Jesus as her Messiah. The disciples soon followed with their own renewed faith when Jesus appeared to them that evening, breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (vs. 22).

Yes, Jesus is alive! This month, His resurrection will be celebrated around the world. Let's pray for revived faith and hope initiated by a great outpouring of His Spirit!

1 Pray that as you prepare for Resurrection Sunday, you will know the voice of your Master and Savior. Even today, He speaks your name (John 20:16).

2 Ask God to increase your faith, even when you don't yet understand all His purposes. Like John and Peter, run breathlessly to discover Jesus in His Word. Pray for more of Jesus in your life (John 20:4-9).

3 Pray that you will join Mary in telling everyone, "I have seen the Lord!" As Easter approaches, ask God for the courage to declare Jesus and point to Him with even greater expectancy (John 20:18).

4 Although they were meeting behind locked doors, "The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord." Jesus surprised them and reassured them of His peace and power. Pray that you will never take for granted the hope of Jesus' resurrection (John 20:20).

5 Jesus encouraged His disciples to "touch me and see." He challenged them to rise above their doubts and simply believe He was no longer dead. Pray for the skeptics in your life to encounter Jesus and be free from doubt (Luke 24:38-39).

6 Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Pray that you are filled with the reviving, refreshing power of the Spirit as you journey in prayer toward celebrating Jesus' resurrection (John 20:22).

7 Jesus declared Himself to be "the resurrection and the life." Pray for your heart to be revived to the joy of living daily in the resurrection power of Jesus (John 11:25).

8 Jesus also declared that by believing in Him, you will never die. Pray for an eternal perspective and an urgency to share this wonderful news with others (John 11:26).

9 Scripture tells us that although death came through a man, "the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man"—Jesus! Ask the Spirit to revive your hope in your future resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:21).

10 In God's great mercy, "he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Pray for ways to express that living hope to your family and loved ones (1 Peter 1:3).

11 After Jesus' resurrection, the apostles continued to testify about Christ, and "God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all." Pray for the Church to come alive with resurrection power to fervently proclaim Christ! (Acts 4:33).

12 By knowing Christ, we can know the power of His resurrection and participate in His suffering. Pray for the faith and confidence to identify with Jesus and testify to His reviving power (Philippians 3:10).

13 Today is Palm Sunday. Join with the voices who declared, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38).

14 As you pray through this week, take courage in Jesus' humility coupled with strength: "Do not be afraid, Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." Thank Him for our hope in the One who reigns forever (John 12:14-15).

15 Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem created quite a stir, and the people asked, "Who is this?" Pray that your community will be awakened with curiosity to the truth and power of Christ (Matthew 21:10).

16 As we move through Holy Week, pray that you and your church will "be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Pray that no matter how dark the world seems, God will raise up a prayer movement of belief and hope in Jesus (Psalm 31:24).

17 We live in hope because God demonstrates His love for us through the death of Christ. Praise God that your sins are forgiven in Jesus and that you are so deeply loved by God (Romans 5:8).

18 Today is Good Friday. Pause and reflect on Jesus' great gift to us: "He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed'" (1 Peter 2:24).

19 Jesus was mocked, spit on, flogged, and killed. Yet the promise remained that "three days later he will rise." Praise God that evil never wins in the end. Pray that you will daily live in Jesus' conquering victory (Mark 10:34).

20 Today is Easter Sunday. Resurrection Day! Praise God that the message delivered by the angel holds true for us today: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay" (Matthew 28:5-6).

21 "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also." Pray for your church to embrace and live in resurrection power as you testify of Jesus to lost people in your community (1 Corinthians 6:14).

22 Jesus was raised to life and is now "at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Pray for your heart to align with Jesus as you intercede for revival and awakening in our nation (Romans 8:34).

23 Because Christ was raised from the dead and sin has no mastery over Him, we too can count ourselves dead to sin and alive in Christ. Pray for victory over any sin that lingers in your life. Pray for loved ones to be set free from bondages (Romans 6:9-11).

24 By His resurrection, Jesus has "rescued us from the domain of darkness." Pray that your loved ones will live with victory over the enemy's schemes and lies and instead flourish here and now in His Kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

25 Pray that your family and friends will declare that "Jesus is Lord" and believe that "God raised him from the dead." Intercede for the salvation of those far from Christ (Romans 10:9).

