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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 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

SERMON SERIES:

The  
Quest  
For a King

A simple line-art illustration of a crown with three points and a band.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. LINDA WILKINSON

## CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

## SONGS OF PRAISE

O WORSHIP THE KING

*C. Tomlin | J. M. Haydn | R. Grant*

O worship the King all glorious above  
O gratefully sing His wonderful love  
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

### chorus

*You alone are the matchless King / To You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders / What tongue can recite  
You breathe in the air / You shine in the light*

O measureless might ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

MIGHTY TO SAVE

*B. Fielding | R. Morgan*

Everyone needs compassion, A love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior; The Hope of nations

### chorus

*Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures, Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in, Now I surrender

### bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

## — 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!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** — The Women's Ministry is looking for women to help on the Program Team in 2016. These volunteers would help to plan, organize, and execute various events for women throughout the year (socials, potluck dinners, etc.). If you would like more information, or if you would like to volunteer your talents and gifts this way, please contact Lauren Bonnema (laurenholcombe@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE** — Plans are in the works for the first (annual?) ECPC "Lessons & Carols" event to be held on December 24th, Christmas Eve, in the evening. While we know that many of you will have prior commitments, we hope to gather those who are eager and able to sing Christmas carols and hear from God's Word in an informal setting, most likely at someone's home, with goodies and refreshments (hot chocolate, anyone?) to be enjoyed afterward. Be on the lookout for further details, but put it on your calendar before you make other plans! Plan instead on hanging out with your church family on the eve of celebrating the birth of Bridegroom.

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

**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 19** MEN'S FLAMES & FELLOWSHIP HANGOUT  
**NOV 20** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6AM @ 1016 TIMBER LAKE DR, 28227)  
**NOV 29** LORD'S SUPPER  
**DEC 01** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES  
**DEC 04** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
**DEC 05** WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH  
**DEC 06** LORD'S SUPPER

## SONG OF RESPONSE

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED  
*J. Montgomery | S. McCracken*

### chorus

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

## BENEDICTION

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### — MISSIONS UPDATE —

Urban Eagles: a ministry of Missionary Athletes International that uses soccer as a common "language" to reach refugee youth and families in the Albemarle Rd. area of Charlotte. Travis Jones is this area's director, and ECPC supports him and the ministry of the Urban Eagles. Their fall season is coming to a close and they are approaching an off-season full of outreach, Bible studies, indoor pick-up games, and many other activities.

Ask Travis how you can get involved and please remember to pray for Travis and his family as they minister to the youth in our east Charlotte community.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

MRS. AMBER KROGER

**Leader:** *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**People:** But we prefer riches over poverty. We like to think we have it together. We consider ourselves as righteous, not sinners. Lord have mercy!

**Leader:** *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

**People:** But we don't like to mourn at all. We feel the need to "get over it" and move on, forsaking the comfort. Lord have mercy!

**Leader:** *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

**People:** But we are prideful, self-centered, and stubbornly independent. We devalue your inheritance and indulge in worldly desires. Lord have mercy!

**Leader:** *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

**People:** But we crave our sin. We long for things that ultimately don't and can't satisfy our souls. Lord have mercy!

**Leader:** *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

**People:** Lord, though you have shown us abundant forgiveness and mercy through Jesus, we have withheld it from others. We are not merciful, but you are!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 5:8

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

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



## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## SONG OF PREPARATION

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE  
C.L. Bancroft | V. Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied, To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am, The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

## 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

REV. JASON PITEO

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

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### “AN ODD KING”

2 SAMUEL 19:1-23

- I. MOURNING & MERCY MATTER (VV.1-6)
- II. MAKING A STATEMENT (VV.7-15)
- III. IMMEASURABLE MERCY (VV.16-23)

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Jesus says, “Blessed are those who mourn” (Matt. 5:4). Do you agree? Why or why not? Read & ponder the following bits of divine/supernatural/special revelation and write down 10 things you can do to be blessed via lamentation: Isaiah 61:2-3; John 16:20; 2 Corinthians 1:7; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Revelation 21:4; James 4:9-10.
- 2) Where (i.e. with whom) do you need to make a definitive and radical statement of love, mercy, empathy, and/or reconciliation? How are you going to proceed (e.g. Face to face conversation? Phone call? Letter? Party? Etc.)?
- 3) Do you honestly BELIEVE that you have been shown immeasurable mercy? Do you really believe that you are IN NEED of a C R U C I F I E D Savior? Have you actually RECEIVED the grace and mercy of God offered to you in Christ alone? Have you RELISHED the unbelievable reality that you have been shown immeasurable mercy? Read, and then be still and silent (savoring), the following bits of divine/supernatural/special revelation: Phil. 2:6-11, 2 Cor. 5:21, Matt. 18:23ff, Rom. 5:6-11.