

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, JANUARY 7

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!

NEW WOMEN'S STUDY, BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Join us on the **first and third Thursday of the month from 7pm-9pm** at Kylie Murphy's home (6256 New Mill Trail Acworth GA 30102) as we study "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry," by John Mark Comer. Please reach out to Amy Maphet 678.267.5587 or amymaphet@gmail.com with any questions.

JANUARY LEADERS' MEETING

Please pray for the elders and deacons as we meet on **Sunday, 1/14**, to serve the church.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day on January 15th.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP TUESDAY MORNINGS

Starting Tuesday, 1/16, at 7 am, we will start the Van Dixhorn's *Gospel-Shaped Marriage* at Daily Grind in Marietta. We will meet in the Conference Room. Email Cameron at cameron@christcommunitycobb.org for more information or if you plan to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING, JANUARY 21

We will gather at **9 am** to pray for one another and the needs of the church.

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!

PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN JANUARY

If you are interested in joining Sonya Lightner for a Precept Bible study of Acts then please contact her at 770-313-6306 or sonya@lightcreations.com

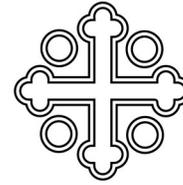
UPCOMING MEN'S RETREAT, MARCH 8-9

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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CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Life with
GOD
in community

1 CORINTHIANS 12

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

January 7, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 134**

~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 - O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2:1-10**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Jacob & Suzanne Webb, MTW Bulgaria and Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Cultivating Life In Community

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Holy Communion**

~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 - 2 Corinthians 13:14**

~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.

Holy Communion

Gracious Father,
We give You praise
And thanks for this
Holy Communion
The body and blood
Of Your beloved Son

*The body is broken
God's love poured open
To make us new
Lord, make us new*

Abba Father, we bless Your name
And take part in this
Holy Communion
Make us all one
To love like Your Son

*The body is broken
God's love poured open
To make us new
Lord, make us new*

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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

¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

¹Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of
the Lord, who stand by night in the
house of the Lord!

²Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!

³May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and earth!

Psalm 134

"CULTIVATING LIFE IN COMMUNITY"

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

ROBBY BAXTER

Leader:

Christian, What do you believe?

Congregation:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Apostle's Creed

Key Truth: God has given us a diversity of gifts and abilities so that we may pursue community by a constant and persevering care for one another.

1 Corinthians 12:12-26: Community by Difference and Diversity:

"In a culture that tells us to march on with ever greater self-reliance and self-expression, the Bible tells us that the story of our life is not our own, and our journey is not our own. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and His people, come along with us (or, to put it a little more accurately, we go along with them). And along that journey, a God who is inherently community changes our human community into His image."

Tod E. Bolsinger, *It Takes a Church to Raise a Christian*

Q: "How much does your life currently allow you to develop relationships that are deep enough to help you grow and change? What are some common obstacles that hinder redemptive relationships from developing in our lives?"

Questions from Timothy Lane & Paul Tripp, *How People Change*

Application:

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 teaches us that:

-God has given us a diversity of gifts and abilities so that we may pursue community by a constant and persevering care for one another.

Benediction: *2 Corinthians 13:14*

SONG OF
Comfort

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear, O hear us when we pray

Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and power to free
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
We will early turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
We will early turn to Thee

SONG OF
Praise

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.
My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all
The earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

So, come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love: Jesus

Jesus, the name that
Charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
It's music in the sinner's ears
Tis life and health and peace.
He breaks the power
Of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make
The foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.
(Chorus)

He speaks and listening to His voice
New life the dead receive.
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.
Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.
(Chorus)

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 have often implicitly said, “I have no need of you,” to brothers and sisters in Christ by our lack of participation in community (**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**).

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

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:1-10

(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!