



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P G U I D E

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of March 3, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Welcome

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:12

“God Be Praised “

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

Sermon

Romans 1:13-15

Offering

Psalm 32:1-7

“It Is Well”

“God Is So Good”

Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

Saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Revelation 5:12

OFFERING

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.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Psalms 32:1-7

BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

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.¹ To do this, we must continually hear the Gospel.

¹ 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.² 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*.³

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

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

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

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION



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

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



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

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

HG Kids Choir: 5 PM

Equip HG Classes: 5 PM

Wednesday, March 6

Dinner: 5 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Student Worship: 6:30 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

EMPOWERED TO CONNECT CONFERENCE (SIMULCAST)

*Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6
10 AM-6 PM*

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.

HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, March 14, 12 PM and 6 PM

Located at the Harris Campus

Open House is a time to gather information about admissions, hear about the mission and vision of HGCS, and tour our campus. Register by calling 704-531-3589.

HG STUDENTS: DNOW

Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17

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.

SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST

Friday, April 26, 7 PM-1 AM, Event Center

This year, David Platt will be leading us through "Prayer, Fasting, and the Pursuit of God." Cost is \$10. Register online at HickoryGrove.org/SecretChurch.

