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— LIFE GROUPS —

COVENTRY WOODS (1318 CEDARWOOD LN) SUNDAYS @ 7PM

STUDY: *MODERN PARABLES* 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 (1201 ROBINHOOD CIR) 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, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2015

SERMON SERIES:



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. KRISTEN PARMAN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### SONGS OF PRAISE

SING TO THE KING  
*B. Foote | C.S. Horne*

Sing to the King, Who is coming to reign, Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation, His empire shall bring, And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin, Doubt shall not darken his witness within  
Hell hath no terrors and death hath no sting, Love is victorious when Jesus is King

#### chorus

*Come let us sing a song, A song declaring we belong, to Jesus, He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise, Sing now with voices raised, to Jesus Sing to the King*

For His returning, we watch and we pray, We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS  
*J. W. Chapman | R.H. Prichard*

Jesus! What a friend for sinners, Jesus, lover of my soul  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole

#### chorus

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
Hallelujah! What a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving  
He is with me to the end*

Jesus! What a strength in weakness, let me hide myself in him  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a guide and keeper, while the tempest still is high  
Storms about me, night o'er takes me, He my pilot, hears my cry

Jesus! I do now receive, him, more than all in him I find  
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

**P.U.B. NIGHT** — *Abortion, gay marriage, legalized euthanasia... What's next and how do we respond?* Promoting an Understanding of the Bible (P.U.B.) Night is a unique event where we intentionally slow down together to discuss things that matter in a laid back "round table" atmosphere. The event will be at the **Tringali Residence** (4631 Chuckwood Drive) at **7:30pm on Saturday, November 14th**. We hope to see you there!

**CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TASK FORCE** — East Charlotte Pres is seeking to build a collaborative task force with the purpose and vision of starting a Christian school in the Albemarle Road corridor. If you have any interest in investigating and/or participating in this endeavor, please contact Jason Piteo (704-323-8389), or Phil (704-650-0560) and Mimi Henderson (704-65-3792). **Update:** We will be having an information & brainstorming meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8 during the Sunday school hour (9:30am) at church.

**BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL** — In case you haven't heard, there are some exciting opportunities to grow in grace through time in the Word at ECPC this year. Women's Bible study, which began this fall, is in full swing digging into the Gospel of John. There are two time options on Tuesday, morning and evening, to maximize your options. The Friday men's Bible study is still going strong, even at 6:00am. Thus far, they've been through Colossians, Hosea, Galatians, and are almost done with Daniel. The next study will be the Gospel of Matthew, beginning on November 13th. Men & women, it's a perfect time to start going to these studies! Finally, many have not realized that we now offer Sunday school for adults and "rising adults" at 9:30. The children always study the passage being preached that week, while the adults do two-month blocks of study. For the next two months, the study will be focused on marriage. Please join in on the discussion!

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

NOV 01	LORD'S SUPPER
NOV 03	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
NOV 06	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6AM @ 1016 TIMBER LAKE DR, 28227)
NOV 08	SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING
NOV 10	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
NOV 13	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6AM @ 1016 TIMBER LAKE DR, 28227)
NOV 14	P.U.B. NIGHT (7:30PM @ 4631 CHUCKWOOD DR, 28227)
NOV 15	LORD'S SUPPER
NOV 17	PRESBYTERY @ RTS CHARLOTTE
NOV 17	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
NOV 20	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6AM @ 1016 TIMBER LAKE DR, 28227)
NOV 29	LORD'S SUPPER

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. JASON PITEO

### 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

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## SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING

ABIDE WITH ME

*H. Lyte | J. Smith*

Abide with me / Fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens / Lord with me abide  
When other helpers / Fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless / Abide with me

Thou on my head in / Early youth did smile  
And, though rebellious / And perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me / Though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord / Abide with me

I need Thy presence / Every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can / Foil the tempter's power  
Who, like Thyself my / Guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine / Abide with me

I fear no foe / With Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight / Tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death / Where grave thy victory  
I triumph still / Abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross / Before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and / Point me to the skies  
Heav'n's morning breaks and / Earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, Lord / Abide with me

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## SONG OF PREPARATION

BY THY MERCY  
*G. Thompson | J.J. Cummins*

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

### chorus

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord*

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour,

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace.

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain,

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay

## 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

RULING ELDER, MR. BRETT BONNEMA



## PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### *“DESIRE THE IMPOSSIBLE”*

2 SAMUEL 18:1-33

#### I. BENT ON RETRIBUTION

#### II. BOUND TO RESTORATION

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What's a big problem? How do you desire to handle that problem? What's your best – most sensible – solution? ...Does Jesus agree with your solution?
- 2) When was a time that God called you to do something that you thought was a waste of time?
- 3) What are 2 things that you desperately desire to do (and perhaps believe to be sensible), but you avoid them because your king commanded you to?
- 4) When was a time you savored the act of submission? When was a time you found the act of submission to be sour?
- 5) Do you allow yourself to *desire the impossible* based on God's promise to pull-off the impossible?