



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

July 2025





July



CUMBERLAND SPRINGS BIBLE CAMP!

Please pray for our kids going July 7-11th to Day Camp. This year's theme is Joshua 1:9 Strong and Courageous. Along with swimming, hiking, canoeing, arts and crafts and archery we will learn the difference between sinful fear and trusting God in faith because He is sovereign, loving and wise.



VBS 2025

1 Samuel 12:24 *"Above all, fear the LORD and worship Him faithfully with all your heart, consider the great things He has done for you."*
Thank you Candies Creek!



SAMUEL: Search for a King we are **THANKFUL** for all the prayers, donations, baked goods and time the church of Candies Creek gave to an intense week of Bible Study in 1 Samuel 1-16. From Opening Round Up to Closing Round Up we covered a lot of ground in our Covered Wagon...we went from Samuels miraculous birth and childhood to seeing him lead Israel to repentance more than once AND anoint not one, but **TWO** Kings!

Our AWANA carpet in the Treehouse saw its last Game Time in April! We will be pulling up, sanding and polishing the concrete floor underneath and laying new red, blue, green and yellow lines during July.

Pray for the process to go "smoothly".
A HUGE shout out and thanks to the men of Candies Creek sharing much time and talent to make this happen.



PROMOTION SUNDAY! Is August 3rd.

All Sunday School classes will promote UP to the next class. We will also begin Children's Church back with solid Bible content and fun themes.



AWANA registration opens in August for the 2025-2026 year! Our first AWANA night kick off and OMC (Organized Mass Chaos) will be August 27th. If you are interested in being part of AWANA ministry contact Richie or Katie Kerley. Cubbies for 3/4 yr olds, Sparks K-2nd grades, TNT - 3rd - 6th grades.

DQ and Missionaries!

In June several kids and even some entire families read a missionary book and qualified for lunch and ice cream at DQ. If you missed out or want to join us again this month we are going to do it **AGAIN** in July! Choose any missionary book you have at home or from the church library.
Let Mrs. Christy know you are participating and start reading and be inspired by some very harrowing and faith filled stories of ordinary people serving a great God.

CHRIST IN THE FEASTS

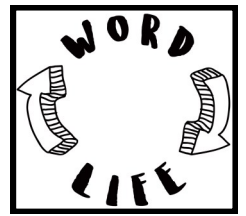
CHRIST in the FEASTS continues in July **FEASTING & FUN** while we learn about the connections in the OT and NT. Jesus fulfills every prophecy!

- ◇ July 2nd Feast of Purim (Esther)
- ◇ July 9th No meeting, we will be at Day Camp
- ◇ July 16th Feast of Passover
- ◇ July 23rd Feast of Passover part 2
- ◇ July 30th Feast of Pentecost



Student Ministry

**Wednesdays
@ 6:15 pm**



This month we will be taking a team of 35 (including 12 adults) to Clarkston, Georgia for this year's Atlanta Mission trip. We are blessed to be able to glorify God through loving for the refugee community and partnering with Family Heritage Ministries. Candies Creek has been partnering with this ministry in this specific refugee complex for many years and I have loved hearing stories from those on previous teams about how God has made Himself known through these trips.

We have two primary ministry activities. One will be a summer education camp where we will be instructing young children in STEM, arts, english, social skills, and Bible lessons. Many of these refugees come from places where education is not a given as it is here in America, so we show the love of God to others in this way.

For the children who do not take part in the education camp, we will be able to engage in non-structured ministry through outdoor games, crafts, and evangelism. In addition, we will also have the opportunity to connect with various ladies in conversational ESL focused environments as well as provide an opportunity for health screening and education.

Please be in prayer for the team leading up to the trip and during the week of July 13th as we work to proclaim God's grace and love through both word and action. Pray that the team member's hearts are being worked on even now for the opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray that all we come into contact with, from adults, children, staff, and even the fast food cashiers will clearly be able to see God's love for them.

If you are not coming on the trip with us, but would still like to contribute to the work that Family Heritage Ministries does in this refugee community, please consider taking part in their school supply drive. If you go to the link listed below, there is an opportunity to purchase a backpack stocked with all needed supplies for the year for a student that is shipped directly to their ministry in Clarkston, Georgia.

