



**HICKORY GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**W O R S H I P   G U I D E**

*Mallard Creek Campus (North) | Week of December 16, 2018*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Sunday, December 16, 2018*

## **Call to Worship**

“O Come O Come”

*Joel 2:1*

## **Baptism**

“His Mercy is More”

## **Sermon**

*Galatians 4:4-5*

## **Prayer**

*Hebrews 4:16*

## **Offering**

“Who Would Have Dreamed”

“Jesus Saves”

## **Benediction**

*1 Kings 8:61*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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The Scriptural call to worship at the beginning of our service is a reminder that, as we gather, it is God who initiates and reveals Himself to us through His Word, and we respond to Him.

*Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near...*

**Joel 2:1**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Hebrews 4:16**

## OFFERING

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Giving is an act of worship in which we give generously of our substance to further the mission of the church and to bring glory to God.

## BENEDICTION

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*Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.*

**1 Kings 8:61**

# BIBLE READING PLANS

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As we begin to look to the new year, it is a great time to plan how you can read the Bible daily. Here are 5 suggested plans that Hickory Grove makes available in print and online.

## **M'Cheyne (One Year)**

Each day has two passages from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from either the Psalms or the Gospels. In one year, you read the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice.

## **Read the Bible For Life (One Year Chronological)**

This plan has been organized to flow in chronological order. Since exact dating of some materials or events is not possible, the chronology simply represents an attempt to give you the reader the general flow and development of the full story of the Bible.

## **Every Day in the Word (One Year)**

Daily Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, Proverbs

## **Getting Started (40 Day)**

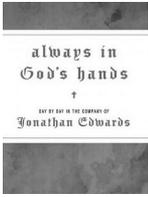
If you are new to the Bible and are looking for suggestions on where to start, this plan will give you an overall understanding of what the Bible is all about.

## **Systematic Theology Study Bible (30 Day)**

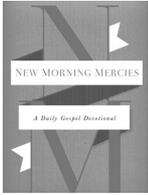
This plan not only introduces you to systematic theology as a whole, but also demonstrates how specific doctrines connect to the very words of Scripture.

# RECOMMENDED DAILY DEVOTIONALS

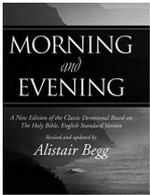
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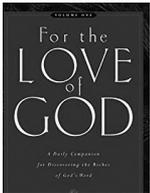
*Always in God's Hands:  
Day by Day in the Company  
of Jonathan Edwards*  
by **Owen Strachan**



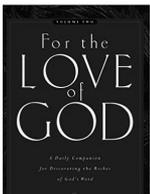
*New Morning Mercies*  
by **Paul Tripp**



*Morning and Evening*  
by **Charles H Spurgeon**



*For the Love of God, Volume 1: A Daily Companion for  
Discovering the Riches of God's Word*  
by **D.A. Carson**



*For the Love of God, Volume 2: A Daily Companion for  
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# THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

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## Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

The New City Catechism is a modern-day resource aimed at helping children and adults alike learn the core doctrines of the Christian faith using 52 questions and answers. Learn more at [NewCityCatechism.com](http://NewCityCatechism.com).

### QUESTION 51

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## Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

**Romans 8:34**

### PRAYER

Interceding Savior, you have not stopped showing compassion for your people. You were tempted in every way as we are, and you now intercede for us when we are tempted. Plead for us to your Father, for you are our advocate before the judge of all the earth. Amen.

Read the full commentary for this question at [NewCityCatechism.com](http://NewCityCatechism.com).

# SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Guest Information

If you are a guest, we welcome you and invite you to stop by any Guest Information Area to learn more about Hickory Grove and to get answers to your questions. Be sure to pick up a Guest Information Card, fill it out, and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at any Guest Information Area.

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## Schedule

### **Sunday, December 16**

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

Christmas Night of Worship  
(Harris Campus): 5 PM

### **Wednesday, December 19**

No Evening Activities

### **Sunday, December 23**

Regular Schedule

### **Monday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Service: 5:15 PM

Church offices closed

### **Tuesday, December 25**

Church offices closed

## **CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF WORSHIP**

*Today at 5 PM, Harris Campus (Main)*

Come join us as we sing and pray together this Christmas season.

A cookie fellowship will follow.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

*Monday, December 24*

Harris Campus (Main) - 4 PM

Mallard Creek Campus (North) - 5:15 PM

## **DISCOVER HG**

*Sunday, January 20, 8:45 AM*

Find out more about Hickory Grove through our new members class.

Register at [HickoryGrove.org](http://HickoryGrove.org).

## **HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE**

*Thursday, January 17, 12 PM and 6 PM*

Come and gather important information about admissions, hear from our Head of School and administrators who will share the mission and vision of HGCS, and tour our campus. Call 704-531-3589 to register.

## **ADOPTION PARENTING CLASS**

*Beginning Wednesday, January 16*

*Harris Campus*

The class will cover adoption education, behavior management ideas, connection with resources for parents, and cultivating a relationship and support between the parents. Register online at [HickoryGrove.org/Adoption](http://HickoryGrove.org/Adoption).

