#### PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Brad Martin Barry Braman, & Josh Strother.

2. The Holy Spirit will move in our corporate worship gathering, leading us to exalt Jesus Christ.

3. Shady Oaks Baptist Church will grow in Christ-exalting, Gospel-advancing ministry in 2017.

4. Pray that God will move on us to be more evangelistic through our obedience in sharing the Gospel.

### **PREPARING FOR THE MESSAGE**

"The Lord's Supper" - 1 Corinthians 11:23-30

Pastor Brad will lead us through the Lord's Supper this Sunday by walking through 1 Corinthians 11:23-30. Prepare for Sunday by reading through this passage several times. There is a lot to meditate on here. This Sunday is going to be a wonderful time for the entire family to worship through singing, praying, scripture reading, and remembering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

# Call To Worship Here For You Confession & Prayer Praise & Worship Jesus Messiah Our God Choir Anthem Come to the Table Scripture Reading Praise & Worship At The Cross O The Blood Choir Anthem I Am Thine O Lord Scripture Reading

### Our God

Chris Tomlin (Verse 1) Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind There's no one like you None like you

#### (Verse 2)

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise There's No one like you None like you

#### (Chorus 1)

Our God is greater, our God is stronger God You are higher than any other Our God is Healer, awesome in power Our God, Our God

#### (Bridge)

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, then what can stand against? And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, then what can stand against? Then what can stand against?

#### O The Blood

Gateway Worship (Verse 1 O the blood, crimson love Price of life's demand Shameful sin, placed on Him The hope of every man

#### (Chorus 1)

O the blood of Jesus washes me O the blood of Jesus shed for me What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes, the blood, it is my victory

#### (Verse 2)

Savior, Son, Holy One Slain so I can live See the Lamb, the great I Am Who takes away my sin

#### (Bridge)

O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb The precious blood of the Lamb What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes, the blood, it is my victory

## How do I know if my child is ready?

The decision to allow your child to take The Lord's Supper should not be taken lightly. Since The Lord's Supper is reserved for those who have placed their faith in Christ, the following questions can help you discern if your child is ready to partake of The Lord's Supper:

### 1. Does my child understand the Gospel?

Does my child understand that they were made to worship a holy God? Do they understand that they have not done this, but has sinned and deserves eternal separation from God? Do they understand that Jesus died and rose again, taking the punishment he deserved for his sin? Do they understand that God offers salvation to those who turn from their sin and believe in Jesus? Do they understand that salvation is a free gift that he cannot earn?

# 2. Does my child demonstrate a genuine walk with Christ?

Can you discern a changed heart in your child? Does your child demonstrate a desire to know and honor Christ? Is your child convicted by their sin? Do they see their need for Jesus? Is there evidence that they are growing in Christ? Is the Gospel mere facts or a life-changing message that has changed who they are? Has your child publicly professed his faith by being baptized?

# 3. Does my child want to take it for the right reason?

Do they understand the significance of The Lord's Supper? Many children want to participate in The Lord's Supper because they're hungry or because they don't want to be left out. Help your child understand The Lord's Supper is an act of worship that should be taken seriously.

# How can I prepare my child to one day participate?

As a parent, God has called you to be the primary disciple-maker in your child's life. Here are two ways you can help prepare your child for The Lord's Supper:

**1. Talk.** Talk about The Lord's Supper together. Use this guide as a resource. Read the passages in Matthew 26, Mark 14, and Luke 22.

**2. Demonstrate.** Bring your child to the worship service with you and let them see you partake of The Lord's Supper. Demonstrate this act of worship.

# **FAMILY RESPONSE**

# What is The Lord's Supper?

The night before Jesus' crucifixion, He sat down with His disciples to celebrate the Passover meal. This meal commemorated the pivotal event in Exodus 12 when God's "passed over" His people in Egypt who put the blood of a lamb over their doorposts.

While celebrating this Passover meal, Jesus took the bread from the table, broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He then took a cup and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Jesus did this to symbolize His impending death on a cross, which would bring about the forgiveness of sins for many. Furthermore, He commanded His disciples to continually enjoy this meal in remembrance of His sacrifice on the cross. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 11 and subsequently many Christians today refer to this meal as "The Lord's Supper," for it was instituted by Jesus and celebrates the memory of His sacrificial death. In addition, we consider The Lord's Supper an ordinance of the church because Christ ordained that it be performed.