

STAY *Connected* AT CCC



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, JANUARY 28

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 UPDATE ON JANUARY 28

Immediately following worship on **Sunday, 1/28**, we will meet to discuss our options concerning the land and a permanent facility. Please join us!

FEBRUARY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Pray for the deacons as they meet on **Sunday, 2/4**, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in serving our church and for the **elders meeting on Tuesday, 2/13**, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in overseeing the spiritual health of our church.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT, FEBRUARY 23-25

9th-12th graders, join us for our annual **Winter Retreat** with East Point Church! The cost is **\$70 per person**, plus \$20 if you would like to play paintball. Our topic is Jesus' High Priestly Prayer in John 17. **Registration closes on February 5th**. Please see the weekly update to register and pay. Contact Matt with any questions!

UPCOMING MEN'S RETREAT, MARCH 8-9

Men, save the date for the 2024 CCC Men's Retreat at Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega AL. The Retreat will begin Friday evening, March 8, and end Saturday afternoon, March 9. Registration will begin in February. Reach out to Robby if you have any questions.



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BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

January 28, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship - Psalm 17:6-9

~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 - Psalm 86

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

*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 21:34-36

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

*Congregational Response: Amen!

*Song of Comfort - A Prayer for the Brokenhearted

Be Thou My Vision

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Faith Promise Video

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Foolish Results of the Garish Celebrations

of a Fool: The Exile of the Beloved

Esther 1:10-22

*Song of Response - *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

~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 Corinthians 15:53-58

~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.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar
The Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

SONG OF *Response*

“THE FOOLISH RESULTS OF THE GARISH
CELEBRATIONS OF A FOOL:
THE EXILE OF THE BELOVED”
ESTHER 1:10-22

Key Truth: God hospitably calls us through the various means of grace to enjoy Him as His beloved children.

Introduction:

Q: *What should be the focus and results of godly celebrations?*

Esther 1:10-22: The Fool Manipulated at the Cost of the Beloved:

“Soon our amusement at the display of wealth and the bumptious machismo of the Persian noblemen will clash with, and thus sharpen, our horror, as we see pride, egotism, and royal instability mutate into murderous hatred and sinister schemes against a people absent from the opening act.”

Michael V. Fox, *Character and Ideology in the Book of Esther*

Q: *Do you avail yourself of the many ways in which God invites you to enjoy Him as beloved child? What helps you best experience your beloved reality in Christ?*

Application:

Esther 1:10-22 teaches us that:

-God hospitably calls us through the various means of grace to enjoy Him as His beloved children.

Benediction: *1 Corinthians 15:53-58*

CALL TO Worship

⁶I call upon you, for you will answer me,
O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.
⁷Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of
those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your
right hand.
⁸Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the
shadow of your wings,
⁹from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly
enemies who surround me.

Psalm 17:6-9

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

- ⁸To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalm 30:8-12

Comfort
SONG OF

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence, my light

Be Thou my Wisdom
And Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
First in my heart
High King of heaven
My Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven
My victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heav'ns son!
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

SONG OF
Comfort

A Prayer for the Brokenhearted

No day in my life has passed
That hasn't proved me guilty
Prayers are uttered too fast
From a heart that's cold and empty

*Oh Blessed Jesus,
May we find
A covert in thy wounds
Though our sins,
They rise to meet us
How they fall next to the merits
Of you*

All in me calls for this
It calls for my rejection
This heavy unrighteousness
Oh is there no protection?
My best services are rags
My best deeds are filthy
(Chorus)

Grant me hear thy shoring voice
That in thy wounds is pardon
Grant me see thy willing choice
To make my hard heart softened
Keep the broken-hearted sure
Clinging to thy cross, our cure
(Chorus)

Psalm 86

O Lord my God, incline Your ear
And answer me for I am poor.
Preserve my life,
Rescue this slave
Who trusts in You, O Lord my God

O Lord my God,
Show me Your Grace
To you I cry all the day
Make glad this soul,
Your servant save
My soul I lift, to You my God

*Teach me Your way and I
Will walk in Your truth,
In Your Truth
Unite my heart that I
May fear only You, only You*

O Lord my God, you are so good
Quick to forgive and bountiful
In lovingkindness to everyone
Who calls on you, O Lord my God
(Chorus)

O Lord my God, I will give thanks
With my whole heart and glorify
Your name forever,
For You have saved
My soul from Hell, O Lord my God
(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 often fail to accept Your various hospitable invitations to come before You as Your beloved children (**Esther 1:10-22**).

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

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:34-36

(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!