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GATHERING EVERY SUNDAY AT 5 PM

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THE ORDINARY YEAR

NOVEMBER 8, 2009

GATHERING

REFLECTION

Autumn is the season when a year grows old. Its strength begins to wane, its light begins to go dim. It is a reminder of our own mortality and faltering strength. It is the season when we begin to look, not to the earth for hope, but toward a “city not made with hands, whose architect and builder is God.”

Late have I loved thee, O beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved thee: for behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my unloveliness fell upon those lovely things that you had made. You were with me, and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and tried to break open my deafness: and you sent forth your beams and shone upon me and chased away my blindness: you breathed fragrance upon me, and I drew in my breath and I do now pant for you: I taste you, and now hunger and thirst for you: you touched me, and I have burned for your peace.

— St. Augustine

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

Deliverance belongs to the Lord,

Your blessing be upon your people!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN OF ADORATION

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

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Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish
Blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the high eternal One

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He Knows.
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him,
praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

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Praise with us the God of grace.

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with his Word, his invitation to gather in his name.

Nursery

Ages: 8 weeks - 3 years

Children's Lessons **"Beulah Land"**

Age: 3

Structured nursery time including free play, Bible story, "work" time (artwork), and snack.

"Godly Play"

Ages: 4 - 9

Children are welcome to accompany their parents in church until dismissed for their lesson. Contact Bobby Bardin.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR CONTACT INFORMATION, SEE BACK PAGE.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Church Party: Tonight following the worship service. The church will be providing pizza, so please stay and visit!

Nursery Toy Drive: Our nursery rooms are in great need of some new toys. It has been about two years since most of them were replaced, so lets all rally together to stock them again. We need toys for the baby room through the 3-4 yr. old nursery; this is five rooms. One item of special note that needs replacement is the riding toy in the 3-4 yr. old nursery. New or gently used items only please. Drop your toys off in the lobby by the baby nursery rooms during December. For larger items that need to be picked up, please contact Bobby Bardin.

Women's Retreat: January 22-23, 2010 at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Cullman, AL. Cost is \$30. To register or if you are interested in helping plan this retreat, please email stephanie@redmountainchurch.org.

MISSIONS & MERCY

Southtown Afterschool Program needs tutors from 3:00-4:30pm Monday-Thursday every week. This is a great opportunity to invest in the lives of children in grades K-8. If you are available any of these days, or at all interested in how you can help, please contact Marshall Pollard at mspollar@samford.edu. Also, volunteers are needed to help provide snacks for the students, for more information, please contact lisamoore8@gmail.com.

6th & 7th Grade Cornerstone Girls' Club is asking for assistance with their holiday party this year. If you are interested in contributing baked goods, snacks, etc., or a \$5 ornament for the party on December 8th, please contact Hayley Everitt (hayleyeveritt@gmail.com) or Kelley Munger (evanandkelley@gmail.com).

OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome Baby Bardin! Abbott Moss Bardin was born on November 2. If you would like to provide a meal for Bobby, Anna & big sisters Halsie & Vera, please contact Cynthia Hill at cynthiahill@gmail.com.

Welcome Baby Barrett! John "Jack" Dodson Barrett was born on October 19. If you'd like to provide a meal for Brian, Krys & big sister Mimi, please contact Kristen Hall at kfarmerhall@yahoo.com or 205-746-1350.

Red Mountain Music Christmas Concert at Workplay Theater, Monday, December 21st at 8pm. Mark your calendars, ticket info coming soon!

Consider Red Mountain Music cds for your holiday gifts to family and friends (or a gift for yourself). We have a great collection of Advent hymns on our cd called *Silent Night*. In November & December, all RMM cds can be purchased on Sunday evenings at a special Holiday rate of only \$5/cd.

Tonight's Nursery
Donlon & Barrett CG

November 15 Nursery
Hawkins/Sullivan &
Parris/Zinn CG

Each community group is asked to recruit 5 - 7 volunteers to serve in the nursery. Volunteers should arrive at 4:45 p.m. If your group can't participate on the assigned date, swap with another group at least a week in advance. Contact Bobby Bardin.

Announcements

To have an announcement added to the bulletin, email Stephanie Laughlin.

Lost & found

located in kitchen.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What is thy only comfort in life and death?

That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by his Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him.

HYMN OF HOPE

HELP MY UNBELIEF

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #278

Words: John Newton, 1725-1807.

Chorus by Clint Wells

Music: Clint Wells, 2005

I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try,
And frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus make it soft.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine.
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.

REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Have mercy on me a sinner.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Please now continue in silent confession...

WORDS OF GRACE

Now hear God's assurance of pardon through the words of the Psalmist: "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgression from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him!"

HYMN OF GRACE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

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 Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've 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.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, 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.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth, and showed them mercy, that they might proclaim salvation to all.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love. Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the image of Christ.

Let us pray in silence for the church ...

God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world, and stand with those who sorrow.

Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring healing as a sign of your grace. Let them feel your fatherly affection.

Let us pray in silence for those who suffer and live in desperation ...

God of the nations, we pray for our world leaders.

