



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

June 2025



VBS! June 15th - 19th



CHRIST IN THE FEASTS

One of our favorite ways to study the connection between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant is Celebrating Jesus Christ in the Feasts. There will be eating, activities, Bible study with Gospel conversations and even some crafts. Christ in the Feasts is for kids K-6th grade, but PreK is welcome to attend with an adult to assist and help them. 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Treehouse, pick up on the Playground

- ◇ June 4 Rosh HaShanah Feast of Trumpets
- ◇ June 11 Yom Kippur Feast of Atonement
- ◇ June 25 Sukkot Feast of Booths/Tabernacles
- ◇ July 2 Purim Feast of Lots
- ◇ July 16 Pesah Feast of Passover
- ◇ July 30 Pentecost Feast of Weeks



VBS 2025 SAMUEL: Search for a King June 15-19th 6-8:45 pm

SIGN UPS for Volunteers in the Fellowship Hall
or See Christy Johns

REGISTRATION for kids opens June 1st!

Sunday June 8th SADDLE UP! 9:00-9:45 am in the Treehouse Sunday School Kids will make and name their own Stick Horse for VBS

Sunday 8th June 8th VBS MEETING 11:30 ish immediately following church service for all leaders in the Treehouse

NEEDS FOR VBS: Watermelon donations, daily baked bread or goodies for the Shiloh Bakery!

CALLING all Cowboys, CORNBREAD & CHILI makers we are serving up hot dogs and chili/beans and cornbread Sunday June 15th ...if you could donate a pot of kid friendly chili and/or some cornbread that would be a great help for our Wild West VBS. YEEHAW see Robin Elmer or Christy Johns if you have questions.



JUNE ICE CREAM & MISSIONS:

Kids who read one or more missionary book by the end of June, independently, or with their family will be eligible to go to the DQ on the van with Mrs. Christy! Check out our church library for some great reads. We will go by van to DQ on June 30th for lunch and ice cream to discuss and celebrate! (We will repeat this with a new missionary book on July 31st)

NURSERY & SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO:

- ◆ Both 8 and 10:30 nursery volunteers please check in at 10 am during the Summer one service schedule
- ◆ FALL Nursery Schedule openings! Sign ups in July
- ◆ Promotion Sunday August 3rd for all 1yr olds up to 6th grade!
- ◆ Children's Church C4 back on August 3rd
- ◆ AWANA 2025-2026 year begins August 27



Welcome Justin Goss & Family to Candies Creek!

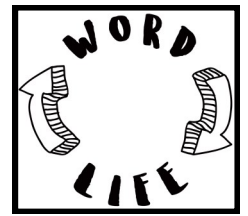
Justin grew up in Virginia and graduated from the College of William and Mary before joining the Navy in 1999. His career included service on land and sea and sent him to posts all over the world. But most importantly, it sent him to England, where he met his wife, Suzanne.

As Justin approached the end of his 20 years in the Navy, he and Suzanne were looking for a welcoming, Christ-loving place where they could disciple their five children, Thomas, Orla, Arthur, Wilfred, and Agnes. God's providential hand eventually led them to Decatur, where Justin was able to serve in his children's classical Christian homeschool co-op. Here he deepened his love for and understanding of the classical approach to education, which recognizes that all fields of knowledge point back to the truth of their perfect and glorious Creator.

Justin is deeply honored to have been selected as the Headmaster of Candies Creek Academy, where he prays he will be able to faithfully serve the school's mission to equip, model, and mobilize effective disciples.

Student Ministry

**Wednesdays
@ 6:15 pm**



We have officially made it through Camp Cherokee! It was a wonderful week, and I am incredibly grateful for all of your prayers for our students and counselors. Over the past week, we devoted a significant amount of time to exploring the origins of the Bible, the basis for our trust in it, and how to more effectively interpret and apply it. It was so encouraging to hear from the students that their trust and understanding of God's word grew.

