

THIS SUNDAY AT CMPC...

This Sunday we are stepping back and taking a broader look at what we are learning in *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow* as Pastor John looks back at Revelation 1.1-9 and various verses in chapter 21 and revisits a great truth, *Everything I Need to Know I Learned at Vacation Bible School*. We will be commissioning the VBS team this Sunday.

VBS is CMPC's biggest mission journey every year as we proclaim the gospel to our CMPC and community children. To kick that off, on Sunday afternoon we will have a Cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs. We will also have water slides for the children. Children's fun begins at 4, we will begin to serve food at 4:30, and then at 5:30 we will have the *Gwinnett Community Band* directed by Richard MacLagan for a concert in the CLC.

VBS will be Monday through Friday from 9-12 with the Closing Program Friday at 12. Be in prayer for this exciting week... which looks to be a hot one! Because of VBS we will not have Wednesday Night Alive this week.

The hymns this week are all VBS-oriented. Our hymn of ascent will be the children's classic *Jesus Loves Me*. Anna B. Warner's 1859 hymn was included in her sister's novel, *Say and Seal*, in 1860. At one point in the story a sick little boy, Johnny Fax, is comforted by his Sunday school teacher, John Linden. He rocks the child in his arms, and when Johnny asks him to sing, he begins a new song, and Anna B. Warner provides the four stanzas of this hymn.

Our hymn of praise will be the VBS theme song from the 1960's, the great German hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus*. For our hymns of testimony, we will sing both the classic *The B-I-B-L-E* and *Standing on the Promises*, a hymn written by Kelso Carter in 1886. Carter later helped A.B. Simpson edit the first Christian * Missionary Alliance hymnal. Our hymn of response will be a long time favorite of children, *Onward, Christian Soldiers*. Written in 1864 by an Englishman, Sabine Baring-Gold, he intended it to be a song for children to sing when walking to church. The tune we use is the one written by Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert and Sullivan opera fame.

Please be in prayer for this Sunday and for VBS. Be sure and join us Sunday morning AND evening!

This week's bulletin and sermon notes:

CMPC Sermon Notes ♦ **Series:** Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow ♦ **Text:** Revelation 1.1-9; 21.1-27 ♦ **Message:** Everything I Need to Know I Learned at VBS

- Where do you learn the basics you need to know?
- This is our story

Who Am I? 21.2. 9; cf. 1.1b

Whose Am I? 21.7b; cf. 1.1a

What Is Truth? 21.5; cf. 1.2

- Everything God says

Does Behavior Matter? 21.7a, 8, 27

What is the most important thing to know? 21.6b; cf. 1.5b, 6

Who is my family and what is our story? 21.12, 14, 27b; cf. 1.9

- A connection with the past anchors us in the present (strength for today) and prepares us for the future (hope for tomorrow)

So What About Us?

- It's a mad, mad world
- Does VBS matter?

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

JUNE 4, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

*As we quiet our hearts for worship, please
silence all phones and electronic devices.*

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips,
Pastor of Ministries

The Song of Ascent

*God's people sang together as they gathered and
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

Congregation

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! (x3)

The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide;

He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.

Welcome and Announcements

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

-Psalm 147.12-13

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth:

Psalm 119.11, 105; II Timothy 3.15-16

Leader: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

All: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Leader: From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All: All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

Hymns of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

#170

(Note: This was the VBS Theme Song, @1964)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

Son of God and Son of Man,

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,

and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and forevermore be thine.

Crown Him King of Kings

Crown Him King of kings; Crown Him Lord of lords.

Wonderful, -- Counselor, -- the Mighty God; - - - -

- Emmanuel, God is with us,

And He shall reign, He shall reign,

He shall reign forevermore.

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CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Commissioning the VBS Team

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

I've Got Joy

Orchestra

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please pass and sign the registration pad in the hymnal rack.

The Doxology and Prayer

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.

Song/Hymn of Testimony *The B-I-B-L-E/Standing on the Promises of God*

(Note: The B-I-B-L-E has been a favorite of children for over 60 years)

The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the book for me!

I stand alone on the word of God: The B-I-B-L-E.

The B-I-B-L-E, I'll take it along with me,

I'll read and pray and then obey, The B-I-B-L-E.

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,

Through eternal ages let His praises ring,

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,

Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: *Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;*

Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

VBS 2022 Kickoff Concert and Cookout, TONIGHT!

Join us for a fun evening of music, fun, food and fellowship as we kick off our biggest children's outreach of the year!

We will be starting at 4 near the Fellowship Hall;
the Gwinnett Community Band Concert begins 5:30 in the CLC.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,

When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

By the living Word of God I shall prevail,

Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,

Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,

Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,

Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,

Listening every moment to the Spirit's call

Resting in my Savior as my all in all,

Standing on the promises of God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Revelation 1.1-9

Pew Bible, p. 1028

All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Pastor John

Everything I Need to Know I Learned at Vacation Bible School

Series: *Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow: The Book of Revelation*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Onward, Christian Soldiers

#572

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,

With the cross of Jesus Going on before:

Christ the royal Master Leads against the foe;

Forward into battle, See, his banners go.

Refrain: *Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,*

With the cross of Jesus Going on before:

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;

On then, Christian soldiers, On to victory:

Hell's foundations quiver At the shout of praise;

Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army Moves the church of God;

Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod;

We are not divided, All one body we,

One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,

But the church of Jesus Constant will remain;

Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that church prevail;

We have Christ's own promise And that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people, Join our happy throng,

Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song;

Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;

This through countless ages Men and angels sing.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC June 4

Lock-up	Will McVey and Jeff Knight
8:30am	
Ushers	Norb Fichter, Dan Freeman, Tom Gaston, Ron Marler, Randy Green, Bob Burdette
Greeters	<i>Sign up at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Nancy Edenfield
Children's Church	Mike Owens
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Steve Wentz, Kerry Cook, Jerry Lewis, Kurt Puterbaugh, Caleb Burkhardt, James Hinds
Greeters	<i>Sign up at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Katie, Corey and Layne Hammond
Children's Church	Lara Carson
Junior Assistants	Grey Geist and Lizzie Wald
6:30pm	
Nursery	
Today	This Week at CMPC
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Worship
Wednesday	No WNA



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