

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

COLLEGE STUDENT SEND-OFF DINNER, AUGUST 6

College Students are invited to a cookout at the **Lucas'** from **5:00 to 8:00**. Join us for food, games, and fellowship. Chris Blackmen will share a few pointers about growing in your faith during college. **Contact Matt to RSVP.**

YOUTH MINISTRY RESUMES

On August 13th, middle school Bible study will meet at 9:30 am and high school youth group will meet at 5:30 pm. On August 20th, high school Bible study will meet at 9:30 am and middle school youth group will meet at 6:00 pm. Please contact Matt if you have any questions!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME AUGUST 13

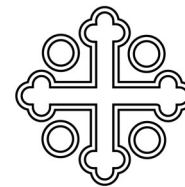
Children's Ministry **Kindergarten - 5th grade Sunday School classes will begin on August 13th** for the 2023-2024 ministry year. Be on the lookout for a newsletter from the children's ministry team to find out all the exciting changes for the new ministry year.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT, OCTOBER 13-15

Join us for a few days away at a great house in Cedar Bluff, AL! It's going to be an awesome, relaxing weekend filled with fellowship, encouragement, and lakefront sitting. The entire weekend **cost is \$120**, which includes lodging and 4 meals. Or just come out for the day on **Saturday for \$25**. More details and an FAQ will be available soon. Be on the lookout for the official email invite coming out soon and **contact Carrie Boogaart with any questions** (carrie.boogaart@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of several volunteers to serve in our **Infant-4 year old classes and our K-5th grade Sunday School classes** this upcoming ministry year. If you are a church member or regular attender and would like to volunteer then please contact Bonnie Lane at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for more information. A background check is required to volunteer in this ministry.



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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

August 6. 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 105:1-6**

~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 - *The Lord, Our God

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Ephesians 2:11-22**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *Jesus, Lord We Look to Thee

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Travis & Laura Sawyer, Straight Up Missions Kenya

Riverside Community Church, Cartersville

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Sacramental Signs of God's Covenantal Relationship with

His People

Genesis 17:1-17

Song of Response - *All Must Be Well

~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 - Galatians 6:14-16,18**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well

Free and changeless is His favor,
All is well

Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us

Strong the hand
Stretched forth to shield us

All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well

Ours is such a full salvation,
All is well

Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding

Steadfast through the Spirit's Guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;

All will be well

Faith can sing

Through days of sorrow,

All is well

On our Father's love relying

Jesus every need supplying

Yes in living or in dying

All must be well

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Response
SONG OF

“SACRAMENTAL SIGNS OF GOD’S COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE”

GENESIS 17:1-17

Key Truth: God gives the sacraments to strengthen us in covenantal relationship with Him.

Introduction:

Q: What signs and symbols help you to remember others’ love for you?

Genesis 17:1-17: Signifying God’s Covenant Love:

Q. 163. What are the parts of a sacrament?

A. There are two parts of a sacrament: one is the outward and perceivable sign, used according to Christ’s own instruction, and the other is the inward and spiritual grace signified by it.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q: What all helps you to remember God’s covenant love for you?

Application:

Genesis 17:1-17 teaches us that:

-God gives the sacraments to strengthen us in covenantal relationship with Him.

Benediction: *Galatians 6:14-16, 18*

CALL TO Worship

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Psalms 105:1-6

Sacraments are holy signs and seals
to the covenant of grace,
immediately instituted by God,
to represent Christ and His benefits;
and to confirm our interest in Him;
as also, to put a
visible difference between
those that belong unto the Church
and the rest of the world;
and solemnly to engage them
to the service of God in Christ,
according to His word!

**The Westminster Confession of Faith
XXVII, 1. Of the Sacraments**

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 pow'r's, 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

Comfort

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

By thy reconciling love
Every stumbling block remove
Each to each unite, endear
Come and spread thy banner here

*Jesus, Lord, we look to thee
Let us in Thy name agree
Show Thyself the Prince of Peace
Bid all quarrels forever cease*

Make us of one heart and mind
Patient, merciful, and kind
Lowly, meek, in thought and word
Altogether like our Lord

Let us then with joy remove
To thy family up above
On the wings of angels fly
Show how true believers die

The Lord Our God

Promise maker, promise keeper
You finish what you begin
Our provision, through the desert
You see it through to the end
You see it through to the end

*The Lord Our God is ever faithful
Never changing through the ages
From this darkness,
You will lead us
And forever we will say
You're the Lord Our God*

In the silence, in the waiting
Still we can know You are good
All Your plans are for Your glory
Yes we can know You are good
Yes we can know You are good
(Chorus)

We won't move without you
We won't move without you
You're the light of all
And all that we need
We won't move without you
We won't move without you
You're the light of all
And all that we need
We won't move without you
We won't move without you
You're the light of all
And all that we need
(Chorus)

SONG OF

Praise

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 appreciate that Your sacraments help to strengthen us in covenantal relationship with You (**Genesis 17:1-17**).

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

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands –
¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:11-22

(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!