



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of September 22, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Welcome

“Great Things”

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:3

“How Great is Your Love”

Sermon

Romans 6:20-23

The Lord’s Supper/Offering

“The Wondrous Cross”

“God Be Praised”

Benediction

Psalm 4:6

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.

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.

Glory in His holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Psalm 105:3

BENEDICTION

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"

Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!"

Psalm 4:6

THE LORD'S SUPPER: A GUIDE FOR THE CHURCH

What is The Lord's Supper?

The night before Jesus' crucifixion, He sat down with His disciples to celebrate the Passover meal. This meal commemorated the pivotal event in Exodus 12 when God "passed over" His people in Egypt who put the blood of a lamb over their doorposts.

While celebrating this Passover meal, Jesus took the bread from the table, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He then took a cup and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus did this to symbolize His impending death on a cross, which would bring about the forgiveness of sins for many. Furthermore, He commanded His disciples to continually enjoy this meal in remembrance of His sacrifice on the cross.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, and subsequently many Christians today, refer to this meal as "The Lord's Supper," for it was instituted by Jesus and celebrates the memory of His sacrificial death. In addition, we consider The Lord's Supper an ordinance of the church because Christ ordained that it be performed.

Who should partake in The Lord's Supper?

The Scripture is clear that The Lord's Supper is a sign of continuing in the Christian life and is therefore reserved for those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, those who have not placed their faith in Christ and publicly declared this faith through the ordinance of baptism should abstain.¹

Furthermore, the Apostle Paul warns of participating in an "unworthy manner" (1 Corinthians 11:27). He calls all Christians to first examine themselves and their relationships in the body of Christ, lest they "eat and drink judgment upon themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:29). That is, Paul is teaching that we must come to the table with a repentant heart, both toward the Lord and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

¹See Article VII of the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY: GRACE

Grace is one of the greatest words in the Christian's vocabulary! Grace plays a primary theme in God's story and is a primary attribute for God himself. He is the God of all Grace (1 Peter 5:10) and, from our perspective, the beauty of His grace shines brightest against the backdrop of our sin and death, thus making the gospel the greatest depiction of grace.

WHAT IT IS:

The New Testament teaches that grace saves us (Eph 2:7-8), trains us (Titus 2:11-12), empowers us (2 Tim 2:1), and reigns in us (Rom 5:21). Grace does what the Law cannot. The Law commands our obedience and condemns our disobedience. Grace, on the other hand, pardons our disobedience and empowers our obedience. The Law teaches that the wages of sin is death, but grace teaches us that the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 6:23).

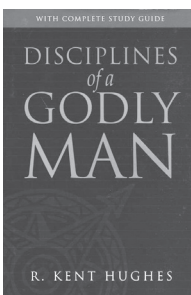
WHY IT MATTERS:

Grace changes how we worship. Every song we sing highlights the grace of God to rescue sinners from the penalty and power of sin. We will worship God with gratitude, awe, and wonder when we understand what our good and gracious God did to save us.

Grace changes how we live. We were dead in our sins, but God's grace made us alive in Christ. Motivated by His kindness and empowered by His Spirit, we live to honor Christ in all that we say and do.

Grace changes how we evangelize. The grace of God fuels our mission. We share with coworkers, family members, neighbors, and the nations because we have a vision of God sitting atop a throne of grace (Heb 4:16) in which He gladly extends salvation to those who repent and believe the gospel.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes

Our churches and homes need men willing to follow the path of godliness no matter what the cost.

Disciplines of a Godly Man has been speaking to the hearts of men since 1991, and its words are still relevant. Using engaging illustrations, scriptural wisdom, and practical suggestions for daily life, Hughes offers frank biblical discussion on major areas of Christian manhood, including family, godliness, leadership, and ministry.

CHURCHWIDE OPERATION CHARLOTTE & NEIGHBORHOOD BLITZ

October 21-26

Churchwide Operation Charlotte is a week of ministry opportunities throughout the Charlotte metro area. As a church we reach out to our community by meeting its physical and spiritual needs in tangible ways through service projects with various local organizations. We have projects available for all ages. This is a great opportunity to serve together as a Sunday School class, a family, or with a group of friends.

On **Sunday, October 27**, we will have a churchwide Neighborhood Blitz after the last worship service. We will focus on a 1-2 mile radius surrounding each campus as well as new living areas within a reasonable proximity. Sunday School classes will distribute church information to local neighborhoods. No sign-up is needed.

To register and view a list of ministry opportunities visit:

HICKORYGROVE.ORG/OPCLT

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, September 22

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

The Lord's Supper

HG Kids Choir: 5 PM

Equip Classes: 5 PM

Student Equip: 5 PM

College Bible Study: 6 PM

Wednesday, September 25

Dinner: 5 PM

Student Worship: 5:45 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

CHURCH CONFERENCE

There will be a church conference on Wednesday, September 25, in Room 308/309 following the Pastors' Class.

CAR CARE

Saturday, October 26, 9 AM-Noon

Harris Campus

Free oil change for single moms and widows. Please call Michelle Jones at 704-531-4028 in the Missions Office by October 14 to schedule an appointment.

DEACON NOMINATION

Pick up a Nomination Card in the Lobby.

Nominations are due Sunday, September 29.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 6 PM, Event Center

Join us for dinner, worship, Bible study, and fellowship!

CHRISTMAS AT THE COVE

Monday, December 9, 6 AM

We invite all senior adults to come celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing your favorite Christmas carols and hearing an inspiring devotional thought from God's Word. Cost is \$45. Register at Hickorygrove.org or call 704-531-5343.

