

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, OCTOBER 8

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Starts! from 5:30 to 7:30. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Join us in the Conference Room at 9:30am to pray for various aspects of our church.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study started on October 4th and is specifically designed for college-age and recently graduated women who want to connect more to our church, and for the women who have a heart to encourage them in adulthood! The group is still open and our next meeting is **October 18th**. You can find all of the details in the Weekly Update. Please RSVP to Amanda Maphet if you plan on attending. 678-895-7115 or amanda.maphet@gmail.com.

CHURCH PICNIC, OCTOBER 22

Join us after worship on Sunday, October 22 for a picnic at Swift Cantrell Park! Bring your own food and drinks and meet us at the **Warrior Pavilion from 12:30 to 2:30 pm**. See Robby if you have any questions.

PERMANENT FACILITY FUND UPDATE

As of 9/24, we have \$227,446 in this fund. Thank you for your generosity! We'd love to have \$275,000 by January 1st! Please contribute by marking your gift "Permanent Facility Fund."



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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 8, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 31:21-24**

~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 - *Goodness of God

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Matthew 5:3-4**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Eric & Rebecca Larsen, Next Ministries & CCC Church Plant

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Lord's Supper: An Ongoing Opportunity to Address Our Doubts Mark 9:14-29

Song of Response - *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

~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**

Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.

Christ The Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds
Of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure

Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

SONG OF
Response

CALL TO
Worship

Blessed be the Lord,
for he has wondrously shown his
steadfast love to me
when I was in a besieged city.

²² I had said in my alarm,
“I am cut off from your sight.”

But you heard the voice of my pleas for
mercy when I cried to you for help.

²³ Love the Lord, all you his saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who
acts in pride.

²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!

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 TO ADDRESS OUR DOUBTS”
MARK 9:14-29
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper as an ongoing opportunity to address our doubts.

Introduction:

Q: Where do you usually turn to address your doubts and unbelief?

Mark 9:14-29: The Lord’s Supper: A Means of Grace to Our Doubts

Q. 172. May one who doubts of being in Christ, or of being properly prepared, come to the Lord’s Supper?

A. One who doubts of being in Christ, or of being properly prepared for the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, may still have a true union with Christ, although he may not yet be assured of it. In God’s accounting, such a person has this connection if he is properly moved by the perception of lacking it and unreservedly desires to be found in Christ and to depart from iniquity. In this case (because the promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) such a person is to bewail his unbelief and work to have his doubts resolved, and in so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord’s Supper, so that he may be further strengthened.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q: Is part of your preparation for the Lord’s Table asking Jesus to help you with your current doubts and unbelief?

Application:

Mark 9:14-29 teaches us that:

-Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper as an ongoing opportunity to address our doubts.

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

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded, broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

Thou the spring of all my comfort
More than life to me
Whom have I on earth beside Thee
Whom in Heav'n but Thee
Savior, Savior,
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

SONG OF
Comfort

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days,
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing
Of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so,
So good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing
Of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived
In the goodness of God (*Chorus*)

Your goodness is running After,
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me (*Chorus*)

Praise
SONG OF

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 ask You to help us in and with our doubts concerning You and Your love for us (**Mark 9:14-29**).

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

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

Matthew 5:3-4

(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!