

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, SEPTEMBER 10

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.

SEPTEMBER LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Pray for the deacons as they meet on Sunday, 9/10, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in serving our church and for the elders meeting on Tuesday, 9/12, to pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in overseeing the spiritual health of our church.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Join us in the Conference Room at 9:30 am to pray for various aspects of our church.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, SEPTEMBER 17

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of **FOUR volunteers (2 adults and 2 youth)** to serve in our 3-4 years old class this upcoming ministry year. If you are a church member and would like to volunteer then please contact Bonnie Lane at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for more information.

PERMANENT FACILITY FUND UPDATE

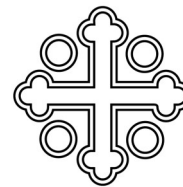
As of 9/3, we have \$209,775 in this fund. Thank you for your generosity! Please contribute by marking your gift "Permanent Facility Fund."

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).

FAITH PROMISE CARDS

Faith Promise Prayer Cards are available on the Welcome Table in the Lobby. Please prayerfully consider supporting our missionaries near and far.



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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
September 10, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 40:1-10**

~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 - *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 6:1-4**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *A Prayer for the Brokenhearted

Be Thou My Vision

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Collegiate Ministries & Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Baptism: A Means of Grace to Help Us Live Out the Gospel
Colossians 2:6-23

Song of Response - *Wash Me Clean

~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**

Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.

Wash Me Clean

Wash me clean
In the warm sun dry me
Cleanse my heart
From all iniquity
Baptize me
In the Holy Spirit sea
Renew my mind
That wickedness may flee

In those days
His Son will save
His Spirit will pour
On all who call on the Lord
In those days
His Son will save
His Spirit will fill
Empty jars of mud and clay

In these days
Barren fields will sprout trees
The deaf and blind will hear and see
The dead will raise and begin to breathe
The dead will raise and begin to breathe
The earth will groan in pain to see
The sons of God declared to be
His full and glorious family
The beautiful, perfect bride of Thee

SONG OF *Response*

“BAPTISM: A MEANS OF GRACE TO HELP
US LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL”
COLOSSIANS 2:6-23
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus helps us to live out the Gospel by building on our baptism as a means of grace.

Introduction:

“Circumcision gives way to baptism because the chosen Seed has been circumcised, cut off from the land of the living, and He has consequently poured out the Holy Spirit...”
J.V Fesko, *Word, Water, and Spirit: A Reformed Perspective on Baptism*

Colossians 2:6-23: Baptism as the Sign of Resurrected Newness of Life:

Q. 167. How are we to build upon our baptism?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of building upon our baptism is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in times of temptation and when we are present at the administration of it to others, by the following:

- by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, the purposes for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed by it, and our solemn vows made in it;
- by being humbled for our sinful defilement and for the ways in which we fall short of it and walk contrary to the grace of baptism and our commitments in it;
- by growing up to an assurance of pardon for our sin and all of the other blessings sealed to us in this sacrament;
- by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin and enlivening of grace;
- by endeavoring to live by faith and to have a way of life of holiness and righteousness, as those who have given up their names to Christ in their baptism;
- and by walking in brotherly love, since we are baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q: *How does your baptism help to actively root and build you up in Christ?*

Application:

Colossians 2:6-23 teaches us that:

-Jesus helps us to live out the Gospel by building on our baptism as a means of grace.

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

CALL TO Worship

- 40 I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is the man who makes
the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!
- 5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.
- 6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
- 7 Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
8 I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.”
- 9 I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.
- 10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faith-
fulness from the great congregation.

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**

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
Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
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

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)

SONG OF
Comfort

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

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 live out the implications and applications of our baptism in Christ (**Colossians 2:6-23**).

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

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:1-4

(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!