

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I remember reading about an Army officer who wasn't all that good at giving out bad news. In fact, he was terrible at it! A higher-up had told him that Private Lopez' grandmother had died, and that he should be the one to tell him. The only thing he could think of was to say, "Attention! All those with living grandmothers, step forward—not so fast, Lopez"! Sometimes to be "chosen" isn't such a good thing!

But to know that, as we are taught in Ephesians, that "He chose us in Him before the creation of the world" (1:4), is marvelous. A few verses later, we are again told, "In Him we were also chosen" (1:11), and this choice is for good. In fact, it is for better than good! The blessings we have showered all over us in Christ ("Lavished" is the word in 1:8), are so magnificent that we will spend the rest of our earthly lives trying to get a handle on them!

Our current series on Ephesians is called *Chosen*, and in the first several messages (Part 1) we are unpacking and trying to understand just how wonderful it is that our Lord decided to bless us. We will, (Lord willing!) get to Part 2, and we will find in that portion of Ephesians the practical applications for our daily lives what being *Chosen* means. In other words, now that I know that I am *Chosen*, how should I now live? I hope you are joining us for this series!

During June we plan, as we usually do, to keep our Wednesday night program moving along, and I invite you to join us each Wednesday night in this month. Activities will be offered each night for all ages, Children-Adults, and you are welcome.

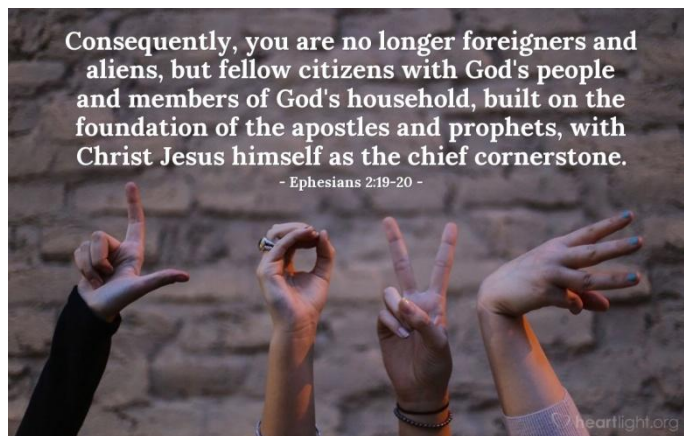
We have a Huge Night coming June 26! Dwayne has some of our fantastic LCC music coming, followed by BBQ and dessert! Everything starts at 5 pm, and there are sign up sheets in the Foyer. Come and bring a friend.

Much love to you and your family. Thanks for your prayers and being a part of LCC. God bless you—

Tony

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

- Ephesians 2:19-20 -



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# SERMON SERIES

Sunday Messages in 2022

## “Chosen”, Ephesians Part 1

June 5 “Two One, Eph. 2:14-18

June 12 “Together!”, Eph. 2:19-3:6

June 19 Alex Aleman preaching

June 26 “Gospel!”, Eph. 3:7-13

## Wednesday Menu

JUNE

- 1 Pizza sponsored by our Staff
- 8 Sponsored by our Welcome Class
- 15 Sponsored by our CTO
- 22 Sponsored by our Youth Group
- 29 Sponsored by Larry Barefield's Class



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**"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;"**

Ephesians 2:14 KJV

We encourage you and your family to check out our activities on Wednesdays and make them a part of your week! We have a meal at 5:45 pm, Children's and Youth activities at 6:30 pm, and Choir and Orchestra rehearsal, also at 6:30 pm. Adults have a Bible study at 7 pm. We invite you to join us.

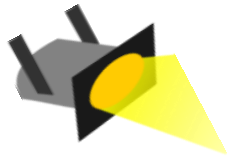
Our choir and orchestra led us in worship Sunday morning, May 1 by singing the words “ This is amazing grace, This is unfailing love”. Then Tony read to us Ephesian 1:3-10, “to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us” and “ God's grace that He lavished on us ”.

