

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

November 27	NO High Life
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
December 1 (10.30a)	Advent Begins, Communion Service
December 8 (10a)	Worship & Fellowship on the Lawn

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN - DECEMBER 8

We will NOT meet for worship at the Ramada on Sunday, December 8. Instead, join us again on the front lawn of the church for worship and fellowship. We will begin at 10a with coffee and another opportunity to walk through the building, followed by worship under the tent at 10.30a. Plan to stick around after worship for lunch, live bluegrass music by the Trinity River Band, and bounce houses.

YOUTH *BE STILL* WINTER RETREAT - FEBRUARY 15-17, 2020

We're heading to Camp Keystone in Keystone Heights, FL in February for our annual weekend of worship and fun! All Middle & High School students are invited to take a break from the busyness of school to reorient to God and his Word. The cost is \$75. Please sign-up and pay online. Contact Alec Cotton with any questions.

VBS SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 2020

We are making plans for VBS 2020! Mark your calendars for June 8-12. All rising VPK students through rising 5th graders are welcome. Stay tuned for details and registration information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2019	YTD 2019	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Budget: \$62,500	Budget: \$625,000	2016-2018 Given: \$863,373
Offering: \$45,659	Offering: \$562,133	Building Proceeds: \$648,591
Difference: -26.9%	Difference: -10.1%	Other Income: \$22,945
		2019-2020 Pledges: \$632,080
		2019 Unpledged Gifts: \$184,097
		Total: \$2,351,386

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday • November 24, 2019

———— ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD ————

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship, and silence all mobile devices.

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!
Every day I will bless you;

And praise your name forever and ever!

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall
bless you!

We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

Words: Bridges

Music: Thring

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prior to the corporate prayer, we take a moment to confess our sins in silence.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from Heaven thy gracious ear,
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners hear:

Chorus:

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

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

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

Words & Music: Mejas

HYMN

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Chorus:

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.

Words: Hart

Music: Rouseau

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The "holy catholic Church" refers to the entire company of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.*

Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the collection of the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85

- ¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
- ³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

After the Psalm, we respond:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,

but the word of our God stands forever!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 13

¹ On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, ² for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³ As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent.

⁴ Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah, ⁵ prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests. ⁶ While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king ⁷ and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. ⁸ And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber. ⁹ Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

¹⁰ I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field. ¹¹ So

I confronted the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together and set them in their stations.¹² Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.¹³ And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were considered reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers.¹⁴ Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

¹⁵ In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food.¹⁶ Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah, in Jerusalem itself!¹⁷ Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day?¹⁸ Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath.”

¹⁹ As soon as it began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, that no load might be brought in on the Sabbath day.²⁰ Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice.²¹ But I warned them and said to them, “Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you.” From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath.²² Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

²³ In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab.²⁴ And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod,

and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. ²⁵ And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin. ²⁷ Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying foreign women?”

²⁸ And one of the sons of Jehoiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me. ²⁹ Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

³⁰ Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites, each in his work; ³¹ and I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reformation and Renewal
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry 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.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring 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.

Words: Nettleton

Music: Robinson

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Danny Abboud

After our congregational supplications, we say the prayer our Savior has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

The Lamb has Overcome

Then, after the offering, we thank God for his gifts by singing the Doxology.



**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;
And praise the Spirit three in one!
O Praise him, O Praise him;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

Christ Our King

In might, the Father of glory
Raised Jesus out of the dead;
And seating our Lord in splendor
Crowned him th' exalted head.

Chorus:

Every tribe, come bow in tribute;
Every tongue proclaim his praise!
Jesus, name above all names
Christ our King over all reigns!

Can a mortal name be spoken
Passing that on him bestowed?
Christ, whose shame made his glory,
His cross the way to the throne.

He reigns, to break earth's bondage,
Ending all futility.
He will crush death's dominion,
And at long last set us free.

Words: Colson

Music: Zipf

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

INTERNATIONAL

Third Millennium Ministries exists to equip church leaders in their own lands by creating a multimedia seminary curriculum in five major languages. Their goal is to provide Christian education to hundreds of thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry by publishing and globally distributing a free multilingual, multimedia, digital seminary curriculum in English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian, and Spanish.

LOCAL

Hernando Sáenz is the Hispanic American Ministries Coordinator for Mission to North America (MNA). Hernando works with MNA to create a movement of PCA churches and presbyteries reaching all generations of Hispanics in the United States and Canada. In fulfillment of this vision, his passion is to see new churches planted, new leaders developed, and existing churches equipped for thriving ministry.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Steve Beaver; Branson Bishop; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell