

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK, JUNE 27

Join us for fun and fellowship at **Swift Cantrell Park from 6 to 8 PM**. Matt and the SLP students will lead games for 3rd - 12th graders. Parents are also invited to join the games. Please note: Parents of 3rd-5th graders need to remain at the park. Email Matt with any questions.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, JUNE 30

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JUNE 30

Following worship, we will meet to vote on the current offer on our land. Communing members 18 and up are eligible to vote.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of June 16th, we've given **\$66,713** to Faith Promise. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! We need **\$25,087** to fulfill our commitments through August 31.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need several volunteers to serve in our **1st-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade** Sunday school classes for the **2024-2025 ministry year beginning in August**. If you are a member or regular attender interested in serving, please reach out to Bonnie at bonnie@christcommunitycobb.org for more information.

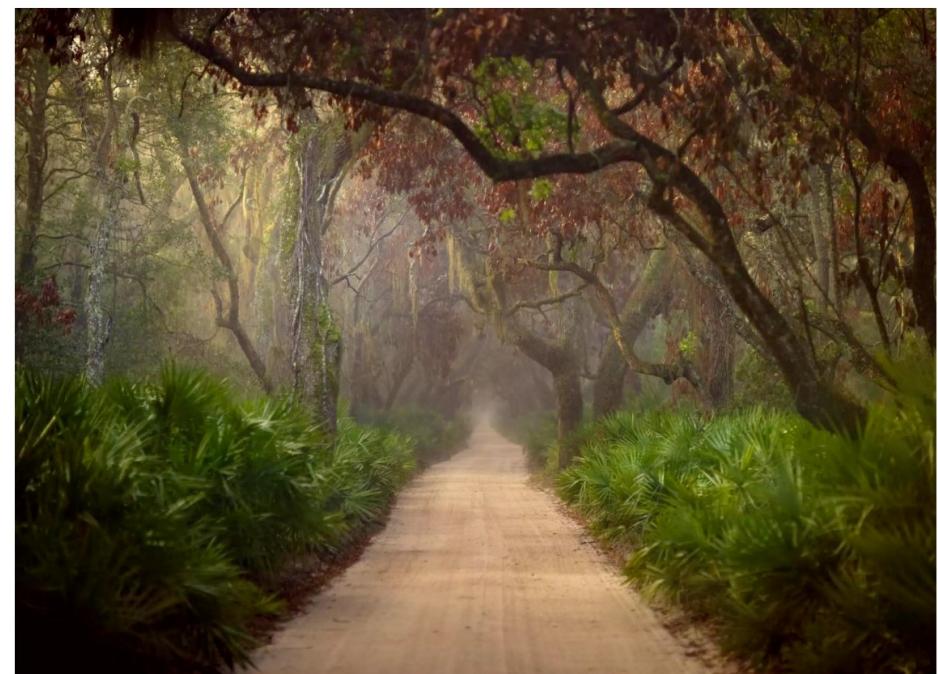
SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Student Leadership Team is coordinating a service project to help with the MUST Ministries summer lunch program. This program provides 9 weeks' worth of meals for children in need in the Metro-Atlanta area. Our goal is to prepare 150 meal kits and we are asking for the congregation's help to make this happen. The whole youth group will be putting the meal kits together later in the summer. The leadership team will use donated funds to purchase the items needed for the meal kits. To make a donation, **please give to the mercy fund on tithe.ly and put 'Summer Lunch Program' in the memo line.** Thank you!

Scan this QR code for Online Giving, Visitor Information and Prayer Requests



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS:



Forgiveness. Repentance. Suffering. and Joy¹

OUR *Worship* CELEBEBRATION

June 23. 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship - Deuteronomy 28:9-14

~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 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 6:20-23

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

*Congregational Response: Amen!

*Song of Comfort - *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Tim & Rhianna Mills, MTW Thailand and First Presbyterian Church, Villa Rica

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Bear Fruits in Keeping with Repentance: The Baptismal Call to Deny Being Self-Serving and Take Up the Cross of Serving Others

Luke 3:7-14

CCC Family Addition- The Gaston Family

~Our commitment to the life of the Church

Baptism - Madelyn Rae Gaston

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

*Doxology

*Song of Response - *There Is a Fountain*

~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.

SONG OF Response

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged
Beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

*There is a fountain
A precious fountain
And it will never lose its power
It shall forever
Cleanse like a river
Flowing from the Lamb of God*

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I, tho' vile as he
wash all my sins away

*We will sing Thy power to save
Jesus washed our sins away*

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

⁹The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. ¹⁰And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. ¹¹And the Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give you. ¹²The Lord will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. ¹³And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, ¹⁴and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deuteronomy 28:9-14

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

"BEAR FRUITS IN KEEPING WITH REPENTANCE: THE BAPTISMAL CALL TO DENY BEING SELF-SERVING"

LUKE 3:7-14

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to deny being self-serving and take up the cross of serving others.

Introduction:

Q: *What moves you to consider the impact of your words and deeds on others?*

Luke 3:7-14: Improving Upon Your Baptism: The Call to Bear Fruits in Keeping with Repentance:

"This is a truth which should always occupy a prominent place in our Christianity. It can never be impressed on our minds too strongly, that religious talking and profession are utterly worthless, without religious doing and practice. It is vain to say with our lips that we repent, if we do not at the same time repent with our lives. It is more than vain. It will gradually sear our consciences, and harden our hearts. To say that we are sorry for our sins is mere hypocrisy, unless we show that we are really sorry for them, by giving them up. Doing is the very life of repentance. Tell us not merely what a man says in religion. Tell us rather what he does."

J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, Volume Two: Luke*

Application Questions:

1. *What fruits can you bear in keeping with repentance in your various callings?*
2. *How can your baptism help you in the above circumstances?*

Luke 3:7-14 teaches us that God calls us to deny being self-serving and take up the cross of serving others.

Baptism: *Madelyn Rae Gaston*

Benediction: *Ephesians 6:23-24*

SONG OF Comfort

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior
Has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there
Ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days
To sing God's praise
Then when we'd first begun

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and
Evermore shalt be.

SONG OF
Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy;
There is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

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 being self-serving and take up the cross of serving others for Your glory, our joy, and the life of the world. (**Luke 3:7-14**).

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

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:20-23

(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!