

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP, FEBRUARY 23

There is no youth group tonight due to the Youth Retreat.

MARCH PRAYER FOR LEADERSHIP

Please be praying for the **deacons, who will be meeting on Sunday, 03/02**, and the **elders, who will be meeting on Tuesday, 03/11**. Thank you for praying for us!

2025 MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION, MARCH 7-8

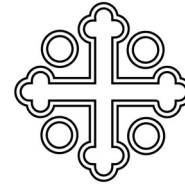
Registration begins this week for our upcoming **Men's Retreat at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL**. The Retreat will begin Friday evening, March 7, and end Saturday afternoon, March 8. The cost to register is **\$100 and includes accommodation, dinner Friday night, and breakfast and lunch Saturday**. If you'd like to participate in an optional game of bazooka ball add \$5 to participate. See the **Weekly Update for the link to register** and reach out to Robby if you have any questions.

LAND SALE UPDATE

We continue to receive positive news about the development approval process with the City of Kennesaw. Only a few steps remain, after which the land sale may commence. The updated target for the closing date on the land sale is the first half of March. Thank you for praying for this process. Please contact Marc Start (mstart99@gmail.com, 404.357.6631) if you have questions.

DISCIPLESHIP SURVEYS

Please fill out the Discipleship Survey that we **emailed on Wednesday, 1/22**. We want to hear from you about things that would be helpful to serve you in your discipleship in Christ in the various callings to which He has called you in His Kingdom.



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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
February 23, 2025

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Isaiah 1:16-20**

~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 - God Be Merciful to Me**

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 2:5-12**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF @ KSU and
CCC Church Plant**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Jesus, the Lord of Humble Holiness
Mark 7:14-23**

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

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

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

~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.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast
In the house of Zion
We will sing
With our hearts restored
He has done great things,
We will say together
We will feast
And weep no more*

We will not be burned
By the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed,
By the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night,
Before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning,
Oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob,
Be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken
And betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden
To the grave
Bind us together,
Bring shalom.
(Chorus)

*SONG OF
Response*

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

- ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,
¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.
¹⁸ "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 1:16-20

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.

“JESUS, THE LORD OF HUMBLE HOLINESS”

MARK 7:14-23

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus calls us to a humble holiness by God’s grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Introduction:

Q: What governs most of your actions? Do your actions reflect what’s going on inside of you?

Mark 7:14-23: Holiness or Wickedness: A Matter of the Heart and the Actions that Result:

“(Jesus’s words) did not abrogate the Mosaic laws on purification or erase the distinctions between clean and unclean and declare them invalid. It rather attacked the delusion that sinful (humanity) can attain to true purity before God through the scrupulous observance of cultic purity which is powerless to cleanse the defilement of the heart.”

William L. Lane, *The Gospel According to Mark*

Application Questions:

1. *How are you growing in humble holiness in union with Christ?*
2. *How is this maturation reflected in your daily actions?*

Mark 7:14-23 teaches us that Jesus calls us to a humble holiness by God’s grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Communion

Benediction: 2 Peter 3:14, 18

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love...
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed...
At the cross

*And I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
And I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth, and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us...

At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ...

At the cross

(Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid...

At the cross

(Chorus)

SONG OF
Comfort

God Be Merciful to Me

God be merciful to me,
On Thy grace, I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within,
Cleanse, o cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess,
Grief and guilt, my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just,
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart

Sinners then shall learn from me
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord

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 often fail to recognize the condition of our heart and its impact on our daily actions. **(Mark 7:14-23)**

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

⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” – he said to the paralytic – ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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!