

STAY CONNECTED AT CCC...

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 18

Students, join us for our **annual Christmas Party from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on December 18th!** Pizza dinner will be provided. Please **email Matt for directions and to RSVP**, and see the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a side or dessert. Also, bring a white elephant gift (\$10 max) and a prize will be given to the most festively dressed!

WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS

We will not have childcare on Christmas so our volunteers will have the opportunity to attend worship with their families. Join us at 10:30 for our worship service as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Ford Burns will be baptized on **December 25th**. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed **December 22nd through January 2nd** for Christmas and New Year. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, January 3rd.

NO YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1

The next MS meeting will be 1/8 and the next HS meeting will be 1/15.

YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

MNA Warehouse is expecting a **\$5000 to \$7000** budget shortfall this year. The warehouse was very busy this year with much of the equipment out in the field for most of the summer. They have also been serving neighboring groups in Kentucky and Florida after flooding and hurricane Ian.

Travis Sawyer with Straight Up Missions still needs **\$5000** to finish building and furnishing **Mara Christian Academy in Kenya**. They are planning to have the building completed and furnished by opening day on January 22nd.

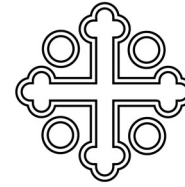
Please indicate that your gift is for the "mercy fund" if you would like to make a donation to either ministry.

GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thanks again for your generosity in helping us reach our goal for the Giving Tree! Our deacons have graciously offered to match any additional funds that come in between now and **December 31st** so that we can also make a donation to the Extension's general fund. If you would like to make a contribution please indicate that your gift is for the "Giving Trees".

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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BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION DECEMBER 18, 2022

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 98**

~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 - *All Creatures of Our God & King*

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 14:1-7**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

CCC Family Addition– The Hlavic Family

~Our commitment to the life of the Church

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries and David Donovan, Grace Covenant, Dallas

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Two Witnesses Waiting upon the Lord Luke 2:22-40

Preparation of the Table Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *All Glory Be To Christ

~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 TWO WITNESSES WAITING UPON THE LORD” LUKE 2:22-40 MATT O’SULLIVAN

Key Truth: Intentionally waiting upon the Lord grows our faith in Christ's return.

Introduction:

Q: What makes you impatient or distracted when you're waiting?

“Waiting ... doesn't mean inaction, but action in rest, or more specifically, action resting in God's providence.”
Alan Noble, *You Are Not Your Own*

Luke 2:22-40: The Two Waiting Witnesses

“Let us strive, like them, to walk by faith and look forward. The second advent of Christ is yet to come. The complete ‘redemption’ of this earth from sin, and Satan, and the curse, is yet to take place. Let us declare plainly by our lives and conduct, that for this second advent we look and long. We may be sure that the highest style of Christianity even now, is to ‘wait for redemption,’ and to love the Lord's appearing.”

J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*

Q: How can you become more intentional in waiting upon the return of our King?

Application:

Luke 2:22-40 teaches us that we get to:

- Grow our faith in Christ's return by intentionally waiting upon the Lord.

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