# HICKORY GROVE

### WORSHIP GUIDE

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of May 12, 2019

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 12, 2019

### Welcome

### **Call to Worship**

Revelations 7:15-17

### **Children's Choir**

"Hallelujah What A Savior"

### Sermon

Romans 2:12-26

### Parent/Child Dedication Offering

"Good and Gracious King"

"Divine Exchange"

### Benediction

Jude 24-25

# 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.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 7:15-17

# 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.

# BENEDICTION

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude 24-25

# What is a Parent/ Child Dedication?

The Scripture is clear that God has called parents to be the primary disciple-makers in the lives of their children. One way we take this calling seriously at Hickory Grove is through our Parent/Child Dedication ceremony, during which we formally recognize, in a corporate worship service, parents who have had a new child enter the family, and we charge them to Pass the Torch in their own home.

This time is designed for parents to publicly commit before the church that they will, with God's help, be the primary disciple-maker(s) in the life of their child. It is also designed for parents to acknowledge God's sovereignty over their child, recognizing that "children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3), and that this child has been entrusted to them by God.

It is imperative for the church to commit corporately to partner with these families by coming alongside them as they seek to raise their children to love Christ above all things.

# How can the church partner with families?

While Scripture has called parents to be the primary disciple-makers in the lives of their children, the local church should support these parents in a partnership. As a member of the body of Christ, here are some ways you can come alongside these families in partnership:

**1. PRAY.** Pray that God will help parents faithfully shepherd their children during their most formative years. Pray also for our children, that they will be protected from the evil one (John 17:15) and that they will one day put their faith in Jesus Christ.

2. GET INVOLVED. Join Hickory Grove's efforts in "passing the torch" to the next generation by getting involved in the HG Kids or HG Students Ministries. These ministries partner with families, and the opportunities for discipleship are endless, so join the team!

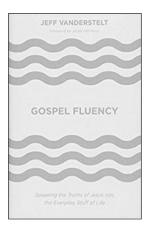
# SCRIPTURE MEMORY

During the Romans sermon series, take the challenge to memorize different verses from Romans. The Scripture memory passage for the month is:

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God."

Romans 3:10-11

# **RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

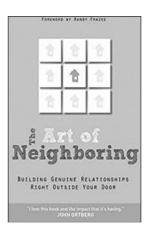


Gospel Fluency: Speaking the Truths of Jesus into the Everyday Stuff of Life **by Jeff Vanderstelt** 

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?

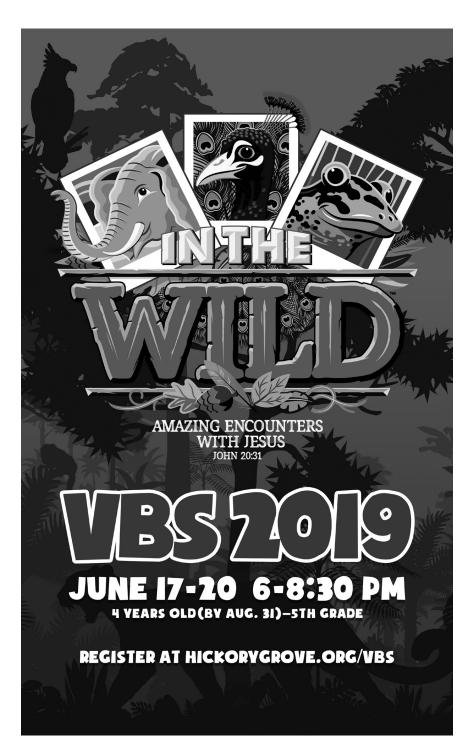
To become fluent in a new language, you must immerse yourself in it until you actually start to think about life *through* it. Becoming fluent in the gospel happens the same way-after believing it, we have to intentionally rehearse it (to ourselves and

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.



### The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door **by Jay Pathak, Dave Runyon**

Once upon a time, people knew their neighbors. They talked to them, had cook-outs with them, and went to church with them. In our time of unprecedented mobility and increasing isolationism, it's hard to make lasting connections with those who live right outside our front door. We have hundreds of "friends" through online social networking, but we often don't even know the full name of the person who lives right next door.



# 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.

# Schedule

**Sunday, May 12** Sunday School: 8:45 AM Worship: 10:15 AM

### Wednesday, May 15 HG Kids Choir

Musical: 6:30 PM

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, May 19, 10:15 AM We will observe The Lord's Supper next week during the morning Worship Services.

# FALL 2019 WEE SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

For more info or to register your child, email mallardcreekeec@hgchristian.org

### HG KIDS SPRING MUSICAL: "FAITH NEWS"

*Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 PM* Join us for an exciting adventure through the lives of real Bible heroes.

# SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

*Sunday, June 2, 10:15 AM Service* Register and submit photo at HickoryGrove.org/Seniors by May 13.

# ADULT SOFTBALL

Games begin in June For men and women age 16 and older. Cost is \$60 per player. Register at HickoryGrove.org/Softball.

# **CENTRIKID CAMP**

July 8-12, Gardner-Webb University Completed 3rd-5th grade Register at HickoryGrove.org/CentriKid.

# CAMP PARADISE

*Tuesday, July 16 - Saturday, July 20* A five-day summer camp for 6th-12th grade students (completed) that is designed to strengthen and challenge them to take the next step in their faith. Cost: \$329 until May 19, then \$349 per student. Register at HickoryGrove.org/ CampParadise.

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