



the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*



# LIVING *Sent*

Dear Believers in King Jesus,

Trusting God is a concept, a resource and an annual focus that we utilized in 2023. The scriptural principles that it pointed to are very relevant to our daily lives and seasonal struggles, in particular that God is completely sovereign, infinite in wisdom and perfect in love. I paired these ideas in a recent sermon and want to keep them in front of you.

**Luke 12:34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1. *Treasure that God is sovereign.*

**Psalms 135:5** For I know that the Lord is great  
And that our Lord is above all gods.  
6 Whatever the Lord pleases, He does,  
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

2. *Treasure that God is loving.*

**Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

3. *Treasure that God is wise.*

**Romans 11:33** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

4. *Treasure that God is trustworthy.*

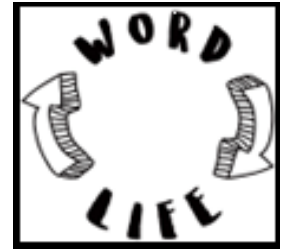
**Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own understanding.  
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.

Please be in prayer for wisdom on an upcoming calendared trip that is being affected by the war zone. There are several factors in the decision for the first leg and modifications would need to be made for the other leg if it is best to cancel the first leg. I treasure the opportunity to serve others in the 10/40 window. Thank you for your prayers and support. Please be in prayer for Pastor Jed as he will preach a three weeks series in April. Pastor Jed and Pastor Sammy along with the deacons and deacon officers will step in while I am away.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Stan



**Wednesday  
@6:16pm**



**It is officially that time of year! Camp Cherokee is upon us! This year's theme is centered around Revelation 7:9-12.**

**"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"**

**In this, we see the picture of the day our toil on earth is working towards. In Christ, we are looking forward to a day when a MULTITUDE of MULTITUDES are gathered around the throne giving all praise and honor to our God who saves. I am so excited to spend a week focused on this passage and how God uses the MULTITUDES throughout the biblical story.**

**The dates for camp are May 23-28th and the early bird cost is \$215 which will be available through April 30th. Registration will remain open through May 10th and will cost \$225 after the early bird discount period is over. Registration is available online on the church website or with physical sign up sheets available in the church office or StuB. If you would like information about camp scholarships, please contact Jed or the church office. 2026 Waiver Release Form also required if not already filled out for this year.**

## **Notable Dates**

**Student Connect Night - April 19th @ the Steinle's.**

**Rick Stody Apologetics class @ church - April 12th, 19th, and 26th.**

**Camp Cherokee Early Bird Registration ends - April 30th.**



## Children's Church

### Children's Church C4 in April

April 5th RESURRECTION SUNDAY -  
NO C4 Families will all gather  
together in "Big Church"

April 12, 19, 26 C4 at 8 & 10:30 am in  
the Treehouse for K-4th grades.

April 26th is the final C4 of the  
semester. May - July we encourage  
family worship and C4 will return in  
August with the new school year.  
CiCi's Pizza for all C4 helpers will be  
immediately following the 10:30 am  
service. RSVP to ride in the van from  
church to CiCi's



**DAVID: Behold Our King VBS 2026**  
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

VBS June 14-18th Volunteer Sign Up  
is available in the Fellowship Hall or  
contact Christy Johns or Sharon  
Magee for any specific questions.  
We will have a VBS Walkthrough on  
May 3rd in the Fellowship Hall for kids  
and adults to experience DAVID:  
Behold Our King We will be studying 5  
attributes of God through the life of  
David.

PARENT CHILD CHURCH DEDICATION scheduled  
for Mother's Day Sunday May 10th in the 10:30  
am service time. Please contact Christy Johns  
if your family is interested in participating in  
this service.



April 1st AWANA

April 8 Flip Flop Night

April 15 AWANA

April 22 Running Shoes - Fun Run Night!

April 29 Closing Celebration and Kona Ice!

### CUMBERLAND SPRINGS BIBLE CAMP!

Current 4, 5, 6th graders...Day Camp 1 July 6-10th.  
\$140 sign up online at  
[www.cumberlandsprings.org](http://www.cumberlandsprings.org) Once you have  
completed registration, contact Christy Johns so I  
can reserve your child's spot on our church van to  
and from camp each day. We will stop for a "field  
trip" each day to stretch out all the fun! Hiking,  
swimming daily, canoeing, archery, arts and  
crafts, crawdads and creeks, Bible Study and  
Worship, two meals and a free Snack Shack daily.

### PILGRIM'S PROGRESS:

A heartfelt and tremendous thank you to  
the church for providing people,  
resources, time and talent for our  
production of an adapted John Bunyan's  
Pilgrim's Progress. Music and choir,  
audio, lights, technology, costumes, set  
creation, drama instruction, heart-  
work...the many parts of the body of  
Christ at Candies Creek on display for  
the glory of God. Thank you all for  
teaching our children about the journey  
of sanctification through the arts.

