

STAY CONNECTED AT CCC...

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, TONIGHT

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND BELLS PERFORMANCE, DECEMBER 11

Our children have been practicing and looking forward to their opportunity to play and sing during our worship service. We look forward to hearing them on **December 11th at our 10:30 service!** Parents, please contact Stephanie Napper (stephanie@samscreek.net) if you have any questions.

DECEMBER LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Pray for the deacons as they meet on **Sunday, 12/4**, and for the elders meeting on **Tuesday, 12/13**, as they meet with the Stocks to hear about where God is leading them and how we can serve them in that process.

GIVING TREE UPDATE - WOMEN'S EXTENSION CHRISTMAS GIFTS

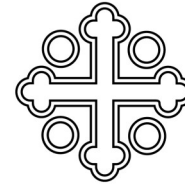
As of November 27th **you have generously given \$5,628!** This means we exceeded our goal! Thank you so much!! Stay tuned for more information about the potential upcoming wrapping party!

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

\$18,629 given as of 11/27 leaving \$421 needed by 11/30 to stay on budget. Thank you for being generous to missions work near and far!

MISSIONS CARE TEAM OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in joining together to encourage our church-supported missionaries, please contact Stephanie Napper (stephanie@samscreek.net) for more information about the new Missions Care Team.



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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 DECEMBER 4, 2022

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 107:1-3, 10-16**

~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 - His Mercy Is More**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 10:14-18**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Rising Sun**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Jim Whittle, Equipping Leaders International and David Gilbert, Grace Pres, Douglasville

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Birth of John and the Prophecy of Zechariah Luke 1:57-80

Preparation of the Table Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

~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 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

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“THE BIRTH OF JOHN AND THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH” LUKE 1:57-80 MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: God saves us by His mercy so that we can serve Him without fear all our days.

Introduction:

Q: *What are you afraid of?*

Luke 1:57-66: The Birth of John

“Zechariah shows that even the faith of pious people can pause, and then develop added depth. It is important that the example is a man whose piety was praised at the start (1:6). Now Zechariah has assurance about God's promises... Zechariah also responds in obedience, obedience that Mary gave without hesitation. Faith for some comes slowly and for others more naturally, but in the end, the call is to emulate these saints with their notes of joy, expectation, and belief.”

Darrell L. Bock, *Luke 1:1 – 9:50*

Luke 1:67-80: The Prophecy of Zechariah

“Like the people of Israel, we are usually wrong about what we really need. We tend to look first at our outward circumstances. We want God to save us from things like a bad work situation, a financial setback, or a troubled marriage. Of course God is able to handle these problems, and it is right for us to pray for his help. But the first thing he has to deal with is our sin.... What we need more than anything else is to have a right relationship with God, and this can only come through the forgiveness of our sins... Forgiveness is the supreme expression of God's compassionate mercy for sinners. Nothing is more wonderful for a sinner than to receive mercy.”

Philip Graham Ryken, *Luke Volume 1: Chapters 1-12*

Q: *Do you believe that God delights in showing you mercy? Do you believe that God's mercy fulfills your deepest needs?*

Application:

Luke 1:57-80 teaches us that we get to:

- Serve God without fear all our days because He has saved us by His mercy.

Benediction: *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*