We were able to and share that grace in a triple baby shower after the Worship service as LCC members lavished gifts, prayers and words of advice to three lovely ladies, Kara Hartnett, Kelly Hartnett, Trinity Battaglia. Faith Alwine did an excellent job organizing us, and Connie Barefield's bible study showed up in a big way!

We are so excited to see these young families grow at LCC!

Pam Straughan

# Missions Spotlight



## **LCC and Missions: both near and far..**

LCC is committed to sharing our financial blessings with others around the world. As part of your tithes and offerings, 10% is moved to the Missions budget. The Missions team, headed by Jeff Stephens, discuss and pray about which missions we will support on a monthly budget, as well as special one-time projects we donate to as funds are available.

### **Evangelistic Projects**

Bethshean Mexico Mission  
Bread Coffeehouse (Emory University in Atlanta and Oxford, GA)  
CMF International (Salamanca, Spain)  
CRAM Worldwide, Inc. (China, South Korea, Philippines, Cambodia, Vietnam)  
DeepStream Ministries (Guatemala)  
Jesus Place (Atlanta)  
Kerala Christian Mission (India)  
Mid-India Christian Mission  
Trash Mountain Project / AFE School (Honduras)  
LCC VBS Outreach

### **Education Projects**

Christian Colleges:  
•Christian Campus Fellowship – UGA  
•Ga Tech Christian Campus Fellowship  
•Scholarships: 1.5 students @ \$200 per month  
Christian Service Camps:  
•North Georgia

### **Benevolent Projects**

Christian City  
Southwest Christian Hospice  
LCC Benevolent Needs

### **Special One-Time Projects**

Maria Chow's church in El Salvador (doors and windows)  
CRAM - Pastors' motorcycles  
Back to school supplies for local schools  
Woodland Christian Camp - office rebuilding  
Operation Christmas Child  
LCC Thanksgiving Outreach  
Covid relief for each of our ministry partners  
Payton's (medical costs when Kevin had surgery)  
Dwayne Wylds - mission trip to Poland



*LCC Music Ministry*

SAVE THE DATE



**BBQ will be provided.**

**Bring side dishes,  
homemade ice cream &  
drinks.**

**Sign up in the Foyer.**



# Thrive

This past month has been a very busy month with Thrive. We had a lot of cool things happen.

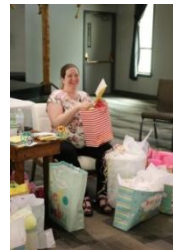
## New additions to the church family



Two of our youth leaders have now addition to their families. Christian and Kara Hartnett were blessed with Claire Tanah Hartnett on May 11<sup>th</sup>. She is a doll, check her out!!

Colin and Kelly Hartnett and Trinity and Allen Battaglia are also expecting.

The ladies put together a baby shower for all three families, and it was a blessing to see so many come together to support and love on these expecting mothers and proud fathers.



## Sunday school wedding.

Pam did a great job in Sunday school, putting together a “wedding” as it relates to the church being the bride of Christ as we studied Revelations. She’s awesome and so creative.



### Painting up the kids at high velocity.

We took the Thrive group out for some fun times playing Paintball. Everyone had a great time, and everyone left with bruises.



### Graduations.

One thing is for sure in this ministry... I am generally guaranteed to lose some kids every year. Not due to any other reason except that they graduate from High School. It's a bittersweet event to see them grow up, be my prayer is this; That they take all the tools and lessons learn in youth group and apply it to their lives as they move into adulthood. I pray they stay true to their faith in Christ and that they put their trust in the His mighty power to guide them throughout their lives. One day they will have families of their own. One day they will have children. One day they will see how important it is to keep their kids involved in a Christ centered church family. (Insert Graduation photos here)



God speed.

