

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, AUGUST 16

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the **Searcys' from 5:30 to 7:30**. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

NEXT LORD'S TABLE SERVED, AUGUST 23

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to serve in **Children's Ministry for the 2026-27 ministry year!** We need **4 volunteers for Sunday School** and **10 volunteers for our 10:30 a.m. classes**. If you're interested in joining the Children's Ministry team, please contact **Bonnie or Ransley** to learn more or sign up.

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.

RUF DONATIONS

RUF is collecting prepackaged snacks and cases of bottled water to help kick off the fall semester. **Please drop off donations in the lobby by August 30th**. If you would prefer to **give financially**, please place your donation in the **donation box located on the RUF table**.



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

August 16. 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 126**

~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 - Goodness of God**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Galatians 6:7-10**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - True Religion**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Parakaleo Ministries,

Kings Chapel Presbyterian Church, Carrolton

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gatherer's Instruction in Wisdom, Part 3

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Baptism - Henry Thomas McLeroy

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

***Doxology**

***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.

Rock of Ages (When The Day Seems Long)

Rock of Ages, when the day seems long
From this labor and this heartache,
I have come
The skies will wear out,
But you remain the same
Rock of Ages, I praise your name
Rock of Ages, You have brought me near
You have poured out your life-blood,
Your love, your tears
To make this stone heart come alive again
Rock of Ages, forgive my sin. (Chorus)

*Rock of ages
Rock of ages
Bind your children
Until the kingdom comes
Rock of ages your will be done*

Rock of Ages, when in want or rest,
My desperate need for such a Savior
I confess
Pull these idols
Out from my heart embrace
Rock of Ages, I need your grace
Rock of Ages, broken scorned for me
Who am I that you would die
To make me free?
To give me glory,
You took the death and pain.
Rock of Ages, my Offering (Chorus)

Rock of Ages, "It is done!" you cried.
The curtain's torn
And I see justice satisfied
Now write your mercy
On my heart and hands
Rock of ages, in faith I stand.
Rock of Ages, my great hope secure
Your promise holds
Just like an anchor to my soul
Bind your children
With cords of love and grace
Rock of Ages, we give you praise
(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 When the Lord restored the fortunes of
Zion, we were like those who dream.
- ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for
them.”
- ³ The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.
- ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like streams in the Negeb!
- ⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!
- ⁶ He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

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 3"

ECCLESIASTES 11:1-6

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to be generous with the gifts and perseverant with the work that He gives us in Christ despite our uncertainty in and lack of control over the results.

Introduction:

Q: *What has most influenced your generosity and perseverance during uncertain times in which you lack control?*

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6: How to Become a Poor, Wise, Forgotten Influencer, Part 3:

"This passage urges us: precisely because of the uncertainties, precisely because you don't know what God will prosper, use every opportunity to work boldly but wisely. And entrust the results to the hands of the almighty God, who through Jesus Christ is our Father in heaven. He'll take care of us."

Sidney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from Ecclesiastes*

Application Questions:

1. *How does your union with Christ and indwelling by the Holy Spirit form and inform your generosity with the gifts that God gives you despite your uncertainty in and lack of control over the results?*
2. *How does your union with Christ and indwelling by the Holy Spirit form and inform your perseverance in the work that God gives you despite your uncertainty in and lack of control over the results?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 teaches us that God calls us to be generous with the gifts and perseverant with the work that He gives us in Christ despite our uncertainty in and lack of control over the results.

Baptism: Henry McLeroy

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

True Religion

You came for the lost
The sick and the blind
With salvation and hope
You gave to us free
So what will we do
With the treasure we hold

Let justice roll on like a river
Let mercy shine bright as the sun
Take care of the orphan and widow
Take care of our own flesh and blood

(1st Chorus)

*'Cause this is the way
That you've called us to love
To share what we have
With the hungry and poor
Put clothes on the naked
And heal up the broken and torn
True Religion
True Religion*

(Ending Chorus)

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True Religion
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Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days,
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing
Of the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so,
So good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing
Of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived
In the goodness of God (Chorus)

Your goodness is running After,
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me (Chorus)

SONG OF
Comfort

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 be generous with the gifts and perseverant in the work that You give us because of our uncertainty in and lack of control over the results (**Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**).

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

⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:7-10

(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!