

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, AUGUST 9

6th-8th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Skeens' Yoga House** from **6:00 to 7:30**. Bring your Bible and see the SignUp Genius to bring a snack to share!

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

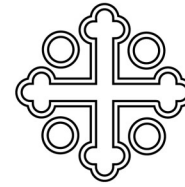
We need a volunteer to serve **one Sunday each month** on the Hospitality Team. If you are interested in serving, **please reach out to Chad Whetzell** at: chad.whetzell@icloud.com

SET UP TEAM VOLUNTEERS

The set up team is in need of **6 volunteers to serve once a month** for the new ministry year. Please reach out to Jack Lane (jtlanejr@yahoo.com) for more information.

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP

Starting on **Tuesday, 9/1, at 7 am** in the Conference Room at Daily Grind in Marietta, we will discuss the **Preface and Chapter 1** of O. Palmer Robertson's "**Christ of the Covenants**." If you plan to join us, email Cameron at cameron@christcommunitycobb.org, grab a copy of the book, and read the Preface and Chapter 1.



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
August 9, 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 36:5-9**

~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 - 1 Corinthians 3:18-23**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Cling to the Crucified**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Byron & Kim Johnson, Vision 938 and
Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Gatherer's Instruction in Wisdom, Part 2
Ecclesiastes 10:8-20**

***Song of Response - Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

~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.*

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus I my cross have taken
All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be
Perish every fond ambition
All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition
God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me
They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me
Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me
God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me
Show Thy face and all is bright

Soul then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station
Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee
Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee
God of heaven, I am Thine

Haste thee on from grace to glory
Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee
God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition
Faith to sight and prayer to praise

SONG OF
Response

“THE GATHERER’S INSTRUCTION IN WISDOM, PART 2”
ECCLESIASTES 10:8-20
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to work, speak, and steward wisely in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit for God’s glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Introduction:

Q: *What has most influenced your ethics of work, speech, and stewardship?*

Ecclesiastes 10:8-20: How to Become a Poor, Wise, Forgotten Influencer, Part 2:

“If nothing else, this chapter (10) teaches us to pay attention to the so-called ‘little things’ in life both personally and nationally. Everything a person does matters. The character of a government leader matters. Even a little word can have far-reaching effects.”

William D. Barrick, *Ecclesiastes: The Philippians of the Old Testament*

Application Questions:

1. *How does your union with Christ and indwelling by the Holy Spirit form and inform your work ethic?*
2. *How does your union with Christ and indwelling by the Holy Spirit form and inform your speech?*
3. *How does your union with Christ and indwelling by the Holy Spirit form and inform how you steward what’s been entrusted to you?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 10:8-20 teaches us that God calls us to work, speak, and steward wisely in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit for God’s glory, our joy, and the life of the world.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

CALL TO Worship

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord,
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like
the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love,
O God! The children of mankind take
refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance
of your house, and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:5-9

Response

CONGREGATIONAL

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

Cling to the Crucified

Cling to the Mighty One,
 Cling in thy grief
 Cling to the Holy One,
 He gives relief
 Cling to the Gracious One,
 Cling in thy pain
 Cling to the Faithful One,
 He will sustain

*Cling to the crucified,
 Jesus the Lamb who died
 Cling to the crucified,
 Jesus the King
 Cling to the crucified,
 Jesus the Lamb who died
 Cling to the crucified,
 Jesus the King*

Cling to the Living One,
 Cling in thy woe
 Cling to the Loving One,
 Through all below
 Cling to the Pardoning One,
 He speaketh peace
 Cling to the Healing One,
 Anguish will cease

Cling to the Bleeding One,
 Cling to His side
 Cling to the Rising One,
 In Him abide
 Cling to the Coming One,
 Hope shall arise
 Cling to the Reigning One,
 Joy lights thine eyes

Comfort

SONG OF

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll
While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide
Til life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide
Receive my soul at last

Other refuge have I none
I helpless, hang on Thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone
Support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed
All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing

Thou, O Christ, are all I want
Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint
Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy Name
I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am
Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found
Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound
Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art
Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart
For all eternity
For all eternity
For all eternity

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 too often fail to work, speak, and steward wisely in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit for Your glory, our joy, and the life of the world
(Ecclesiastes 10:8-20).

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

¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,”²⁰ and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” ²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

1 Corinthians 3:18-23

(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!