Alex Aleman  
Youth Pastor





## FOR FAMILIES UP IN THE AIR OF ELEMENTARY-AGED KIDS

Hey, families! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids this month so you can help your kids continue growing at home during the week.

### GROW AT HOME THIS MONTH

#### JUNE 1ST

This week, kids imagine what it was like when **Elijah** was taken up to heaven.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** I can dream big with God.
- **THE BIBLE:** II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 66:1-9

#### JUNE 8TH

This week, kids imagine what happened with **Elisha** and the widow's oil.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** I can have faith in God.
- **THE BIBLE:** II Kings 4:1-7; Colossians 1:3-14

#### JUNE 15TH

This week, kids imagine being there when **Elisha** healed the Shunammite's son.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** I can count on God's promises.
- **THE BIBLE:** II Kings 4:8-37; Genesis 18:1-10a

#### JUNE 22ND

This week, kids imagine how God was with **Elisha** during the famine.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** I can ask God for what I need.
- **THE BIBLE:** II Kings 4:38-44; Luke 11:1-9

#### JUNE 29TH

This week, kids imagine how **God** healed Naaman through Elisha.

- **THE BIG IDEA:** I can be used by God.
- **THE BIBLE:** II Kings 5:1-14; Colossians 3:1-4

#### MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

Looking for memory verse sign language you can share with your families and volunteers? Go to [growcurriculum.org/Colossians3:2](http://growcurriculum.org/Colossians3:2) and share away!

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## IT'S "END OF SCHOOL..."

# SUMMER BASH!

CRAFTS

FOOD

MOVIE

SAT., JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

2:00 PM - 9:30 PM

AGES K-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

MOVIE STARTS AT 8:00 PM

MUSIC

GAMES

DEVOTION

SIGN UP AT OUR WEBSITE [lilburnchristianchurch.org](http://lilburnchristianchurch.org)

Dear Lilburn Family,

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the End of School Summer Bash. We are changing the VBS this year to a smaller event, but at the same time, we are trying to do something Big for our Kids and maybe reach out to more Children. If you are interested in Volunteering your time, please sign up in the Kidz Corner. The Date is JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have an amazing event for the children.

# Read Thru the Bible

## JUNE

- 1 2 Kings 4-5; John 9:18-41
- 2 2 Kings 6-7; John 10:1-21
- 3 2 Kings 8-9; John 10:22-42
- 4 2 Kings 10-11; John 11:1-19
- 5 2 Kings 12-14; John 11:20-44
- 6 2 Kings 15-16; John 11:45-2:11
- 7 2 Kings 17-18; John 12:12-22
- 8 2 Kings 19-20; John 12:23-50
- 9 2 Kings 21:1-23: 25; John 13:1-20
- 10 2 Kings 23:26-25:30; John 13:21-14:4
- 11 1 Chron. 1; John 14:5-31
- 12 1 Chron. 2; John 15:1-17
- 13 1 Chron. 3-4; John 15:18-16:15
- 14 1 Chron. 5:1-6:30; John 16:16-33
- 15 1 Chron. 6:31-8:1; John 17
- 16 1 Chron. 7:1-9:2; John 18:1-23
- 17 1 Chron. 9:3-10:14; John 18:24-38
- 18 1 Chron. 11-12; John 18:39-19:16
- 19 1 Chron. 13-15; John 19:17-42
- 20 1 Chron. 16-17; John 20:1-18
- 21 1 Chron. 18-21; John 20:19-31
- 22 1 Chron. 22-23; John 21
- 23 1 Chron. 24-25; Acts 1
- 24 1 Chron. 26-27; Acts 2:1-13
- 25 1 Chron. 28-29; Acts 2:14-47
- 26 2 Chron. 1-3; Acts 3
- 27 2 Chron. 4-6; Acts 4:1-22
- 28 2 Chron. 7-9; Acts 4:23-32
- 29 2 Chron. 10-12; Acts 5:1-16
- 30 2 Chron. 13-16; Acts 5:17-32

