

#### WORSHIP GUIDE

#### A WELCOME FROM THE PASTOR



As we gather for corporate worship on the Lord's day hopefully you will sense that our attention will constantly be drawn upward. And today, as we partake in the Lord's Supper, we remember the atoning death of Christ and celebrate forgiveness, reconciliation, adoption and other blessings of the **new covenant.** I encourage you to read more about the Lord's Supper on page 4 of this Worship Guide.

In Christ,

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.

#### Call to Worship

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

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night. For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

Psalm 92:1-2, 4

#### "No Other Name"

#### **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.

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

"O Praise The Name"

"When I Think About The Lord"

#### **Pastoral 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.

"Psalm 23"

Sermon: Romans 9:6-18

The Lord's Supper

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

"Rock of Ages"

**Benediction** 

# 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.<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.

#### CASEY NORKETT



### Join us in expressing appreciation for Casey Norkett

and his 5 years of faithful ministry at Hickory Grove Baptist Church as Missions Pastor, leading and coordinating missions for the church both locally and internationally. Casey is married to Amber and they have 4 children: Layla, Libby, Lottie and Liam. They served 7 years overseas as

missionaries before returning to Hickory Grove and joining our staff.

#### BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH



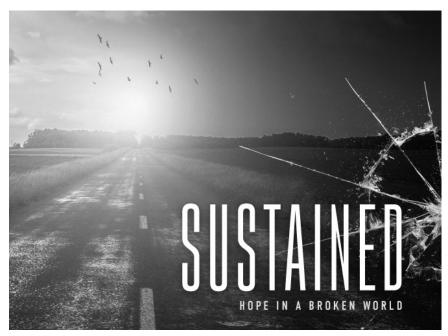
# The Gospel According to Satan: Eight Lies about God that Sound Like the Truth

by Jared Wilson

Not every lie sounds untrue. Some lies are repeated so often they seem to be common sense. That's why lies about God are so dangerous. *The Gospel According to Satan* examines eight lies the enemy wants us to believe and provides eight lines of counterattack against them.

NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BOOKSTORE

#### UPCOMING FOR STUDENTS



#### DNOW 2020 Friday, March 20 - Sunday, March 22

Location: Mallard Creek Campus

Cost: \$70.00 (cost includes curriculum, meals, and a t-shirt)

*Disciple Now* is the biggest weekend of the year for the Student Ministry of Hickory Grove Baptist Church. At DNOW, students are adopted by a Hickory Grove family for the weekend. They stay in host homes with their friends and

#### with Jared Wilson & Daniel Ritchie





attend the conference at the church.
Students enjoy a time of small group
Bible Study and growing closer to the
Lord within their host homes.

Register at HickoryGrove.org/DNOW.

#### **SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, February 23

Worship: 8 & 11 AM Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal: 4 PM HG Kids Choir: 5:15 PM

#### Wednesday, February 26

Senior Choir Rehearsal: 10 AM

Dinner: 5 PM

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

Orchestra Rehearsal: 6:30 PM

#### Student Worship: 6:15 PM

# In Fall 2020, we will be opening a new elementary school for children in TK-3rd grade 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**

**Hickory Grove Christian School** 

at Mallard Creek

House on February 25 at 12 PM or 6 PM to learn more. Visit HGChristian.org for more

information.

## Hickory Grove Christian School Harris Campus Open House

Thursday, February 27, 12 PM or 6 PM. Call 704-531-3589 to register.

Come see what makes HGCS distinctively

different at our Open House!

#### **Car Care**

Saturday, March 14, 9 AM-Noon

Car Care is a ministry for widows and single moms where they can sign up to get their vehicle's oil changed. No cost. Call 704-531-4028 before March 2 to schedule an appointment.

#### **Great Britain Trip**

Monday, September 14- Friday, September 25

Join Pastor Clint on this unique trip as we delve into the rich history of the sacrifices the Reformers made. They made these sacrifices to provide us the freedom and opportunity to personally study God's Word. For more information go to HickoryGrove.org.

#### Men's Intensity

Saturday, March 7, 7 AM

Join Pastor Clint and other men of Hickory Grove for Bible Study and training on laying the foundations of being a godly man. Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 AM. Register online.

SERMON NOTES	Sunday, February 23, 2020