

# STAY *Connected* AT CCC

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, SEPTEMBER 15

**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!

## FIRST CARE WOMEN'S CLINIC PRAYER WALK, OCTOBER 5

**First Care Women's Clinic** is hosting a prayer walk on **October 5th** in Marietta. Check in begins at **8:30 a.m.**, followed by a ministry update from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. The walk will start at **10:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:00 a.m.** For more information or to make a donation see the weekly update or visit the website at [supportfcwc.com](http://supportfcwc.com).

## WOMEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 11-13

Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat! High school seniors are invited to attend. We will be focusing on *Delighting in God Through His Word*. Join us for the **full weekend or Saturday 10/12 only**. Please see the weekly update to **register by 10/1** and **pay on tithe.ly by 10/1**.

## FALL YOUTH RETREAT, NOVEMBER 1-3

Registration for the Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat is now open for **6th-12th graders**. The cost is **\$80 per person**. This year's topic is "Lost but Found: The Contours of God's Amazing Grace". Please see the weekly update to **register by 10/1** and please **pay on tithe.ly by 11/1**.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY, BEGINNING THIS FALL

Join us for a ladies' Bible Study this fall to study the gospel of Mark. We will meet on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Amanda Maphet's house** (1741 Starlight Drive, Marietta, 30062). Since we will use the Daily Grace Co workbook to study Mark, you can order the workbook on your own, or you can tell Amanda that you need a book (about \$10 each) and she will place one order to save on shipping costs. Amanda's contact info: 678-895-7115 or [amanda.maphet@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.maphet@gmail.com). Let her know if you are interested or have questions.

## FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

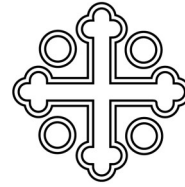
As of **September 8th**, we've given **\$1,339** to Faith Promise so far. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our missionaries near and far in the ministry year ahead. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

## OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP

After taking a break over the summer, our small groups are back to regularly gathering to fellowship, pray, and discuss God's Word together. We invite you to join one to get connected and build relationships in our church family! **Check out the various groups meeting at different times and locations each week at [www.christcommunitycobb.org/small-groups](http://www.christcommunitycobb.org/small-groups)**. Reach out to Robby with any questions.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLASSES

We are seeking **4 volunteers** in our **Preschool** classes this upcoming ministry year. If you are interested in serving, please reach out to Bonnie at [bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org](mailto:bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org) for further details.



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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 15, 2024

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 51:4-6**

~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 - On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

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

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 8:34-38**

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

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Songs of Comfort - The Goodness of Jesus**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Jim and Shari Whittle, ELI and  
Local Area Church**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Jesus Teaches With Authority  
Mark 1:21-34**

**\*Song of Response - You've Already Won**

~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 Peter 3:14,18**

~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.*

*You've Already Won*

There's peace that outlasts darkness  
Hope that's in the blood  
There's future grace  
That's mine today  
That Jesus Christ has won  
I can face tomorrow  
For tomorrow's in Your hands  
All I need you will provide  
Just like you always have

*I'm fighting a battle*

*You've already won*

*No matter what comes my way*

*I will overcome*

*Don't know what you're doing*

*But I know what you've done*

*I'm fighting a battle*

*You've already won*

When the sea is raging  
Your Spirit is my help  
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ  
And I'll say that is well  
Oh I know that it is well (*Chorus*)

I know how the story ends  
We will be with you again  
You're my Savior my defense  
No More fear in life or death  
I know how the story ends  
We will be with you again  
You're my Savior my defense  
No More fear in life or death...  
I know how this story ends (*Chorus*)

*SONG OF Response*

# “JESUS TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY”

MARK 1:21-34

ROBBY BAXTER

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**Key Truth: Jesus’s power over the invisible and the visible worlds demonstrates the authority of His teaching and the necessity that we hear Him with faith.**

## Introduction:

**Q: How do you determine whom you will listen to and learn from?**

## Mark 1:21-34: Jesus Victorious Over the Invisible and Visible Worlds:

“As Paul puts it in Ephesians, the foundation work of the apostles and prophets, and the ongoing work of the evangelists and pastor-teachers, is ‘to prepare God’s people for works of service,’ (Ephesians 4:11-12). This was Jesus’ own strategy in His ministry, to shape a group of disciples in Israel so that from that group He could preach to the world. The purpose of the preached word of God is to shape the people of God so that the world will see the light of God’s grace. And so the movement is not direct from the word to the world; it is from the word to the world via the church. The preached word week by week shapes the church; and the church reaches the world.”

Christopher Ash, *The Priority of Preaching*

## Application Questions:

1. *What role does reflection on the power of Jesus play in increasing your desire to listen to His word?*
2. *In what ways are you practically seeking to shape your thinking according to the word of God?*

**Mark 1:21-34 teaches us that Jesus’s power over the invisible and the visible worlds demonstrates the authority of His teaching and the necessity that we hear Him with faith.**

CALL TO Worship

“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my  
justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like man-  
ner; but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be  
dismayed.

Isaiah 51:4-6

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL  
Response

## *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need Thy tender care  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use Thy folds prepare  
*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are*

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us  
Be the guardian of our way  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us  
Seek us when we go astray  
*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Hear, O hear us when we pray  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
Hear, O hear us when we pray*

Thou hast promised to receive us  
Poor and sinful though we be  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us  
Grace to cleanse and power to free  
*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
We will early turn to Thee  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus  
We will early turn to Thee*

SONG OF  
Comfort

**SONG OF**  
*Comfort*

*The Goodness of Jesus*

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love  
And comfort in your tears  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*Oh the goodness,  
The goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may,  
That I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world  
Cannot offer  
Come and find your joy  
Here complete  
Taste the living water,  
Never thirst again  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Come and find your hope  
Now in Jesus  
He is all He said He would be  
Grace is overflowing  
From the Savior's heart  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*Praise*  
**SONG OF**

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

On Jordan's stormy banks, I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

*I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest?

# 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 have at times been cold and indifferent about the authority of Jesus's teaching (**Mark 1:21-34**).

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>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

<sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

<sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

<sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Mark 8:34-38**

(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!**