## JULY

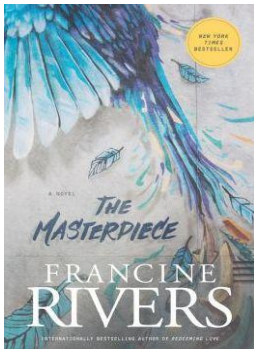
- 1 2 Chron. 17-19; Acts 5:33-6:15
- 2 2 Chron. 20-21; Acts 7:1-16
- 3 2 Chron. 22-24; Acts 7:17-43
- 4 2 Chron. 25-27; Acts 7:44-60
- 5 2 Chron. 28-29; Acts 8:1-25
- 6 2 Chron. 30-32; Acts 8:26-9:9
- 7 2 Chron. 33-34; Acts 9:10-30
- 8 2 Chron. 35-36; Acts 9:31-10:8
- 9 Ezra 1-2; Acts 10:9-33
- 10 Ezra 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 7:4-7:3; 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





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

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

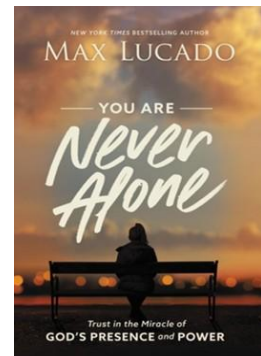


A successful LA artist, Roman Velasco appears to have everything he could possibly want-money, women, fame. Only Grace Moore, his reluctant, newly hired personal assistant, knows how little he truly has. The demons of Roman's past seem to echo through the halls of his empty mansion and out across his 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.

Sign-up in the Foyer.

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



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.

Cathy Wade has information about ordering books online, or you can just order yourself. These books may also be available at your local library.



# RECHARGED 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

**Next Event: Gwinnett Stripers game, Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up in foyer or see Marilyn Nelson.**

**Upcoming Event: Possible trip to Stone Mountain Park to see fireworks and laser show**

**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.**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
June	6/4 (Saturday evening)	Gwinnett Stripers game at Coolray Field
July	To be determined	Stone Mountain Park fireworks & laser show
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



# Upcoming

EVENTS

## June

- 1 Youth Game Night 7:30 – 8:30 pm
- 8 Youth Lazer Show 6:30-10:45 pm, Cost is \$5.
- 12-17 Youth Camp at NGCC (no Wed. Youth Group)
- 18 End of School BASH 2:00 pm until Dark for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 22 Youth Trivia Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- 26 Bar-B-Que BASH 5-7 pm
- 29 Youth Movie Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm

### Wednesday Night Program

- 6:30-8:00 pm: Choir and Orchestra rehearsal
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Middle and High School Youth activities
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Children's Activities (drop off is 6:30 pm; activities begin at 6:45 am)
- 7:00-8:00 pm: Adult Bible study

## 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 & Soup/Spuds Hour), 6:30 pm
- 22-23 Youth All Nighter starts at 7:00 pm.
- 26 BASH (Book & Soup/Spuds Hour), 6:30 pm

### New Wednesday Night Series "Bible Heroes"

- June 1: "David and Goliath", 1 Samuel 17
- June 8: "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal", 1 Kings 18
- June 15: "Esther and Her Royal Position", Esther 4
- June 22: "Daniel and the Lion's Den", Daniel 6
- June 29: "Jonah and the Whale", Jonah 1-4



Barbara Johnson	Nancy Heinzenrater
Teresa Herring	Jeremy Fuschetto
Loetta Benton	Sandy Dunbar
Linda Proctor	Carolyn Ballew
Betty Hubbard	Donna Stamm
Glenda Middleton	Richard Walker
The Cregger Family	Saeed Sam & Family
Joe Renshaw	Jeff Sutliff & Family
Art Zerges	Bill Michael
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**June 19**