Today, much of society lives in a world that demands logic and reasoning. A world that looks at the Bible and wishes to push it aside as some sort of old fairy tale that could never truly happen. We, as people of faith, should not reject the worlds of logic and reason, but rather understand that God is a God who created the logic and reasoning of the world, and His word is one that lives and breathes in these realms as well. At camp, we learned from Pastor Jackie Watts that the Bible we have today is the most historically preserved and meticulously transferred ancient book in human history. The words we read today are accurate and well represent the words originally written by Moses, the Prophets, and Apostles. The Spirit of God truly was at work in the composition of the Bible and the transmission from then to now.

Some may say that the Bible has changed over the past few thousand years. I rejoice and praise God that our students not only now know confidently that that is a lie, but also know enough to enter into conversations with those who doubt the reliability of God's word with confidence and facts to lead to Gospel conversation. I encourage you to spend time thanking our Lord God that His word stands firm through all generations.

Psalm 199:89 - "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."

Grace and peace,

Jed Cole



♦ **CAMP SHARE CONNECT NIGHT**
SUN. JUNE 1ST/5-8 PM/TWEED'S RIVER HOUSE

♦ **COLLEGE NIGHT - SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH/6:00 PM**

♦ **VBS — JUNE 15 - 19 (NO LIFE 122 6/18)**

♦ **STUDENT CONNECT NIGHT - TUES. JUNE 23RD/6 PM**

♦ **COLLEGE NIGHT - SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH/6:00 PM**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Covenant Participation,

I praise God for **the emphasis on the Word of God** at Camp Cherokee. God has blessed us with awesome students and adults who love His Word. I also praise God for all **the volunteers** it takes to pull off Camp Cherokee and Vacation Bible School. Candies Creek has very strong children's and student ministry leaders in Pastor Jed Cole and Christy Johns. I am excited to welcome **Justin Goss as the new Head of School** as well. Please be in prayer for our ministry team and Candies Creek Academy.

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 4: 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).

Church Covenant I: We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. (Acts 18:27-28; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 3:23; Hebrews 10:24-25; 2 Corinthians 13:11-14)

We will continue with our **ONE service at 10 am** and **community groups at 8:45 am**. Please come prepared to sing to The King with **ONE voice** as Pastor Sammy leads us in congregational worship. Our rhythms are different in the summer so **I hope that you are revived according to His lovingkindness so that you may embody the glory of God and the gospel of God.** The Christian life is about a personal relationship with God and a congregational responsibility. May we all give the Lord our mind's attention, our heart's affection and our live's devotion.

Living as part of the Body of Christ,
Pastor Stan

PRAY!!

Local to Global Disciple-Making



The H Family

Staying recently in the M house, they are seeking the Lord's blessing on their support raising efforts with a goal to be back in Southeast Asia by the end of the summer. Ask God to supply every need and to raise up prayer and financial supporters every week among churches and individuals. Join their team by contacting the church office.

The B Family

Serving in East Asia and coming home for a visit this summer, they will be staying in the M house for about 6 weeks. Pray for Mr. B's preaching duties in their country, for their kids to finish home school semester strong, for all the travel preparations, and for their daughter's wedding details to all come together well as it quickly approaches.

John & Katherine

Serving in the Dominican Republic with Students International, pray for Katherine's quick recovery from recent surgery and a relief from the significant pain from the surgery. Also ask God to provide wisdom and guidance as they prepare to help with a new ministry project this coming Fall.

The R Family

After serving in Central Asia for many years, the Lord has recently opened the door for them to move to another country in West Asia. They plan to move there in August. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they prepare for the move; an ever-deepening love for the people they will meet; for their oldest two children as they complete their academic year in another country; for the children who continue to grieve over the family's forced departure from their last country; spiritual protection and renewal for the entire family.

Eric & Chelsie

Serving in the Dominican Republic for more than ten years, the Lord is opening the door for them to serve their current missions organization in a new role in 2026. Eric is being asked to move from his current Field Director role with Students International to become the Chief Financial Officer. This change would bring them back to living in the U.S. but still serving as full-time missionaries. Please pray with them for God to provide wisdom and confirmation about this change of roles and locations.

Stay in touch with the latest prayer needs from our local, national, and global partners on this page every month. Not every missions partner will be listed every month, but as many as possible.