May they rule and lead with wisdom and peace.

Let us pray in silence for our leaders ...

Holy God, grant us these requests, and enable us to walk in faith, hope and love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH (GODLY PLAY)

DEVOTED TO THE SCRIPTURES

HEARING GOD'S WORD

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-22

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm,

be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. ¹⁴Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

¹⁸Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? ¹⁹Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. ²²Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

OUTWARD FORM, INWARD REALITY

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING

HYMN OF OFFERING

JESUS I COME

Words: William T. Sleeper, 1887

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

** Please remain seated for offering
hymn (congregation sings in unison).*

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

CELEBRATING THE HOLY FEAST

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

It is good and right to do so!

Truly it is good and right that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and all the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosannah!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosannah in the highest!**

We break bread in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast.

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS

I know, O Lord, that you have risen. I feel the weakness and frailty of my flesh and my will. But I hope in the power of the gospel, the power of the resurrection. As I feast at your table, eating the bread and drinking the cup, fill me with life again. Sustain me by your grace that I might run in the path of your commands.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH UNBELIEF

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

We welcome all followers of Jesus Christ to partake in this sacrament of communion: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is of benefit to you as you reflect on your relationship with Christ and with his people, the church.

We celebrate by coming forward to feast at the Lord's table. Please approach the table, break off a piece of the bread, and drink the wine from the common cup as it is offered to you. If you don't feel comfortable drinking the wine or are concerned for health reasons, there are smaller cups of juice available.

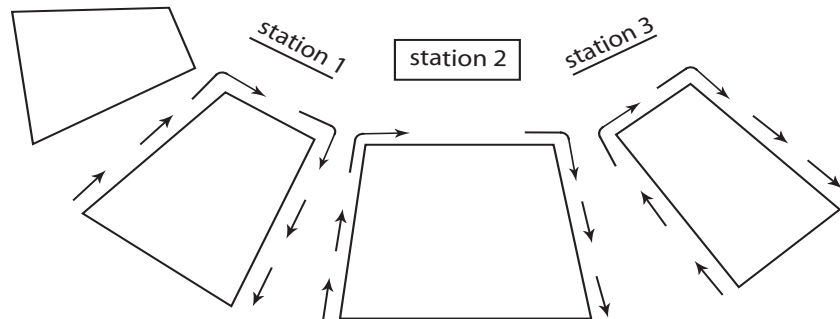
PRAYER FOR THOSE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE

God, I am beginning to see that I am more sinful and lost than I dared to believe, and yet in Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to dream. I thank you for the work of Christ, his atoning death and his perfect life, which are credited to me when I turn from my sin and believe. Help me to embrace Christ as he is offered to me in the gospel, and in believing, help me live a new life.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS STRUGGLING WITH SIN

O Lord, my transgression is ever before me! It clings to me! Help me believe that the Gospel is bigger than my sin. Help me see that Jesus' work not only frees me from the penalty of sin, but also breaks sin's power. As I feast on the bread and wine, convince me that I am no longer struggling to be free from sin, but that in Christ I am now free to struggle with my sin.

FLOW OF COMMUNION LINES



Please note: There will always be an elder distributing the elements at station 2 (communion table in front of middle section).

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. Our tradition at Red Mountain Church is to extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

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New to Red Mountain Church?

You'll get a chance to meet some folks during our worship services, but real relationships take time. Community groups are the best way to find your stride at RMC and to join in the life of the church. Groups meet in members' homes in neighborhoods across the city, and meeting formats vary. For more information about community groups or church membership, contact Scott Kesler.

OUR PLACE

Within a few miles of Red Mountain lives all the diversity of Birmingham, Alabama. Throughout Southside, UAB, Highlands, Downtown, Lakeview, Avondale, Woodlawn, Crestwood and Homewood, the glory and the poverty of the city are mixed together. Red Mountain Church hopes to be deeply rooted in these few square miles. Stand in downtown Birmingham anytime day or night, and you will see “the friendless, the sorrowing, the rich, and the poor.” This is our place!

OUR PURPOSE

To embrace and embody the gospel in the church and among all the people of Birmingham with the hope of seeing the joy and peace of Christ’s kingdom come to our city.

OUR HOPES FOR BIRMINGHAM

That Christ will create, out of the diverse communities of our city, a new worshipping community, which will experience the grace, joy and freedom of the gospel. “Praise awaits you O God in Zion ... blessed are those you have chosen. We are filled with the good things of your house!” (Psalm 65)

That we will become a welcoming community, open to the skeptic, the seeker, the new convert and the struggling Christian. That we will meet needs (spiritual, physical, social), and share together in the life of Christ. “They broke bread in each other’s homes with glad and sincere hearts, enjoying the favor of all the people. And God added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2)

That we will become a serving community that loves our city and which gives to, challenges and changes Birmingham through gospel ministries of word, justice and mercy. “They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.” (Isaiah 61)

That we will become a growing community that helps establish other churches around Birmingham, the nation and the world. “All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing.” (Colossians 1)

WE BELIEVE...

WE BELIEVE that the gospel – as taught in Scripture and lived out through the church – changes everything