

MORNING WORSHIP

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalm 100:4*

GATHERING TO PRAISE AND ADORE OUR GOD

This is Amazing Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father

We praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life in your Son Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by his blood. Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart, or serve you as we ought. Pardon our offenses, we pray, and make us clean, that we may continue as members of Christ, in whom alone is salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

WORSHIP IN HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

You are God Alone

Great is Thy Faithfulness

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD READ PUBLICLY

Romans 13:1-7

WORSHIP THROUGH JOINING OUR HEARTS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Live Life Backward | Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 12:8, 13-14 | Bradley Aucoin

HYMN OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Before the Throne of God Above

BENEDICTION TO RETURN AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS TO THE WORLD

PRAYER LIST

Members: Julie Campos, Lindsey Foto, Diana Harris, Chris Shipley, and Marcus Soniat.

Persecuted Church Around the World: For faith to profess Christ in difficult circumstances and grace to forgive their enemies so that the gospel goes forth to the nations.

Live Life Backward

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 12:8, 13-14

^{1:1} The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

² "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.

"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

³ What does man gain from all his labor
at which he toils under the sun?

⁴ Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.

⁵ The sun rises and the sun sets,
and hurries back to where it rises.

⁶ The wind blows to the south
and turns to the north;
round and round it goes,
ever returning on its course.

⁷ All streams flow into the sea,
yet the sea is never full.

To the place the streams come from,
there they return again.

⁸ All things are wearisome,
more than one can say.

The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing.

⁹ What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰ Is there anything of which one can say,
"Look! This is something new"?

It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.

¹¹ There is no remembrance of men of old,
and even those who are yet to come
will not be remembered
by those who follow.

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^{12:8} "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.

"Everything is meaningless!" . . .

¹³ Now all has been heard;

here is the conclusion of the matter:
Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole duty of man.

¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment,
including every hidden thing,
whether it is good or evil.



Questions to Consider as You Respond to the Word of God Preached

1. Can you think of an instance in which you felt like you had "gained" something only to discover, later on, that you were again dissatisfied? Why do you think this is the case?
2. How does Romans 8:20-25 speak to Eden (Genesis 1-2), our present condition "under the sun," and our hope in Christ?

Questions to Ask a Friend After the Worship Service (while maintaining social distancing!)

1. How did God's Word encourage, challenge or speak to you today?
2. How can I pray for you this week?

Next Week: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 (e-mail the elders any questions you may have about the sermons)

WELCOME TO CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

1700 Lee Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 | 225.924.2269 | christcovenantchurch.net

If you have questions about following Christ, reach out to a pastor, elder or even a church member sitting near you. Our church family would love to help you in any way that we can.

Pastor: Bradley Aucoin | **Assoc. Pastor:** Shawn Branscum

Pastoral Assistant: Josh Motta **Pastor Emeritus:** Phill Yoho

Pianist: Vasil Cvetkov

Current Elders: Bradley Aucoin, Shawn Branscum, Matt Edwards, Scott Gendron, Bob Welch, and Casey Williamson

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- Bulletins and Bibles are located in the entrance area.
- Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the building.
- An Offering will not be taken during the service, but you can use the Offering Box to make a donation.
- We will share the Lord's Table again when we are back together as one body in the sanctuary.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK

SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP FOR CCC MEMBERS: If you are a member of CCC and would like to be in a small group for discipleship, encouragement and accountability, contact Shawn at thebranscum3@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S STUDY TO BEGIN SEPT. 16: Women and teenage girls are invited to participate in this Bible study that will meet every other Wednesday from 7:00-8:30. Please buy a copy of *Jude: Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture* by Jackie Hill Perry online or at the CCC Book Cart and read through the Book of Jude before our first meeting. Email Lynn (lynnhodesaucoin@yahoo.com) with questions.

"ENGAGE"—COLLEGE STUDENTS—FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 FROM 6:00-9:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

All college students are invited to this workshop to help you learn how to more effectively communicate and live out the gospel among your peers. Dinner is provided so RSVP to Casey at 985-634-9178.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE NURSERY—TRAINING MEETING SEPT. 20 AT 4:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: If you are a member of CCC and have been serving in this area or would like to serve, please email Chris at wacoshiplay@hotmail.com or text her at 318-416-3768. The nursery is tentatively set to re-open on Sept. 27.

Q&A TIME ABOUT BAPTISM /THE LORD'S TABLE—SEPT. 27 FROM 4:00-5:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:

In addition to Q&A, we will think specifically about how to disciple our young children toward baptism, church membership and taking the Lord's Table. If you have questions you'd like addressed, please contact Shawn.

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS: If you would like to support Christian Relief Efforts in the wake of Hurricane Laura, visit our website and choose the "Relief Funds" option on our on-line giving platform. Or you can deliver non-perishable items to the church office by September 7.

MEDIA TEAM VOLUNTEERS: This team will be responsible for controlling the slides for the song lyrics each Lord's Day. If you are interested, contact Josh at joshmotta21@gmail.com.

BOOK STUDY ON DEPRESSION: Ed Welch's *Depression* is a short (*only 25 pages*), Bible rich book that has proved to be fruitful in the lives of many Christians. Several men from our church family are going to discuss it one evening later this month and, if you would like to participate, contact Shawn at thebranscum3@gmail.com.

BOOK STUDY ADDRESSING THEMES IN ECCLESIASTES: On Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will discuss Ernest Hemmingway's *The Sun Also Rises* in relationship to themes that come up in our fall sermon series in the Book of Ecclesiastes. So buy a copy online and come ready to discuss.

BOOK STUDY ADDRESSING THEMES IN ECCLESIASTES: On Wednesday, Oct. 7, 28 and Nov. 11, from 7-8:30 p.m., We will meet to discuss Peter's Kreeft's book, *Christianity for Modern Pagans: Pascal's Pensees*, and how Pascal's *Pensees* relates to themes raised in our fall sermon series in the Book of Ecclesiastes. Location: TBD. Email Bradley at jamesbradleyaucoin@gmail.com to get the reading schedule.



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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

FINANCIAL UPDATE

as of 9/1/20 (rounded)

Budgeted Giving

\$469,081.00

Actual Giving

\$373,360.00

Surplus (Deficit)

(\$107,890.00)