

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, SEPTEMBER 17

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!

NO CHILDREN OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 24

We will not have Kindergarten-5th grade or youth Sunday school classes on September 24th. Classes will resume the following Sunday, October 1.

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 OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of **TWO** volunteers (2 adults) 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.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of September 10th, you've given \$1,574 to Faith Promise. **We need \$4,426 by September 30th** to stay on budget for the new ministry year. Let's generously remain faithful to doing this good for the Kingdom!



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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 17, 2023

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 80:1-7**

~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 - *Arise, O God, and Shine

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 6:32-40**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Jim And Shari Whittle, ELI India & Local Area Church

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Lord's Supper: A Means of Grace to Nourish Us in Forgiveness and Newness of Life Matthew 26:26-30

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 - Galatians 6:14-16; 18**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

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
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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

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the
cherubim shine forth

² before Ephraim, Benjamin, and
Manasseh. Awaken your might;
come and save us.

³ Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

⁴ How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of
tears; you have made them drink tears
by the bowlful.

⁶ You have made us an object of
derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.

⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:1-7

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**

“ THE LORD’S SUPPER: A MEANS OF GRACE TO NOURISH US IN FORGIVENESS AND NEWNESS OF LIFE ”

MATTHEW 26:26-30

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper as an ongoing means of grace to nourish us in forgiveness and newness of life.

Introduction:

Q: What regularly reminds you of your forgiveness and newness of life in Christ?

Matthew 26:26-30: The Lord’s Supper: One of Jesus’s Parting Gifts

Q. 168. What is the Lord’s Supper?

A. The Lord’s Supper is a sacrament of the New Covenant in which, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the pattern set up by Jesus Christ, his death is shown forth. Those who worthily take part

- feed on his body and blood to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace;
- have their union and communion with him confirmed;
- and testify and renew their thankfulness and commitment to God and their mutual love and fellowship with each other, as members of the same mystical body.

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q: How do you prepare for receiving the reminders of your forgiveness and newness of life in the elements of the Lord’s Table?

Application:

Matthew 26:26-30 teaches us that:

-Jesus gives us the Lord’s Supper as an ongoing means of grace to nourish us in forgiveness and newness of life.

Communion

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

SONG OF
Comfort

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear
It soothes their sorrows,
Heals their wounds,
And drives away their fear

It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the troubled breast
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary, rest

Dear Name!
The Rock on which I build
My shield and hiding place
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend
My Prophet, Priest, and King
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End
Accept the praise I bring
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Praise
SONG OF

Arise, O God, and Shine

Arise, O God, and shine
In all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
To spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow That all
the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
And learn Thy holy ways
Reign, mighty God
Assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious power
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
In converts born to Thee
God, our own God
His Church will bless
And fill the world
With righteousness

To God, the only Wise
The one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
From every living thing
Let all that breathe, on every coast
Praise Father, Son
And Holy Ghost

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 be nourished by the truth of our forgiveness of sins and newness of life signified and sealed in the Lord's Table **(Matthew 26:26-30)**.

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

³² Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷ All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:32-40

(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!