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— LIFE GROUPS —

COVENTRY WOODS (1318 CEDARWOOD LN) SUNDAYS @ 7PM

STUDY: TBD CHILDCARE: NO

LEADERS: BLUMENSTEIN & BONNEMA (brett.bonnema@gmail.com)

EMERALD LAKE (1506 EMERALD LAKE DR) SUNDAYS @ 5PM

STUDY: *A PRAYING LIFE* CHILDCARE: YES

LEADERS: HENDERSON & CRAVER (bradcraver@gmail.com)

HICKORY GROVE (6823 WAGON OAK RD) WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM

STUDY: *THE PSALMS* CHILDCARE: YES

LEADERS: PARMAN & PITEO (jason@piteo.net)

MARLWOOD ACRES (1016 TIMBER LAKE DR) WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM

STUDY: *DELIGHTING IN DESPERATION* CHILDCARE: YES

LEADERS: SCHNEE & DIRKS (tyler.dirks@gmail.com)

UNIVERSITY AREA (4600 SAXONBURY WAY) SUNDAYS @ 5PM

STUDY: *THE BOOK OF MICAH* CHILDCARE: YES

LEADERS: CLEARY & WILKINSON (jon.wilkinson86@gmail.com)

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inviting everyone to See, Savor, and Serve Jesus as the Author & Perfecter of our faith.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2015

SERMON SERIES:



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. LAUREN BONNEMA

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. JASON PITEO

SONGS OF PRAISE

FOREVER REIGN
R. Morgan

You are good You are good When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love On display for all to see
You are light You are light When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope You have covered all my sin

You are peace You are peace When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life In You death has lost its sting

chorus

*Oh I'm running to Your arms / I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love / Will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace / Light of the world forever reign*

You are more You are more Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God Of all else I'm letting go

bridge

My heart will sing No other Name Jesus Jesus

KINDNESS
L. Giglio, J. Reeves, C. Tomlin

Open up the skies of mercy / And rain down the cleansing flood
Healing waters rise around us / And hear our cries Lord, let 'em rise

chorus

*And it's Your kindness Lord, that leads us to repentance
Your favor Lord is our desire
And it's Your beauty Lord, that makes us stand in silence
And Your love, Your love is better than life*

We can feel Your mercy falling / You are turning our hearts back again
Hear our praises rise to heaven / And draw us near Lord, meet us here

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

SAVE THE DATE — Please mark your calendars to attend our particularization service & celebration. At this service, we will ordain and install our officers and install pastors as we become a self-governing church. The service will be from 6:00 - 7:30pm on September 6th @ J.H. Gunn with a reception at the Dirks' residence (1016 Timber Lake Dr) immediately following. Children are welcome to attend. Please join us for this momentous event in the life of our church!

MEN'S DISC GOLF & LUNCH — Men, let's get together for some disc golf and food. The plan is to play a round of disc golf at Kilborne Park (2600 Kilborne Dr.) at 10:00 on Saturday, August 29 followed by lunch at Steamers (1513 Pierson Dr). Let Brett Bonnema (brett.bonnema@gmail.com) know if you plan to join for one or both of the events. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors!

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

AUG 28	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
AUG 29	MEN'S DISC GOLF & LUNCH EVENT
AUG 30	GUEST PREACHER
SEP 04	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEP 06	LORD'S SUPPER
SEP 06	PARTICULARIZATION SERVICE & CELEBRATION
SEP 11	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEP 13-20	LIFEGROUP KICKOFFS
SEP 18	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SEP 20	LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF RESPONSE

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER
J. Newton | L. Taylor

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace, and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice, Join, and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles, and asks no more
He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood, Has secured our way to God

Let us praise, and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou hast washed us with thy blood
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou art worthy, Lamb of God

BENEDICTION

REV. JASON PITEO

— MISSIONS UPDATE —

Please be in prayer for RUF ministries on college campuses around the country as the new school year begins. We ask that you specifically take time to lift the ministry of Heath McLaughen at UNCC up in prayer as he meets new students coming to campus. Heath and his student leadership team are planning a cookout that will be held on August 28 that they hope will attract many new students to the ministry. We can help out with this event as a church by providing paper products, grocery store gift cards, picnic food, and drinks. Please contact Brett Bonnema (brett.bonnema@gmail.com) if you are interested in providing for this event.

CONFESSION OF SIN

MRS. HOLLY BLACKMAN

Leader: Father, in the beginning You placed us in paradise and gave us the opportunity to agree with all creation in praising You and prostrating ourselves in Your presence.

People: But we chose to become proud and thereby we became crippled, and creation now groans because of our defiance.

Leader: You designed us to be desperately dependent upon You, and even though we have defied You, You provide us with a Savior and Mediator on whom we may depend.

People: Yet, we are prone to wander, and our zeal for independence is unquenchable.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 5:8-11

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US
S. Townsend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'r's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

HERE IS LOVE
R. Lowry, M. Redman, W. Rees

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood

chorus

*Who his love, will not remember, Who can cease to sing his praise
He can never be forgotten, Throughout heav'n's eternal days*

On the mount of crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice, Kissed a guilty world in love

Let me all Thy love accepting, Love Thee, ever all my days
Let me seek Thy kingdom only, And my life be to Thy praise
Thou alone shalt be my glory, Nothing in the world I see
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free

bridge

No love is higher, no love is wider, no love is deeper, no love is truer
No love is higher, no love is wider, no love is like your love oh Lord (Repeat)

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. BRETT BONNEMA



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. JASON PITEO

“LOVING KINDNESS”

2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

I. KINDNESS TAKES THE INITIATIVE

II. KINDNESS IS UNEXPECTED

III. KINDNESS LEAVES A LEGACY

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Think of some of the kindest people you know. What makes them stand out in your mind? What was it about them?
- 2) What do promises mean to you? How does this affect your take on God's promises?
- 3) Are you totally blown away by God's grace or have you come to expect it? Do you stand in amazement when you consider God's undeserved love, or do you feel entitled to it?
- 4) Spend some time considering God's kindness to you so far in our life. What should your response be to God's unmerited favor?