

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, OCTOBER 1

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Okies' from 6:00 to 7:30. Bring your Bible and see the Weekly Update to bring a snack to share!

OCTOBER LEADERSHIP MEETING

Pray for the deacons and elders as they meet on **Sunday, 10/8**, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in serving our church.

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Join us following worship to recount God's goodness to our church over the last year and to look ahead to the coming ministry year.

NWGP FALL YOUTH RETREAT, NOVEMBER 3-5

Registration for the Northwest Georgia Fall Youth Retreat is now open! The retreat is open to 6th-12th graders. The cost is \$80 per person. Please see the weekly update to register by October 6th. Contact Matt with any questions!

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT, OCTOBER 13-15

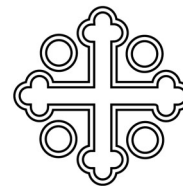
Join us for a few days away at a great house in Cedar Bluff, AL! It's going to be an awesome, relaxing weekend filled with fellowship, encouragement, and lakefront sitting. The entire weekend **cost is \$120**, which includes lodging and 4 meals. Or just come out for the day on **Saturday for \$25**. More details and an FAQ will be available soon. Be on the lookout for the official email invite coming out soon and **contact Carrie Boogaart with any questions** (carrie.boogaart@gmail.com).

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of September 24th, you've given \$5,394 to Faith Promise. **We need about \$1,500 by September 30th to stay on budget for the new ministry year.** Let's start the year well!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of **ONE** volunteer to serve in our 3-4 years old class this upcoming ministry year. If you are a church member and would like to volunteer then please contact Bonnie Lane at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for more information.



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OUR VISION:
TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

October 1, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 133**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

Song of Preparation and Praise - *The Love of God

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Philippians 2:12-13**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Let Me Find Thee

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Jacob & Suzanne Webb, MTW Bulgaria & Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Woodstock

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Lord's Supper: An Ongoing Opportunity for Reconciliation Matthew 5:21-26

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *Death Was Arrested

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Galatians 6:14-16; 18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

Death Was Arrested

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way
To let mercy come in
When death was arrested
And my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet
My feet rose to dance
When death was arrested
And my life began

*Oh your grace so free,
Washes over me
You have made me new
Now life begins with you
It's your endless love
Pouring down on us
You have made us new
Now life begins with you*

Released from my chains
I'm a prisoner no more
My shame was a ransom
He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt
And he called me his friend
When death was arrested
And my life began (*Chorus*)

Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced
As though heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose
With our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested
And my life began (*Chorus*)

Response
SONG OF

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

CALL TO Worship

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard, on the
beard of Aaron, running down on the
collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which
falls on the mountains of Zion! For
there the Lord has commanded the
blessing, life forevermore.

Psalm 133

Sacraments are holy signs and seals
to the covenant of grace,
immediately instituted by God,
to represent Christ and His benefits;
and to confirm our interest in Him;
as also, to put a
visible difference between
those that belong unto the Church
and the rest of the world;
and solemnly to engage them
to the service of God in Christ,
according to His word!

**The Westminster Confession of Faith
XXVII, 1. Of the Sacraments**

“ THE LORD’S SUPPER:
AN ONGOING OPPORTUNITY FOR RECONCILIATION”
MATTHEW 5:21-26
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper as an ongoing opportunity for reconciliation in the church.

Introduction:

Q: What regularly spurs you to pursue reconciliation with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Matthew 26:26-30: The Lord’s Supper: A Means of Jesus’s Ministry of Reconciliation

Q. 171. How are those who receive the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper to prepare themselves before they come to it?

A. Those who receive the sacrament of the Lord’s supper are to prepare themselves for it before they come by examining themselves in the following ways:

- of their being in Christ;
- of their sins and needs;
- of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance, and love to God and the brethren;
- of their charity to all people, forgiving those who have done them wrong;
- of their desires for Christ and of new obedience;
- and by renewing the exercise of these graces by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q: Is part of your preparation for the Lord’s Table a consideration of who you need to be reconciled to in the church before you partake?

Application:

Matthew 5:21-26 teaches us that:

-Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper as an ongoing opportunity for reconciliation in the church.

Communion

Benediction: Galatians 6:14-16, 18

Let Me Find Thee

Behold me here,
In grief draw near,
Pleading at Thy throne oh King.
To Thee each tear,
Each trembling fear,
Jesus Son of Man I bring.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Lord of mercy King of grace.

Look down in love,
And from above,
With Thy Spirit satisfy.
Thou hast sought me,
Thou hast bought me,
And thy purchase Lord am I.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Here on earth and then on high.

Hear the broken,
Scarcely spoken,
Longings of my heart to thee
All the crying,
All the sighing,
Of Thy child accepted be.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Wounded healer, suffering Lord.
Let me find Thee,
Let me find Thee.
Let me find Thee,
Lord of mercy King of grace.

SONG OF
Comfort

The Love of God

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair
Bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin

*O love of God, how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song*

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies
Of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll
Contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky
(Chorus)

SONG OF
Praise

Confession OF SIN

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

(Take a moment to silently confess.)

We confess that we too often fail to consider who we need to be reconciled to and pursue that reconciliation before coming to the Lord's Table (**Matthew 5:21-26**).

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

Assurance OF PARDON

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,

(Congregation) - Amen!