Praying Psalms

*"Hear my cry, O God; give heed to my prayer... I call to You when my heart is faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Psalm 61:1-2*

The Rock. Often times when I see references in Scripture to Christ as our Rock, my mind recalls a childhood memory of our favorite swimming hole, which—oddly enough—was called “the trees.” It was part of a reservoir in our rural community that was accessed by walking along a short stretch of railroad tracks and then down a well-worn path through the woods (the trees). You could wade in, being careful not to lose your footing on the slick rocky bottom, but a favorite game was going into the deep center of the swimming hole and playing water tag, with home base being a giant boulder that you could stand on. It was fully submerged under water, but when you swam to it, you could climb up out of the deep and stand on its surface in shallow water, where you were “safe” from being tagged. Just a simple children’s game enjoyed on hot summer days... but still a reminder (in my simple mind) that we are always safe from the enemy, safe in our Savior’s care, when we run “to the Rock that is higher” than anything this world throws at us.

This confidence in God’s loving care and safe, calming presence, as the One to whom we should run daily, is expressed so well by David throughout the Book of Psalms:

"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies." Psalm 18:1-3

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:1-3

"My soul waits in silence for God only; from Him is my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.... On God my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times... pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62:1, 5-8

May we who are the body of Christ at Candies Creek be confident and consistent in our prayer life, following the call of David’s writings and all of Scripture. An old hymn of the faith also paints a vivid image of Christ as The Solid Rock:

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ Name.

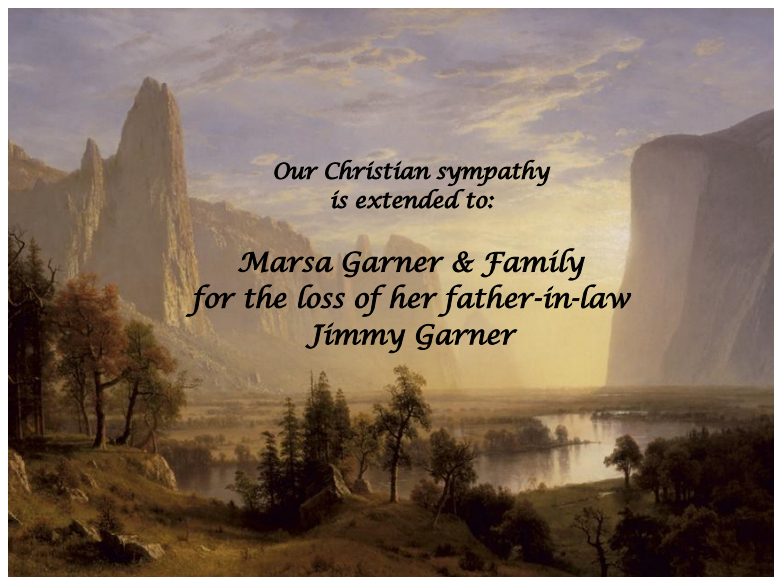
On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;

all other ground is sinking sand,





Please make plans to participate in this joint training and outreach event hosted on our campus including our friends from Public Church and Greenhouse Church to learn about reaching folks from the nations whom God has brought to live among us right here in Southeast Tennessee.
Saturday, June 21st from 9am to 2pm.
Register today using the QR code.



Shoebox Ministry Update

Work continues as the group prepares for our next packing day on July 25th...it will be for the 10-14 year olds. During our last workday, 250 pumps were rubber-banded into 250 flat, folded soccer balls...not one of our favorite tasks.... but there was lots of laughter while we accomplished it. The Lord can give a joyful heart while working.

A reminder for those who like to pack their own shoeboxes: the good deals on school supplies will begin at the end of June. Summer vacation time is a good time for a mission project at home....pack a shoebox for a child. It will be used as a wonderful example to a child overseas of the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. The June workdays are June 6th, 20th and 27th....we will not meet on July 4th! All are welcome. There is enough work for everyone!



PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in May	\$111,670.90
May Expenses	\$90,800.01

2025 Given	\$380,571.85
2025 Expenses	\$378,051.30

Annie Armstrong Offering	\$12,386.80
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They waited. And they prayed. And they waited more for Jesus' promise that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit.