<https://www.purposity.com/organization/famheritage?team=perimeteratl>

Grace and peace,

Jed Cole



- ♦ **STUDENT CONNECT NIGHT - TUES. JULY 8TH/6 PM/SMITH'S**
- ♦ **ATLANTA TRIP PARENT MEETING - WED. 7/9 -7:45, AFTER LIFE 122**
 - ♦ **ATLANTA MISSION TRIP—SUN.-THURS. 7/13-17**
 - ♦ **COLLEGE NIGHT - SUNDAY, JULY 20TH/6 PM/DAVIS'S**
 - ♦ **STUDENT CONNECT NIGHT - TUES. JULY 22ND/6 PM/DAVIS'S**





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Covenant Participation,

I praise God for Candies Creek Baptist Church. I praise God for the local churches that I have been a part as a member and as a staff member. There are a few Greek words that I continue to keep before you as we consider the what God intends for us to be as the church. **Ekklesia** is a term that highlights the gathering of believers. **Oikos** is a term that highlights the family relationships of believers. **Koinonia** is a term that highlights the fellowship among believers. In Christ, we are to encourage each other by grace.

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 5: I will faithfully pursue growth in Christ (discipleship), mutual accountability, and spiritual nurture, care, and fellowship through participation in a small group (2 Peter 3:17-18).

Church Covenant E: We will rejoice at each others' happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows. (Romans 12:15; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Galatians 6:2)

We have named three priorities as we consider maturing as members of the body of Christ: **Gathering**, **Equipping** and **Loving**. We recently looked at John 13:34-35 which says that we are to love as Jesus has loved us and that **we will be known as His disciples by our love for one another.**

Check out Paul Tripp's definition of cruciform (cross-shaped) **LOVE**:
**Willing self-sacrifice for the good of another
that doesn't demand reciprocation
or that the person being loved is deserving**

Living as part of the Body of Christ,
Pastor Stan

PRAY!!

Local to Global Disciple-Making



Miller family, D.R.

This summer we're hosting nearly 300 short-term participants and six interns—*please pray* for soft hearts for those coming as well as unity, strength, and love within our team during this busy season.

We recently gathered more than 50 local pastors to focus on Gospel-centered conversations; *pray* for lasting fruit and encouragement from that event as they lead their local congregations. Chelsie recently led a “Worldview Camp” for 17 young kids early in June. *Pray* that the seeds that were planted bear fruit in years to come - about the value of life and God's design.

The R family, Central Asia

The Lord is opening a new door to another country in Central Asia for this family. *Praise Him* for this kindness! Their high school age kids are safely reunited with the rest of the family here in the U.S.! Another *praise*!! They are enjoying being all back together. They have tickets to move to their new location in August. Please *pray* they can do to do all they need to before then plus help their oldest prepare for college. Once they get in country they will need to apply for a longer term residence permit, so *pray* even now that they will be able to get that easily.

Simmons family, D.R.

Ongoing changes are ahead for John and Katherine this summer. They have specifically requested *prayer* for Katherine's ongoing recovery from surgery. Katherine sees the doctor the week of June 22nd again, however, until then she has not been able to get out of bed by herself. *Pray* for physical improvement and healing and for their transition to San Pedro where they and their team will be launching a new ministry center, and that until then they will finish well in Santiago.

The H family, Southeast Asia

Recently the family has settled into a new housing arrangement here in the U.S. while they continue to raise their support for their return to the field. *Pray* for their physical strength and spiritual stamina to endure the rigors of fund raising. They are currently at 66% of the support they need to return to their country of ministry. *Pray* for favor with those they meet; *pray* for patience with God's timetable; *pray* for their own growth in this process.

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.

The B Family, East Asia

The family is in the US for a break from their ministry in East Asia and staying in the M House through August. They are here for their oldest daughter's wedding in two weeks in Minnesota, and for time to be refreshed for their work overseas. **Pray** that their time here will be restful and that the upcoming wedding will be a great joy to the entire family. **Pray** also for them to treasure every moment with their college kids who live in the U.S.

Bennett & Idong Ekandem

Leading the international refugee ministry in Clarkston, GA, they are praising God for Idong's healing and regaining strength from open heart surgery last year; please continue to **pray** for complete healing. **Pray** for Bennett's health and stamina with a busy ministry schedule this summer.

Tofiloski's, Eastern Europe

A young, newly-wedded couple from former Yugoslavia have recently been given some financial support from the GEM Team. They serve with CRU among college age young adults through age 30 in the capital city of Macedonia. They have been in the U.S. for the past two months raising their support. **Pray** the Lord will provide all that they need for life and ministry. **Pray** their witness and disciple-making efforts bear great fruit for the kingdom.

