

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, FEBRUARY 1

**6th-8th graders**, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Searcys' from 6:00 to 7:30**. Bring your Bible and see the SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share!

## MOMS' GAME NIGHT, FEBRUARY 7

**Moms of 6th-12th graders** are invited to a game night at **Karen Widner's house on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7:00 PM**. Please text Karen (470.258.2145) by **2/6 to RSVP** and let her know if you can bring a snack or dessert to share.

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS, JANUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 8

We will be assembling care packages with small gift cards and treats for college students connected to CCC in February. There will be an info table in the lobby before and after church services from 1/18 to 2/8 where you can ask questions or drop off donations. **Donations are due by Sunday, Feb. 8**. You can **sign up at the table in the lobby** or see the **link in the weekly update** to contribute items or make a donation to cover shipping costs. Thank you for helping our church show Christ's love to these college students!

## NEW MEN'S GROUP MEETING THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

A new group will meet the first Saturday of every month **beginning on February 7 from 8:30 - 10:00 AM at Robby's house**. We will share breakfast together and discuss a portion of Scripture. Reach out to Robby if you'd like to participate, or if you have any questions.

## NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, FEBRUARY 8

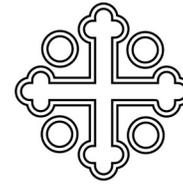
Come to worship with your heart and mind prepared to celebrate the sacrament of communion.

## PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please pray for the **elders who meet on Tuesday, 2/10**.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT, FEBRUARY 20-22

Registration for the high school winter retreat is now open! This year's theme is assurance of salvation in Romans 8. The cost is **\$80 per person** (\$100 if playing paintball). You **can register and pay using the links in the Weekly Update by February 9th**. See Matt with any questions!



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## Ecclesiastes

*The frustrating Elusiveness of Life  
and a Joyful Faith in the fear of the Lord*

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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  
*February 1, 2026*

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Psalm 104:24-35**

~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 - 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)**

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

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - 1 Corinthians 1:17-25**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Song of Comfort - Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Brian and Mandy Stock, MTW Malaysia and  
Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Quest for Wisdom and the Burden Found  
Ecclesiastes 1:12-18**

**\*Song of Response - All Must Be Well**

~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 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

~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.*

*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  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

*Response*

SONG OF

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships, and Leviathan  
which you formed to play in it.
- 27 These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.
- 28 When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are  
filled with good things.
- 29 When you hide your face, they are  
dismayed; when you take away their  
breath, they die and return to their dust.
- 30 When you send forth your Spirit,  
they are created, and you renew the  
face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the Lord endure  
forever; may the Lord rejoice in his  
works,
- 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they  
smoke!
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have  
being.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.
- 35 Let sinners be consumed from the  
earth, and let the wicked be no more!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Praise the Lord!

*Worship*  
CALL TO

“THE GATHERER’S QUEST FOR WISDOM  
AND THE BURDEN FOUND”  
ECCLESIASTES 1:12-18

Heavenly Father,  
We come this morning seeking You while  
You may be found;  
We call upon You while You are near;  
We forsake our wicked ways, and our  
unrighteous thoughts;  
we return to You, O Lord, that You may have  
compassion on us,  
for You abundantly pardon in Christ.  
Your thoughts, heavenly Father, are not our  
thoughts, neither are our ways Your ways.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are Your ways higher than our ways and  
Your thoughts than our thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down  
from heaven and do not return there but  
water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout, giving  
seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall Your word be that goes out  
from Your mouth;  
it shall not return to You empty, but it shall  
accomplish that which You purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which You  
sent it—our redemption in Christ.  
For we go out in joy and are led forth in peace;  
Creation breaks forth in a chorus of praise  
and longed-for joy  
At our revealing as Your sons and daughters.  
May we bring everlasting praise to Your name,  
O Lord.

Adapted from **Isaiah 55:6-13**

**Key Truth: God calls us to earnestly seek wisdom in Christ recognizing the burden that we bear as a result.**

**Introduction:**

**Q: *Where do you go looking for wisdom?***

**Working Definition of Wisdom:** *Knowing the right thing to do at the right time for the right reason(s).*

**Ecclesiastes 1:12-18: The Weight of Wisdom Without Hope:**

“In Christ, the wise (one) overcomes adversity. (Their) story ends in joy. For us who are united to Christ by faith through the Spirit, everything that happens to us is used by God for His glory and to conform us to the image of His Son. Life is no longer a tragedy but rather the school of Christ in which we learn wisdom. We know that one day death will give way to life, and mourning will give way to joy. Our joy is not fleeting, nor is laughter in the face of fate. Rather, it is the everlasting joy and happiness that is grounded upon God’s love in Christ.”

**J.V. Fesko, *Where Wisdom is Found: Christ in Ecclesiastes***

**Application Questions:**

- 1. *How have you experienced wisdom in Christ as a burden?***
- 2. *How have you experienced wisdom in Christ as a gift?***

**Application:**

**Ecclesiastes 1:12-18** teaches us that God calls us to earnestly seek wisdom in Christ recognizing the burden that we bear as a result.

**Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13***

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, lover of my soul  
Let me to Thy bosom fly  
While the nearer waters roll  
While the tempest still is high  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide  
Til life's storm is past  
Safe into the haven guide  
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none  
I helpless, hang on Thee  
Leave, oh leave me not alone  
Support and comfort me  
All my trust on Thee is stayed  
All help from Thee I bring  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want  
Here more than all I find  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind  
Just and holy is Thy Name  
I am all unrighteousness  
False and full of sin I am  
Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found  
Grace to cover all my sin  
Let the healing streams abound  
Make and keep me pure within  
Thou of life the fountain art  
Let me take of Thee  
Spring Thou up within my heart  
For all eternity  
For all eternity  
For all eternity

SONG OF  
*Comfort*

*10,000 Reasons  
(Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul)*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul  
Oh my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
Oh my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing  
Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes  
(Chorus)

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find  
(Chorus)

And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore  
(Chorus)

*Praise*  
SONG OF

# 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 seek wisdom from the things under the sun as opposed to in Christ where You have called us to look. **(Ecclesiastes 1:12-18)**

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>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**1 Corinthians 1:17-25**

(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!**