

CLEMSON



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CHURCH IN THE PARK

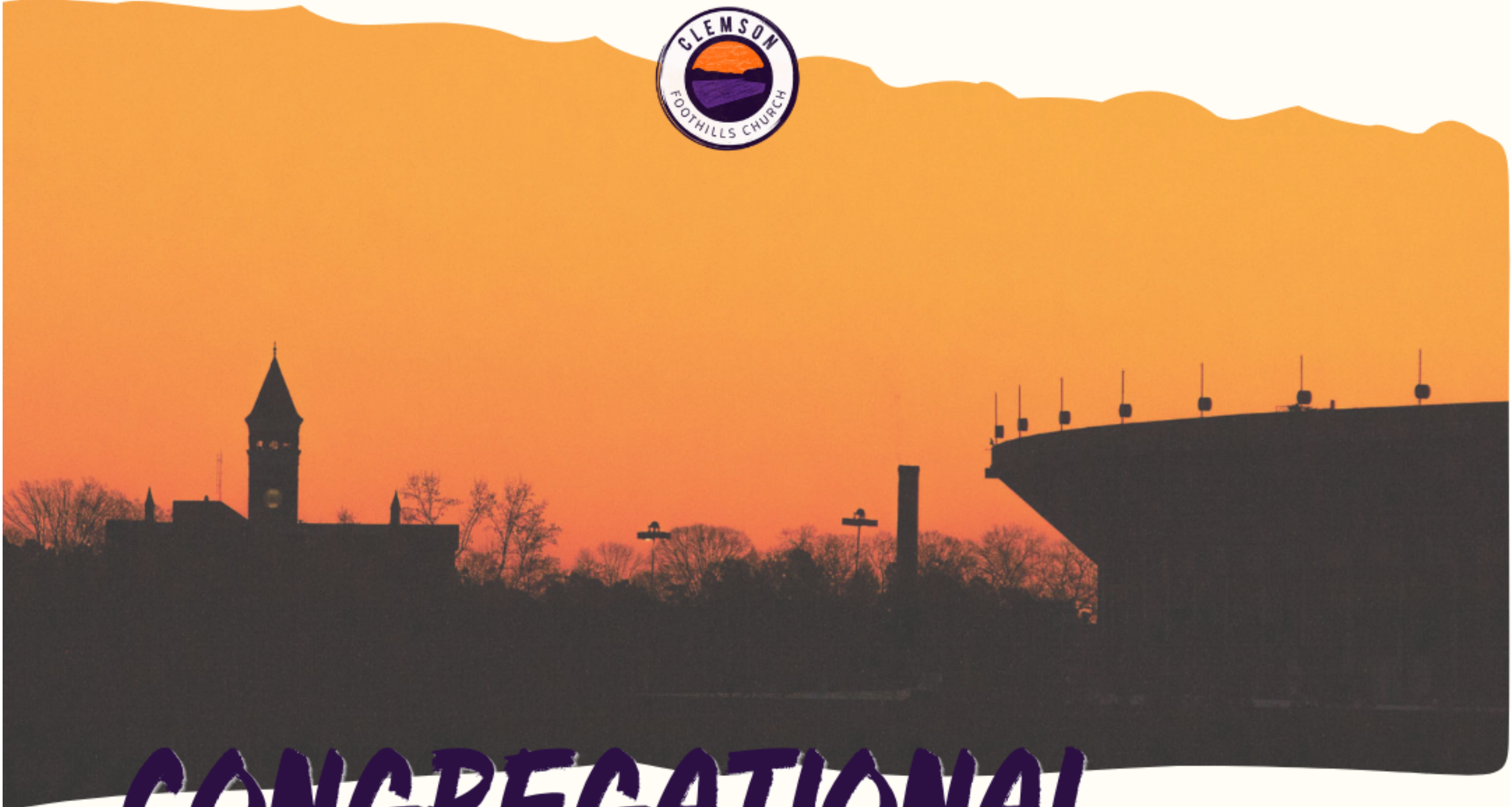
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH
NETTLES PARK PAVILION
10:00 AM**





WORSHIP
IN THE
WILDERNESS
2026

OCTOBER 16-18

The background of the poster is a silhouette of a church with a prominent steeple and a large stadium with a curved roof. The sky is a solid orange color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The church and stadium are dark silhouettes against the bright orange background.

CONGREGATIONAL MIDWEEK

THURSDAY'S 7 PM
CHURCH OF CHRIST BUILDING

Fall 2026 Overview:

Rooted & Established

I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, *being rooted and firmly established in love* may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

-Ephesians 3

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, *being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith*, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

-Colossians 2

The person who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence indeed is the LORD, is blessed.

He will be like a tree planted by water:

it sends its roots out toward a stream,

it doesn't fear when heat comes,

and its foliage remains green.

It will not worry in a year of drought
or cease producing fruit.

-Jeremiah 17

How happy is the one who does not
walk in the advice of the wicked
or stand in the pathway with sinners
or sit in the company of mockers!
Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction,
and he meditates on it day and night.
He is *like a tree planted beside flowing streams*
that bears its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.
-Psalm 1

Fall 2026 Overview: *Rooted & Established*

- No small groups
- Congregational Midweeks
- A season of personal accountability, reflection, growth, re-alignment and repentance in order to send down deep roots as we continue moving on to maturity in Christ.
- A season to identify and re-align ourselves from tendencies and temptations of being a consumer, spectator or “church member” striving toward mutual love, cooperation and strengthening one another in Christ
- Key Passage: Acts 2:42-47
- Key Passage: Matthew 4:19
- Key Words: Unity, Formation, Hospitality, Generosity
- Key question: What kind of person am I becoming?

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- Practice regular hospitality
- Have quiet times together
- Go on prayer walks
- Serve together
- Have fun

Consumer Christianity

Consumer Christianity: an approach to faith that treats God as a service provider and the local church as a marketplace, evaluating spiritual involvement based on personal preference, comfort, and self-fulfillment rather than sacrificial devotion, covenant community, and obedience to Christ.

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-Acts 2:42-47

proskartereō: When early writers applied *proskartereō* to prayer or fellowship, they were borrowing a gritty, secular word that implied military persistence, relentless work ethic, and steady presence...to stick tenaciously to a task, place, or person despite difficulty.

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Unity

Unity with the Father that leads to **unity** with others

“Devoting themselves to...”

- The apostles teaching
- “Follow me and I will make you...”
- Worship and formation
- How are you doing?
- What is *one change* you will commit to make that will lead to maturity?