



# the messenger

*a river of hope in a thirsty land*

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Church Family,

**THANK YOU!!!** I praise God for you, the people, and the body of Candies Creek Baptist Church!!! I wasn't around in 1834 or even in 1991, but I was deeply appreciative of Candies Creek Baptist Church in 2002, when we were leaving after serving the whole church in student ministry and missions ministry. Annie Kate was just 3 months old when we began serving. Nolan was born while we were here and had serious health conditions in the womb and after birth. Heather's dad went to be with Jesus. I was just the second full-time student pastor and the first to carry a title of missions pastor. I was on the first team to pray among the Tajiks after Pastor Jamie had done so on a vision trip. I connected us to work in Clarkston, GA, so that we could work with internationals closer to home. I was able to serve Charleston in its last year and Walker Valley in its first year. I see God and the grace of God in all of this. Praise the Lord.

**THANK YOU!!!** I praise God for your impact on our family for the last ten years, 2016-2026. All of our family sees what God has done in our lives through your service and encouragement. Candies Creek has made a tremendous impact, not only on our kids, but on the spouses of the four they married. God has blessed us, and our family continues to multiply. Pastor Jonathan, Pastor Jed, and Christy have made such an impact on our kids. Candies Creek Academy has partnered with us in the formative years of our kids' lives. The challenges of anaphylaxis, COVID, and long COVID have been a time when our kids needed support and love from the body of Christ. Heather's mom went to be with the Lord, and again, God provided the people of Candies Creek to help us and hold our arms up.

**THANK YOU!!!** I praise God for the opportunity to develop and shepherd how the body of Candies Creek carries out the Great Commission and Global Evangelization. You have asked me to build on Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8.

**Matthew 28:18** *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

**Acts 1:8** *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

**I am excited to emphasize reverence and prayer this year! We will utilize A Praying Life by Paul E. Miller in September-November.**

Grace and Peace, Pastor Stan





**Wednesday**  
**@6:16pm**  
**Life 122**

**AS SUMMER BREAK COMES TO AN END, I AM PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO OUR GOD FOR EVERY PERSON AT CANDIES CREEK. THIS SUMMER WE HAVE ENJOYED CAMP CHEROKEE, THE ATLANTA MISSION TRIP, LIFE122, CONNECT NIGHTS, AND 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL! FOR ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER, THANK YOU! ALSO, I PRAY THAT YOU SEEK TO CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND THAT CHURCH COMMUNITY IS NOT ABOUT OUR EVENTS OR PROGRAMS BUT RATHER ABOUT OUR PEOPLE AND RELATIONSHIPS. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY GOD'S GRACE TO HAVE GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER AND I AM ENCOURAGED AS I SEE THESE RELATIONSHIPS DEVELOP INTO MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS.**

**IN 2 TIMOTHY 4:2, GOD CALLS TO BE PREPARED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL BOTH IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON. FOR SOME, SUMMER IS "IN SEASON." WE HAVE TIME, OPPORTUNITY, AND MOTIVATION TO DEDICATE OURSELVES TO PROCLAIMING CHRIST. I PRAY THAT YOU REMAIN COMMITTED TO THAT AS THE BUSINESS OF FALL RETURNS TO OUR LIVES. FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT BE "OUT OF SEASON" IN THE SUMMER, I PRAY THAT YOU TAKE GREAT ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE RETURNING TO YOUR DAY TO DAY LIFE. ADDITIONALLY, PAUL SAYS TO, "CORRECT, REBUKE AND ENCOURAGE—WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND CAREFUL INSTRUCTION." AT ALL TIMES, KEEP THESE IN MIND AS YOUR PURSUE DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST AND WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

**WE HAVE SEVERAL CONNECT NIGHTS THIS MONTH! FIRST, THE BANK TO SCHOOL BASH IS HOSTED AT THE BLACKBURN'S HOME AT 6:00 ON THE 4TH. THIS IS AT THE LAKE, SO BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT. LIFE JACKETS ARE NEEDED HERE, SO IF YOU HAVE ONE OF YOUR OWN, BRING IT SO NOT EVERYONE HAS TO SHARE THE BLACKBURN'S SUPPLY. A COLLEGE/ YOUNG ADULT NIGHT WILL BE AT THE DAVIS' ON THE 16TH AND WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER STUDENT NIGHT ON THE 23RD (LOCATION TBA). IF THERE ARE ANY UPDATES OR CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE, I WILL BE SURE TO COMMUNICATE THOSE.**

