

## ~~CONNECTIONS~~

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## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Proverbs 25:28 says, "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control." Self-control...what is that, exactly? The New Testament teaches about it too. In Galatians 5 we are given a list of the Fruit of the Spirit (qualities our Lord gives us when we allow the Spirit to lead us), and among them is self-control. (Gal. 5:22-23) So God is trying to help us get self-control. We all have desires, passions, inclinations, appetites. Many-most-of these are good. In their place! Out of place, out of order, out of priority, they can wreck us! Tim Keller wrote, "Desires are given by God...however, when they become your source of joy and happiness in your life, and they become the way you deal with the pressures of life...they become out of control, and they squeeze out the important priorities of life."

What is needed...is self-control. One writer said that the self-controlled person has "properly ordered their desires." He means that the important things are put first, and the secondary things put after that. Freedom and happiness come when we allow God to define and order our priorities and desires!

This isn't a very popular concept today. Many people in our culture sincerely believe that if they desire something badly enough they should be able to fulfill that desire. And it doesn't matter what the desire is! Nothing can be allowed to limit their fulfillment. They are, perhaps without their knowing it, like that wall broken through that Proverbs describes! The irony is that the true, deep fulfillment which we all all seek comes when we practice self-control, not self-indulgence. When we allow Jesus to be the Lord of all facets of our lives: this is where health and freedom are found!

"Lord, control me. Enable me to enjoy life, truly, and to become the person you called me to be. Save me from my small, selfish pursuits. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Tony

Wednesday Nights: We'll be taking a break from our meals and programs during July. We plan to resume all of our activities in August! Plan now to be a part of it with us.

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## SERMON SERIES

**Sunday Messages in 2022** 

## "Chosen", Ephesians Part 1

July 3: "Love!", Eph 3:14-19 July 10: "Glory!", Eph 3:20-21

## "Chosen", Ephesians Part 2

July 17: "Learning to Get Along", Eph

4:1-6

July 24: "Growing Up", Eph 4:7-16

July 31: "A New Attitude", Eph 4:17-24



## July

There are no Wednesday night activities during the month of July.

- 3-8 Youth Camp at NGCC (No Wed. Youth Group)
- 12 BASH (Book & Spuds Hour), 6:30 pm
- 22-23 Youth All Nighter starts at 7:00 pm.
- 26 BASH (Book & Soup Hour), 6:30 pm

#### August

3 School starts back, Wednesday Night activities start back

## Wednesday Menu

THERE ARE NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS DURING JULY!

## Prayer Requests

Family of Barbara
Johnson
Teresa Herring
Loetta Benton
Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
The Cregger Family
Family of Joe
Renshaw
Art Zerges
Marcia Heinz

Iya Davies
Sandy Dunbar
Carolyn Ballew
Donna Stamm
Richard Walker
Bill Michael
Pat Ferguson
Gensie McDonald
Jeff Sutliff
Emily Saxon





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## LCC Music Ministry







Sunday was a "Night to Remember" starting with some gospel hymns to "Beulah Land" that had several in our audience remembering worship services from their past. All the songs seem to keep "Heaven on my mind".

160 (preacher's count) of us were introduced to variety of LCC talented musicians with solos, duets and ensembles. We were led in classic songs "The Prayer" and contemporary pieces by several choir members. Our orchestra was joined by members from the Moses Ensembles to bring us some classical pieces, then the banjos came out to play some Good-Old southern gospel. We had some laughs with Dave and Teri as they explained that "Love is a Curious Thing". The closing song was a Lifeline original that left us knowing that in this crazy world, with God "Everything is Gonna Be Alright"

LCC summer fellowships always include plenty of good food! The gym was inviting with blue checked tablecloths, like a hometown picnic! Rob Hubbard served up some award winning BBQ, and the sides were amazing. Who put the bacon and red onion with the melon? No really! Genius!

