

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, AUGUST 11

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.

UPDATE ON PIGS AND PEACHES, AUGUST 16 AND AUGUST 17

Kennesaw will host Pigs and Peaches in Adams Park next Friday and Saturday. Parking will be more challenging than normal, so please **makes plans to arrive early**. Please don't park on the power chords or near the tents.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, AUGUST 18

We will have a called **congregational meeting following worship on 8/18** to vote on the updated offer for the land. Please see the letter for more information.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Isaac, Charlotte, James and Lucy Davis will be baptized on **August 18th**. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LUNCH, AUGUST 25

Join us for lunch after service on **August 25th** to celebrate Cameron and Susan's 10 year anniversary at CCC! **Please RSVP by August 18th** through the weekly update or the link sent by email.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

Our Kindergarten – 5th grade Sunday school classes begin on **September 8th at 9:30 am**. Parents, you will receive an email with more information on your child's class.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of **8/4**, we need **\$7,210** to fulfill our Faith Promise commitments and **\$37,395 for the General Fund** to stay on budget by August 31st. This is an opportunity for us to express our joy in Christ through our generosity.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

As of **8/4**, we have **\$281,143 in this fund**. Thank you for your generosity! Please contribute by marking your gift "Building Fund."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We are seeking **3 lead teachers** to serve in our **1st-2nd and 3rd-5th grade classes** this upcoming ministry year. Lead teacher responsibilities include working alongside another teacher to prepare and teach weekly lessons. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for further details.

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLASSES

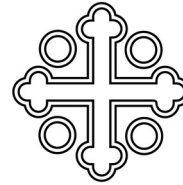
We are seeking volunteers to serve in our **Infants through Preschool classes** this upcoming ministry year. If you are interested in serving once a month in children's ministry, please reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for further details.

HOSPITALITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need **2 volunteers** to serve one Sunday each month on the Hospitality Team. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Chad Whetzell at: chad.whetzell@icloud.com

SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of **5 volunteers** to serve once Sunday each month on the Set Up Team. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Jack Lane at JTLanejr@yahoo.com.



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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

August 11, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 12:1-6**

~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 - *Great Are You Lord

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - John 16:19-24**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Byron & Kim Johnson, VISION 9:38 and Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Formative Suffering: The Call to Deny Selfish Agendas and Take Up the Cross of Joyful Unity Philippians 2:12-18

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *True Religion

~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 - Ephesians 6:23-24**

~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.

Response SONG OF

True Religion

You came for the lost
The sick and the blind
With salvation and hope
You gave to us, free
So what will we do
With the treasure we hold

Let justice roll on like a river
Let mercy shine bright as the sun
Take care of the orphan and widow
Take care of our
Own flesh and blood

'Cause this is the way
That you've called us to love
To share what we have
With the hungry and poor
Put clothes on the naked
And heal up the broken and torn...

True Religion

True Religion

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

¹ You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

² “Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells
of salvation.

⁴ And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵ “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done
gloriously; let this be made known in all the
earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of
Israel.”

Isaiah 12:1-6

Lord Jesus,
help us in the power of the Holy Spirit
and through the means of grace
to deny our sinful selfishness
and take up our crosses daily
and prayerfully follow You by
forgiving as we have been forgiven,
bearing fruits in keeping with repentance,
suffering for Your glory and the good of others,
and rejoicing in life more abundant as a result.
We humbly ask in Jesus's name,
Amen

“A WEALTH WORTH SHARING: THE CALL TO DENY GREED AND
TAKE UP THE CROSS OF JOYFUL GENEROSITY”

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to deny our greed and take up the cross of joyful generosity.

Introduction:

Q: What most influences your view and practice of giving?

2 Corinthians 8:1-9: Giving Out of the Abundant Joy of What We've Been Given:

“When disciples take on cruciform postures by seeking to meet needs, their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and delight and the church is strengthened in faith to see the future day of resurrection is indeed on the way. The tragic flipside is that when a community is dominated by postures and behaviors of selfish ambition, pride, and anger at one another, the presence of this evil age is stirred up. This radiates discouragement among the community and produces a loss of hope in God's power to transform.”

Timothy G. Gombis, *Power in Weakness: Paul's Transformed Vision for Ministry*

Application Questions:

1. How have you grown in gracious generosity as you've grown in your understanding of Christ's generosity toward you?
2. Does it bring you joy to give to others?

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 teaches us that God calls us to deny our greed and take up the cross of joyful generosity.

Communion

Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24*

Christ The Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds
Of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady Anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure
Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed

SONG OF
Comfort

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only*

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry,
These bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

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 often fail to deny our greed and take up the cross of joyful generosity. **(2 Corinthians 8:1-10).**

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

¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:19-24

(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!