

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, AUGUST 20

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!

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, AUGUST 27

Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

## SET UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

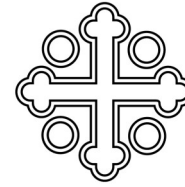
We are in need of 8 volunteers to serve once a month on the setup team . If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Jack Lane in person or at [jtlanejr@yahoo.com](mailto:jtlanejr@yahoo.com).

## 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](mailto:carrie.boogaart@gmail.com)).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of several volunteers to serve in our **Infant-4 year old classes** this upcoming ministry year beginning in September. If you are a church member or regular attender and would like to volunteer then please contact Bonnie Lane at [bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org](mailto: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 20, 2023

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Psalm 105:7-11**

~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 - Steadfast**

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

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Galatians 3:23-29**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Songs of Comfort - Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me  
Cling to the Crucified**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Steve & Amy Robertson, MTW In The Americas &  
King's Chapel Presbyterian Church - Carrolton**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Baptism: The Sign of God's New Covenant Faithfulness Across  
Generations and Nations  
Acts 2:37-41**

**\*Song of Response - Jesus Paid It All**

~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**

*Response*  
SONG OF

***Jesus Paid It All***

I hear the Savior say,  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness,  
Watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy power and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone  
(Chorus)

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him, complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat  
(Chorus)

*O Praise the one  
Who paid my debt  
And raised this life  
Up from the dead*

# “BAPTISM: THE SIGN OF GOD’S NEW COVENANT FAITHFULNESS ACROSS GENERATIONS AND NATIONS”

ACTS 2:37-41

CAMERON BARHAM

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**Key Truth:** God saves and calls us to serve as baptized ambassadors of reconciliation to the coming generations and not-yet-believing neighbors that He entrusts to us.

## Introduction:

*Q: How have you benefitted from baptized ambassadors of reconciliation from previous generations?*

## Acts 2:37-41: Baptism as the Inaugural Sign of God’s New Covenant Faithfulness:

**Q. 166. To whom is baptism be administered?**

A. Baptism is not to be administered to people outside the visible church, and therefore strangers from the covenant of promise, until they profess their faith in Christ and their obedience to him. But infants descending from parents who profess faith in Christ and obedience to him, either both or only one of them, are in that respect within the covenant, and are to be baptized.

*Westminster Larger Catechism*

*Q: How are you serving as a baptized ambassador of reconciliation to the coming generations and your not-yet-believing neighbors as an instrument of God’s covenant faithfulness?*

## Application:

Acts 2:37-41 teaches us that:

-God saves and calls us to serve as baptized ambassadors of reconciliation to the coming generations and not-yet-believing neighbors that He entrusts to us.

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

CALL TO Worship

<sup>7</sup>He is the LORD our God;

his judgments are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup>He remembers his covenant forever,

the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

<sup>9</sup>the covenant that he made with Abraham,

his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup>which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

<sup>11</sup>saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance.”

*Psalm 105:7-11*

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**

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete,  
Still my lips shall repeat  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

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### ***Cling to the Crucified***

Cling to the Mighty One,  
Cling in thy grief  
Cling to the Holy One,  
He gives relief  
Cling to the Gracious One,  
Cling in thy pain  
Cling to the Faithful One,  
He will sustain

*Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the Lamb who died  
Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the King  
Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the Lamb who died  
Cling to the crucified,  
Jesus the King*

Cling to the Living One,  
Cling in thy woe  
Cling to the Loving One,  
Through all below  
Cling to the Pardoning One,  
He speaketh peace  
Cling to the Healing One,  
Anguish will cease

Cling to the Bleeding One,  
Cling to His side  
Cling to the Rising One,  
In Him abide  
Cling to the Coming One,  
Hope shall arise  
Cling to the Reigning One,  
Joy lights thine eyes

## *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace  
Is Jesus, my redeemer  
There is no more  
For heaven now to give  
He is my joy,  
My righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love,  
My deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine,  
I can sing, "All is mine"  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

The night is dark  
But I am not forsaken  
For by my side,  
The Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need,  
His power is displayed  
To this I hold,  
My Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley,  
He will lead  
Oh the night has been won,  
And I shall overcome  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

No fate I dread,  
I know I am forgiven  
The future sure,  
The price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled  
And suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised  
To overthrow the grave

To this I hold,  
My sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released,  
I can sing, "I am free"  
*Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

With every breath  
I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said  
That He will bring me home  
And day by day  
I know He will renew me  
Until I stand  
With joy before the throne

SONG OF  
Comfort

## *Steadfast*

I will build my house  
Whether storm or drought  
On the rock that does not move  
I will set my hope  
In your love, O Lord  
And your faithfulness will prove  
You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word you spoke  
All the starry host  
Are called out by name each night  
In your watchful care  
I will rest secure  
And you lead us with your light  
You are steadfast, steadfast  
You are steadfast, steadfast

I will not trust  
In the strength of kings  
On your promise I will stand  
I will shout for joy,  
I will raise my voice  
Hallelujah to the Lamb!  
You are steadfast, steadfast  
You are steadfast, steadfast

In the moment of emptiness  
All was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness  
Your light was revealed  
In the presence of death  
Your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness,  
You are still God.  
You are steadfast, steadfast  
You are steadfast, steadfast

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 too often fail to see the generational and missional purpose in our baptism and salvation as instruments of Your New Covenant faithfulness **(Acts 2:37-41)**.

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

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**Galatians 3:23-29**

(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!**