



**HICKORY GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**W O R S H I P   G U I D E**

*Harris Campus | Week of March 3, 2019*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*Sunday, March 3, 2019*

## **Call to Worship**

*Colossians 3:16-17*

“No Other Name”

## **Corporate Confession**

*Psalm 25:11*

“O Praise The Name”

“God Be Praised/Our God Reigns”

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Offering**

“The Power of The Cross”

### **Sermon**

*Romans 1:13-15*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## **Benediction**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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The Scriptural call to worship at the beginning of our service reminds us of the centrality of God's Word. God reveals Himself to us through His Word and invites us to respond corporately to Him in worship.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

**Colossians 3:16-17**

## CORPORATE CONFESSION

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In light of God's holiness, wrath, and grace, we acknowledge that we have all sinned against God and are in need of His sanctifying grace. This confession occurs in the context of a covenant relationship made possible through the perfect life, substitutionary death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus. As Christians, our confession is not so that God should forgive us, but because, through Christ, He has already forgiven us.

*For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.*

**Psalm 25:11**

## OFFERING

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

# PRACTICAL THEOLOGY SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF GOD (PART 1)

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In Romans 1:16, Paul claims to be unashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. This Gospel is the central theme of Romans as well as every Bible-believing church throughout history.

In fact, the health of a local church is largely dependent on what she *thinks* about and does *with* the Gospel. Therefore, we thought it would be good and helpful to spend the next few weeks talking about the Gospel. This first article provides a few initial comments about who the Gospel is for and what the Church should do with the Gospel.

## Who is the Gospel for?

### 1. The Gospel is for Unbelievers.

There is no salvation apart from faith in the Gospel. *Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. However: how then will they call on him in whom they have not believed...therefore, faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word about Christ* (Rom. 10:13-17). Unbelievers need to hear about the perfect life, substitutionary death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus in order to be forgiven, justified, adopted and redeemed.

### 2. The Gospel is for Believers.

Paul was eager to preach the Gospel to the Christians in Rome (Rom. 1:12). This is because the church is the manifold wisdom of God, created to display the beauty of the Gospel on the world stage (Eph. 3:10). The Father planned the Gospel, the Son fulfilled the Gospel, the Spirit applies the Gospel, and now the church *performs* the Gospel.<sup>1</sup> To do this, we must continually hear the Gospel.

<sup>1</sup> See Kevin J. Vanhoozer, *The Drama of Doctrine: A Canonical Linguistic Approach to Christian Doctrine*, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005), 18-19.

# What does the Church do with the Gospel?

## 1. We *Believe* the Gospel.

The Gospel is a message to be believed and received by faith. It is a message about what God has done in Christ to take the penalty of our sins and credit us with the perfect righteousness of God. This is why we preach and sing the Gospel every Sunday.

## 2. We *Speak* the Gospel.

The Gospel reorients our hearts so that we speak the truths of Jesus into the everyday stuff of life.<sup>2</sup> Whether it be encouraging a fellow church-member or speaking with a non-Christian, we should always be ready to communicate the Gospel in fitting ways.

## 3. We *Obey* the Gospel.

Paul calls it *the obedience of faith, or the obedience which springs from faith* (Rom. 1:5 & 16:26). Christians demonstrate their belief in the Gospel through how they live. Whether through marriage, parenting, being a student, or being an employee, the Gospel should permeate every aspect of a believer's life. This is because *the Bible knows nothing of any contrast between truth and experience, head and heart, theology and practical living*.<sup>3</sup>

Therefore, a continual tightening of our grip on the Gospel will help us to live out its implications in our everyday lives.

<sup>2</sup> Jeff Vanderstelt and Jackie Hill Perry, *Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life* (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> Michael Horton, *Pilgrim Theology: Core Doctrines for Christian Disciples* (Zondervan, 2013), 17.

## RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION

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### *The Bible Memory App*

**Available in the App Store and on Google Play**

*The Bible Memory App is a complete, all-inclusive Bible memory system that equips you to easily MEMORIZE, ORGANIZE, & REVIEW verses on your own, customizable review schedule.*

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

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During the Romans sermon series, take the challenge to memorize different verses from Romans. The Scripture memory passages are:

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

**Romans 1:16-17**

*For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

**Romans 1:20-21**

# 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, March 3**

Worship: 8 & 11 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 4 PM

HG Kids Choir: 5:15 PM

### **Wednesday, March 6**

Senior Adult Choir: 10 AM

Dinner: 5 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Infant-4 years old: 6:30 PM

Student Worship: 6:30 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

Orchestra Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

## **EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE SIMULCAST**

*Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6*

*10 AM-6 PM, Mallard Creek Campus*

Experience practical teaching in a safe and supportive community as we work to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. Learn more at [HickoryGrove.org/Adoption](http://HickoryGrove.org/Adoption).

## **HG STUDENTS: DNOW**

*Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17*

*Mallard Creek Campus*

Disciple Now is the biggest weekend of the year for the Student Ministry of Hickory Grove Baptist Church. DNOW is devoted to helping students grow in their personal walks with the Lord as they pursue holiness through worship and Gospel-centered teaching. Register at [HickoryGrove.org/DNOW](http://HickoryGrove.org/DNOW).

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

*Thursday, March 14, 12 PM and 6 PM*

Register by calling 704-531-3589.

## **DISCOVER HG**

*Begins Sunday, March 17, 9:30 AM*

*Room 1111/1112*

Discover HG provides a unique opportunity to learn who Hickory Grove Baptist Church is and what we believe. RSVP at [HickoryGrove.org/DiscoverHG](http://HickoryGrove.org/DiscoverHG).

## **SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST**

*Friday, April 26, 7 PM-1 AM*

*Mallard Creek Campus*

Cost is \$10. Register online at [HickoryGrove.org/SecretChurch](http://HickoryGrove.org/SecretChurch).

