



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of March 24, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Welcome

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:6-7

“He Is Our God”

“Jesus Paid It All”

Sermon

Romans 1:19-23

Prayer/Offering/Commissioning

Psalms 23:4-6

“Yet Not I But Christ In Me”

“All To Us”

Benediction

Philippians 4:7

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.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6-7

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.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 23:4-6

BENEDICTION

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

THE GOSPEL IN THE CHURCH

The Apostle Paul warned the Colossians not to shift their hope away from the Gospel (1:23). He did this because he knew that Christians and Christian churches should never leave the Gospel in favor of something else. As many have said, *the Gospel is not the ABC's of Christianity but the A to Z*. At Hickory Grove, we believe the Gospel is fundamental to everything we do as a church. Here's why:

The Gospel fuels our Worship

Purchased by His blood and redeemed by His grace, we lift up our voices to the one who was lifted up on the cross. We rise to worship on Sunday because Jesus rose from the grave on a Sunday. We pray corporately as a reminder that Jesus shed His blood to make us one. The Lord's Supper is a powerful reminder of our commitment to Jesus and to each other. So too is baptism. We go under the water because Jesus went under God's judgment for us. We rise from the water because Jesus rose from the dead so we could walk in newness of life. We worship the Father in spirit and truth because we've been sealed with the Spirit and now walk in the truth. Therefore, our praise on earth is a foreshadow of the praise to be offered in heaven.¹

The Gospel Informs our Discipleship

The Gospel makes us humble, reminding us that we are sinners in need of the grace of discipleship and training. Discipleship helps us to grow up in every way in Christ. Our marriages should *reflect* the Gospel (Eph 5:22-33), our parenting should *communicate* the Gospel (2 Tim 3:15, Eph 6:4), our work ethic should *illustrate* the Gospel (Col 4:23-24), and our lives should be *marked* by the Gospel (Gal 2:20). All of this requires our discipleship to be infused *with* the Gospel.

The Gospel Clarifies our Mission

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. The Gospel reminds us that sin is the enemy, the cross is the remedy, and the world is our mission field. Therefore, the Gospel is both our motivation and our message. It is a message for all people and therefore we go to all people, prioritizing those with little to no access to the Gospel (1 Cor 15:20). Scripture teaches that God sent Jesus to live among the people He wanted to save. In a similar way, we are sent local and abroad to live among the people we want God to save. For Jesus, this involved leaving the comforts of heaven to live in less than ideal situations. So too, our mission may involve leaving the comforts of the familiar to live in the confines of the inconvenient. The incarnation of Jesus calls us to go by faith and once we go, it reminds us to stay by faith too.

At Hickory Grove, the Gospel fuels our worship, informs our discipleship, and clarifies our mission.

who's your 1ONE?

Imagine if every one at Hickory Grove could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom they're seeking to share the Gospel.

That's the intention behind *Who's Your One?* We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism— what we need is a passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

It is time for our church to prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each **intentionally pursue one person** with the hope of the Gospel.

At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for one. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, **each of our ones can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.**

Please pick up a prayer guide and bookmark in the Lobby.

Romans 10:1

"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." (ESV)

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION



Gospel Fluency:
Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the
Everyday Stuff of Life **by Jeff Vanderstelt**

Even if they want to, many Christians find it hard to talk to others about Jesus. Is it possible this difficulty is because we're trying to speak a language we haven't actually spent time practicing?

To become fluent in a new language, you must immerse yourself in it until you actually start to think about life through it. Becoming fluent in the Gospel happens the same way—after believing it, we have to intentionally rehearse it (to ourselves and to others) and immerse ourselves in its truths. Only then will we start to see how everything in our lives, from the mundane to the magnificent, is transformed by the hope of the Gospel.

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 24

Sunday School: 8:45 AM
Worship: 10:15 AM

HG Kids Choir: 5 PM
Equip HG Classes: 5 PM

Wednesday, March 27

Dinner: 5 PM
Awana: 6:15 PM
Student Worship: 6:30 PM
Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, March 31, 10:15 AM

We will partake of The Lord's Supper during the morning service.

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.

SECRET CHURCH

*Friday, April 26, 7 PM - 1 AM,
Saturday, April 27*

Cost: \$10. Register online at HickoryGrove.org/SecretChurch.

FALL 2019 WEE SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is currently open for church members and will open to the public on March 22. For more information, please email mallardcreekeec@hgchristian.org

SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 30, 8 - 10:30 AM
Meet on campus by 8 AM to ride the bus or meet at Breakfastime (750 Cabarrus Ave) at 8:15 AM. Register online.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 19, 6:30 PM
Harris Campus Worship Center

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