

STAY CONNECTED AT CCC...

NO YOUTH GROUP, DECEMBER 27

There will be no Youth Group meetings until January 10th. Enjoy this time with family and we will see you after the New Year. If you have any other questions, email Matt at: matt@christcommunitycobb.org

GIVING TREES, THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Due to the pandemic and limited contact with the women at the Extension, we will be collecting money for gift cards instead of purchasing and delivering gifts to the residents and their families. So far **we have raised \$2,965 towards our goal of \$4,200 in contributions** to give to the ladies of the Extension and their children. This amount is comparable to what we have given in the past through purchased gifts and gift cards. If you would like to make a donation please **visit the website or weekly update for the link to SecureGive** and indicate that your donation is for The Giving Trees. Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

Faith Promise Budget for Sept 2020-Aug 2021: \$72,200

Needed for Sept-Dec: \$24,068

Given as of 12/6: \$19,515

Amount Needed for December: \$4,553

JOB NEED AND PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE WHETZELL FAMILY

Chad Whetzell is actively and urgently looking for a new job. The main company he works for is shutting down its business due to the effects of COVID-19. Chad is looking for a position to utilize his analytical and organizational skills. He has an MBA earned in 2017. Please join us in praying for the Lord's provision for the Whetzell family.

If you are aware of any opportunities please reach out to Chad at: chad.whetzell@icloud.com or 470-557-2089

ONLINE GIVING REMINDER

You can give online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.christcommunitycobb.org and click on Secure Give in the box at the bottom of the page to get set up. It is a secure site. Remember to take time to pray for what you give as you use this convenient tool for giving.



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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
DECEMBER 27, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Matt O'Sullivan, Youth Director

***Call to Worship - Psalm 116**

~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 - *Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 1 John 4:1-12**

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

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

Song of Comfort - *O Holy Night

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus the Beloved Son

Matthew 3:13-17

Song of Response - *All Glory Be To Christ

~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 - Colossians 1:11-14**

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

**Stand*

“JESUS THE BELOVED SON”

MATTHEW 3:13-17

ROBBY BAXTER

Key Truth: Jesus has come in the power of the Spirit as the beloved Son of the Father to identify with His people and fulfill all righteousness.

Introduction:

Q: As you look to the year ahead, what are your hopes and expectations? How are these things shaping your plans and desires?

Matthew 3:13-15: Jesus Identifies with His People

“As Jesus is baptized along with others at the Jordan, He is identified with all those who by accepting John's baptism have declared their desire for a new beginning with God. He thus prepares for His own role in ‘bearing their weaknesses’ (8:17) and eventually ‘giving His life as a ransom for many’ (20:28) through shedding His blood for their forgiveness (26:28). If He is their representative, He must first be identified with them.”

R.T. France, *The Gospel of Matthew*

Matthew 3:16: Jesus Was Empowered by the Spirit

“The Spirit by whose power Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb, now anoints Him for His manifold mission—including the imminent ordeal in the desert (4:1). Just as ‘the Spirit of Yahweh came mightily upon David’ from the day Samuel anointed him (1 Samuel 16:13), so now the Spirit anoints the Son of David to equip Him for service...Not only that, according to Mark 1:10, the Spirit entered ‘into’ Jesus. The endowment is not merely external: to equip Him for service, the Spirit's power floods Jesus' whole being.”

Knox Chamblin, *Matthew: A Mentor Commentary, Vol. 1*

Matthew 3:17: Jesus is God's Beloved Son

“No higher love is possible than the love which the Father cherished toward His Son. According to the verbal adjective here used (beloved), this love is deep-seated, thoroughgoing, as great as is the heart of God itself. It is also as intelligent and purposeful as is the mind of God. It is tender, vast, infinite! ... How filled with comfort this paragraph, comfort not only for the Son and for John, but for every child of God, for it indicates that not only the Son loves His followers enough to suffer the pangs of hell in their stead, but that also the Spirit fully co-operates by strengthening Him for this very task, and that the Father, instead of frowning upon the One who undertakes it, is so very pleased with Him that He must needs rend asunder the very heavens, that His voice of delightful approval may be heard on earth! All three are equally interested in our salvation, and the three are One.”

William Hendrickson, *Commentary on Matthew*

Application:

Matthew 3:13-17 teaches us that:

-Jesus has come in the power of the Spirit as the beloved Son of the Father to identify with His people and fulfill all righteousness.