The C family, South Asia

They recently hosted a group of 30 students from several places in the States to come and engage lostness for 2 weeks. After providing locations, tools and national partners the students were sent out into the harvest. After 10 days they returned from their harvest fields reporting 56 new places entered; 547 Gospel shares; 90 people not responsive, 372 asked more questions, and 85 repented and believed!! **Praise** the Lord! Additionally 270 believers were trained in evangelism and 17 local churches received training as well. **Pray** their efforts continue to bear fruit for years to come!

The Y family, Central Asia

The Lord is opening the door to another country in Central Asia for this family as well. **Praise** the Lord! **Pray** they can acquire visas and find a place to live. **Pray** the Lord provides good schools for their kids and that all other details will fall into place. Also, **pray** they have safe and seamless travels back to their previous country and strength and wisdom to wrap up their time there.

K.B., Western Europe

Ministering largely to North Africans who have emigrated to Europe, her team will have a group of college students in country until July 3rd. **Pray** that they will be equipped to share the gospel and that God will use this time to mobilize those He's calling overseas.

Pray for their team's Iranian friends who have family in Iran and for other mission colleagues who serve in that part of the world. **Pray** the Gospel goes forth strongly! **Pray** that she will be able to find rest in the Lord in the midst of a busy season.

J & B, North Africa

The family has recently returned from a several-week-long trip to their country. They ask that we continue to **pray** for their work in various prisons and especially the men and guards in a particular prison they visit and that the Gospel will bring about miraculous fruit.

In the summer months they have much more opportunity to visit with and strengthen the "underground" believers, as well as invest in their many Muslim friends with Gospel conversations. Please **pray** for wisdom, direction, and protection over these encounters.

Moving Words

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. Psalm 145:18

To know that God hears us when we call upon Him in humble, earnest prayer should flood our spirits with courage and confidence that the world—with all its turmoil—cannot conquer. Prayer is the gift that allows us to communicate with our heavenly Father heart-to-heart, moving our spirits in step with His, growing us in the grace and knowledge that deepens our dependency on God and shapes our wills to align with His. Isaiah states that God keeps “in perfect peace” all who trust in Him (26:3). James reminds us to “draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” (4:8).

Expounding on Philippians 4:6, “In everything... present your requests to God,” prayer warrior and author E.M. Bounds wrote that words uttered in fervent prayer can move the heart of God:

“Prayer is a direct address to God. Prayer secures blessings and betters people because it reaches the ear of God. Prayer affects people by affecting God. Prayer moves people because it moves God to move them. Prayer moves the hand that moves the world. The utmost possibilities of prayer have rarely been realized. The promises of God are so great to those who truly pray, that when He puts Himself fully into the hands of the praying ones, it almost staggers our faith and leaves us amazed.”

“Call to Me and I will answer you.” Jeremiah 33:3

“I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name... Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.” John 16:23-24

“I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.” Romans 15:30

Oh Lord, thank you for the gift of prayer; thank you that you draw near to us when we draw near to you; thank you that we can be intercessors for others. Make us more devoted to the practice of prayer; train us to be prayer warriors who are joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Remind us that prayers are moving words because “*prayer moves the hand that moves the world.*”



CHURCH-WIDE CONNECT NIGHT

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

JULY 27TH 6:00PM

FOLLOWING THE BUSINESS MEETING
AT 4:30 PM



Shoebox Ministry Update

July will be a very busy month for the Shoebox Ministry as they build cardboard shoeboxes on July 11th and then have a packing day for the 10-14 year old girls on July 25th.

Two weeks later, on August 8th, boxes for the 10-14 year old boys will be packed. Items that go into the boxes for this age group might include school supplies, spiral notebooks, fishing kits, tool kits, soccer balls and pumps, t-shirts, sewing kits, art kits, washcloths and toothbrushes.

If you're looking for ideas for your family to pack in shoeboxes, ask any Shoebox Sister.



*Our Christian sympathy
is extended to:*

*Paul Gates & Family for the loss
of his sister
Frankie Gates*

The Family of Eula Parm

*Eve Beard & Family for the loss
of her mother
Luanna Bibb*

*Marsa Garner & Family
for the loss of her father-in-law
Leary Garner (correction)*



PRAISE THE LORD!

Given in June	\$80,841.58
June Expenses	\$85,781.50
2025 Given	\$461,413.43
2025 Expenses	\$471,493.43
Lottie Moon Offering	\$1,389.23

Precept classes for the fall!

Ephesians-10 weeks starts Sept 3 & 4
Revelation Part 3 - 11 weeks starts Aug 27 & 28
Both classes offered Wed nights and are open to all who are interested.
We begin 5:50 pm and try to align with Awana

Thursday morning, both classes are at 9 am & Ladies only.
Each study is a 1 hour discussion followed by a video from Precept ministries.