# PRAY!!

## From Local to Global Disciple-Making



### Simmons family, D.R.

Please **pray** for these three things: (1) Community leadership in Monte Largo as we begin to serve there. For local leaders to step up as we begin our partnership. (2) My residency application has been approved, and we've got an appointment for fingerprinting and to get my residency card. I've been a bit anxious there'll be some other obstacle put in front of me **pray** for peace and favor. (3) For our support raising. As of now, we're about \$250 from our goal for the end of the year.

### J & B family, North Africa

As this family prepares to move to live in North Africa this year, they are already seeing God bring about miraculous results in the spread of the Gospel during their recent visits to the country. Please continue to **ASK God every day** to provide visa access, favor with government officials, even greater fruit in their ministry and evangelism efforts, and a significant increase in their financial and prayer support. Please consider joining their support team; connect with them through the church office.

### The Miller family, D.R.

Please **pray** as Students International continues to discern who will be the next Field Director in Jarabacoa taking Eric's role as Eric transitions to the larger role as Chief Financial Officer for the entire Students International ministry. **Pray** for a healthy pregnancy and delivery in August of Miller baby #4. **Pray** for Eli and Kai as they wrap up their last semester at Doulos school; Kai especially is already grieving the loss of his school and friendships. Eric will be traveling in April for the first ever SI banquet in Texas. All proceeds will go towards the Genesis 2.0 building project. Please continue **praying** that God would supply everything needed to complete this project.

### The B Family, East Asia.

**Pray** for Sh, who is coming to the end of his ministry serving the **Evangelical Community Church** in their country. He will be taking a new role with their organization, Reaching and Teaching International Ministries (RTIM), as the *Associate Regional Leader for South Asia*. South Asia is home to some 1.9 billion people in many hard-to-reach places from Pakistan to Bangladesh and everything in between. In 2050, 5 of the top 10 most populated cities in the world will be in South Asia. The B family wants to give the rest of their lives pouring into these least reached areas. Also, please **pray** for their upcoming 'temporary home assignment' in TN, beginning in June 2026 assess next steps for aging parents. They want to honor them and love them well while also doing our part to obey the great commission. It is expected that they will return to Asia as soon as possible. **Pray** for them to be able to do that! **Pray** for wisdom as they seek to love parents well and serve the nations as well as their global workers with zeal.

## **H family, Southeast Asia.**

Please *pray* that the H family would enjoy longevity in their work in Southeast Asia, that their daughter Hope's health would continue to improve, and that Denice's language helper's baby would develop normally in the womb. Please praise God with them for (1) 20 years of ministry, (2) 15 years of safety on a motorcycle in Southeast Asia, and (3) the encouraging MRI results Hope has recently received.

## **R family, West Asia.**

Please *pray* thenew leadership opportunities with the team of workers in their country. Dad is assisting in developing local leaders and helping them to be more effective in their roles. Mom is helping to coordinate the prayer ministry as well as spiritual formation for the staff and those they are working with. Their family's heart is to help catalyze prayer and dependence on the Spirit among all their fellow workers. *Pray* for two of their kids this summer, one will be serving as an intern with Mk2Mk, first with a month of training and development, and then the 2nd month as one of the leaders on a summer mission to the Philippines, on which another of their kids will be a student participant!

## **CCBC Upcoming Mission Opportunities**

**Weekly Local Outreach, Wednesdays at 4:45pm**

**Missions 101** (required for all first-time mission participants; all others welcome); Apr 18; 10am-12p

**Asian Tour with Pastor Stan, late April 2026**

**Camp Cherokee for Students, May 23-28, 2026**

**Central Asia, June 2026**

**Disaster Relief trip to East TN, potentially in June 2026 (family friendly)**

**Vacation Bible School, June 14-18, 2026**

**Refugee Ministry in Clarkston, GA, July 12-16, 2026**

**Alaska, July 10-19, 2026**

**Nepal trekking to remote villages; Fall 2026**

**Point Honduras Dental Clinic; November 1-7, 2026**

More details available at the Welcome Centers in the 2026 Mission Opportunities Brochure or contact a member of the pastoral staff or the leader of each effort listed in the brochure.

Stay in touch with the latest prayer needs from our local, national, and global partners on these pages every month. Not every mission partner is listed every month.

## So Loved

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”*

*John 3:16-21*

Thank You, Heavenly Father, for so loving us that You sent Your Son from the eternal glory of heaven to earth so that we might be saved from the wrath to come and reconciled to right relationship with you simply by trusting in the death, burial, and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ and receiving Your gift of saving grace through faith that leads us into grateful obedience. Thank you for Your Word which assures us that Jesus alone is the way, the truth, and the life, and when we receive Him as Lord and Savior, we know that we are secure in You—that You will never leave us or forsake us. We also know from scripture that You desire for all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, and we are confident that You hear the prayers of those who love You.

