

#### WORSHIP GUIDE

#### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



### 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 Christ,

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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.

Discover HG is a four-week class that provides a unique opportunity to learn more about Hickory Grove Baptist Church and how to become a member. You will learn who we are, what we believe, why we exist, and what we do here at Hickory Grove.

Our next Discover HG New Members Class begins Sunday, **February 9, at 9:30 AM.** Register at Hickory Grove.org.

#### Call to Worship

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

I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Psalm 40:1-3a

#### "Praise Is The Offering"

#### **Corporate Confession**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned against God and are in need of His sanctifying grace. As Christians, our confession is not so that God should forgive us, but because through Christ He has already forgiven us.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:1-2, 4

"Death Was Arrested"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

#### **Pastoral Praver**

#### 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.

"Amen"

Sermon: Romans 8:28

The Lord's Supper

"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)"

**Benediction** 

#### 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.<sup>1</sup>

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.

#### AARON AND EMILY PETERS



Aaron and Emily Peters, along with their launch team, planted City on a Hill Brighton in Boston, MA in September of 2019. City on a Hill is a NAMB church plant reaching the 50,000 people in the Brighton neighborhood.

If you are interested in partnering with Aaron and Emily, you can find out more at **BostonChurchPlant.org**.

Boston is a city of nearly 6 million people. Sadly, only 3.2% are evangelical Christians. It is the third most churchless city as well as the third least Bibleminded city.

- Pray for 10 salvations this year in Brighton.
- Pray for a membership process to be set up for the church.
- Pray for continued favor in our community as we grow our partnerships.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT BostonChurchPlant.org

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY FOR JANUARY

"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

#### PARENTHOOD & THE GOSPEL

# Parenthood & The Gospel

with special guest Don Whitney

Sunday, February 9, 5-7 PM
Mallard Creek Campus
Doors open at 4:30 PM
Register at HickoryGrove.org/Parenthood.



An 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

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 seeking 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

#### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, January 19

Worship: 8 & 11 AM

The Lord's Supper

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal: 4 PM

#### Wednesday, January 22

Senior Choir Rehearsal: 10 AM

Dinner: 5 PM

Student Worship: 6:15 PM

AWANA: 6:15 PM Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

Orchestra Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

## 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.

#### **Church Conference**

Wednesday, January 29, 7:30 PM
There will be a regularly scheduled Church
Conference in the Event Center following
the Pastors' Class.

## Hickory Grove Christian School at Mallard Creek

In Fall 2020, we will open 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 Tuesday, January 21 at 12 PM or 6 PM to learn more.** Visit HGChristian.org for more information.

#### Sanctity of Human Life - Baby Bottle Drive

Pick up a baby bottle and fill with change, cash, or check (make checks out to GATE Pregnancy Resource Center) to help support this life-transforming ministry. Return full and empty bottles by Sunday, February 9.

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

March 20-22, Mallard Creek Campus, 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 Gospelcentered teaching. Cost is \$70. Register online at 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.

SERMON NOTES	Sunday, January 19, 2020