**THE PRIMARY METHOD I USE TO COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS IS THROUGH GROUPME! IF YOU ARE A PARENT OF A RISING 7TH GRADER OR A PARENT OF A CURRENT STUDENT AND ARE NOT IN THE GROUPME, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, AND I WILL ADD YOU! ALTERNATIVELY, VISIT THIS LINK ON YOUR PHONE AND FOLLOW THE STEPS TO REQUEST ACCESS!  
[HTTPS://GROUPME.COM/JOIN\\_GROUP/101420661/IWILXMWW](https://groupme.com/join_group/101420661/iwilxmww)**

**GRACE AND PEACE,  
JED COLE**

## **Notable Dates**

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> BACK TO SCHOOL BASH @THE BLACKBURNS 6-8 PM**

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> PROMOTION SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> COLLEGE/YA @THE DAVIS'S  
6 PM**

**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> STUDENT CONNECT NIGHT (TBA)**



# Candies Creek Kids

## **PROMOTION SUNDAY is August 9th.**

Sunday School please join us each Sunday at 8:45 am.  
Children's Church for K-4th grades 10 am in the Treehouse  
Children's Choir for K-6th grades 6 pm in the Treehouse

## **C4 or CHILDREN'S CHURCH!**

5/6th graders and other youth who are interested in being part of the rotation for C4 Helper teams, contact Mrs. Christy to get on the schedule.

What does a C4 helper do? They model a posture of worship by listening intently and participating fully, they sit with K and visitors and guide them gently, they lead or help lead small group activities that apply the Word. They hand out items, prepare supplies, spread joy and serve

## **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Children's Choir worship practice on August 9th 6-7:15 pm in the Treehouse!

I can't wait to hear the united praises of our children Psalm 8:2 From the mouths of infants and nursing babies, you have established a stronghold on account of your adversaries in order to silence the enemy and the avenger.

## **AWANA in AUGUST:**

Registration is OPEN! [candiescreek.twotimtwo.com](http://candiescreek.twotimtwo.com) or scan the QR code that will be available around campus.

Children should be 3 yrs old by August 5th - up to 6th grade.

AWANA leaders meeting Wednesday August 19th 6 pm in the Treehouse

AWANA returns Wednesday August 26th at 6 pm

Interested in serving in AWANA this year? We have a need for Sparks & TNT listeners each Wednesday evening. See Richard & Katie Kerley or Christy Johns

## **PRECEPT for KIDS**

Be watching for upcoming dates and study title!

Precept Kids is perfect for 3-6th graders, and even older siblings, students and parents.

Meal, fellowship and Bible study with a field trip to celebrate.

## **TRUNK R TREAT**

Save the Date: October 25th 4-6 pm.

***Children's Ministry is updating background checks and sharing training on Tennessee Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse. Emails with that information will continue to go out in August to specific ministry volunteers. Thank you for helping us stay ahead of safety and security issues at Candies Creek.***



## Heart Things

*"There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God..."*

This is the peacefully reassuring first line of a hymn written around the turn of the 20th century by Cleland McAfee during a time of unimaginable family grief. The words endure today because all who know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord can completely trust the unchanging heart of God. Scripture is filled with reminders for us to find release from distractions and relief from difficulties by keeping our hearts tuned to His, knowing it is His grace that holds us fast.

When we draw near to God, He draws near to us (James 4:8). Even though the world bombards our senses with the noise of conflict and uncertainties, God's Word promises protection for our hearts and minds when the enemy attempts to assault us with worry, doubt, and fear:

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

The Book of Psalms is replete with matters of the heart, with just a few examples here:

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.*

*Psalms 19:14; 51:10; 119:11*

Jesus revealed the lovingkindness of His own heart in this invitation:

*Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

*Matthew 11:28-30*

The Apostle Paul spoke clearly about heart things in his letter to the church at Ephesus:

*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God... Let all bitterness... be put away from you... Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. ...be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns... singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.*

*Ephesians 4:30-32; 5:18-21*

Grateful hearts are joyful hearts. Make us faithful, O Lord, to draw near to Your heart every day.

*CCBC Prayer Ministry*

# In the Know



## August Financial Update

### Given in July

\$69,874.60

### July Expenses

\$83,465.08

### Year-to-date Giving

\$482,895.75

### Year-to-date Expenses

\$557,869.92

### Lottie Moon

\$3,848.79



### Shoebox Ministry

The August calendar is still in a state of flux because of the flooring project on the 2nd floor. Tentatively, the group will pack boxes for the 10-14 year old kiddos on August 20th and 21st. Watch the bulletin for more information or call Jean at 423.650.7037 for specifics..

For those who pack their own shoeboxes to send, this is the time to get some great deals on school supplies.



It was her final act of desperation. No one could help her condition that ravaged her body. No doctors. No solutions.

