

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE PARK, JUNE 16

The youth group will be gathering at Swift-Cantrell Park several times this summer to play games and spend time in fellowship. Our first session will be on **June 16 from 6:30 to 8pm. Rising 3rd graders through 12th graders and their parents** are invited. Parents of 3rd - 5th graders are requested to stay. Parents, please reach out to John (hopperpo@gmail.com) if you plan on staying or have any questions.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Titus Smith will be baptized on **June 21st**. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

JUNE PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for **Cameron, Matt, Chris, and Anna** as they attend the PCA's **General Assembly** in Louisville, KY from **Monday, 6/22-Friday, 6/26**. Thank you for praying for us!

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Student Leadership Program is back and partnering with Must Ministries and their Summer Lunch Program. They hope to **raise \$2,500 to assemble 200 meal kits** that will go to children in the community who face food insecurity during the summer months. **To donate, select Summer Lunch Program on Tithely by July 12th**. If you have any questions see SLP members Shamus Yandle Jr. or Ellie Maphet.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date for the upcoming Women's Retreat happening in **September from the 11th to the 13th!** The Retreat will be at Paradise Hills Resort in Blairsville, GA. Look for more information in the weekly update to come in the weeks ahead.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for **two volunteers to serve in our Preschool and Toddlers classes** once a month for the remainder of the ministry year. If you are interested in serving, or would like more information, please contact Bonnie or Ransley.

COMMUNION SETUP VOLUNTEER

We are looking for a volunteer to prepare the communion trays and set up the table before service. If you are interested or would like more information please reach out to Bonnie.

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We are in need of a **new meeting location for our middle school group**. We also need **four youth leaders for the 2026-27 ministry year**. Please contact Matt if you would like to learn more about either opportunity!



CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Ecclesiastes

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

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

June 14. 2026

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 94:12-15**

~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 - *Whate're My God Ordains Is Right

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Romans 12:1-2**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *Dear Refuge (Come Quickly)

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Mwamba & Nyema Johnson, Vision Coellegiate Ministries and Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, Woodstock

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Gatherer's Call to Trust in God's Sovereign Governance Over All Things Ecclesiastes 8:1-9

Song of Response - *Song of Moses

~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.

SONG OF
Response

Song of Moses

Oh the Lord our strength and song
Highest praise to him belong
Christ the Lord our conquering king
Your name we raise
Your triumphs sing

*Oh praise the Lord
Our mighty warrior
Praise the Lord the glorious one
By his hand we stand in victory
By his name we've overcome*

Though the storms of hell pursue
In darkest night, we worship you
You divide the raging seas
In Death to life you safely lead

All the saints and angels bow
Hosts of heaven crying out
Glory glory to the king
You reign for all eternity

CALL TO
Worship

- ¹² Blessed is the man whom
you discipline, O Lord,
and whom you teach out of your law,
¹³ to give him rest from days of trouble,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
¹⁴ For the Lord will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;
¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.

Psalm 94:12-15

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 CALL TO TRUST IN GOD’S SOVEREIGN GOVERNANCE OVER ALL THINGS”

ECCLESIASTES 8:1-9

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to trust in His sovereign governance over all things in Christ.

Introduction:

Q: What brings you comfort amid life’s many uncertainties?

Ecclesiastes 8:1-9: The Mystery of God’s Sovereign Governance Amid Life’s Many Uncertainties:

“The Teacher makes two main points concerning wisdom: First, use wisdom in dealing with a powerful, fickle king, and second, in view of our inability to know the future or control the present as well as our inability to know the future or control the present as well as our inability to make sense of the injustice in this world, human wisdom cannot find out all the work of God.”

Sidney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from Ecclesiastes: Foundations for Expository Sermons*

Application Questions:

1. *How do your views of and actions under current earthly authorities reflect your views of God’s sovereign governance and Christ’s reign as King?*
2. *How does knowing that God sovereignly governs all things in Christ bring you comfort amid life’s many uncertainties?*

Application:

Ecclesiastes 8:1-9 teaches us that God calls us to trust in His sovereign governance over all things in Christ.

Benediction: *Ecclesiastes 12:13*

Dear Refuge (Come Quickly)

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust

*Come Quickly, Quickly
Here to my rescue
Come Quickly, Quickly
My rock of refuge
Come Quickly, Quickly
Be my strong fortress
You, Sovereign Lord, are my portion*

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet

SONG OF
Comfort

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
His holy will abideth
I will be still whate'er he does
And follow where he guideth.
He is my God
Though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right
He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path
I know he will not leave me
I take, content,
What he hath sent
His hand can turn my griefs away
And patiently I wait his day

Whate'er my God ordains is right
Though now this cup, in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart
I take it all, unshrinking
My God is true
Each morn anew
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
And pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate'er my God ordains is right
Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need,
Or death be mine
Yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care
Is round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to him I leave it all

Praise
SONG OF

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 trust in Your sovereign governance in Christ over all things (**Ecclesiastes 8:1-9**).

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 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² 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 is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

(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!