26 Jesus invites us today as His disciples to deny ourselves, take up our crosses daily, and follow Him. Pray that the Church in our nation is revived to radical obedience for the sake of Christ (Luke 9:23).

27 Jesus' death and resurrection may seem like foolishness to the world, but it is the power of God to those who believe. Pray for an awakening across this nation that opens people's hearts to the joy of salvation (1 Corinthians 1:18).

28 The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is now available to us who believe. Pray for your prayer life to reflect a revived heart that believes for the impossible made possible in Christ! (Ephesians 1:19).

29 Jesus died and rose again, and we are assured that "God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." Praise God that your future destiny is guaranteed by Jesus' victory over death (1 Thessalonians 4:14).

30 Do not be afraid. Jesus is the First and the Last. Though He was dead, "now look, I am alive for ever and ever!" Pray that you will live courageously as one revived by the power of the resurrection (Revelation 1:17b-18a).

SUNDAYS

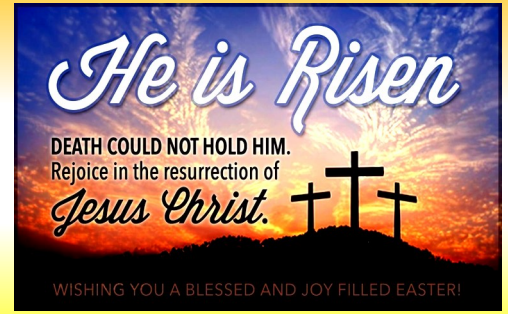
Early Worship Service.....8:00 am
 Community Groups.....9:15-10:15 am
 Late Worship Service10:00 am
 One Another Care Course.....5:45 pm
 Adult Choir.....6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<p>6</p> <p>College Night 6:00pm/Monterrey's</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm-Maddux/3A</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>CCA Spring Auction/5 pm</p> <p>D-NOW</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.</p> <p>12</p> 	
<p>13</p>  <p>Kid's to the Movie "King of Kings" 1:30 pm/BS Mall</p> <p>Deacons Mtg. 4:30 pm</p>	14	<p>15</p>   <p>Ladies WOW! EGG-stravaganza! 5:30 pm/F.H.</p>	16	<p>17</p>  <p>Good Friday Service 7:00 pm/WC</p>	18	19
<p>20 Sunrise Service 7:15 am/ Cemetery & Regular Sunday a.m. Schedule</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>South Asia Interest Mtg. 12-ish/Choir Rm.</p>	22	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Shoebox Ministry 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>101 Class 10 am - 12 noon Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Senior Adult Luncheon 12:00 pm/StuB</p> <p>Members Business Mtg. 4:30pm/WC Student Connect 6 pm/TBD</p>	28	29	<p>30</p>  <p>Closing Celebration 6:00 pm/WC</p>			



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Shoebox Ministry

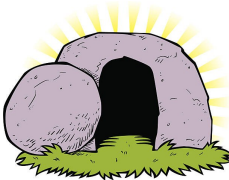
The ladies and gentlemen have been busy hunting and gathering since early January so that we would be ready to pack our first batch of shoeboxes on April 25. Feel free to join us....more hands are always appreciated. We will pack about 350 boxes for 2-4 year old kids overseas.

We start with our circle of prayer at 9:30.

April workdays are April 11th
 and the packing day, April 25th.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Amy Martin
4th	Bella Beard, Nathan Missinne
7th	Catherine Purser
8th	Marilyn Smith, Riley Brashier
9th	Nolan Gibson, Jake Simko
10th	Lydia Atchley, Thomas Adolph
11th	Meghan Blackmon, Lynnae Roberts
12th	Crystal Lee
14th	Laurel Kerley, John Brewer
15th	John Simmons, Scott Hall
16th	Zayn Long, Adaline Smith, Jadon Griffey
17th	Emma Hicks, Mike Shay
18th	Don Harden, Collin Andruess
19th	Etta Mae Noel, Tanner Ensley
21st	Chantel Harden,
23rd	Sam Morris
24th	Jeanie Maxwell
25th	Katie Kerley, Lance Bryson
26th	Ethan Griffey, Jackson Allison
29th	Don Nation
30th	Brady Witt, John Moore



One Minute Clinic

but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. - Isaiah 40:31