For ten days, men and women gathered and prayed. Scripture records that 120 people filled the room—a packed house! And then, on Pentecost, the fire and wind of the Holy Spirit blew through the room. They experienced a new filling of the Spirit—exactly what Jesus had promised. And they went from that place with boldness and passion to share the great news about Jesus.

But opposition arose. Persecution broke out. Threats of silence pushed back against their joy. It was a defining moment for this new church. And so, they returned to the place of prayer and crying out to God.

And the response?

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly (Acts 4:31).

Once again, they were refreshed with the power of the Spirit—and they never looked back! They moved out again with boldness to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let's pray for that same refreshing of the Church today!

1 Pray that the Church will gather in the greatest prayer movement yet in our nation and around the world, crying out in unity for the Spirit to move in power and boldness of gospel proclamation (Acts 4:31).

2 Ask for the same courage of Peter and John when they declared, "As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Pray that no threats or intimidation will stop you from speaking of Jesus (Acts 4:20).

3 Pray as the early believers did when faced with opposition: "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them." Declare your belief in the power of God to rule over all creation and care for His people (Acts 4:24).

4 When the early Church needed refreshing from the Spirit, they prayed with faith: "Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Pray that the Church today proclaims such faith-filled prayers that change a generation (Acts 4:30).

5 When the Spirit is at work, believers are of one heart and mind without selfish claim to personal possessions. Pray for refreshing of unity and compassion that brings even greater joy and love to your church (Acts 4:32).

6 Refreshed by the Spirit, "with great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Pray that your church will have renewed

passion to declare Jesus to your community (Acts 4:33a).

7 Invite God's grace to be "powerfully at work" in your family and loved ones. Pray that they will marvel at God's mercy and embrace His gift of salvation in Christ alone (Acts 4:33b).

8 Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pray for another great awakening in our nation—a move of God's Spirit that transforms the Church and empowers believers to live in the fullness of God's purposes (Acts 2:1).

9 When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, it was a powerful manifestation—like "the blowing of a violent wind." Pray that your church is refreshed by the Spirit with such power that people will joyously yield to the work of the Spirit in their lives (Acts 2:2).

10 When the Spirit came at Pentecost and the people began speaking in other languages, "a crowd came together in bewilderment." Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus because of God's powerful presence at work through your church (Acts 2:6).

11 When Peter testified to the crowd at Pentecost that Jesus is truly "both Lord and Messiah," the people were cut to the heart. They asked, "What shall we do?" Pray that the Spirit penetrates hearts with renewed desire to know Jesus (Acts 2:36-37).

12 Peter declared, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the

forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Pray for a renewed, Spirit-led movement of repentance in your church (Acts 2:38).

13 Repentance brings refreshing and healing. Pray that believers will respond to the Lord's invitation: "Come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts." Pray for renewed devotion to Christ (Jeremiah 3:22, NLT).

14 A refreshed church is a repentant church. Pray for believers to embrace the exhortation to "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us" (Hosea 6:1).

15 When we repent and return to the Lord, He promises to "revive us" and "restore us, that we may live in his presence." Pray for the Church in our nation to be refreshed through humble hearts that seek the Lord (Hosea 6:2).

16 When we "press on to acknowledge" the Lord, "he will come like winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Pray for refreshing, reviving rains to fall upon His Church as we seek Him (Hosea 6:3).

17 Pray that believers are refreshed by the Spirit to pray with expectation that the Lord is "doing a new thing" by "making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Pray for renewed vision to see our nation awakened and transformed (Isaiah 43:19).

18 Pray for refreshed vision in our churches and a renewed confidence to declare, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Pray for increased hope for another great awakening in our day (Isaiah 64:1).

19 Pray that believers will reject any complacency that fuels unbelief, and instead pray with a refreshed vision that God will do "awesome things that we did not expect" in our day (Isaiah 64:3).

20 Pray that your church will be reminded that the God of ancient days is our same God today "who acts on behalf of those who wait for him." Ask the Spirit to instill fresh, faith-filled prayers that breathe new life into your church (Isaiah 64:4).