So in this Resurrection season, even as we see all around us creation itself waking up to new life, remind us, Oh Lord, to love the lost as You do, to pray fervently/faithfully for the lost—both near and far, those that we know and love and those that we have never met, for Your love extends to all people. We ask that You draw them to Yourself; open their eyes that they may see their need for You. Send believers to them who will lovingly share the Gospel; make their hearts fertile ground for receiving the seed planted by Your message of living hope. Break Satan's hold on them; remove barriers of fear and doubt; and give them ears to hear, faith to believe, and the will to respond.

Forgive us, Oh Lord, when we allow our lives to be influenced by the ways of the world, when we neglect time spent with You in true worship, earnest prayer, and study of Your Word. Renew in us a right spirit that we may pray for and work toward a revival in our own hearts as we seek Your face in pleading for spiritual awakening and revival across our land. Make us bold in sharing the Gospel with others; teach us to speak confidently in loving kindness and truth. We trust You to keep transforming us as we seek to know and do Your will. In our unworthiness, we are so blessed for being “so loved” by You. In the powerful Name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

*“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”*

*2 Timothy 1:7*

# In the Know



**WOW!**

## Ladies "Pumped for Jesus" Part 2 Led by Erika Olmstead

**When:** Saturday, April 18th, 10:00am -  
12:00pm

**Where:** Candies Creek Treehouse

**Why:** To learn more about Women's Health &  
Wellness

"Keeping our bodies STRONG for HIS glory."  
Bring a healthy snack to share and the recipe  
if you have one.

### March Financial Update

**Given in March**

\$64,304.55

**March Expenses**

\$66,514.72

**Year-to-date Giving**

\$180,599.64

**Year-to-date Expenses**

\$226,418.43

**Annie Armstrong**

\$ 5083.80

**Building Fund**

\$41,412.77

Candies Creek Academy

Enrollment  
now Open

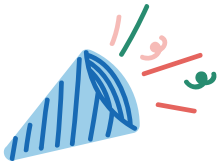


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# April Birthdays



2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Martin  
Millie Kate smith  
4<sup>th</sup> Bella Beard  
Nathan Missinne  
7<sup>th</sup> Catherine Bella Purser  
8<sup>th</sup> Riley Brashier  
Marilyn Smith  
9<sup>th</sup> Nolan Gibson  
Jake Simko  
10<sup>th</sup> Thomas Adolph  
11<sup>th</sup> Meghan Blackmon  
Lynnae Roberts  
14<sup>th</sup> John Brewer  
Laurel Kerley  
15<sup>th</sup> Scott Hall  
John Simmons  
16<sup>th</sup> Jadon Griffey  
Zayn Long  
Adeline Smith  
17<sup>th</sup> Mike Shay  
18<sup>th</sup> Don Harden  
19<sup>th</sup> Tanner Ensley  
Etta Mae Noel  
21<sup>st</sup> Chantel Harden  
Anna Torchick  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sam Morris  
24<sup>th</sup> Jeanie Maxell  
25<sup>th</sup> Lance Bryson  
Katie Kerley  
26<sup>th</sup> Ethan Giffey  
29<sup>th</sup> Jackson Creekmore  
Don Nation  
30<sup>th</sup> John Moore



## One Minute Clinic

**"I HAVE SET THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE ME;  
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, I SHALL  
NOT BE SHAKEN."**

**PSALM 16:8**

## Now is the Time: Resurrection Power of the Gospel

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And Jesus provided for Thomas in the most gracious, non-condemning way. A week later, in the same scenario with locked doors, Jesus came. He again declared, “Peace be with you!” And He invited Thomas to touch and feel his scars—to take in the full reality of His resurrection. Thomas breathlessly exclaimed, “My Lord and my God!” (vs. 28).

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 Easter Sunrise Service 7:15am NO C4	6	7 Gem Team meeting 6:30 pm	8 AWANA Flip-Flops night	9	10	11 Creation Museum/Ark Encounter
12 Senior Adult Luncheon 12:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 4:30 pm Apologetics Series 6:00 pm	13	14	15 Last PM Precept class AWANA	16 Last AM Precept class	17	18 WOW! Ladies! Pumped for Jesus Part 2 10-12pm Treehouse Missions 101 class 10-12:00 pm
19 Apologetics Series 6:00 pm Connect Night @the Steidle's	20	21	22 AWANA Fun Run	23	24	25
26 Final C4 for the summer CiCi's Pizza for helpers Apologetics Series 6:00 pm	27	28	29 AWAWA Closing Celebration	30 Last Day for Student Camp Early Bird Discount		

## Sunday

Early Worship Service/C4  
8 am & 10:30 am  
Community Groups  
9:15 am

## Wednesday

Outreach 4:45 pm  
AWANA 6:00 pm  
Precept 6:00 pm  
Prayer meeting 6:00 pm  
Life 122 6:15 pm

## Thursday

Men's prayer meeting  
6:30 am  
Precept 8:50 am  
Praise team practice  
6:30 pm