

Opportunities for Ministry

- **Sunday Supper Tonight!** Join us at 5:30pm for an American Pot luck Dinner. Please bring a main food item for your family plus extras to share. We are blessed to have a guest speaker, Warren Smith, from World Magazine with us tonight.
- **Expedition Sale:** After 10 years of service helping transport countless kids and adults to countless activities, the church's 2000 Ford Expedition Sport Utility 4D will be available for sale. The deacons will receive bids through 5pm Friday April 30. If you would like more information, please visit the church library where more info and bid forms are available.
- **The Ladies of Christ Community** are invited to a Tea, on May 1st, at 3-4:30 in the afternoon. The theme is GENERATION TO GENERATION ~ all ages are welcome, and "little ladies" are welcome to bring a doll to accompany them! R.S.V.P. to amunson@cccarp.org
- **Inquirers' Class:** Interested in finding out more about CCC? The Inquirers' Class is our way of orienting prospective members to the history, doctrine, and ongoing ministries of Christ Community. The first session will be a dinner held on Friday, May 14th, from 6:00-8:30pm at the Marshes' House. Class will continue on Saturday (May 15th) at 9:00am in room C 105. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your seat, please contact Amy Munson (amunson@cccarp.org or 288-2365 ext.#23). We hope to see you there.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be the week June 21st - 25th, from 9am - noon. The theme this year is the "HIGH SEAS, Exploring the Mighty Love of God". If you are interested in severing on the VBS team/committee, or volunteering in anyway please contact Debbie Cain @ 288-2365, ext. 28. No one is too old to volunteer in VBS. Please also be in prayer for VBS-2010, as it is just around the corner.
- **Save the Date: Women's Ministries** will be hosting the 1st Presbyterian's Annual Women's Ministry Meeting on August 21st at 10am. Susan Hunt is the main speaker for the day! Also there will be an event just for CCC ladies on Friday night August 20th.
- **CCC's Future Webelo Campers** The boys will be doing a few activities to help off set their costs of going to Webelo's summer camp in July. On May 15th and June 6th the boys will be providing car washes at Brassfield's Chick-fil-a. Chick-fil-a is also allowing us to host a Spirit Night on May 26th from 5-8. Lastly, we will also be having a yard sale on May 22nd. If you would like to donate any items for the sale please email Cindy Morris at cindy-morris@vfc.com or call 707-5134. Any donations would be appreciated. Please join us for these events-and invite some friends to join you.

A special thank you to all who came out and helped support the blood drive by volunteering your time and blood donations.

- **Support Ministry Team needs you.** We would love for you to join the team of people who help out with many different things when there is a need (meals, childcare, etc) . This is a wonderful way to serve God and others. If you are interested in finding out more information contact Amy at amunson@cccarp.org or 288-2365.
- **Our new bulletin layout.** Interested in coming out to the church on Thursday afternoons with other volunteers to help fold bulletins? If you would like to help out, please let Amy know in the church office 288-2365 or amunson@cccarp.org. Any help would be appreciated.
- **Weekly e-newsletter** Did you know that we send out a weekly e-newsletter called CCConnect? If you would like to receive the newsletter just let Amy know at amunson@cccarp.org.

Prayers and Concerns

- Jean Herndon - healing from recent fall
- Kevin Hanner's mother - prayers while handling cancer
- Helen Albuero's Aunt Estella - For her health and spirits as she recovers in a nursing home
- Our Preschool Teachers and families
- Pray for Tat and Patty Stewart as they minister to Iranians all around the world. Praise the Lord for many who have come to recognize the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Prayer Opportunities

If you or someone you know has an illness, death in the family, hospital stay or is in need of prayer, please let us know. We care and have many options for you when it comes to your prayer requests. Please call or email Amy (288-2365 or amunson@cccarp.org) in the church office. If you would like to receive e-mail prayer requests from others within our congregation, please send a blank e-mail to

CCCPrayerNShare-subscribe@yahoo.com

Church Leadership

Our Session

Bill Marsh, Moderator Bryan Crotts, Vice Moderator

Mickey McLean, Clerk of Session

Darryl Andrews Sam Cain Willis Drew Kent French Bill Harris Bill Ratchford

Our Deacons

Tommy Cook, Chairman

Helen Albuero Jeff Butler Jeremy Frens Frank Glenn

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Our Mission

Communicate the Word of God, model the Grace of God, and advance the Kingdom of God such that people from Greensboro, North Carolina, to the ends of the earth will glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

April 25th, 2010

The Lord’s Day
April 25, 2010
Order of Worship

Gathering Song

Psalm 24

The earth and the riches with which it is stored,
The world and its dwellers belong to the Lord.
For he on the seas its foundations has laid,
And firm on the waters its pillars has stayed.

O gates, lift your heads! Ageless doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
O who is the King that in glory draws near?
The Lord, mighty Lord of the battle is here!

O gates, lift your heads! Ageless doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws near!
This great King of glory, O who can He be?
Jehovah of hosts, King of glory is He!

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Come , Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Invocation

Song of Praise

How Great is our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
it trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His Hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb
Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing “How great is our God!”

Scripture Reading

Taking of Membership Vows

Foundation

Nettleton

Chris Tomlin

Deuteronomy 5

Confession of Faith

We remember that we were at one time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And He came and preached peace to us who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then we are no longer strangers and aliens, but we are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him we also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Song of Reflection

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook

Before the throne of God above. I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high Priest whose Name is Love. Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands. No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair. And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there. Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died. My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied. To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb. My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am. The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high. With Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Pastoral Prayer

At this point in our worship, we take time to pray with and for one another, the mission of our church, the Kingdom of God and do so confidently, believing that God will act.

Offering, Offertory and Congregational Praise

Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon

“Master Gardener”

Rev. Bill Marsh

Mark 4:1-20

¹Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ²And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³"Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." ⁹And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ephesians 2:12-22

¹⁰And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."

¹³ And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

1. The King’s Method (1-2, 9-13)

2. The King’s Weapon (14)

3. The King’s Enemies (3-8, 15-20)

a.

b.

c.

Closing Song

Flow, O Mighty, Holy River

Connie Boerner

Flow, O mighty, holy river, flow in measure great and strong.
Hold not back Thy generous blessing, flood this desert with Thy song.

Parched and arid, hear the crying of Thy barren, broken church.
Bring revival to the dying, quench the aching of their thirst.

Once again release Thy floodgate; Shower heaven’s fruitful touch,
Till the earth, appeased, rejoicing rings the message of Thy love.

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Benediction