

Opportunities for Ministry

- **Sunday Supper Tonight!** Join us tonight 5:30pm for pizza night. We will be serving pizza, salad, and dessert. Please bring \$3 per person or \$7 for a family of four. We will start our congregational meeting right at 6:15pm. Due to the importance of the meeting, childcare will be offered for children up through sixth grade.
- **Men's Breakfast** this Saturday May 8th at 7:30. Start your day with a hearty breakfast and fellowship with friends.
- **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, off front left of the fellowship hall. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your seat, contact Amy Munson (amunson@cccarp.org or 288-2365 ext.#23). We hope to see you there.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be 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 being on the VBS committee please contact Debbie Cain, 288-2365 or dcain@cccarp.org. To volunteer or register your children, please go to the VBS table outside of the fellowship hall.
- **Middle School:** JumpStart Tonight from 6:15-7:30 (Join us for dinner downstairs with your family from 5:30-6:15). Wear your best "competitive" clothes for some all out "Survivor" challenges tonight!
- **High School:** OASIS "Wild Card" Wednesday this week! 7-9 PM... Join us in your "Gamer" clothes for a great night of fun and "Survivor" style competition!
- **Save the Date: Women's Ministries** will be hosting the 1st Presbytery'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 offset 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 5-8pm. In addition, we will 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.

- **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 or have questions contact Amy at amunson@cccarp.org or 288-2365.
- **Our new bulletins** must be folded by hand. We meet at the church office on Thursdays at 1pm. Please join us when you can.
- **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

- Kevin Hanner and family - comfort after passing of Kevin's mother
- Jean Herndon - healing from recent fall
- Helen Albuero's Aunt Estella - for her health and spirits as she recovers in a nursing home
- Our Preschool Teachers and families
- Pray for John Carson as he travels this spring to teach at colleges in Kenya and Uganda. John is a member of the ARP Mobile Theological Training Team.

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.*

May 2nd, 2010

The Lord’s Day
May 2, 2010
Order of Worship

Gathering Song

Psalm 3

Foundation

O Lord, how are my foes increased! Against me many rise.

How many say “In vain for help He on his God relies!”

You are my shield and glory, Lord; You lifted up my head.

I cried out, “Lord!” and from His hill to me His answer sped.

I lay down, slept, and woke again, the Lord is keeping me.

I will not fear ten thousand men entrenched surrounding me.

Arise, O Lord! Save me, my God! You punish all my foes.

You smite the face of wicked men, their teeth break with your blows.

Deliverance is from the Lord, salvation His alone!

O let Your blessing evermore be on Your people shown.

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn of Adoration

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Joanna

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render; O help us to see

‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Invocation

Song of Praise

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord

And these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword,

Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;

Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh

And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest; the fields are as white in the world,

And we are the laborers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.

Behold, He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;

Lift your voice, it’s the year of jubilee, out of Zion’s hill salvation comes.

Confession of Faith

Ephesians 1:3-14

We believe that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. He chose us in Him before the

foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

We believe that in love He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,

according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He

has blessed us in the beloved.

We believe that in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our

trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wis-

dom and insight making known to us the mystery of His will, according to his purpose,

which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him,

things in heaven and things on earth.

We believe that in Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined

according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His

will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.

We believe that when we heard the gospel of our salvation, and believed in Him, we

were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance

until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Song of Reflection

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise

That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.

Your name let the nations sing it louder, ‘Cause nothing has the power to save

But Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray, Come and fill our hearts today;

Lord, give us strength to live for You, And glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.

Your name let the nations sing it louder, ‘Cause nothing has the power to save

But Your name.

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.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6

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

“The Medium is the Message”

Rev. Bill Marsh

Mark 4:21-34

²¹ And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed,

and not on a stand? ²²For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is any-

thing secret except to come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴And

he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be

measured to you, and still more will be added to you. ²⁵ For to the one who has, more

will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

²⁶And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.

²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not

how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in

the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest

has come."

³And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall

we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is

the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes

larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the

air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he

explained everything.

1. (vv.21-25)

2. (vv. 26-29)

3. (vv. 30-34)

Closing Song

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He Has said,

To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;

For I am your God, and will still give you aid;

I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,

Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,

The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,

And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,

My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;

The flame shall not hurt you; I only design

Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to his foes;

That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

Benediction