



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of November 17, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 17, 2019

“In Christ Alone”

Welcome

Isaiah 12:5

“Christ The Sure and Steady Anchor”

Sermon

Romans 8:12-17

Prayer/Offering

“Broken Vessels” (Amazing Grace)

“God Is Always Good”

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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.

*"Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.*

Isaiah 12:5

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 may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

WHAT IS FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP?

It is the biblical responsibility of every generation of Christians to teach the next generation to trust, obey, and worship God. Furthermore, the Scripture is clear that parents have been given the primary responsibility to disciple their children. This mandate for family discipleship is most clearly seen in the following three Scripture passages:

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Moses urges the Israelite parents to make family discipleship a part of their daily life. He calls them to saturate their homes with the knowledge of God's Word by teaching their children the Scripture in a way that is both routine and repetitive.

Psalms 78:1-8

The Psalmist urges the Israelite parents to make family discipleship the goal of parenting. He calls them to teach their children faithfully what God has said in His Word with the intended goal that their children "might set their hope in God."

Ephesians 6:1-4

Paul urges the fathers of the Christians in Ephesus to take family discipleship seriously. He shows them how crucial their God-ordained role is and calls them to provide God-centered discipline and instruction in the Lord.

WHAT ROLE DOES THE LOCAL CHURCH PLAY?

Since God has called parents to be the primary disciple-makers in the lives of their children, what role does the local church play? Hebrews 3:13 points to the church's important yet secondary role in family discipleship. In this passage, the writer calls local groups of believers to "exhort one another every day...that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Implicit in this text is the church's responsibility to come alongside and partner with parents by encouraging them, praying for them, and assisting them in their God-given roles. While the church provides many age-graded discipleship ministries, each is designed to complement and not usurp the parent's role. Nevertheless, the local church is indispensable, both for children who come from unbelieving homes and for believing families who seek to raise children in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

HOW CAN I BEGIN DISCIPLING MY CHILDREN?

No strategy or formula can ever guarantee your child will trust in Christ. Nevertheless, the Scripture is clear that it is the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16).

Therefore, to bring the gospel to the forefront in your home:

1. Treasure Jesus genuinely in your home.

Do your children see the same person in you at church that they see at home? If there is one thing a child can detect it's hypocrisy. Do they see passionate, genuine followers of Christ or do they see empty, nominal churchgoers with minimal commitment to Christ? One of the greatest blessings you can give your child is to treasure Jesus genuinely in your home.

2. Cultivate spiritual disciplines in your children.

From an early age, teach your children to spend time alone with God. Before they can read, teach them songs of praise. Sing around your children, even if their little ears are the only ones that would enjoy such singing! Read Bible stories to them. Teach them to pray by modeling prayer in the home. Encourage them to memorize God's Word. Cultivate these and other spiritual disciplines in your children.

3. Worship with your children.

Children learn by example. Do not underestimate the value of allowing your children to witness you singing songs of praise, listening and taking notes during the sermon, giving your tithes and offerings, and praying with the congregation. Although they may not understand everything that takes place, over time they will grow to learn what it means to worship as part of the Body of Christ.

A Word of Encouragement for Parents

Family discipleship can sometimes be like a magnifying mirror: it exposes your own imperfections and vulnerabilities. Every parent feels inadequate on the front end of parenting and guilty to some degree on the back end. Always remember, there is hope in the gospel. God sent His Son to die for you so that you would trust in what He can do for you rather than what you can do for yourself. Find daily strength in the knowledge that Christ's "strength is sufficient for you and His power is made perfect in your weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bless a child this Christmas season with a shoebox full of gifts! **Drop off your shoebox in the Welcome Center by November 24.** Learn more at HickoryGrove.org/OCC.



MISSION TREES

Visit the Mission Trees in the Worship Center Lobby and choose an ornament to benefit children in need at their schools (*Mallard Creek Elementary, Parkside Elementary, and Stoney Creek Elementary*). Purchase socks and the shoe size on the ornament and bring gifts with the ornament attached by Tuesday, November 26.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2

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, November 17

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

HG Kids Choir: 5 PM

Equip Classes: 5 PM

Student Equip: 5 PM

College Bible Study: 6 PM

Wednesday, November 20

Dinner: 5 PM

Student Worship: 5:45 PM

Awana: 6:15 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

THANKSGIVING DINNER AND WORSHIP

Tuesday, November 26

Join us for a Thanksgiving dinner at 5 PM, followed by a worship service, at 6:30 PM, where we will observe The Lord's Supper. Cost for dinner: \$5 Adults / \$3 Children

JINGLE BELL BEACH

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 PM

Join the HG Kids Choir as they remind us that Christmas is about the Good News that Jesus came to be our Savior.

ADORE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 8, 5 PM, Worship Center

Come join us as we sing and pray together this Christmas season.

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. Call Allison Moldenhauer at 704-531-5360 to register.

HG STUDENTS:

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

Philadelphia & Washington D.C.(Current 7th – 12th grade): April 15-19, cost: \$450

Caswell Beach (6th-8th grade):

April 16-18, cost: \$250

Online registration begins November 26.

