

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:

The Lord has been gently reminding me lately of His all sufficient grace. His grace is never far from my mind and heart, but one of the great temptations we face is to try and live within our own strength. It is much easier to coast through life relying on our skills, talents, or abilities to get us where we want to go. This may not rise to the level of overt sin, but it is certainly a formula for disaster. Any time we fail to see the inadequacies of self, we automatically begin to live a life of independence from God's grace. And that leads to spiritual burn-out, disappointment, and discouragement. If I were given the notice that I was going to preach my last sermon this Sunday, there is no doubt what I would preach. I would remind God's people to abide in the Vine. Remain connected to Jesus in all things. There is no life apart from Jesus. There is no ministry apart from Jesus. There is no future apart from Jesus. The only thing that truly matters in this life is to remain connected to the Vine that is Christ. Nothing else really matters in life and ministry unless you remain in Jesus, His Word, His love, and His mission. In 1869, a lady named Fanny Crosby penned the words to one of my favorite hymns: "Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain. Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain." Fanny Crosby lost her eyesight as a young child. Years later, after she was married, her only child died in infancy. She went on to become one of the greatest hymn writers in history. Someone asked her if she would have chosen to remain blind despite her prolific musical talent. Her reply? "Yes, I would still choose to stay blind so that the first face I would ever see in heaven is Jesus." There is no substitute for the Savior. Seek Him with your whole heart everyday until you see His face. I love you all dearly and I thank the Lord for how much you mean to me!

Pastor Andy

DEACON SCHEDULE

7 th	Joe Clay
14 th	Eric Locklear
21 st	David Marion
28 th	Keith Marion



VBS Kickoff Event:
May 30th
11:00 AM–2:00 PM

VBS June 1st – 5th

Time: 5:45–8:30 PM (dinner provided each evening for children and volunteers)

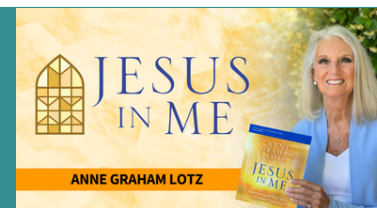
Children ages 4K - completed 6th grade are welcome to join us! They will enjoy Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, and more. Invite friends and family for this special week of growing in God's love.

To register your child today, or to volunteer, visit <https://linktr.ee/ccbcworship>



Ladies! You're invited to be part of one of our Women's Connect Groups—small, welcoming gatherings that meet in group leaders' homes and are designed to build genuine relationships, encourage fellowship, and support women as they live out their faith in everyday life.

These groups meet every other month, include women of all ages and stages, and we'd truly love for you to join us! To get connected with a group, reach out to Jamye Duren at jcduren@gmail.com. Both morning and evening groups are available to fit your schedule.









Ladies, you are invited to join the "Jesus In Me" Women's Bible Study, based on the teaching of Anne Graham Lotz. The study will be **Tuesday, June 9th through August 4th**, with no meeting the week of July 4. Groups meet from 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:00–7:30 PM at Charley Moore's home. We can't wait to have you join us, ladies!



"I cannot express to you how much joy it brings to my heart to see how the Lord is moving in our church! What a great God we serve! I want to personally thank you for our recent celebration of reaching our financial goal of renovating our children's ministry area. Thank you for your generosity and investment in the lives of our "Creek Kids." As you well know, we believe that families are our future here at CCBC, and we want to be faithful stewards of our resources today in preparation for the ministries of tomorrow. We are only able to do that through your faithful giving. I believe this is just the beginning of some great and exciting things coming our way. My encouragement to you is to keep your eyes on Jesus, stay faithful to His calling and mission, work very hard to protect our unity, and practice radical service to one another. May the Lord bless you as you honor the Lord and His Church." – Pastor Andy

CCBC NEWS: THE BRANCHES

June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 10:00 AM Prayer Mondays	2 	3	4	5	6  8:30 AM Women On Mission Meeting
7 9:00 AM Coffee & Fellowship 9:15 AM LifeGroups 10:30 AM Morning Worship Lord's Supper 6:00 PM VBS Commencement	8 10:00 AM Prayer Mondays 6 PM AMC Meeting 7 PM Deacons Meeting Women's Connect Groups	9 10 - 11:30 AM "Jesus in Me" Women's Bible Study 6 - 7:30 PM "Jesus in Me" Women's Bible Study	10 10 - 11:30 AM Women's Connect Groups 6 PM Bible Study Mission Friends Children in Action 6:45 PM Adult Choir	11	12	13
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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>

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 does not meet again until **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

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.**

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION/ UPCOMING EVENTS

FARM TO TABLE

Men! We hope you will join us for our next Farm to Table! Join us on **Monday, June 15th** at 6 pm at Fabel Farms.

GRIEF SHARE

Our next Grief Share session will begin on **Thursday, August 13th** at 6 PM. Online registration is now open for this session!

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY COUNCIL (AMC) April 2026 recap

- The Administrative Ministry Council met on April 6th and approved the March meeting minutes.
- Youth Sunday was scheduled for May 17th. Craig Attaway will preach, youth will participate in the service, and a meal fundraiser for summer camp will follow.
- High school graduates will be recognized on May 17th, with Bibles proposed as graduation gifts.
- Committee descriptions are still in progress and were postponed until May's meeting.
- There was some discussion about having a portico added onto the admin building.
- Approved AMC meeting summaries will continue to be shared through the church newsletter. Full minutes will be available in the church office upon request.
- AMC discussed its role, communication with the church, attendance expectations, and ways to better support church mission and vision.
- Quarterly business meetings (January, April, July, October) will now focus solely on business matters with no Bible study on those evenings.
- Next AMC meeting: Monday, June 8th at 6 pm

June BIRTHDAYS

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| 1st | Gary Wells |
| 3rd | Ethan McEntire |
| 4th | Audrey Hartin |
| 5th | Aaron Arnold |
| 9th | Donna Thompson |
| 10th | Tony Beckham |
| 10th | Patsy Pathel |
| 10th | Stephanie Stokes |
| 16th | Cresta Buckner |
| 17th | Cathy Locklear |
| 20th | Byron Bullard |
| 20th | Raleigh Hobgood |
| 20th | Shirley Newman |
| 21st | Steve Abrahamsen |
| 21st | Debbie Talbert |
| 23rd | Michele Cockell |
| 24th | James Thompson |
| 25th | Erma Rauch |
| 26th | Jeremiah Allen |
| 26th | Barbara Dodds |
| 27th | Keith Marion |
| 28th | Evans Duren |

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