Fresh Blackberry cobbler and flavorful homemade ice creams completed the evening.

"Oh, What A Night" June of 2022

Many thanks to all the hands and talent the made this evening a success!





## Additional Photos of our Bar-B-Que BASH

































Our middle schoolers went to Camp, and one of our youths (Luke Alewine) gave his life to Christ. Praise the Lord!

We have done several events to kick of the summer fun.

Game night, Stone Mountain Laser show, Trivia night; the teens have spent time getting to know each other better and building relationships.

We also had an opportunity to help gather school supplies on Monday with some of our staff and members. It was a blessing to be of service.

Please keep our teens in your prayers.

Pray that this summer, the kids stay safe and grounded in God's word.

Pray for our Youth Leaders as we have one family with a new baby and another on the way.

Thank you all, for your love and encouragement.

Please take note of the following information. It is very important.

#### Upcoming Events and important dates.

- •June 29th. Movie Night. 6:30-8:30 PM
- •July:  $3^{rd} 8^{th}$  Senior Camp at North Georgia Christian Camp. **NO YOUTH GROUP meeting at church on Wednesday July 6**<sup>th</sup>.
- •July: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>,20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> NO YOUTH GROUP meeting at church on these Wednesday Nights.
- •July 22<sup>nd</sup> All Nighter. 7 PM till 9 AM the next morning.
- •August  $6^{th}$  Pool Party School Kick-off 12 PM 5 PM
- August  $10^{th}$  Youth group resumes.

See photos of our activities on the next page.

































## "END OF SCHOOL..."

## SUMMER BASH!

We want to thank all of the helpers and people that came out for the summer bash. It was such a fun event for LCC. We had such a great turn out. Our total was 40 people. We had some amazing crafts, games, music, and food with the night ending in a great movie. I definitely couldn't do it without all the help from our LCC family. We also had some photos to show the different activities the children were involved in. This was a great event to start back the "Kidz Corner" activities. I cannot wait for our next event.

























## Read Thru the Bible

#### **JULY**

- 1 2 Chron. 17-19; Acts 5:33-6:15
- 2 2 Chron. 20-21; Acts. 7:1-16
- 3 2 Chron. 22-24; Acts 7:17-43
- 4 2 Chron. 25-27; Acts 7:44-60
- 5 2 Chron. 28-29; Acts 8:1-25
- 6 2 Chron. 30-32; Acts 8:26-9:9
- 7 2 Chron. 33-34; Acts 9:10-30
- 8 2 Chron. 35-36; Acts 9:31-10:8
- 9 Ezra 1-2; Acts 10:9-33
- 10 Ezra 3-6; Acts 10:34-48
- 11 Ezra 7-8; Acts 11:1-26
- 12 Ezra 9-10; Acts 11:27-12:19
- 13 Neh. 1-3; Acts 12:20-13:12
- 14 Neh 4:1-7:3; Acts. 13:13-41
- 15 Neh 7:4-73; Acts 13:42-14:7
- 16 Neh 8-9; Acts 14:8-28
- 17 Neh 10-11; Acts 15:1-21
- 18 Neh 12-13; Acts 15:22-41
- 19 Esther 1-2; Acts 16:1-24
- 20 Esther 3-6; Acts 16:25-17:4
- 21 Esther 7-10; Acts 17:5-21
- 22 Job 1-3; Acts 17:22-18:17
- 23 Job 4-6: Acts 18:18-19:10
- 24 Job 7-8; Acts 19:11-41
- 25 Job 9-11; Acts 20:1-12
- 26 Job 12-14; Acts 20:13-38
- 27 Job 15-16; Acts 21:1-14
- 28 Job 17-19; Acts 21:15-36
- 29 Job 20-21; Acts 21: 37-22:21
- 30 Job 22-24; Acts 22:22-23:10
- 31 Job 25-28; Acts 23:11-35

#### **AUGUST**

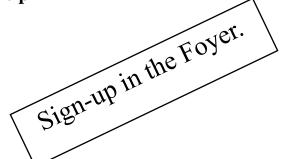
- 1 Job 29-30, Acts 24:1-21
- 2 Job 31-32, Acts 24:22-25:12
- 3 Job 33-34, Acts 25:13-26:11
- 4 Job 35-37, Acts 26:12-32
- 5 Job 38:1-40:2, Acts 27:1-12
- 6 Job 40:3-42:17, Acts 27:13-44
- 7 Psalm 1-5, Acts 28
- 8 Psalm 6-9, Romans 1:1-15
- 9 Psalm 10-13, Romans 1:16-32
- 10 Psalm 14-17, Romans 2:1-24
- 11 Psalm 18-19, Romans 2:25-3:20
- 12 Psalm 20-24, Romans 3:21-4:4
- 13 Psalm 25-28, Romans 4:5-25
- 14 Psalm 29-32, Romans 5
- 15 Psalm 33-35, Romans 6:1-7:6
- 16 Psalm 36-37, Romans 7:7-25
- 17 Psalm 38-41, Romans 8:1-30
- 18 Psalm 42-45, Romans 8:31-9:13
- 19 Psalm 46-49, Romans 9:14-33
- 20 Psalm 50-54, Romans 10
- 21 Psalm 55-57, Romans 11
- 22 Psalm 58-62, Romans 12
- 23 Psalm 63-67, Romans 13:1-7
- 24 Psalm 68-69, Romans 13:8-14:13
- 25 Psalm 70-72, Romans 14:14-15:13
- 26 Psalm 73-76, Romans 15:14-33
- 27 Psalm 77-78, Romans 16
- 28 Psalm 79-81, 1 Cor 1:1-17
- 29 Psalm 82-84, 1 Cor 1:18-2:5
- 30 Psalm 85-88, 1 Cor 2:6-3:17
- 31 Psalm 89-90, 1 Cor 3:18-4:13



## B.A.S.H. (Book and Spuds/Soup Hour)

Tuesday, July 12 @ 6:30 pm in the FLC.





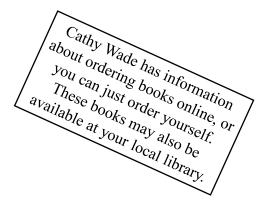
Tuesday, July 26 @ 6:30 pm in the FLC.



A successful LA artist, Roman Velasco appears to have everything he could possibly want-money, women, fame. Only Grace Moore, his reluctant, newly hired personal assistant, knows how little he truly has. The demons of Roman's past seem to echo through the halls of his empty mansion and out across his breathtaking Topanga Canyon view. But Grace doesn't know how her boss secretly wrestles with those demons: by tagging buildings as the Bird, a notorious but unidentified graffiti artist-an alter ego that could destroy his career and land him in prison.

Like Roman, Grace is wrestling with ghosts and secrets of her own. After a disastrous marriage threw her life completely off course, she vowed never to let love steal her dreams again. But as she gets to know the enigmatic man behind the reputation, it's as if the jagged pieces of both of their pasts slowly begin to fit together . . . until something so unexpected happens that it changes the course of their relationship-and both their lives-forever.

You're stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know! He'll meet you wherever, whenever--in lonely waiting rooms, rehab centers, and convalescent homes. Into all of life's messes and thorny thickets, he'll come to you, without hesitation, to lift you up. Lucado demonstrates by walking you through John's words and Christ's miracles. 240 pages, hardcover from Nelson.





## REHARGED Adult Singles

Sometimes our life "batteries" get run down. Life events, age, illness, etc., all work to deplete our "batteries". We can plug into a new power source and "recharge" when we spend time with friends, read our Bibles, or even do some fun things. Thus, the name for our new adult singles group - "Recharged".

