STAY *Connected* AT CCC

INFORMATION MEETING, APRIL 27
Plan to join us for a brief congregation-wide information meeting following the worship service today to discuss the latest updates on the sale of the land.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, APRIL 27
9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Starts' 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.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GATHERING, MAY 3
Come and gather for a **women's intergenerational discipleship event on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 from 2-5pm at Jennifer Skeen's Yoga House** (985 Kennesaw Due West Rd. NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152). We will have food provided, fellowship, hymn singing, and discussions with a focus on how intergenerational discipleship can mature us in Christ across seasons of life. Please see the weekly update to submit questions for our panel discussion and to RSVP. **If you have any questions please contact Kait O'Sullivan, Sandy Lane or Amy Maphet.**

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, MAY 4
We will not have Sunday School classes on May 4th due to Children's Choir and Bells practice and performance.

OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER TO THE BLACKMAN FAMILY
Join us in celebrating the birth of **Elijah Bishop Appel Blackman**, weighing 9 lbs. 8oz. and measuring 22 inches long. If you would like to show your love and support to the Blackman family as they transition to being a family of 5, you can sign up to share a meal or send money for a meal using the **link in the weekly update.**

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The Gospel According to MARK
Knowing and Following the Son of God

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 CELEBEBRATION

April 27. 2025

Prelude
~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 60:1-3**
~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 -** ***Arise, O God, and Shine
~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 10:42-45**
~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Songs of Comfort -** ***His Mercy Is More
King of Kings
~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Brian & Mandy Stock, MTW Malaysia
Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta
~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - Jesus, the Only Savior
Mark 9:2-13

Song of Response -** ***You've Already Won
~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.

SONG OF Response

You've Already Won

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace
Thats mine today
That Jesus Christ has won
I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need you will provide
Just like you always have

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what you're doing
But I know what you've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
And I'll say that is well
Oh, I know that it is well (*Chorus*)

I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No More fear in life or death
I know how the story ends
We will be with you again
You're my Savior my defense
No More fear in life or death…
I know how this story ends (*Chorus*)

"Jesus, the Only Savior"
Mark 9:2-13
Robby Baxter

Key Truth: <u>Only Jesus can save us from our sin and bring us into the Kingdom of God.</u>

Mark 9:2-13: Jesus is Transfigured:

"No sight of sin ever brings such true humiliation of spirit as when the soul sees its sins laid on the Savior. You need not look evermore to sin as burdening yourself, see Jesus only, and the best kind of repentance will follow. A sight of Jesus, of what He is to sinners, of what He makes sinners, of what He is in Himself, will more tend to make you feel your need of Him than all your poring over your poor miserable self. I wish to have Christ's name written on my heart, but if I want assurance, I have to look at His heart till I see my name written there. O turn your eye away from your sin and emptiness to His righteousness and His fullness. There is life in a look at Him! May God grant us grace every one of us to take for our motto in life, for our hope in death, and for our joy in eternity, 'Jesus only.'"

Charles Spurgeon, ***Jesus Only***

Application Questions:

1. ***Are you sometimes tempted to be ashamed of Jesus and the message of the cross? How does this account of Jesus's transfiguration encourage you to continue boldly putting your trust in Him?***
2. ***In what ways are you growing in your knowledge of the Word of God so that you may obediently listen to Jesus? How have you been blessed by the help of your church family as you have sought to do this?***

Mark 9:2-13 teaches us that only Jesus can save us from our sin and bring us into the Kingdom of God.

Benediction: ***2 Peter 3:14, 18***

Call to Worship

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
3 And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

CONGREGATIONAL *Response*

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.

SONG OF *Comfort*

King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

SONG OF Comfort

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father, so tender,
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest,
The vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord!
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness,
New every morn
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins, they are many,
His mercy is more (Chorus)

SONG OF Praise

Arise, O God, and Shine

Arise, O God, and shine
In all Thy saving might
And prosper each design
To spread Thy glorious light
Let healing streams of mercy flow
That all the earth Thy truth may know

Bring distant nations near
To sing Thy glorious praise
Let every people hear
And learn Thy holy ways
Reign, mighty God
Assert Thy cause
And govern by Thy righteous laws

Put forth Thy glorious power
That everyone may see
And earth present her store
In converts born to Thee
God, our own God
His Church will bless
And fill the world
With righteousness

To God, the only Wise
The one immortal King
Let hallelujahs rise
From every living thing
Let all that breathe, on every coast
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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 are slow to listen to Jesus, Your beloved Son. (**Mark 9:2-13**)

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

42 And Jesus called them to him and said
to them, "You know that those who are
considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over
them, and their great ones exercise authority
over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you.
But whoever would be great among you must
be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first
among you must be slave of all. 45 For even
the Son of Man came not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life as a ransom
for many."

Mark 10:42-45

(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!