

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

AUGUST PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the **elders** as they have their **retreat on Friday, 8/7 and Sat, 8/8**, and for the **deacons** as they meet on **8/9**. Thank you for praying for us!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE LAUGHLIN FAMILY

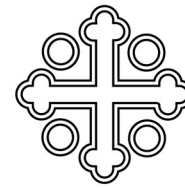
Join us in celebrating the arrival of Matthew Thomas Laughlin! Matthew was born on July 21, weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. We are thankful to share that both mom and baby are doing well. **If you would like to bless Emilee, Micah, and big sister Clara by providing a meal during this special time, please visit the weekly update.** Thank you for supporting the Laughlin family as they adjust to life as a family of four and celebrate this exciting time together!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for several volunteers to serve in **Children's Ministry for the 2026-27 ministry year**. Opportunities are available in both **Sunday School and the 10:30 a.m. classes, and most volunteers serve once a month**. If you're interested in serving the children and families of CCC, we'd love to have you join the children's ministry team. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Bonnie or Ransley.

HOSPITALITY TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a volunteer 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



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

August 2, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 15**

~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 - Psalm 86 (Teach Me Your Way)**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 5:1-5**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Before the Throne of God Above**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - First Care Women's Clinic and Riverside Community Church, Cartersville

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gatherer's Instruction in Wisdom, Part 1 Ecclesiastes 10:1-7

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - Fast From, Feast On**

~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**

~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.

Fast From, Feast On

Fast from, the swelling darkness
Feast on the power of his light
Fast from, discontentment
Feast on the joy that he brings

*Sustainer, Protector,
The Well of Life
My Helper, My comfort,
The bread of life
Is you
Is you*

Fast from, the fear that haunts us
Feast on the power of his might
Fast from, the trap of judgment
Feast on all that's been redeemed
(Chorus)

From the sorrow's shadow
To perfect light!
From the darkness of our doubt
To a cleansing white
From the sorrow's shadow
To perfect light
From the blindness of our sin
To healing sight
(Chorus)

Response
SONG OF

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 O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- ² He who walks blamelessly
and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
- ³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his
friend;
- ⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear
the Lord; who swears to his own hurt
and does not change;
- ⁵ who does not put out his money at
interest and does not take a bribe
against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never
be moved.

Psalm 15

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

“THE GATHERER’S INSTRUCTION IN WISDOM, PART 1”
 ECCLESIASTES 10:1-7
 CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to grow in how to think wisely in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction:

Q: *What has most influenced how you think through a decision or how to deal with a difficult situation?*

Ecclesiastes 10:1-7: How to Become a Poor, Wise, Forgotten Influencer, Part 1:

“Everything that has been said about wisdom and folly points again to the main lesson of
 Ecclesiastes: the need to face life as it really is, and take our life day by day from the
 hand of a sovereign God.”

Michael A. Eaton, *Ecclesiastes: An Introduction and a Commentary*

Application Questions:

1. *What helps you to recognize the small things that put your ability to think wisely in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit at risk?*
2. *What helps you to be a wise, non-anxious presence amid conflict?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 10:1-7 teaches us that God calls us to grow in how to think wisely in
 Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Communion

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest
Whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, The risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God

SONG OF
Comfort

Psalm 86

O Lord my God, incline Your ear
And answer me for I am poor.
Preserve my life,
Rescue this slave
Who trusts in You, O Lord my God

O Lord my God,
Show me Your Grace
To you I cry all the day
Make glad this soul,
Your servant save
My soul I lift, to You my God

*Teach me Your way and I
Will walk in Your truth,
In Your Truth
Unite my heart that I
May fear only You, only You*

O Lord my God, you are so good
Quick to forgive and bountiful
in lovingkindness to everyone
who calls on you, O Lord my God

O Lord my God, I will give thanks
With my whole heart and glorify
Your name forever,
For You have saved
My soul from Hell, O Lord my God

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 too often prefer to be told what to think instead of learning how to think wisely in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (**Ecclesiastes 10:1-7**).

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

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

(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!