



**HICKORY GROVE**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**WORSHIP GUIDE**

*Mallard Creek Campus | Week of January 12, 2020*

# A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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## Sunday is the Lord's Day

and it is about worship, especially congregational worship. We gather from all walks of life, unified in our need for God and determined to keep the focus on the Lord Jesus. Whether you are a member of Hickory Grove or our guest, **I hope that you will be encouraged and challenged to sing with enthusiasm, pray with intensity, and listen with expectancy.**

In addition, we have the privilege of ordaining four men who are being set apart for the Deacon Ministry. These men have been confirmed by the church and today we commit to pray for and support them.

In Christ,

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Clint Pressley

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## 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.

**Our next Discover HG New Members Class begins Sunday, February 9, at 8:45 AM.** Register at [HickoryGrove.org](http://HickoryGrove.org).

## **“God Is Always Good”**

### **Call to Worship**

God reveals Himself to us through His Word and invites us to respond corporately to Him in worship.

*The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and He has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise Him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.*

**Exodus 15:2**

## **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

### **Sermon**

### **Prayer/Offering**

Giving is an act of worship. Members of Hickory Grove give generously of our substance to further the mission of the church and to bring glory to God.

## **“Whatever Comes”**

## **“Hallelujah for The Cross”**

### **Benediction**

*And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

**Acts 20:32**

# DEACON ORDINATION: A GUIDE FOR THE CHURCH

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## What is a deacon?

The word “deacon” is derived from the Greek word *diakonos*, which means “servant.” The New Testament mentions this term frequently, though perhaps its clearest usage can be found in Acts 6, where it appears the first deacons were appointed in the church at Jerusalem. This passage makes clear that the office of deacon was established to serve the church’s physical needs so that those who hold the office of pastor might focus on meeting the spiritual needs of the church through the ministry of the Word. **Thus, a deacon is one set apart to lead in serving and ministering to the needs of the local church.**

## What is ordination?

When members of the church are nominated by the congregation to the office of deacon and are found to meet the qualifications as outlined in the Scripture, the church elects them to serve and publicly recognizes them in a special service, whereby they are **“ordained” or are officially appointed and set apart as ones who are called of God and qualified for the deacon ministry.** Following the precedent set by the apostles in Acts 6:6, the pastor and other ordained men will lay their hands upon these men and pray for them. The ordination service is very special and helpful, not only for the ones being ordained but also for the congregation as a whole, as they get to celebrate God’s provision of faithful, servant leadership.

# SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR JANUARY

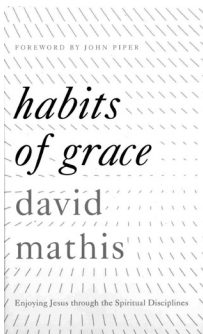
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“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.”

**Romans 8:28-30**

## BOOK OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

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***Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus  
through the Spiritual Disciplines***  
by David Mathis

*Hear His voice. Have His ear. Belong to His body.*

Three seemingly unremarkable principles shape and strengthen the Christian life: listening to God's voice, speaking to Him in prayer, and joining together with His people as the church. Though often viewed as normal and routine, the everyday “habits of grace”

we cultivate give us access to these God-designed channels through which His love and power flow—including the greatest joy of all: knowing and enjoying Jesus.

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## PARENTHOOD & THE GOSPEL

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# Parenthood & The Gospel

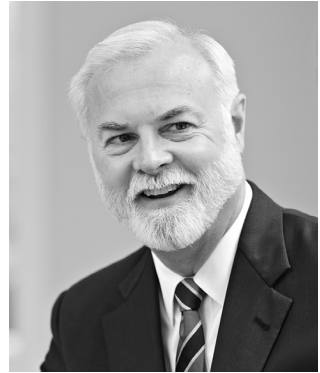
*with special guest Don Whitney*

**Sunday, February 9, 5-7 PM**

**Mallard Creek Campus**

Doors open at 4:30 PM

Register online at [HickoryGrove.org](http://HickoryGrove.org).



A evening for parents that includes dinner and two teaching sessions led by Don Whitney. Don is the Professor of Biblical Spirituality and Associate Dean at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He is the author of such books as *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, *Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health*, and *Family Worship*. Don will be teaching on practical ways to lead your family at home through spiritual disciplines both together as a family and personally.

## 2020 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

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Short-term mission trips are an integral part of sending at Hickory Grove. Our teams partner with strategic areas and people locally, nationally, and throughout the world. Our trips seek to make the name of Jesus known.

**Our hope is that members of Hickory Grove will use their time, talents, and gifts to be a part of building God's kingdom.** Stop by the table in the Worship Center Lobby today to find out more information about trips and get answers to your questions.

# SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, January 12

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Worship: 10:15 AM

### Wednesday, January 15

Dinner: 5 PM

Student Worship: 5:45 PM

AWANA: 6:15 PM

Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

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## Discover HG

*Begins Sunday, February 9, 8:45 AM*

*Room 211*

Discover HG is a four-week class that provides a unique opportunity to learn more about Hickory Grove and how to become a member. Register online at [HickoryGrove.org/DiscoverHG](http://HickoryGrove.org/DiscoverHG).

## The Lord's Supper

We will observe The Lord's Supper next Sunday, January 19, during the Worship Service.

## Hickory Grove Christian School Open House

*Thursday, January 23, 12 PM or 6 PM*

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

## Hickory Grove Christian School at Mallard Creek

In Fall 2020, we will be opening a new elementary school for children in TK-3rd grades at our Mallard Creek Campus. This new school will continue Hickory Grove Christian School's 25-year tradition and focus on education from a classical Christian perspective. **Visit our Open House on January 13 at 12 PM or 6 PM to learn more.** Visit [HGChristian.org](http://HGChristian.org) for more information.

## DNOW 2020 - Sustained: Hope in a Broken World

*March 20-22, Grades 6-12*

Disciple Now is the biggest weekend of the year for the Student Ministry of Hickory Grove. DNOW is devoted to helping students grow in their personal walks with the Lord as they pursue holiness through worship and Gospel-centered teaching. Cost is \$70. Register online at [HickoryGrove.org/DNOW](http://HickoryGrove.org/DNOW).

## HG Students Winter Intensity

*Friday, February 21, 5:30-10:30 PM, Harris Campus, Grades 6-12*

We will cover a variety of topics such as sexuality, gender identity, technology, anxiety, and dating. Cost of \$10 covers dinner and curriculum. Dress as a movie character! Register at [HickoryGrove.org/Intensity](http://HickoryGrove.org/Intensity).