Childcare provided upon request.
Contact Amy Martin to sign up and order books by Aug 3rd
423-331-8822



Family Heritage
Foundation

Not Going to Make The Atlanta Trip?

You can still help by going to the website below to purchase a backpack for the kids

<https://www.purposity.com/organization/famheritage?team=perimeteratl>



Joyous celebrations often accompanied a king upon his return from battle. Under King David's reign, the nation of Israel advanced through mighty military conquests. Jerusalem was rebuilt with splendor and glory. And with great joy, dancing, and celebration, the king returned the ark of the covenant to the city of David (1 Chronicles 15). Anointed by God, King David brought hope, unity, and vision to a renewed nation.

Psalm 47 continues that prophetic rejoicing in the return of the King of kings. This psalm was intended to be sung as a glorious declaration of God's reign, rule, and exaltation over all the earth: "For God is the King of all the earth" (vs.7). He subdues nations and people under His feet (vs. 3).

The psalm begins with clapping and cries of joy throughout the nations and continues by acknowledging that "God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne" (vs. 8). The hope of any nation comes through embracing the King of kings—Jesus the Messiah—as the One who reigns in complete victory.

Let's pray for the nations to awaken to the glorious hope of our coming King.

1 Praise God that He is the Lord Most High and "the great King over all the earth." Thank Him for His faithfulness to rule and reign over the nations (Psalm 47:2).

2 Nations may rage against God's sovereign rule. But we can praise Him as the God who subdues nations and determines their destinies. Declare your trust in Him even as darkness seems to envelop many nations of the earth (Psalm 47:3).

3 Ask God to renew your faith to pray for the nations, even if you feel like Habakkuk when he cried out, "How long, LORD, must I call for help?" Pray that you will not waver in your prayers for God's reign throughout the earth (Habakkuk 1:2).

4 Pray for God's justice in the nations, even when you know "destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds." Pray that you will not fear an unstable world but will instead believe that justice always prevails (Habakkuk 1:3).

5 Pray for God to do "something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." God can use evil regimes to accomplish His purposes, so pray that you will have vision for the nations that goes beyond what you can see right now (Habakkuk 1:5).

6 Pray for a fresh move of God throughout the nations, knowing that His appointed time may linger but "it will certainly come and will not delay." Pray for His righteousness and justice to reign in your own nation (Habakkuk 2:3).

7 Pray that even now "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." Pray for an awakening to the glory of

God's reign and rule over all the nations (Habakkuk 2:14).

8 Pray that the nations of the earth will acknowledge the holiness of God and their desperate need for Him. May "all the earth be silent before him" as He makes His power and presence known (Habakkuk 2:20).

9 God spoke—and the nations of the earth were created! Pray that all the earth will fear the Lord and all the people of the world will revere Him as their true King (Psalm 33:8-9).

10 Nations may rebel against God, but "the LORD foils the plans of nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples." Pray that nations will be awakened to their need to be in alignment with God's truths (Psalm 33:10).

11 Pray for the Spirit to move throughout the nations with new awareness that "the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." Pray that the leaders of every nation will humble themselves and seek God for His purposes (Psalm 33:11).

12 Pray for your own nation to embrace the promise that "blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD." Pray for leaders to recognize their desperate need for dependence upon God and surrender to His rule and reign (Psalm 33:12).

13 Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders of the nations and all who surround them and give input into governance. A nation will fall "for lack of guidance...but victory is won through many advisers" (Proverbs 11:14).

14 Ask God to soften the hearts of leaders toward the gospel and the truth of God's Word. "In the LORD's hand the king's heart is a stream of water," so pray that leaders will acknowledge and surrender to the one true King (Proverbs 21:1).

15 All authorities that exist on the earth "have been established by God." Pray the rulers, kings, and presidents will humble themselves and recognize God's supreme authority over them (Romans 13:1).

16 Pray for the day when "all the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him." Pray that men, women, and children in every nation will awaken to their need for Jesus (Psalm 22:27).

17 Pray that people throughout the earth will hear the gospel and know that "dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations." Pray that even countries closed to the gospel will be saturated with the truth of Jesus (Psalm 22:28).

18 Pray that nations will recognize the need to humble themselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from their wicked ways. Ask God to renew His healing of the nations through forgiveness of sins and restoration of broken places (2 Chronicles 7:14).

19 God created all nations to inhabit the earth and "he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands." Pray that nations will recognize God's sovereignty over them and allow the spread of the gospel without opposition (Acts 17:26).

