

Let's Pray Together This Week

Sunday, May 29

Pray for our worship service today. Ask the Lord to bring great conviction to everyone, both to those in Christ and those who are not. Pray that those in union with Christ would come to a deeper assurance of that. Pray that those who are not united to Christ would come to a deep awareness of their condition. Ask the Lord to bring them to saving faith in Christ.

Monday, May 30

On Memorial Day, thank the Lord for those who have served our country to give us freedom of worship. Also, pray for those in harm's way today. Ask the Lord to comfort those families who have lost loved ones in our nation's current wars. Finally, ask the Lord to bless the ministry of the Word by faithful, godly military chaplains. Pray that the crucible of military service would be used by the Holy Spirit to focus hearts on the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, May 31

Ask the Lord to make us increasingly a holy people who are zealous to walk in the Lord's ways. Pray that we would be tender to the Spirit's conviction of sin and that it would drive us afresh to the cross and toward holiness "without which no one will see the Lord." Pray for those in our Body who struggle with besetting sin. Be their Aaron and Hur this day.

Wednesday, June 1

Pray for our three of our member families in the midst of moves away from our area. The Dickinson family will soon be moving to California. The Torrens family will soon be moving to Pennsylvania, and the Dicksons will soon be moving to Alabama. Thank the Lord for these families and what they have meant to our church. Ask Him to lead them to healthy, Gospel-centered churches in their new communities. Pray especially for their devotional lives during this season without routine.

Thursday, June 2

Pray for the Crotts family on vacation this week. Ask the Lord to give them restful time together as a family. Pray that He would encourage them in ministry among us. Ask God to refresh their vision and passion for the glory of God in this congregation. Pray, too, for a sale of their house in Huntersville and for the Lord's provision of good living arrangements in Greensboro to be ready for them in mid-July.

Friday, June 3

Please continue to pray for the Haiti Mission Team that leaves for the Mission of Hope Orphanage in just a month. Pray for the necessary funds they need in order to travel there. Ask the Lord to be preparing them for what they will see and to work through them in extending Christian compassion to the weak and defenseless.

Saturday, June 4

Pray for our home-grown missionary families today as they serve in some hard places around the world. Ask the Lord to supply the physical needs, including good health, for Rob and Karen, David and Rachel, and Art and Andrea. Pray for the Lord's blessing on their labors today and for their joy in the Lord and in His service.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:1

Ministry Opportunities and Events

New Adult Bible Fellowship series coming next week!

What do John Knox, John Calvin and John Newton all have in common? Besides the same first names, all three of these men have been greatly used by God as fathers in our faith. We'll be diving into the lives of these three men as well as ten others and discover what it takes to impact the world for Christ. Don't miss this new ABF series, *A Great Cloud of Witnesses: 13 Other Christians We Need to Know*.

Starting June 5th. Meets at 9:15 a.m. in room D-131/133

Next Week is Promotion Sunday!

It's that time of year. On June 5th, many of the young ones in our children ministry classes will be moving up to the next level. Two year olds will be moving out of the Nursery and on to Toddler's Class. Four year olds will now join the Children's Church upstairs and upcoming second graders will now move on to Children's Sermon during the worship hour. There will be a lot of excitement next week to celebrate the promotion as well as extra teachers to assist with the transition.

Nursery Angels Needed

Our nursery is brimming with babies and we would love for each willing member to get their chance to care for our little ones. We are reducing the commitment of our faithful nursery volunteers to every other month so that our adults can worship together as much as possible. We need 5 new adults that are members of our congregation to come alongside our current volunteers. If you are willing to serve every other month during the worship hour, please contact Adair Bolton at adairbolton@gmail.com or by phone at [336-510-8536](tel:336-510-8536).

Student Ministries Meeting this Wednesday

Student Ministries start their new mid-week summer meetings.

June 1 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Harden's home. 8409 Case Ridge Dr. Oak Ridge, NC

Picnic in the Park

Spend Father's Day, June 19th, relaxing at Bur Mil Park. Toss some horseshoes, pass a volleyball, or throw a line in the fishing pond while we grill up some hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixin's. Bring your favorite lawn chairs.

June 19th @ 5 PM. Bur Mil Park, Shelter #7

Visiting Today?

We welcome you and look forward to answering any questions you may have about Christ Community Church. Please be sure to give us your contact information when the Fellowship Pads are distributed during offering. We offer several ministries for children during the worship hour. A greeter or usher can assist you in locating the class rooms.

Nursery: Ages 0-2. B-wing, first floor

Toddler Class: Ages 2-3. B-wing, first floor

Children's Church: Ages 4, 5 & 6. B-wing, second floor

Children's Sermon: Grades 2nd - 4th. Join parents for worship. Children will be dismissed during the Doxology to follow their teacher to their class room.

Our Church Leadership:

Pastor and Moderator: Bill Marsh

Associate Pastor and Vice Moderator: Bryan Crotts

Elders: Mickey McLean (clerk of session), Darryl Andrews, James Dickson, Willis Drew, Robert George, and Bill Ratchford.

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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 29, 2011 Order of Worship

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship

Hymn of Adoration

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

ODE TO JOY
Ludwig van Beethoven/David Clowney

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices, thy commandments to fulfill.

Invocation

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 30

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Confession and Forgiveness: As a people who continue to sin in this life we become fully aware, especially in the presence of God, of our great guilt and therefore we confess ourselves sinners and look to Christ alone for the ground of our salvation. In worship we do this both privately and corporately. Those truly repentant in faith receive the forgiveness of God.

Song of Praise

Come, Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart/ Matthew S. Smith

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism # 1 and 2

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own¹, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death², to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ³. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood⁴, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.⁵ He also preserves me in such a way⁶ that without the will of my heavenly⁷ Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸ Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20, ² Rom. 14:7-9, ³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14, ⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2, ⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11, ⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5, ⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18, ⁸ Rom. 8:28, ⁹ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14, ¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

2. Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are¹; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery²; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.³

¹ Rom. 3:9-10; 1 John 1:10, ² John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43, ³ Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10

Song of Reflection

Give Us Clean Hands

Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees,
Oh Spirit come make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things,
Oh Lord we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts.
Let us not lift our souls to another.

O God let this be a generation that seeks,
That seeks Your face, Oh God of Jacob.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Offertory

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!

(At this time, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade children may exit for Children's Sermon)

Sermon “When Not Far Is Not Close”

Rev. Bill Marsh

Mark 12:28-34 (pg. 849)

Song of Response

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA
John Bacchus Dykes / Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
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Benediction

**Sermon Notes
“When Not Far Is Not Close”**

Rev. Bill Marsh

Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

1. The _____ to which God _____ us.
(vv. 28-31)

2. The _____ to which God _____ us.
(vv. 32-33)

3. The _____ to which God _____ us.
(v.34)