

ROCK CREEK FELLOWSHIP

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Welcome to Rock Creek Fellowship! We aspire to be a one-anothering community that adores Christ and embodies the warmth and wonder of our Savior in word and deed to all the world.

Get Connected

If you are interested in getting connected or have any questions about RCF, please email Kristen in the office at office@rockcreekfellowship.org.

The best ways for you to get connected with us are to:

- Attend an event
 - Join a small group
 - Sign up to receive email updates
 - Volunteer to serve
 - Become a member
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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Call to Worship

I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

**Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

Fear the Lord, you his holy people,

for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

(Selections from Psalm 34)

Mighty To Save

1. Everyone needs compassion

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

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

2. 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 **(Chorus)**

3. Shine your light and

let the whole world see

We're singing

for the glory of the risen

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our

salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1. 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.

2. Jesus! What a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my victory wins. **(Chorus)**

3. Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. **(Chorus)**

4. 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. **(Chorus)**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Follow the QR Code to make an online gift.



Jesus Cast a Look On Me

1. Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only Thee to know
2. All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit, Lay me humbly at Thy feet
3. Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light, Walking only in Thy might
4. Leaning on Thy loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from His precious blood
5. In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Grant Lowe

Announcements

Welcoming One Another

“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

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, loving King, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from Your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our greed and lust, our anger and envy are laid bare before Your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to You and ask that You cover us in Christ. Let us hear Your voice saying His blood is our peace, His death is our freedom, His Spirit our power, His smiting our safety. And convince our hearts afresh that in Your service is perfect freedom. Amen.

(Offer silent prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading

Dave Merritt

Psalm 139:1-4

- ¹You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

Reader: The grass withers, and the flowers fall,
All: but the Word of our God stands forever.

New Testament Reading

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord

All: **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon

Pastor Brian

The Life of Abraham: *Shortcuts*

Sermon Passage

Genesis 16

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; ² so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan for ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." ⁶ "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. ⁷ The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. ⁸ And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. ⁹ Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." ¹¹ The angel of the

LORD also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael for the LORD has heard of your misery. ¹² He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers." ¹³ She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." ¹⁴ That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered. ¹⁵ So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Closing Song

Abide with Me

1. 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.
2. Thou on my head, in early youth didst 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.
3. 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.
4. 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, Lord, abide with me.
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Benediction

Announcements

Movie Night

It's time for Movie Night at Durham! Join us Friday, July 10 from 6-8PM for pizza, popcorn, movie candy, and the showing of an oldie, but goodie--*The Lego Movie*. Invite a friend and spend a Friday evening with us. If you have any questions please reach out to Melinda.

Muffins and Mugs

"Set me as a seal upon your heart; as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the Lord." Song of Solomon 8:6

Join the women of Rock Creek, Saturday, July 18th at 9:30AM at RCF Durham as we explore what it means for us to be ignited by fire, the last topic in our Formed and Filled Series. Please let Lisa Brown or Leah Jones know if you're coming!

Rock Creek Women Prayer Ministry, "Streams of Prayer"

We heartily invite the women of Rock Creek to be part of our praying ministry; we love the idea of a praying friend for every woman in our church family.

To find out more email Jane Henegar, Connie Divens or Emily Bevill at womenpray@rockcreekfellowship.org.

- To have someone pray regularly for you, write "Praying Friend"
- To be praying regularly for two or more women, on a regular basis, write "Praying Team"
- To do both, write "Praying Friend and Team"
- For specifics, write "Tell me more!"

Women's Retreat Update

Register for the Rock Creek Women's fall retreat by August 1st!

Cost: With our current registrations we are able to reduce the overall cost to \$200!

Dates: Friday, September 18th at 7PM (feel free to arrive early but eat dinner on the way) to Sunday September 20th (we'll depart by 10AM)

Location: Our house in Sevierville has 24 bedrooms and 24 bathrooms with enough beds no one will have to share!

Itinerary: There will be fabulous teaching with big pockets of free time for your ideal version of fellowship. You can talk around the fire, take a dip in one of the four hot tubs or enjoy access to a sauna, steam room, and a seasonal community swimming pool. Grab a friend and take a quiet hike, grab lunch in town, or sit in a rocking chair on the porch looking at the mountains.

Use the NEW QR code below to register or contact Leah at leah@rockcreekfellowship.org



Sermon Notes



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