But then she saw Him. People swarmed Him as He made His way to the house of a man with a dying daughter. She thought she could go unnoticed by just reaching out and touching the hem of His robe.

Instantly, her body surged with healing. She felt it. She knew. Her plague of 12 years was gone!

Jesus knew immediately that healing power had coursed from His body. “Who touched me?” He asked. She thought she might quietly have a chance to be healed, but now she must unexpectedly testify to everyone about her instant miracle.

And then she heard the most glorious words of Jesus: “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace” (Luke 8:47-48). She went from hopelessness to now being known through the generations for her small act of faith.

Jesus still touches those who reach out with faith and hope. Now is the time to pray for a resurgence of the miraculous healing of hearts and lives. May we continue to testify of His power to restore.

1 The woman who touched Jesus felt shame and had nowhere else to turn. Jesus was her only hope. Pray that you are renewed with hope this month as you intercede for the healing of those you desire to encounter Jesus (Luke 8:43).

2 The woman had heard about Jesus, and so she approached Him from behind, thinking, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” Ask the Lord to stir that kind of faith in you to reach out to Jesus as the One who can heal any impossible situation (Mark 5:28).

3 The bleeding woman demonstrated such a small act of faith, but it was powerful enough to release healing to her. Ask the Lord to increase your belief to pray and not discount any act of faith that demonstrates your hope in Jesus as Healer and Restorer (Luke 8:44).

4 Jesus knew instantly that healing power had gone out from Him. He asked the woman to identify herself so that she might testify to her miracle. Pray that your church seeks the Lord for renewed demonstrations of Jesus’ power to heal hearts and lives—and that others might also testify (Luke 8:46).

5 Upon her healing, the woman trembled and fell at Jesus’ feet. In the presence of the crowd, she declared her miraculous gift from the Lord. Pray for renewed awe in the Church of Jesus’ power to heal and transform lives. Ask that the lost will witness and believe in Christ (Luke 8:47).

6 Jesus declared, “Everything is possible for one who believes.” Ask the Lord to take you on a journey of growing in confidence and belief that the Lord hears your cries and that no situation you bring before Him is impossible (Mark 9:23).

7 Praise God that “the LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Bring before Him any situation in your life that causes you grief or heartache and ask Him to renew your trust in Him (Psalm 34:18).

8 There are times when you may feel like “my flesh and my heart may fail,” but God is the One who strengthens your heart. Ask God to revive you so that you do not give up until your prayers see their fulfillment in Christ (Psalm 73:26).

9 When our hearts are anxious, we are encouraged to “in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Give your anxiety to the Lord and pray with belief that He has answers to every concern and challenge in your life (Philippians 4:6).

10 In troubling times, we are assured that the peace of God “will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Pray that you can be a voice of hope to those who are lost, assuring them that hearts are healed by trusting in Christ (Philippians 4:7).

11 Do you know people struggling with significant health issues? Pray for them to “not lose heart.” Though their bodies may feel like they are wasting away, pray that inwardly they are “renewed day by day.” Pray for their bodies and hearts to be healed in Christ (2 Corinthians 4:16).

12 Pray God’s Word over someone in your life who needs healing: “‘But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,’ declares the LORD.” Ask God for a miraculous restoration that brings glory to Him (Jeremiah 30:17).



13 God's Word is powerful when prayed for those who need His touch. Ask God to keep His Words "within your heart, for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body." Pray with confidence for others by using Scripture promises (Proverbs 4:20-22).

14 You need not fear any situation, for our God "will strengthen you and help you." He will "uphold you with [His] righteous hand." Pray that God turns dismay and doubt among His people into confidence in His power to heal and restore (Isaiah 41:10).

15 Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." Pray for those who struggle with trusting God, that their hearts are filled with renewed belief in His power to heal and restore (John 14:1).

16 Pray for the healing of hearts of those who are resistant to the gospel. Ask God to remove their hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh. Pray for a new heart and a new spirit to transform each life (Ezekiel 36:26).

17 Jesus took on our sins on the cross so that "we might die to sins and live for righteousness." Pray that your loved ones will believe that "by his wounds" they can be healed and set free to live rightly for eternity (1 Peter 2:24).

18 We have peace in Jesus because our punishment is on Him as He was "crushed for our iniquities." Pray for this release of peace in your own heart as you embrace the powerful truth that "by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

19 Pray this declaration for rescue and restoration in your own life: "Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." Acknowledge that all your hope is in Christ alone (Jeremiah 17:14).

20 Bring your friends before the Lord today with this prayer: "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." Pray that they will thrive in the love of Christ (3 John 1:2).

