

THE BRANCHES

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." JOHN 15:5



Cedar Creek
BAPTIST CHURCH

A Letter From the Pastor:

There are so many exciting things happening at Cedar Creek that it's hard to know where to start! First, let me say that God has been so very good to us. He reminds us from His Word that every good and perfect gift comes from His hand. Take a moment and begin to think through all the many good things that are in your life today. Every single one is a good gift from our gracious Heavenly Father. Never take for granted all His good gifts. And while we give thanks to our Father for who He is, we also give thanks for what He is doing. I don't know if you've noticed, but there is something special happening in our midst. We are seeing more and more guests in our services. We are seeing more and more people get plugged into ministry. We are seeing more and more people give their time, talents, and their treasure. We are seeing more and more kids and students and young adults among us. I'm sure you've noticed that we're running out of space! Praise the Lord for that! I want to thank you for being such a welcoming church family. I can't tell you how many times a week I talk to people who compliment our church family in making them feel welcomed. Be sure to seek out people that you don't know and make them feel like they belong.

Please continue to be patient and flexible as we navigate all the renovation and construction going on in our educational building. It already looks so different! You are going to be blown away by how different it's going to look and how the renovations are going to help us better minister to our kids and families. It will only take a few short months. A few things to encourage you with: **(1) please show up.** We need you here to serve, lead, grow, and give to the work God is doing. **(2) get plugged in.** Find out where God has gifted you and come be a part of the ministry here at CCBC so that God can use your gifts for the benefit of others. **(3) stay focused on the mission.** We are here to connect people to Jesus so they can discover life in Him. We cannot do that without YOU!

Thank you for your love and support! I love you dearly,

Pastor Andy



God has uniquely equipped every believer to serve in the body of Christ. Our Spiritual Gifts Assessment is designed to help you identify areas where God may have gifted you for ministry. Before completing the assessment, please take time to read these passages and prayerfully consider how God has worked in your life. You can pick up a copy of the Spiritual Gifts Assessment at the Welcome Desk or complete it online through our website. Once you have finished, please return your completed assessment to Pastor Andy as soon as possible.

DEACON SCHEDULE

2 nd	Eric Locklear
9 th	David Marion
16 th	Keith Marion
23 rd	Andy McGown
30 th	Steve Rabon



Our Children's Ministry is growing! We need extra volunteers to help during Sunday School and Morning Worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Dianne Clay. Thank you!

GRIEF SHARE

Our fall session for Grief Share group will begin meeting on **Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 pm.** Grief Share is a support group that is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Online registration is now open for this session!



Women on Mission will be collecting snacks to fill baskets for First Responders during the month of August. If you'd like to contribute, please bring in individually wrapped snacks (candy, crackers, granola bars, etc.). The Women on Mission will be providing bottled waters.



Construction Area Safety Notice



As we continue renovating our facilities, please help us keep everyone safe by not entering any designated construction or renovation areas. For the safety of our church family and contractors, and in accordance with our insurance requirements, these areas are strictly limited to authorized construction personnel only. Please respect all posted signs and safety measures. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to improve our campus for future ministry.

August BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Adam Hixon
3 rd	Heather Winkleman
9 th	Jaidah Wright
9 th	Karen Hixon
10 th	Wilson Greig
11 th	Jean Abrahamsen
12 th	Steve Rabon
14 th	Christopher Clark
15 th	Parker Hyatt
17 th	Clayton McEntire
20 th	Charles "Bubba" Lee
22 nd	Marina Garzoni
22 nd	Kathryn Greig
23 rd	Patti Fabel
24 th	Zoie Hobgood
25 th	Hannah Beth McEntire
26 th	Kira Attaway
26 th	Eric Locklear
27 th	Anna Stalnaker
29 th	Ryan Winde
30 th	Lynn Taylor
31 st	David Marion

CCBC NEWS: *THE BRANCHES*

August 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1  8:30 AM Women On Mission Meeting
2 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 AM LifeGroups 10:30 AM Morning Worship The Lord's Supper	3 6 PM AMC Meeting 7 PM Deacons Meeting	4 10 - 11:30 AM "Jesus in Me" Women's Bible Study 6 - 7:30 PM "Jesus in Me" Women's Bible Study	5 6 PM Bible Study / Youth 6:45 PM Adult Choir	6	7	8
9 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 AM LifeGroups 10:30 AM Morning Worship BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AFTER CHURCH	10 7:00 PM Women's Connect Groups	11	12 10:00 AM Women's Connect Groups 6 PM Bible Study / Youth 6:45 PM Adult Choir	13	14	15
16 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 AM LifeGroups 10:30 AM Morning Worship	17  6-8 PM Farm to Table at Fabel Farms	18	19 6 PM Bible Study / Youth 6:45 PM Adult Choir	20 6:00 PM Grief Share	21	22  6:05 PM Faith & Family Night at the Fireflies
23/30 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 AM LifeGroups 10:30 AM Morning Worship (30th) 6:00 PM Tacos and Testimonies	24/31	25	26 6 PM Bible Study / Youth 6:45 PM Adult Choir	27 6:00 PM Grief Share	28	29

RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS

Ladies - Women on Mission: 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 am

Men and Teens - Men's Farm to Table: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm at Fabel Farms

Senior Adults - Young at Heart Luncheon 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Starts back in September!

Need to speak to a CCBC staff member? Our church office hours at **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 1 pm**. You can call us at (803) 754-6230 or email ccbcworship1@gmail.com

The Branches Newsletter is published on the 20th of each month. If you have something you'd like included in next month's newsletter, **please have the information to Jamye Duren by the 10th of the month.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION/ UPCOMING EVENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY COUNCIL (AMC)
June 2026 recap

Old Business

- None

New Business

- The Children's Ministry Renovation Project is scheduled to begin June 29th and is expected to take approximately three months. Members were reminded that flexibility will be needed during construction.
- The AMC reviewed a draft document outlining church committee roles and responsibilities. Members provided feedback regarding voting procedures, committee timelines, staff designations, and clarification of financial authority guidelines.
- Pastor Andy shared upcoming schedule updates, including family commitments, vacation plans, and worship leadership arrangements during his absence.

Executive Session

- An executive session was held from 6:29 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.

Committee Reports

- Stewardship: Financial statements were presented. Committee chairs were asked to begin planning budget needs for 2027. The committee is also developing purchasing policies to improve budget oversight.
- Nominating: Prayer was requested as committee positions are filled for the coming year.
- Personnel: No report.
- Missions: Approximately 40 people attended the recent Missions Interest Meeting. Plans are being explored for a student mission trip.

The next AMC meeting is scheduled for **August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.**



**Columbia Fireflies
Faith & Family Night!**



Join us on **Saturday, August 22nd** for the Columbia Fireflies vs. Augusta Green Jackets game at 6:05 PM. Tickets are \$10 each and we have reserved 30 tickets. The evening will include Faith & Family Night activities, featuring the ZOOperstars!, a pre-game concert, and post-game fireworks.

Ticket payment is due by August 16th. Visit <https://linktr.ee/ccbcworship> for more info!

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Attention, kids, youth and families! Kick off the new school year with us! Join us for an afternoon of food, water fun, and ice cream after worship on **Sunday, August 9th!** Bring your towel, a lawn chair, sunscreen, and clothes for the water activities. Please wear dark-colored clothing over your bathing suits. We can't wait to celebrate with you and your family!

MORE INFO

For a list of upcoming events, to register for an event, or any other additional information, visit ccbcworship.org or <https://linktr.ee/ccbcworship>

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