By connecting with each other, we gain strength and encouragement to help each other have lives of joy that give glory to God. Sometimes, we can be a source of power for someone else; sometimes we can find a friend that recharges us when we need it; and sometimes just doing something fun can give us the power we need to get through a stressful day. We have a fun schedule planned that will reach most of our interests. But we know not everyone will want to participate in every event. However, sometimes getting out of our comfort zones may "recharge" our batteries. Participation is, of course, up to each individual, but you will know that others we've become closer to will be there to provide strength and encouragement at every activity.

Any questions? Contact Karen Trockmorton, Rosie Bengtson, Bill Michael, Marilyn Nelson or Beverly Miles.

#### **Recharged (Adult Singles) Calendar of Events**

Note: Watch for information in upcoming newsletter, email and the church bulletin

We will have sign-up sheets for each event as the year progresses.

The Recharged group will be heading up a service project for Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child boxes this year. We have ordered 100 boxes for the congregation to fill up. We will be including some of the school supplies that were donated from Wholesale School Supplies Warehouse. Watch for more information in September.



#### **Recharged - June events:**

We had 3 ladies (Marilyn Nelson, Beverly Miles and Sharon Keyes) from our group go to the Gwinnett Stripers game on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. They even got the jerseys to prove it! They had a great time – even if the team missed several opportunities to score.

We also had 6 ladies (Marilyn Nelson, Beverly Miles, Karen Throckmorton, Earline Martin, Yvonne Daniell and Rosie Bengtson) take a short road trip to Gainesville to see LCC's own Christina Aleman in the Red Phoenix Theatre Company's production of <u>The Phantom of the Opera</u>.







<u>Month</u>	Date / Time	<u>Event</u>
July	No special event planned	We are taking the month of July off
August	To be determined	Live theater production
September	No special event planned	Due to LCC 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming
October	10/7 (Friday all day)	Biblical History Center in Lagrange, GA
November	No special event planned	Due to LCC Thanksgiving, etc
December	To be determined	Christmas party or Christmas project

## **Berkmar Outreach**

#### Good afternoon,

As most of you know, Berkmar High School has a "Care Closet" that they try and keep stocked with different items since as food, laundry detergent, clothes and school supplies. Each year the Care closet hands out a lot of school supplies to the students that would other wise have to go without. Without this closet, a lot of students would not have the materials that are needed for them to complete their assignments.

Each year, Berkmar holds a Free School supply give-away event, and any child that is enrolled at Berkmar is eligible to receive free supplies. This year, they will be holding another Free give away event on July 23th.

This year LCC is partnering with Berkmar to help collect the needed supplies. Below is an updated list of items still needed. Please note that most of these items can be found at the Dollar tree, Walmart and Kroger. And as always, cash contributions are welcomed. (*Just mark checks or envelopes with "BHS Care Closet"*)

All donations need to be at the church by Sunday July 17th.

There will be a box in the foyer to place your donations in.

As always, Thank you so much for your prayers and support with the Berkmar outreach program.

Have questions? Please contact me!

Melissa Daniell 404-357-1019

#### **Berkmar School Supply List:**

#### There is a box in the foyer to place donations in.

Pens (Blue, Black, Red)

Glue Sticks

Tape with Dispensers

Highlighters(Any color)

Markers (assorted colors)

Sharpies(Color - Black)

Poster boards (White)

College Ruled Loose Notebook Paper

Copy/Printer Paper

**Hand Sanitizer** 

Loose Notebook Paper

Bookbags (GENTLY used accepted)

(cheap) Earbuds w/ wires

Notebook Dividers(With Pockets)

**Plastic Sheet Protectors** 

**Index Cards** 

Construction Paper

Thesaurus

Dictionary

Pencil Case

Scissors

Small Stapler

School Supply Warehouse is closing their doors and lots and lots of supplies were donated (along with some purchased). Many thanks to everyone who helped get these supplies from their warehouse to LCC. We will be sorting through them and deciding on the recipients over the next several days.







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