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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

We've been looking at graphs of Covid 19 cases in Georgia for a while. We've thought that when the number of daily cases reported begins to wane, then we can return more safely to church In person. A "spike" last summer brought the daily number to 4000. Then, in December and early January another "spike" came, and the number jumped to 8000. And higher! This is one graph we all pray goes down!

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But there are other graphs that are important. We could graph our weight. It wouldn't be any fun, but we could! Or graph our spiritual disciplines, like prayer, Bible study, or Christian service. That kind of a graph might not be any fun either, but it could be helpful. I imagine we all could graph our love for the Lord and look back through the months and years and see where our love for Him has gone. Would it show constancy--or be up and down? Would such a graph "spike" when things were going our way, the days were sunny, and we were in a good humor? I don't reckon this kind of a graph would be all that much fun either, though it could be helpful. I think all of us would like our love for Him to be constant, rain or shine and that it would be going up.

Now, for the most important graph of all: God's love for us! Now, there's a graph that would be fun to evaluate! I love this verse: "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) This teaches us that before we paid any attention to Him at all, He loved us. That when we rejected Him, He loved us. Then when we turned our back on Him and ran Him down every chance we could, He loved us. Then when we acted out, behaved like spoiled children, He loved us. Them when we cursed Him, He loved us. Then when we were lost and alone and afraid, His love "spiked"! Thank You, Thank You, wonderful Father for Your graph of love for me, for us!

It wouldn't be a bad idea for us right now to say a prayer and thank Him! I plan to do that now myself. And, I'm praying for you and look forward to seeing you--God bless you and your family--

Tony

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## SERMON SERIES **Sunday Morning Messages** "That's My King!" A New Series from the Gospel of Matthew "My King Gives Rest to Feb. 7: the Weary", Matthew 11:28-30 "My King Feeds the Feb. 14: Spiritually Hungry", Matthew 13:10-17 "My King's Certain Feb. 21: Matthew 16:21-27 Death",

Feb. 28: "My King Requires That We Be Forgivers", Matthew 18:21-35

#### In Person (when we can) & OnlineServices:

- Sunday School: 9:30 am for Adults, Teens and Family Sunday School for Children
- Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
- Wednesday Night Music and a Message: 7:00 pm for Adults

### "Road Trip" Wednesday Night Series continues

- Feb 3: "Miletus: Tears, Tears, and More Tears", Acts 20:17-38
- Feb 10: "Caesarea: Ready to Die", Acts 21:8-14
- Feb 17: "Caesarea: Testifying Before a King", Acts 26:19-32
- Feb 24: "Rome: Guarded, and Yet Unhindered", Acts 28:11-16; 30-31

## Read Thru the Bible

#### **FEBRUARY**

1	Exodus 20–22	Matthew 22 Matthew 23
2	Exodus 23–25	
3	Exodus 26–28	Matthew 24
4	Exodus 29–31	Matthew 25
5	Exodus 32–34	Matthew 26
6	Proverbs 5	
7	Psalms 19–21	
8	Exodus 35–37	Matthew 27
9	Exodus 38–40	Matthew 28
10	Leviticus 1–4	Mark 1
11	Leviticus 5–7	Mark 2
12	Leviticus 8–10	Mark 3
13	Proverbs 6:1–19	
14	Psalms 22–24	
15	Leviticus 11–12	Mark 4
16	Leviticus 13–14	Mark 5
17	Leviticus 15–17	Mark 6
18	Leviticus 18–20	Mark 7
19	Leviticus 21–24	Mark 8
20	Proverbs 6:20-35	
21	Psalms 25–27	
22	Leviticus 25–27	Mark 9
23	Numbers 1–2	Mark 10
24	Numbers 3–4	Mark 11
25	Numbers 5–7	Mark 12
26	Numbers 8–10	Mark 13
27	Numbers 11–13	Mark 14
28	Proverbs 7	

#### MARCH

1 Psalms 28-30 2 2 Numbers 14-15 Mark 15 3 Numbers 16-18 Mark 16 Numbers 19–20 4 Luke 1 5 Numbers 21–22 Luke 2 6 Proverbs 8:1–21 7 Psalms 31–33 8 Numbers 23–25 Luke 3 9 Numbers 26–28 Luke 4 10 Numbers 29–31 Luke 5 11 Numbers 32–33 Luke 6 12 Numbers 34–36 Luke 7 13 Proverbs 8:22-36 14 Psalms 34-35 1 15 Deuteronomy 1–3 Luke 8 16 Deuteronomy 4–6 Luke 9 17 Deuteronomy 7–9 Luke 10 18 Deuteronomy 10–12 Luke 11 19 Deuteronomy 13–15 Luke 12 20 Proverbs 9 21 Psalms 36-37 22 Deuteronomy 16–19 Luke 13 23 Deuteronomy 20–22 Luke 14 24 Deuteronomy 23–26 Luke 15 25 Deuteronomy 27–28 Luke 16 26 Deuteronomy 29–31 Luke 17 27 Proverbs 10:1-16 28 Psalms 38-39 29 Deuteronomy 32–34 Luke 18 30 Joshua 1–3 Luke 19 31 Joshua 4–7 Luke 20

\* Proverbs are Saturday Readings

\*\*Psalms are Sunday Readings



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

Dear LCC families,

Hello! I just wanted to give you a little update on the planning and prayers going on behind the scenes in Children's Ministry here at Lilburn Christian Church.

We miss our children and our families. We look forward to when we can safely reopen and begin teaching children in the building. When we reopen we will start with Sunday School for children and a Children's Sermon as part of our morning worship service. All teachers will wear masks, and we will follow social distancing and sanitizing guidelines. Preschool and Nursery services will reopen at a later date.

We have a beautiful new Bible based curriculum for our children, and we are excited for your child to be a part of this great Bible teaching.

Pastor Tony and our Elders are prayerfully searching for just the right person to lead our children's ministry, but I just wanted you to know our precious children have not been forgotten. Our families are dear to our hearts and we are excited to teach and lead again in love.

I love our church family at LCC. My husband, William, and I have loved and served here for 34 years. Who would have ever dreamed this crazy pandemic? I know our LCC family can unite in love, grace and service to do what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked us to do: "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

For the time being (as we search for a children's minister), I will be serving as the "point" person in children's ministry.

Blessings to all of you!

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If any of these listed on our prayer list need to be taken off, please contact the church office. We appreciate your help.

Jim Gurr	Family of Jim Twitty
Barbara Johnson	Sharon Townsend's
Betty Hubbard	Family
Teresa Herring	Carolyn Holcombe's
Robert Humphrey	Family
Janet Curtiss	Elaine Sudduth's
Loetta Benton	Family
Linda Proctor	Lee Boone's Family
Marcia Heinz	Family of Jeff Truitt
Juanita Hollis	Rick Kicklighter's
Sandy Dunbar	Family
	Faye Clickner



#### LCC Prayer Wall

We appreciate all of our prayer warriors who used the prayer beepers in the past. Since we have access to newer technology, we encourage you to use the Prayer Wall available on our website. To submit a prayer request, just click on the Create prayer request button. After you enter your information about the prayer request, you have the option to choose how you want the prayer request shared (Public Visibility), as well as anonymity. Please take a moment to read the existing prayer requests and respond by clicking on the 'Praying Hands' icon. There is also an option to share the prayer request or email the person who submitted it.



past. Please continue to pray for this ministry during the month of January!







By this we know love, because Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.