

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be **closed** in observance of Memorial Day on **May 26th**.

PARKING FOR BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS

From **May 25th through the end of June**, there will be various baseball tournaments at Adams Park. This will make parking a little more challenging on Sundays. Please make plans to arrive a little earlier to accommodate for this.

SEND OFF PARTY FOR THE CHUNGS & GARCIAS

Join us in celebrating **Pai and Kim Chung** as they prepare to move overseas at the end of June, and **Alex and Mona Garcia** as they prepare to move to Alabama at the end of the summer! There will be an open house style **drop-in party on Sunday, June 1 at Jennifer Skeen's Yoga house** (985 Kennesaw Due West Rd. NW, Kennesaw, 30152). Stop by anytime **between 2:00 - 5:00 pm** to encourage our friends as they prepare for their new adventures!

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

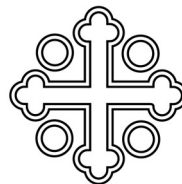
Throughout the summer, John is going to lead a group focusing on building devotional habits and learning to rest in the goodness of God. It will meet at the **Lazy Labrador Coffee Shop on Tuesdays starting June 3 from 9am-10:30am**. Email John if you are interested in joining! (hopperpo@gmail.com)

YOUTH RAFTING TRIP, JUNE 14

Registration for our annual whitewater rafting trip is now open for **rising 6th - 12th graders, college students, and parents**. The cost is **\$17 per person**. Please see the Weekly Update to **register by June 7th**. Contact Matt with any questions.

SUMMER LADIES EVENTS

Kathryn Baird and Lynn Wagoner invite the ladies of CCC to join them for two special occasions this summer for food, fellowship, and creative handiwork. **Following the church service on June 22 and July 28** you are invited to **bring a bag lunch and a handcrafted project to work on to Lynn Wagoner's home** (990 Brookton Square Dr. Powder Springs, 30127). If you don't have a project please come anyway to learn and enjoy the company. If you have any questions please **reach out to Kathryn Baird at klpbaird@gmail.com**.



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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
May 25, 2025

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 54:11-17**

~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 - *Abide With Me

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 2:15-17**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort - *My Victory

Jesus, With Thy Church Abide

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF and
Local Area Church**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Jesus, the Lord of Costly Discipleship
Mark 9:42-50**

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

~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.

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

SONG OF Response

“JESUS, THE LORD OF COSTLY DISCIPLESHIP”

MARK 9:42-50

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus calls us to costly discipleship for God’s glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Introduction:

Q: What determines whether something is worth the cost to you?

Mark 9:42-50: The Cost of Discipleship:

“I appeal to you therefore brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2

Application Questions:

1. *What are some things that you need to remove from your life that hinder your following Jesus as a beloved disciple?*
2. *What helps to prepare you for the cost of being Jesus’s disciple?*

Application:

Mark 9:42-50 teaches us that Jesus calls us to a costly discipleship for God’s glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Benediction: *2 Peter 3:14, 18*

CALL TO Worship

¹¹ O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

¹² I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones.

¹³ All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.

¹⁴ In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

¹⁵ If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me; whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you.

¹⁶ Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy;

¹⁷ no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord.”

Isaiah 54:11-17

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.

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with Thy church abide
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide
While on earth her faith is tried
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure
Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in Thy promise sure
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

May she one in doctrine be
One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in Thee
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

May she guide the poor and blind
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind
We beseech Thee, hear us
We beseech Thee, hear us

My Victory

You came for criminals
And even pharisees
You came for hypocrites,
Even one like me
You carried sin and shame
The guilt of every man
The weight of all I've done
Nailed into Your hands

*Oh, Your love bled for me
Oh, Your blood
In crimson streams
Oh, Your death is hell's defeat
A cross meant to kill
Is my victory*

Oh, Your amazing grace,
I've seen and tasted it
It's running through my veins
I can't escape its grip
In You, my soul is safe
You cover everything
(Chorus)

*Behold the Lamb of God
Who takes away our sin,
Who takes away our sin
The holy Lamb of God
Makes us alive again
Makes us alive again*

SONG OF
Comfort

Abide With Me

Abide with me; Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers,
Fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head,
In early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious,
And perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
Though I oft left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence,
Every passing hour.
What but Thy grace,
Can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself,
My guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Abide with me.

I fear no foe,
With Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight,
Tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death?
Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross,
Before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
And point me to the skies.
[Heaven's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

SONG OF
Praise

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 prefer discipleship that is without cost or risk.
(Mark 9:42-50)

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

¹⁵ And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Mark 2:15-17

(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!

Confession OF SIN