20 Scripture declares that God created nations and boundaries "so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him." Pray for a move of God's Spirit that stirs people to seek Christ and find salvation and healing through Him (Acts 17:27).

21 God "makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them." Pray that even the nations that refuse to acknowledge God will awaken to His power and rule over them. Pray that nations will prosper because they honor God (Job 12:23).

22 Pray for the greatest missions movement ever to arise, and especially for this next generation to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

23 Pray that people of the nations will be taught to obey everything Jesus has commanded. Pray for boldness for God's people to take the gospel into every unreached nation. Pray that God's Word will

soon be translated into every language (Matthew 28:20).

24 Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to compel the Church to take the gospel "to the ends of the earth." Pray that the Church is awakened to the urgency to pray and speak the truth of Jesus throughout every city and nation (Acts 1:8).

25 Pray that the Lord of the harvest will "send out workers into his harvest field." Ask God to use His people, the translation of His Word, social media, and any means possible to awaken the nations to Him (Matthew 9:38).

26 Because "God so loved the world" and gave His Son, believers in Jesus in every nation can have eternal life. Pray for an awakening to His love with hope in the name of Jesus (John 3:16).

27 Pray that the Church will embrace her role as a light to the nations, that "salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Ask the Spirit to inspire God's people to pray for breakthrough in even the most resistant nations (Isaiah 49:6).

28 Pray for people in closed Muslim nations to have supernatural encounters with Jesus through dreams, visions, and sharing of the gospel, that they might know He is "the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6).

29 Pray that your church will intercede with hope that one day "every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord." Ask God to inspire persistent prayer in believers on behalf of the nations (Philippians 2:10-11).

30 Praise God that one day we will witness "a great multitude ... from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." Ask God to fill you with joyful anticipation of eternal worship with all peoples of the earth (Revelation 7:9).

31 Pray for an awakening in the nations that raises up voices across the globe crying out together, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Declare that He is King of all the earth (Revelation 7:10).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence  Day!	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am - Ed.
	Cumberland Springs Bible Camp					12  Multi-Language Community Outreach 10am-12pm
		Cleveland Emergency Shelter Meal Night 5:30 pm -	Atlanta Parent Mtg. 7:45 pm/StuB			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Atlanta Mission Trip						
Deacon's Mtg. 4:30 pm	Alaska Mission Trip					No Life 122
20	21	22	23	24	25 <u>Shoebox Ministry</u> 9:30 am - Ed. Bldg.	26
College Night Davis's/6:00pm		Connect Night 6:00 pm/Davis's				
27 Flowers/Brown <u>Wedding Shower</u> 12-2:30 pm/ StuB <u>Members Business</u> <u>Mtg. 4:30 pm/WC</u> <u>Church-wide Fellow-</u> <u>ship/6 pm/StuB</u>	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAYS

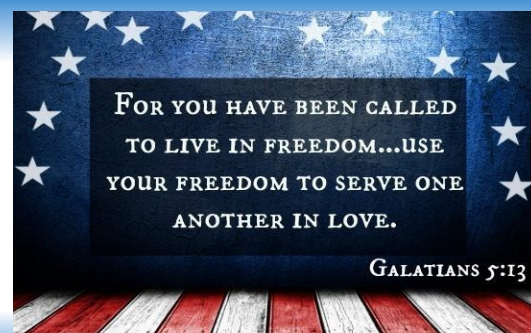
Community Groups.....8:45-9:45 am
 One Worship Service10:00 am

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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Christy Johns, Preschool & Children's Director

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Tobias Missinne, Jake Beard, Don Markham
4th	Kathy Flowers
5th	Katie Lockman
8th	Elle Omstead
9th	Audrey Torchick, Rick Simko
10th	Natalie Hoffman
11th	Kelly Moore, Benito Mendoza, Stan Gibson
12th	Heidi Delmotte
13th	Chaislyn Witt, David Ownbey
14th	Baylee Beard, Andra Griffey
16th	Erika Olmstead, Tracey Hardin
17th	Garrett Martin, Marilyn Ebling
19th	Jeff Davis
20th	Donna Thomas
21st	Andrew Markham
22nd	Linda Braden
24th	Annette Markham
25th	Virginia Beesley
26th	Miles Moseley
27th	DeWayne Pierce, Milton Hooper
30th	Terri McConn, Jed Cole
31st	Palmer Blackmon, Leah Jolley, Jenny Steinle, Jennie Davis, Dale Elrod



One Minute Clinic

*"But they who wait for the Lord shall
renew their strength; they shall mount up
with wings like eagles; they shall run
and not be weary; they shall
walk and not faint."*

-Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)