

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, MAY 5

**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 SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share!

## TWO SERVICES IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM THROUGH MAY 19

We will not have access to our sanctuary space for 4 weeks due to a local election. We will have services at **9 am and 10:30 am in the large meeting room** up the ramp. We will not have childcare for the 9 am, but we will for the 10:30 am. Sunday school will continue at 9:30 am. **Seating capacity will be 100.** We will try it without signups, so **if you don't have children that need childcare, please come to the 9 am service.**

## MAY PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the deacons who will be meeting on Sunday, 5/5, for Cameron who will be serving in an ordination service at King's Chapel on Sunday, 5/5, for the elders as they meet on Tuesday, 5/14, and for Matt as he leads a youth retreat in Boston 5/25-27. Thank you for praying for us!

## NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, MAY 12

We will not have Sunday School classes on May 12th, Mother's Day.

## YOUTH GROUP GIRLS SLEEPOVER, MAY 17

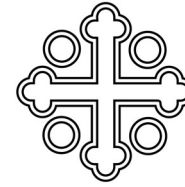
**Middle and high school girls** are invited to a **game night / sleepover at Lynn Wagoner's house on Friday, May 17th.** We will gather at 5:30 and share dinner together, and end our time Saturday morning after brunch at 10:00. Bring your swimming gear as there might be opportunity to swim if the weather is good. This event is for all youth group girls plus rising 6th graders. Please bring a snack - sweet or salty - to share! RSVP to Kelly Okie (tkokie@gmail.com).

## SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The setup team is in need of two volunteers to serve the first Sunday of each month. If you are interested in serving or would like more information please contact Jack Lane at [jlanejr@yahoo.com](mailto:jlanejr@yahoo.com).

## FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of April 28th, we've given \$56,166 to Faith Promise. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! We need \$31,834 to fulfill our commitments through August 31.



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**1 CORINTHIANS 13**

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BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND  
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# OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

May 5, 2024

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 103:15-22**

~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 - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

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

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 17:24-26**

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

### **\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

### **\*Song of Comfort - *All Must Be Well***

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

### **Pastoral Prayer - Travis & Laura Sawyer, Straight Up Missions Kenya and Midway Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

### **Sermon - Walking in the More Excellent Way**

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

## **Preparation of the Table**

### **Partaking of the Table**

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*Song of Response - *For The Bread***

~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 - 2 Corinthians 13:14**

~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.*

## ***For The Bread***

For the bread which  
You have broken,  
For the wine which  
You have poured,  
For the words which  
You have spoken,  
Now we give you Thanks, O Lord

By this pledge  
That you do love us,  
By your gift  
Of peace restored,  
By your call  
To heaven before us,  
Sanctify our lives O Lord

With our sainted ones in glory,  
Seated at our Father's board,  
May the Church that  
Waits now for Thee  
Keep love's tie unbroken Lord

In your service Lord defend us  
In our hearts keep watch & ward  
In the world where'r You send us  
May your kingdom come O Lord

*Response*  
SONG OF

# Doxology

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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

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- <sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it,  
and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the Lord is  
from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him, and his  
righteousness to children's children,  
<sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his  
commandments.
- <sup>19</sup> The Lord has established his throne in  
the heavens, and his kingdom rules  
over all.
- <sup>20</sup> Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!
- <sup>21</sup> Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!
- <sup>22</sup> Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**Psalm 103:15-22**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

**1 John 4:7-12**

“WALKING IN THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY”

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

MATT O’SULLIVAN

**Key Truth:** We get to keep walking in the more excellent way because we are already fully loved in Christ.

**Introduction:**

**Q:** *What has influenced the way you understand love? What has formed the way you act in love?*

**1 Corinthians 13:8-13: Walking in the More Excellent Way**

“We want so desperately to change so the world will turn its face toward us again. But the Lord operates differently. The Lord turns His face toward us that we might be changed.

We are changed as we are seen by Christ.”

John Andrew Bryant, *A Quiet Mind to Suffer With: Mental Illness, Trauma, and the Death of Christ*

**Q:** *What helps you to know that you are seen and fully loved by Christ? How can His perfect love guide your steps as you walk in the more excellent way?*

**Application:**

**1 Corinthians 13:8-13** teaches us that:

- We get to keep walking in the more excellent way because we are already fully loved in Christ.

**Benediction:** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## *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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SONG OF  
*Comfort*

## *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore  
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Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing waters flow  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield  
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When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of death, and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee  
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I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe  
On Canaan's side  
Bid my anxious fears,  
Bid my anxious fears (2x)  
...Goodbye

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 frequently downplay the eternal significance of walking in love in ordinary life **(1 Corinthians 13:8-13)**.

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>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**John 17:24-26**

(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!**