

STAY CONNECTED AT CCC...

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 12

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

PERMANENT FACILITY FUND UPDATE

As of 2/28, we have \$183,519.35 in this fund. **Help us reach \$200,000 by the end of the school year in late May!** Please contribute by marking your gift "Permanent Facility Fund."

SMALL GROUP IN CARTERSVILLE

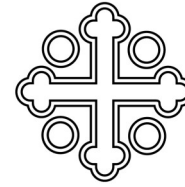
Joe and Maggie Weathers are continuing to host small group in their new home in Cartersville! **The Small Group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.** Reach out to Robby with any questions.

HOSPITALITY TEAM VOLUNTEER NEEDED

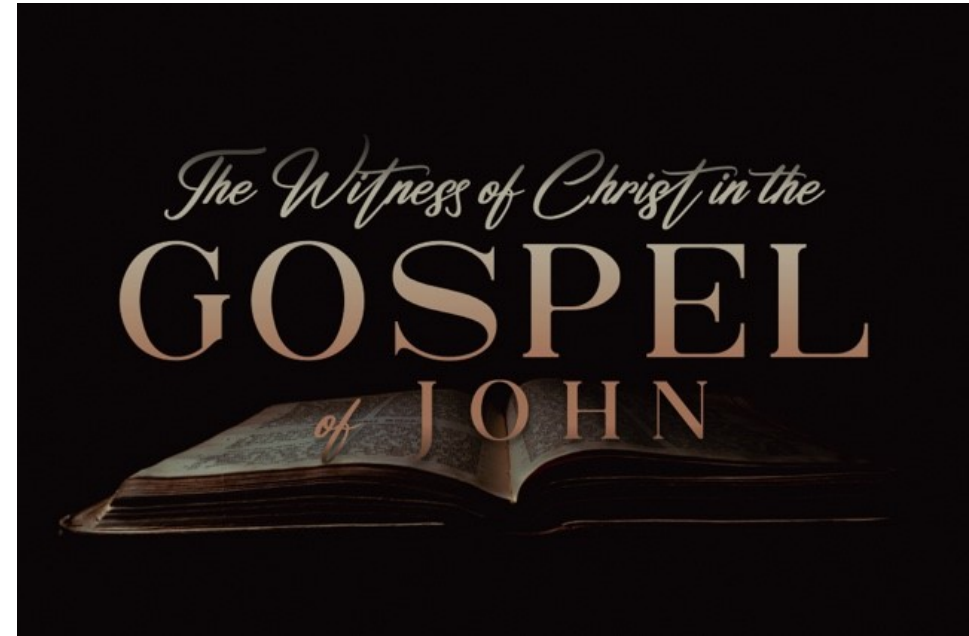
We need an additional volunteer to serve on the hospitality team. Volunteers serve one Sunday each month. Reach out to Chad Whetzell with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer: chad.whetzell@icloud.com

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers to serve in the Infants class once a month during worship. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org.



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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

MARCH 12, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 44:21-28**

~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 - *Ascribe

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 17:6-9**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* *The Goodness of Jesus

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson - Vision Collegiate Ministries and David Gilbert, Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglasville

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus the Open Witness John 18:15-27

Baptism - Beau Riley

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

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *There is a Fountain

~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 - Hebrews 13:20-21**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

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“JESUS THE OPEN WITNESS”

JOHN 18:15-27

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: By speaking openly to the world, Jesus bears witness to the Truth that the way of salvation is not a hidden secret.

Introduction:

Q: What stood out to you the first time you heard the Gospel? What continued to draw you to it? What did you find difficult about it?

“[John's aim] is to make the reader a disciple. This is perhaps the deepest irony of the Fourth Gospel: ostensibly an account of Jesus' trial, the narrative ends up trying the reader.”
Kevin Vanhoozer, *First Theology: God, Scripture & Hermeneutics*

John 18:15-27: Jesus Has Spoken Openly to the World

“[We must] understand that the Lord is not calling heroes of the faith, but He is calling saints; not victors, but failures; not the mighty ones, but the incompetent. [We] must grow in the realization that the defining moment of our lives was Jesus' crucifixion, and we weren't there. The Gospel is not a conduct record that we provide to the Lord. Instead, the Gospel is the Son of God providing us with a perfect and sinless record. To be a Christian is to refuse to trust in your own works or personhood in any way and to trust in this perfect and sinless record for everything. [In this way] the Gospel allows for everyone's story to be retold.”
Wang Yi, *The Mission and Labor Camp of the Gospel*

Q: What aspects of your life story so far do you struggle to believe can be used by the Lord as a witness to redemption through Christ? In what ways does the open witness of Jesus encourage you to come to Him with your struggles and doubts?

Application:

John 18:15-27 teaches us that:

- Jesus' open witness to the Truth challenges us to respond to Him in faith.
- Jesus' open witness to the Truth comforts us with the promise that our failures are not final.

Baptism

Benediction: *Hebrews 13:20-21*