



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of October 20, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 20, 2019

“Praise Him Forever”

Welcome

Psalm 107:1-2

“God Is Always Good”

Sermon

The Lord's Supper/Prayer/Offering

“Divine Exchange”

“Great I Am”

Benediction

Colossians 1:21-22

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.

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom He has redeemed from trouble.*

Psalm 107:1-2

BENEDICTION

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him.

Colossians 1:21-22

OUR CITY

Charlotte Metro Population

2,569,000



Charlotte is home to over 17,000 refugees and former refugees from all around the world.

Source: Refugee Support Services

From 2010–2017, Charlotte was the **fifth fastest-growing city** in America.

Source: U.S. Census, Population estimates July 1, 2010 and July 1, 2017

How can we pray?

PRAY for unbelievers in our city. Pray that they may experience the love of God given in the person of Jesus. Pray that their eyes might be open to the hope and peace that exists perfectly in Jesus.

PRAY that followers of Jesus would recognize their role in the Great Commission and work daily to make disciples for the glory of God.

PRAY that God would raise up loving, Christ-following foster and adoptive parents who will open their homes to care for and love vulnerable children of all ages.

Our Ministries

Learn more about our ministries and how you can serve at HickoryGrove.org/Missions.

HG Food Pantry

The Food Pantry distributes non-perishable food items to families in financial crisis.

HG Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet assists those in the community in need of clothing.

Mission Houses

Our mission houses are available to missionaries during their stateside. We provide these free of charge as missionaries seek to rest and connect with the local church.

Hearts & Hammers

Volunteers meet the needs of those in our community by performing household repairs free of charge for those who cannot afford it.

Women's Missions

We support many women's ministries including the Quilting Ministry, Women on Mission, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Our weekly ESL classes are open to those in our community seeking to learn English as a second language.

Local Ministries

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

FCA focuses on serving local communities by engaging, equipping, and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire, and change the world through the gospel.

Locally we support Ryan and Brittany Gloer and Sandra Holtz.

Love Life Charlotte

Love Life exists to stand for truth and intercede for the unborn through prayer. During Operation Charlotte, Hickory Grove is joining Love Life's weekly prayer walk on **Saturday, October 26, from 9-11 AM.** Join us by registering online at HickoryGrove.org/OPCLT.



What is +1 giving?

The **+1 Missions Challenge** is to give an additional 1% of your income, above your tithe, to support Hickory Grove's "Live Sent" initiatives in Charlotte and throughout the world. **Give online at HickoryGrove.org/GIVE.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

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, October 20

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, October 23

Dinner: 5 PM

Student Worship: 5:45 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

DISCOVER HG

Begins Sunday, November 3, 8:45 AM

Room 304/305

Discover HG provides a unique opportunity to learn who Hickory Grove Baptist Church is and what we believe. Register at HickoryGrove.org/DiscoverHG.

HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 7, 12 PM & 6 PM

Come see what makes HGCS distinctively different at our fall Open House! Learn about our mission and vision, the K-12 programs we offer, and meet our caring teachers. Call 704-531-3589 to register.

PHONE DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have an unlocked iPhone 6 and newer or Android 2015 model or newer you would like to donate for missionaries to use overseas? Please email MichelleJones@hgbc.org or call 704-531-4028 on how to donate.

CHRISTMAS AT THE COVE

Monday, December 9, 6:30 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.

YOUTH BASKETBALL & CHEER

Games begin in December

Youth basketball is a winter sport for boys (ages 5-13) and girls (ages 5-12). Youth cheerleading is for girls (ages 5-10).