21 Pray for your pastor to be refreshed with vision and Spirit-led power in preaching so that "the unfolding of [God's Word] gives light; it gives understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

22 Ask God to renew pastors and their calling to "give [themselves] fully to the work of the Lord." Pray that they will not feel like they labor in vain but will see the work of the Spirit in their churches (1 Corinthians 15:58).

23 Pray that your pastor will teach with wisdom and lead people to maturity in Christ. May this be your pastor's prayer: "To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me" (Colossians 1:28-29).

24 Pastors experience many spiritual challenges and discouragement in today's culture. Pray for pastors to be refreshed so that they do "not become weary in doing good," reaping a harvest in proper time because they did not give up (Galatians 6:9).

25 Pray that you will be refreshed with the reminder that the Lord's "compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

26 Acknowledge that your only hope is in the Lord because "he refreshes [your] soul" and "guides [you] along the right paths for his name's sake." Pray for the Spirit to renew your heart and your vision for your future (Psalm 23:3).

27 Pray that the Church in our nation will "not lose heart" but will be "renewed day by day." Although culture may push against biblical truths, pray that God's people will grow stronger each day in the Spirit (2 Corinthians 4:16).

28 Pray that followers of Jesus will know that any troubles of the day are momentary, and that the Spirit will revive them toward "an eternal glory that far outweighs" any struggles. Pray for renewed faith and hope to trust God in all things (2 Corinthians 4:17).

29 Pray that the Church will not be consumed by what is seen in the natural but instead revived in the Spirit to see what is unseen and eternal. Pray that God's people will embrace the unknown with confidence in the Spirit's power (2 Corinthians 4:18).

30 Pray that the Spirit will refresh the hearts of God's people to be filled with great joy and encouragement in taking the gospel to the lost. Pray that this refreshing is the start of another spiritual awakening in our day (Philemon 1:7).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Camp Share Connect Night 5-8 pm/Tweed's	2	3	4	5	6 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.	7
8 SADDLE UP! 9:00 -9:45 am /Tr. House VBS Mtg./11:30 ish Treehouse Deacon's Mtg. 4:30 pm College Night 6:00pm/	9	10 Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm-	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.	21 Neighboring Nations Experience 9 am - 2 pm/StuB 
<div>VBS! Samuel Search for a King</div>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<div>Ocoee Outreach Guest On Campus</div>						
	Connect Night					
29	30					
College Night /6:00pm						

SUNDAYS

Community Groups.....8:45-9:45 am
 One Worship Service10:00 am

WEDNESDAYS

Christ in the Feasts.....6:00 pm
 Ladies Precept Bible Studies.....6:00 pm
 Life 122 (StuB).....6:15 pm
 Prayer Meeting (WC).....6:00 pm

THURSDAYS

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





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Stan Gibson, Lead Pastor
Sammy Parris, Worship Pastor
Jed Cole, Student Pastor
Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1st	Kim Woulfe
4th	Brian Cooke
6th	Noah Burnette, David Hardin
9th	Robbie Scott
10th	Nathaniel Williams, Mark Witt
12th	Caraline Plank, Sydney Creekmore, Piper Brown, Noah Torchick
13th	Lauren Carroll
14th	Chloe Woulfe Gray, Dalton Strike, Johnny Martens
16th	Connie Hamilton, Carolyn Poteat
17th	Benton Thompson, Elijah Rench, Jim Mizell
19th	Ella Dye
22nd	Eula Parm
23rd	Shari Buetow
24th	Jerri Bull
25th	Lindsay Alcantara, Becky Coleman
26th	Reed Blackmon, LeAnn Klepzig
	Daniel Hunt
27th	Annette Tweed, Lyndel Farris



One Minute Clinic

*9 There will be swarms of living things
wherever the water of this river flows.
Fish will abound in the Dead Sea, for its
waters will become fresh. Life will flourish
wherever this water flows.
- Ezekiel 47:9*

*The river pictured the healing, nourishing,
life-giving blessings that flow from the
presence of God to his people.*