21 Pray for the powerful presence of Jesus in your church, believing that Jesus "will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security." Pray that as hearts are surrendered and secure in Christ, His peace will increase faith and bold prayers (Jeremiah 33:6).

22 Pray that you will know the joy of the Lord, as "a cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Pray for those who are discouraged, that they might be refreshed and restored in God's Spirit (Proverbs 17:22).

23 Ask God to infuse your prayers with hope and a vision for the future when Jesus "will wipe every tear from their eyes," knowing "there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain..." Pray for an urgency to rise up in God's people to share the gospel and the hope of heaven (Revelation 21:4).

24 Praise God that He "kept [you] from the pit of destruction and "put all [your] sins behind [His] back." Pray that others who feel hopelessness and despair will know they can find healing through forgiveness of sins in Christ. Ask God to reveal this to your loved ones (Isaiah 38:17).

25 Praise God that even though He sees the sinful ways of your loved ones, He promises He "will heal them" and "guide them and restore comfort" if they seek His forgiveness and restoration. Pray for an awakening among the lost that God is their Healer and Comforter (Isaiah 57:18).

26 Pray for those far from God in nations around that world, that they will experience "peace, peace, to those far and near." May they know His promise that He "will heal them" as they surrender to His reign and rule in their lives (Isaiah 57:19).

27 Pray that your church embraces the hope of healing by encouraging people to "call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." Ask God to use your church to bring healing and restoration to those in desperate need (James 5:14).

28 Pray for the Lord's graciousness to be shown to those who need healing in their lives, that He might be their "strength every morning" and their "salvation in times of distress" (Isaiah 33:2).

29 Pray for a stirring up of prayers of faith in your church as a regular practice in offering hope to "make the sick person well." Pray for testimonies of how the Lord has raised people up in the healing of their hearts and lives (James 5:15).

30 Pray for a revival of repentance in your church, so that it is common to confess sins to each other "and pray for each other so that you may be healed." Ask the Spirit to persuade people that "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

31 Ask God to continue increasing your faith as you pray for the healing of hearts and lives. Just as Jesus declared, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace," pray that you hear His voice, experience His pleasure in your intercession, and go in peace knowing that the Lord is always good (Luke 8:48).



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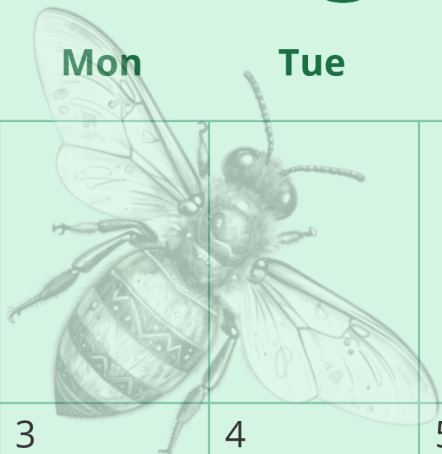
**30<sup>th</sup> Grace Ann Rench**

## **One Minute Clinic**

**He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.**

**Rev 21:4**

# August 2026

| Sun                                                                              | Mon                                                                               | Tue                                                                                                             | Wed                              | Thu                                                                                                                                                      | Fri | Sat                                                                                                |
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| 2 6th Grade Promotion Party<br><br>Wedding Shower for Lauren Carroll 2-4 pm StuB | 3                                                                                 | 4 Back to School Bash @the Blackburn's 6- 8 pm                                                                  | 5                                | 6 CCA Parent Orientation 6 pm                                                                                                                            | 7   | 8                                                                                                  |
| 9 Sunday School Promotion C4 and Adult/Children's Choir Begins                   | 10                                                                                | 11                                                                                                              | 12                               | 13                                                                                                                                                       | 14  | 15                                                                                                 |
| 16 College/YA @the Davis's 6 pm                                                  | 17                                                                                | 18                                                                                                              | 19 AWANA Leaders Meeting 6:00 pm | 20                                                                                                                                                       | 21  | 22                                                                                                 |
| 23 Student Connect Night TBA                                                     | 24                                                                                | 25                                                                                                              | 26 AWANA Starts                  | 27                                                                                                                                                       | 28  | 29                                                                                                 |
| 30                                                                               | 31                                                                                | <b>Sunday</b><br>Community Groups 8:45 am<br>C4 10:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Children' & Adult Choir 6:00 pm |                                  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Outreach 4:45-6:00 pm (meet in StuB)<br>AWANA 6:00 pm (starts 8/26)<br>Precept 6:00 pm<br>Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm<br>Life 122 6:15 pm |     | <b>Thursday</b><br>Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 am<br>Precept 8:50 am<br>Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm |