



the messenger

a river of hope in a thirsty land

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



VBS JUNE 14-18

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Dear God-glorifier,

**I praise God that we can worship Him anywhere and everywhere in all things.
I praise God that we can worship Him in congregational worship on Sundays.
I praise God that we can worship Him in congregational worship at camp.
I praise God that we can worship Him in our personal and daily lives.
I praise God that we can worship Him for eternity with people from every tribe.**

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

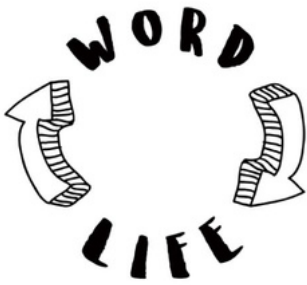
Reverence and worship are the result of thinking big about God and His greatness. We know that we were created to worship Him. We know that we are working toward a day when a great multitude will worship Him from every nation and tribe and tongue. We know that our sin has led to brokenness. We know that King Jesus is the Redeemer and the Restorer of man to God and God's purposes.

Thinking big about God also leads us to think about generational impact. God is in covenant relationship with His people. The Holy Spirit and The Word of God are a powerful combination at work in our lives and we pray that for our offspring and our offspring's offspring. See what Isaiah says...

Isaiah 59:21 "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the Lord, "from now and forever."

Verses like this remind us of the value of the parent-child-church dedication like we had last month on Mother's Day. May we be a people who are embodying, through grace, the priorities of a disciple and passing them along in relationship for God's glory.

**Grace and Peace to you all,
Pastor Stan**



Wednesday
@6:16pm
Life 122

Hello everyone!

I am incredibly grateful for the love and care that Candies Creek Baptist Church displays to its students. This year at Camp Cherokee, we brought 89 students (including 28 guests from non-CCBC families!) and an additional 15 from a partner church! That is a lot of students! Of those students, our church provided 17 scholarships to families who would not otherwise have been able to send their students to camp. Thank you; that is a huge blessing!

In addition, 40 adults spent time at camp volunteering as counselors, kitchen workers, nurses, boat drivers, and other key roles that, if we were not able to fill, camp simply could not happen. I cannot overstate how grateful I am to God for putting the heart of service in so many adults. Thank you all, whether you served at camp itself, you gave to the scholarship fund, you prayed for our students before, during, and after camp, or you provided assistance in one of countless other ways. Camp Cherokee doesn't happen each and every year without the people of the church.

As we move away from camp and into the next part of our summer, we will continue to journey through the book of Genesis together on Wednesday nights as we transition from the first half of the book to the second half, starting with the renaming of Abram to Abraham. We will not be leaving the camp theme of Multitudes behind as we continue to see how God used his covenants throughout the history of the world to lead us to that glorious day when we are around the throne praising his great name, a day when He will dwell with us, and we will be His people, and He Himself will be our God.

Notable Dates

**College Night @ Michele Gustafson's - June 7th. VBS - June 14-18.
College Night @ Geyman's - June 19th. Connect Night @ Davis' -
June 23 (Tuesday)**



Candies Creek Kids



It's time to register for VBS! You don't want to miss out!



VBS 2026

DAVID: BEHOLD OUR KING

Part III of the Redemption Series

June 14-18th 6-8:45 pm Completed K-6th grades

VBS FINAL Leaders Meeting June 7th, 11:30 am-ish at Nottingham Castle (Treehouse) come pray, get final instructions and materials and meet with your leader!

MISSIONS on the PLAYGROUND this Summer on Wednesday nights for children. June 3rd: Lottie Moon; June 10th: William Carey; 24th - TBA. 6 - 7:15 pm includes missions, snacks, and, of course, play and fellowship on the playground. PreK-6th grades. Parents are always welcome to learn and fellowship with us.

COMING UP:

Mission and Playground June 3, 10, 23, 30, July 15, 22, 29

VBS June 14-18th 6-8:45 pm

Cumberland Springs Bible Camp July 6- 10, daily 7:15 am - 5 pm

Sunday School every week at 8:45 am

Promotion Sunday & Return of Children's Church August 2nd

Children's Choir August

AWANA 2026-2027 - August 26th

2026-2027 Sunday School Needs for August:

2 Assistant teachers in young and older preschool classes

A tremendous thank you to all who pray, give time, volunteer, and donate resources to the Children's Ministry at Candies Creek. From birth to middle school, you have a far-reaching impact on this next generation of believers and their view of God and the church.

Checking Self

“Where are you?” “What are you doing?” Have you ever been asked these questions, maybe by a parent or a teacher or a friend? Usually these questions are asked by others because they don’t know the answer, and they need you to tell them.

But when God asks these questions? As He did when Adam and Eve tried to hide in Genesis 3:8-9...

Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

And as He did (twice) when Elijah fled to Horeb and hid in a cave in 1 Kings 19:9 and 13...

“...What are you doing here, Elijah?”

When God asks these questions, He, of course, already knows the answer. He asks to see if we know; he’s awakening us, as He did Adam and Elijah, to the truth that we need to examine ourselves, to realize we’ve strayed, to understand we’ve caved to self and gone our own way. It is by His grace and loving kindness that the Holy Spirit pierces our hearts and minds with such questions and reminds us that God offers forgiveness to our repentance and strength to press on in faithful obedience.

Checking self by asking God to reveal to us our shortcomings should be a regular part of our prayer life, not to become self-centered but to surrender self so that we may become God-centered, or as the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:16, that we may “*have the mind of Christ*.” David’s writings preserved for us in the Book of Psalms offer many examples of how we should frequently pray...

“Make me know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You will wait all the day.” Psalm 25:4-5

“Examine me, O Lord, and try me; test my mind and my heart.” Psalm 26:2

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the ever-lasting way.” Psalm 139:23-24

A book first published in 1907 called *Poems with Power to Strengthen the Soul*, pulled from my mother’s library (her whole house was a library), contains this nugget of prayerful wisdom:

Author Unknown

*Not I but Christ be honored, loved,
exalted, Not I but Christ be seen, be
known, be heard, Not I but Christ in
every look and action,
Not I but Christ in every thought and
word.*

PRAY!!

Making Disciples Among Neighbors & Nations

Pray these prayers...

1. Pray that God would open hearts to the Gospel; open blinded minds to the truth. (Acts 16:14; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4).
2. Pray for receptivity among those who hear the Gospel. (1 Thessalonians 1:9).
3. Pray for widespread acceptance of the Gospel. (Acts 12:24; 19:20).
4. Pray for God to grant repentance to those who hear the Gospel. (2 Timothy 2:24-26).
5. Pray the word of the Lord will take off and spread rapidly among the lost. (2 Thess. 3:1).
6. Pray for open doors for the gospel. (Colossians 4:2-4).
7. Pray for open mouths to share the gospel clearly and boldly. (Ephesians 6:18-20).

For these families...

The Miller family in the D.R. The B family in East Asia
The J & B family headed to North Africa The H family in Southeast Asia
The Simmons family in the D.R. The R family in West Asia
Katlin in Western Europe The Y family in Central Asia
The C family in South Asia Michelle in North Africa
Veronika & Velibor in Eastern Europe

And for these Candies Creek efforts...

Weekly Local Outreach, Wednesdays at 445pm

Long Lasting results from Camp Cherokee for Students, May 23-28, 2026

Central Asia, June 2026

Vacation Bible School, June 14-18, 2026

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

Alaska, July 10-19, 2026

Point Honduras Dental Clinic; November 1-7, 2026

In the Know



Shoebox Ministry

There are so many ways to help get shoeboxes overseas and into kids' hands. Some folks hit a surprise seasonal sale and purchase all the ball caps or winter gloves available. Many help by sewing at home (we have the supplies) or crocheting cute toys or hats. Others like to contribute monthly to the cost of shipping the shoeboxes. Or you can come every other Friday for the fellowship and workday.

Please remember that there are several things we cannot send in a shoebox, such as liquids, war toys, used items, or candy. Also, everything must fit into a shoebox...despite how cute that plush animal on sale is, if it's too big, we can't send it. If you have a question, just ask one of the Shoebox Sisters. The June workdays are June 12th and 26th. We meet above the church offices at 9:30 a.m. and are usually cleaning up by 11:15.

June Financial Update

Given in May

\$67,235.42

May Expenses

\$84,868.65

Year-to-date Giving

\$348,921.19

Year-to-date Expenses

\$395,501.54

Lottie Moon

\$755.00

Annie Armstrong

\$8418.63



We will have a church wide
fellowship July 26!

Keep your  open for more
details soon.

Hopewell-Adopt-A-Teacher

CCBC blesses many teachers this school year!

Thank you for participating! Please read a teacher's testimony and a member's testimony.

"It was truly a blessing to receive encouraging words and prayers throughout the year. Annette sent thoughtful cards, which we were able to keep around the room and refer to them when we need to be reminded of those uplifting words on some of our hardest days. It was an added bonus that we received snacks and chocolate for stress-eating, among other great things we enjoyed. We truly appreciate all the thought and time put into adopting our classroom,"
Alex G.

"I have absolutely loved being part of this ministry. I was blessed each time I delivered something to the school." Michele G.
Please be in prayer if you are considering being part of the ministry next school year.



CANDIES CREEK ACADEMY

At Candies Creek Academy our mission is to join with parents to develop leaders who love God and love what God loves. **We are in search of two grammar school (lower elementary) teachers to join us in this mission beginning in the 2026/27 school year.**

As the only classical Christian school in Cleveland, TN, we live out the time-tested Christian understanding of the Liberal Arts, guiding our students joyfully through the traditional Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric stages of the Trivium. We offer small classes, strong academics, a genuinely loving working environment, and an unmatched opportunity to shape the hearts, minds, and souls of students for God's glory.

Requirements for the position:

- Mature Christian faith
- Active member of a local church
- Willingness to affirm and uphold the school's Statement of Faith
- Understanding of, or willingness to learn and wholeheartedly implement, the classical approach to education
- College or university degree in an appropriate field

Prior teaching experience – particularly in a classical environment – is a plus, but not required for the candidate who is eager to learn.

We also have coaching opportunities available:

Boys' Basketball

Girls' Volleyball

Track & Field / Cross Country

Coaches should be enthusiastic leaders who model integrity, teamwork, and perseverance, helping student-athletes grow both in skill and character.

Join us in shaping the next generation!

For more information or to apply, please contact us at info@candiescreekacademy.com or call the school office at 423-790-5660.

PRAYER GUIDE // JUNE 2026

NOW IS THE TIME: RADICAL OBEDIENCE



Fear seized the newly formed Church. They had just witnessed God's dramatic judgment on Ananias and Sapphira for lying about their property sale profit (Acts 5:1-11). The importance of obedience to God was quickly defining the future of this growing family of believers.

And now, the apostles were infused with the power of God to perform signs and wonders. In amazement, crowds gathered as the sick were healed and the demonized delivered. Throngs of people believed and embraced the gospel.

But opposition from religious leaders arose. The apostles were thrown into jail. It was a crossroads of faith. After an angelic deliverance from their prison cell, they had no doubt when threats again were leveled at them: "We must obey God rather than human beings!" (5:29).

Although they were eventually flogged for their gospel persistence, they rejoiced at being "counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name" (5:41). They never stopped proclaiming Jesus as Messiah!

Radical obedience unleashes movements of God. Now is the time for a great awakening to Christ in this nation, birthed by the prayers of believers who refuse to back down!

1 Pray for a new "fear of the Lord" to arise in God's people, resulting in radical obedience, extravagant worship, and renewed passion for prayer, the Word, and the spread of the gospel (Acts 5:11-12).

2 Just as "the apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people," pray that believers today are bold and radical in their prayers on behalf of those who need to know the power and love of Christ (Acts 5:12).

3 The apostles were highly regarded because of God's miraculous work through their radical obedience. The people were in awe as "more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number." Pray for exponential growth of the Church because the lost recognize the power of God at work through His people (Acts 5:13-14).

4 Crowds gathered around the apostles as people witnessed their bold obedience. They brought "their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed." Pray that believers are emboldened to pray for the lost and believe God with radical faith that He is the Healer and Deliverer (Acts 5:16).

5 The apostles were thrown in jail for preaching the gospel but were miraculously released by an angel with instructions to "go, stand in the temple courts ... and tell the people all about this new life." Pray that no opposition will keep believers from preaching the hope of Christ (Acts 5:18-19).

6 Despite threats and strict orders from officials to not teach in Jesus name, the apostles declared, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" Pray for God to fill His people with confidence to be radically obedient to share the gospel without fear or intimidation (Acts 5:28-29).

7 The apostles testified to the death and resurrection of Jesus and declared, "We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." Pray for a movement of the Spirit among believers that unleashes the powerful message of repentance and forgiveness (Acts 5:32).

8 We demonstrate love when "we walk in obedience to his commands." And His command "is that you walk in love." Pray that your church is known for radical obedience and love that points the lost to Jesus (2 John 1:6).

9 Pray that followers of Jesus will saturate themselves in the truths of Scripture and live out Jesus' declaration that "blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it" (Luke 11:28).

10 Sinners are marked by disobedience, but "through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous." Pray for a spiritual awakening in your family to the transformational power of obedience and devotion to Christ (Romans 5:19).

11 Peter demonstrated radical obedience with his response to Jesus' instructions to put down their nets after a fishless night: "But because you say so, I will let down the nets." Pray that your heart responds immediately to Jesus with "because you say so" trust in Him (Luke 5:5).

12 Jesus declared, “You are my friends if you do what I command.” Pray that your heart overflows with the desire to be counted as Jesus’ friend because of your obedience to His truth (John 15:14).

13 Joshua led God’s people to obey the unusual instructions of marching around the city of Jericho. When the walls fell the seventh time around, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!” Pray that God’s people today will have faith to believe that God advances His Kingdom through those who obey His Word (Joshua 6:16).

14 Living in radical obedience means not conforming “to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.” Pray for discernment of the Spirit and strength of heart to reject evil while joyfully obeying the ways of Christ (1 Peter 1:14).

