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— LIFE GROUPS —

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*

*Life Group schedules are a bit different during the summer months, but there are plenty of opportunities to invite one another over to each other's houses for gospel discussions, hymn sings & hot dogs, prayer, and familial fun times! Please do something intentional THIS WEEK to invest some time with your brothers and sisters in Christ! If you're drawing a blank about where to start, email one of the following ECPC life group leaders:*

JON WILKINSON, JAYSON CLEARY, ALEX PARMAN, TYLER DIRKS  
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*East Charlotte Pres is a church that strives to be defined by the Gospel --  
inviting everyone to See, Savor, and Serve Jesus as the Author & Perfecter of our faith.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

SERMON SERIES:



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. AMBER KROGER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### SONG OF PRAISE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

*C. Nockels, F. Hedge, M. Luther*

Our God is a consuming fire  
A burning holy flame with glory and freedom  
Our God is the only righteous judge  
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom  
And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

#### chorus

*A mighty fortress is our God  
A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your Kingdom is unshakable  
And with You forever we will reign*

Our God is jealous for His own  
None could comprehend His love and His mercy  
Our God is exalted on His throne  
High above the heavens forever He is worthy  
And we will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You

#### bridge

We will keep our eyes on You  
We will keep our eyes on You  
So we can set our hearts on You  
Lord we will set our hearts on You

#### ending

With You forever we will reign  
With You forever we will reign

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

**SEMI-MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING** — “These all continued with one accord in prayer & supplication” (Acts 1:14). Six times throughout the year we will have the wonderful opportunity to pray to our great God regarding His church at East Charlotte Pres. Please join us today so that you can be a part of this special time to pray for one another. When: Today, 2:30-4pm. Where: 1340 Carolyn Dr. 28205.

**VISITORS LUNCH** — There will be a visitors lunch at the **Hampton Residence** (10051 Hickory Ridge Rd, Harrisburg, NC 28075) after church on **July 12th**. Visitors & members alike are welcome to join us, so please mark your calendars today!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** — There will be a congregational meeting immediately **after church on July 26th**. The purpose of this meeting will be threefold: 1) to vote to petition the Central Carolina Presbytery to become a particular church (self-governing), 2) to hold an election for our three officer candidates, and 3) to vote to officially call Tyler & Jason as your pastors. This should require about 30 minutes. Only communing members in good standing will be eligible to vote during this meeting. This is a VERY important event in the life of our church, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend! Keep a lookout in the bulletin during the coming weeks for more information including bios on the candidates for whom you'll be voting.

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

JUN 14	PRAYER GATHERING
JUN 16	SUMMER PLAY GROUP (EXECUTIVE CENTER DRIVE PARK)
JUN 19	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUN 21	LORD'S SUPPER
JUN 23	SUMMER PLAY GROUP (IDLEWILD ROAD PARK)
JUN 26	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUN 28	BAPTISM
JUN 30	SUMMER PLAY GROUP (VETERANS PARK SPLASH PAD)
JUL 03	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUL 05	LORD'S SUPPER
JUL 10	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUL 12	VISITORS LUNCH
JUL 15	WOMEN'S MINISTRY: PINTEREST NIGHT
JUL 17	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUL 19	LORD'S SUPPER
JUL 26	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (AFTER CHURCH)

## SONG OF RESPONSE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

*Traditional Welsh ballad, W. C. Smith*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days  
Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee

Great father of glory, pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

## BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

## CONFESSION OF SIN

MR. ERIC HAMPTON

**Leader:** *Compassionate and Holy Father, Lord, redeemer, saver, and creator –  
How great and merciful are you! Your compassion and love for Your people is  
unending and unwavering.*

**People:** Yet our obedience and love for you falls desperately short of all that you have  
commanded of us. We all too often are indistinguishable from this world;  
not the light and salt that you have commanded us to be. We yearn for the  
acceptance of this world, abandoning the completeness we have in your Son.

**Leader:** *Forgive us Father and be merciful to us. We boast in our accomplishments,  
while neglecting your sacrifice; we idolize our health and possessions, while  
forgetting the wonderful Creator; we stress over earthly matters all while  
neglecting the heavenly ones.*

**People:** Father, through your Word, expose to us the depth of our depravity that we  
may seek you more. Sanctify us, day by day, that through the following of your  
will we routinely become more and more like Christ, your Son.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 103:8-12

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

*J.H. Johnston | D. B. Towner*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross

### chorus

*Grace God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?

### chorus

### chorus 2

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. JASON PITEO

Ethan John Bonnema  
Brett & Lauren Bonnema



## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### LEAD ON O KING ETERNAL

*E. W. Shurtleff | H. Smart*

Lead on, O King Eternal / The day of march has come  
Henceforth in fields of conquest / Your tents shall be our home  
Through days of preparation / Your grace has made us strong  
And now, O King Eternal / We lift our battle song

Lead on, O King Eternal / Till sin's fierce war shall cease  
And holiness shall whisper / The sweet Amen of peace  
For not with swords loud clashing / Nor roll of stirring drums  
With deeds of love and mercy / The heavenly kingdom comes

#### chorus

*Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King, Lead on*

Lead on, O King Eternal / We follow, not with fears  
For gladness breaks like morning / Where'er your face appears  
Your cross is lifted o'er us / We journey in its light  
The crown awaits the conquest / Lead on, O God, of might

## THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

## PASTORAL PRAYER

MR. BEN TAYLOR

### ***“BEHIND ENEMY LINES”***

1 SAMUEL 27:1-28:2

#### I. BEHIND ENEMY LINES (27:1-4)

#### II. GET'N DOWN TO BUSINESS (27:5-12)

#### III. BOASTING (28:1-2)

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How (specifically) does God's control of everything inform your feelings (especially feelings of despair)?
- 2) How (specifically) is God calling you to go about HIS business shrewdly, and – perhaps - in such a way that might put you and your family “at risk”?
- 3) What (specifically) is the all-Defining, life-Dominating, BOAST of your existence?