15 Those who reject walking “in step with the wicked” or standing “in the way that sinners take” are blessed of God! Pray that you will discern and resist evil with a heart to honor God through your obedience to His Word (Psalm 1:1).

16 God rewards eternal life to “those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality.” Pray that your loved ones will pursue Christ with joyful obedience to His truths (Romans 2:7).

17 Radical obedience means loving “the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” Pray that your heart is fully consumed with desire to be devoted to God (Deuteronomy 6:5).

18 Pray that you will find delight “in the law of the LORD” as you meditate on the truths of His Word. Pray for Spirit-led desire to seek and obey God’s will for your life (Psalm 1:2).

19 If we only listen to the Word of God and do not obey it, we deceive ourselves. But those who pay attention to the perfect law will live in freedom and “they will be blessed in what they do.” Invite blessing into your family by modeling obedience to God’s truths (James 1:22-25).

20 Sin and rebellion are a stain to a nation’s relationship with God. But “if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land.” Pray for the healing and restoration of this nation through God’s people who are willing to obey all that God commands (Isaiah 1:19).

21 Pray that the Church embraces the command, “Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.” Pray for believers to have powerful impact in this nation because of their radical obedience (Jeremiah 7:23).

22 Pray that your loved ones will “[choose] the way and faithfulness” and set their hearts on God’s commands. Pray for hearts that delight in honoring and obeying the Lord (Psalm 119:30).

23 Pray for the Spirit to reveal the powerful truth that “the one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them.” Pray that believers thrive in radical obedience, knowing that it deepens their relationship with God (1 John 3:24).

24 Jesus demonstrated the power of obedience to rescue a condemned world when He “humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” Praise Him for His radical obedience and ask Him to strengthen your walk of submission to Him (Philippians 2:8).

25 God proclaims that He is a jealous God, but will show “love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” Pray for younger generations to embrace God’s Word and declare wholehearted obedience to His commands. Ask God to pour out blessing on generations to come (Deuteronomy 5:9-10).

26 God blesses those who “fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands.” When we obey, He uses us as the light of the gospel to the nations. Pray for your city and nation to reap the blessings of the obedience of God’s people (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

27 Invite God to “put [His] Spirit in you and move you to follow [His] decrees and be careful to keep [His] laws.” Pray that you are empowered by the Spirit to respond in radical obedience to the ways God calls you to advance His Kingdom (Ezekiel 36:27).

28 Pray that believers around the world will do what the Lord requires: “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Pray that this radical obedience unleashes an awakening of the lost to the wonderful grace and mercy of the Lord (Micah 6:8).

29 Radical obedience was costly to the apostles. Yet, they rejoiced “because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.” Pray that God gives you opportunity to declare the name of Jesus to lost family and friends with great joy regardless of any cost (Acts 5:41).

30 Despite opposition, the apostles did not hesitate to obey the command of “teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.” Pray that the gospel extends to the ends of the earth regardless of opposition and persecution of God’s people. Pray for courage, as now is the time for radical, Kingdom-advancing obedience (Acts 5:42).



June Birthdays



1st Kimberly Woulfe

4th Brian Cooke

5th Ashley Stout

6th David Hardin, Noah Burnette

7th Craig Brenizer

9th Robbie Scott

10th Nathaniel Williams

**12th Sydney Creekmore, Caraline
Plank, Noah Torchick**

**16th Connie Hamilton, Carolyn
Poteat**

**17th Jim Mizell, Benton Thompson,
Elijah Rench**

19th Samuel Parris, Ella Dye

21st Luke Floyd

23rd Shari Buetow

24th Jeri Bull

**25th Lindsay Alcantara, Rebecckah
Coleman**

26th Reed Blackmon

27th Annette Tweed

One Minute Clinic

BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE

ANOTHER IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE

AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD

FORGAVE YOU." - COLOSSIANS 3:13



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June



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7 VBS Workers Meeting 12:15 pm College/YA michele Gustafson's 6 pm	8 VBS Decorating	9	10	11	12 Shoebox Work day 9:30 am	13
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14 Deacon's Meeting 4:30 pm	15	16 VBS	17 No Life 122 No Prayer Meeting	18 No Praise Team Practice	19 College/ya @the Geyman's 6 pm	20
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21	22	23 Student Connect night @the Davis's 6 pm	24	25	26 Shoebox Work day 9:30 am	27
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28	29	30 gem team meeting 6:30 pm
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Sundays
Community Groups 8:45 am
Worship Service 10 am

Wednesdays
Outreach 4:30 pm
Precept 6 pm
Prayer Meeting 6 pm
Life 122 6:15 pm

Thursdays
Precept 8:50 am
Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm

