

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I remember reading about one old preacher who, at the end of his career, was asked what he would do differently this time. He said, "If I knew I had only three years left to preach, I'd spend the first two of them studying and preparing"! Rigorous study is needed to preach, for sure. But the Christian life itself is a life of study! We are all called to be "scholars", in some sense. We all must learn to become students of the Word. We don't merely learn a little bit at the beginning—get a couple of questions answered, find a nice Bible passage or two—and then put the Book on the shelf! Nor do we trust others to do our studying for us!

How could we? God's Word itself is often likened to food. Food that nourishes and sustains. "Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God", Jesus said. (Matt. 4:4) The Scriptures become for us "sweeter than honey" (Psalm 19:10), and the prophets warned of a time when there would be "a famine of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). All of us must eat! And we must feed regularly on a balanced diet of the Word. Here is our calling, preacher or not: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

No one ever reminds me to eat a meal! I have an excellent appetite. Sometimes I wish I could turn down the volume on it a couple of notches! As a kid, there weren't nearly as many restaurants, fast-food or not, around as there are today. Two burger joints I remember as a boy in the 1960's were Krystals and McDonalds. There were only one or two of each in Atlanta at the time. Krystals was my favorite, hamburgers were 10 cents! But McDonalds soon outdid Krystals. As new McDonalds popped up, they would adjust their signs: "1 Million served", "10 Million served", and so on. Soon: "Billions served"! I wonder if anyone checked that, or they just put the numbers up as they wished? Today there are (allegedly) 38,000 McDonald's franchises in the world, in 120 countries! As an older guy now, I seldom eat at McDonalds any more (though someone gave me a tip: you can get a Senior's coffee for only 75 cents!), I prefer at least some semblance of good nutrition in my meals!

Spiritually, too, I hope my "diet" has improved. I hope you join me in that! "Your words are so choice, so tasty; I prefer them to the best home cooking" (Psalm 119:103, The Message).

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SERMON SERIES

Sunday Messages in 2022

“Chosen”, Ephesians Part 2 Continues

Aug 7: “Up-Words”, Eph 4:25-27,
29-32

Aug 14: “A Giver, Only”, Eph 4:28

Aug 21: “Real Love”, Eph 5:1-7

Aug 28: “Shining Lights”, Eph 5:8-
17

Wednesday Menu

AUGUST

8/03 Spaghetti and Cakes

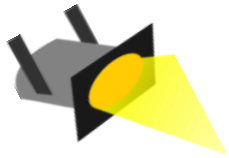
8/20 Breakfast for Dinner

8/17 Chicken Pot Pie and Banana
Pudding

8/24 Baked Potato & Salad Bar
with Cookies & Ice Cream

8/31 BBQ Chicken Tenders and Ice
Cream Sundaes

Missions Spotlight



Georgia Tech Christian Campus Fellowship

en Vivo Salamanca



Please remember all of our college lead ministries as classes resume. These very important ministries provide an outlet for students away from home with a positive Christian influence. Many offer free meals, fellowship and bible study. If you have a student attending GA Tech, Emory, UGA, or even the University in Spain, encourage them to get involved in one of the many campus ministries LCC supports both financially and prayerfully. Many students stop attending church after leaving home for college. This is a great way to keep them involved. Visit the church website for specific contact information for each of these very important ministries, or contact one of the mission team members - Kathy Huddleston, Rosie Bengtson, Mark McClanahan, Jeff or Debbie Stephens.

Thrive

Camp was the theme this month.

The teens set off to North GA Christian Camp and had a blast.

I was able to go up during the high school week and spend the afternoon with the teens as they praised God, listened to His word preached, and grow closer together.

I was approached by more than one counselor making comments about several of our youth being extremely helpful and great to work with.

This made my day because it shows that our teens really appreciate the opportunity to go to camp, and are acting in a way that is a blessing to others and a great representation of LCC.



One of our own gave his life to Christ, Luke Alewine. I spent some time with Luke after camp discussing his commitment to Christ.

He is one of my kids that has a fire in his heart for Christ, and it is so visible. God has great things in store for him, I just know it!!



Keep praying for God's hand on our youth and that he will help us build up these teens so that they can represent Christ to the world.

God Speed,

Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor

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

Upcoming Events and important dates.

- August 3rd – Youth group resumes.
- August 6th – Pool Party School Kick-off – 12 PM – 5 PM

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Independence as a nation and Salvation in Christ. We are truly blessed to celebrate both with our church home.





Christian and Kara Hartnett dedicated Claire Tanah Hartnett on Sunday, July 24, 2002. Many family members were present as Jamie Renshaw read from the Bible and prayed for them. Jamie Hux presented them with a Baby Bible with Claire's name engraved on it.





Recharged (Adult Singles)

It's been great developing some new friendships, connecting with each other, gaining strength and encouragement from one another and just hanging out together.

We have done some really fun things since we established the Adult Singles Group called 'Recharged'.

December, 2021: Gaither's Vocal Band Christmas Homecoming Concert

December, 2021: Christmas Party and Sing-a-long at Karen's

February, 2022: We attempted a Painting Party that didn't work out...

April, 2022: We took a road trip to Gibbs Gardens to stop and smell the flowers!

May, 2022: We hosted a Mexican Fiesta and Game Night for LCC adults

June, 2022: We attended a Gwinnett Stripers baseball game

June, 2022: We saw Christina Aleman in 'The Phantom of the Opera' at a local theater in Gainesville

July, 2022: We volunteered to help with the distribution of donated school supplies

July, 2022: We saw 'Clue' performed by another local theater group at the Aurora Theater

Here is the calendar for the rest of the year. We will meet in the near future to start planning events for 2023. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We encourage all single adults at LCC to join us.

Any questions? Contact Karen Throckmorton, 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.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date / Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
September	09/10 (10:00 am – 1:00 pm)	Service Project & Lunch (get Operation Christmas Child boxes ready)
October	10/28 (Friday all day) <i>*note change in date</i>	Biblical History Center in Lagrange, GA (Tour and Biblical meal) <i>*note: we must order tickets soon</i> <i>Please let Rosie know if you want to go.</i>
November	Week of 11/13 – 11/19	Take OCC boxes to OCC distribution center
December	To be determined	Christmas party or Christmas project



Coming Soon!

Operation Christmas Child

The Recharged Singles Group is excited to be in charge of Operation Christmas Child this year!

We have ordered 100 boxes to be filled by our congregation. We will also have some of the donated school supplies that were collected and distributed available to be included in the boxes this year.

We will have the empty boxes ready to be picked up in October and then returned before November 13th. Watch for upcoming details.....





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

Our Sisters of Grace Women's Fellowship Ministry sponsored our Annual B.A.S.H (Book and Spuds/Soup Hour).

On Tuesday, July 12, we discussed Francine Rivers' book "The Masterpiece" facilitated by Vicki Wilson. We followed the story of two broken individuals as they worked through their issues. They were brought together by God. The Team provided a Tater Tot Bar and salad for 13 ladies.

On Tuesday, July 26, we discussed Max Lucado's book, "You Are Never Alone" facilitated by Rosie Bengtson. Max provided insight into the miracles recorded in John with the emphasis on God being ever present in our lives where we are truly never alone if we believe Jesus is the Son of God. One was brought to God through a near death journey where he encountered Hell. The other returned to God after she reunited with her family. Dixie provided White Bean & Ham soup, and Kandy provided a Tortilla Soup, with the team providing trimmings of cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, chips, etc. for 12 ladies.



Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

When the Wholesale School Supplies Warehouse in Lilburn contacted the church office in June to see if we were interested in buying some school supplies at a discounted price, we had no idea what a huge blessing it would turn out to be! After we purchased some often-requested items, the owner offered us large amounts of certain items free of charge! God opened the door. We just had to walk through it and follow His lead.

We have had the privilege of sorting and donating over \$138,000 worth of school supplies (based on back-to-school prices) during the month of July. What a huge God given blessing and honor it has been to be part of that whole process. Originally, we had 24 people who helped pick up truckloads of the donated items from the warehouse and unload it in the FLC. Plus, we had 22 people work steadily to get everything organized and distributed to 34 schools (both local and out of state), as well as several of our local missions. We are also including some school supplies items with our Operation Christmas Child boxes this year.

As part of this outreach, we included a note that said: "These school supplies were donated through a local warehouse. Lilburn Christian Church wants to share our blessing with our local community and give absolute praise to Jesus Christ."

Hopefully, this will be an open door to those who received the donations.

Thanks so much for everyone's participation,
Rosie Bengtson and Cathy Wade



Read Thru the Bible

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

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Psalm 91-95, 1 Cor 4:14-5:13
- 2 Psalm 96-101, 1 Cor 6
- 3 Psalm 102-103, 1 Cor 7:1-24
- 4 Psalm 104-105, 1 Cor 7:25-8:13
- 5 Psalm 106, 1 Cor 9:1-18
- 6 Psalm 107-109, 1 Cor 9:19-10:13
- 7 Psalm 110-115, 1 Cor 10:14-11:1
- 8 Psalm 116-118, 1 Cor 11:2-2-22
- 9 Psalm 119: 1-64, 1 Cor 11:23-12:11
- 10 Psalm 119:65-120, 1 Cor 12:12-31
- 11 Psalm 119: 121-120:7, 1 Cor 13:1-14:19
- 12 Psalm 121-130, 1 Cor 14:20-40
- 13 Psalm 131-135, 1 Cor 15:1-19
- 14 Psalm 136-139, 1 Cor 15:20-34
- 15 Psalm 140-144, 1 Cor 15:35-58
- 16 Psalm 145-15-, 1 Cor 16
- 17 Prov 1-2, 2 Cor 1:1-14
- 18 Prov 3-4, 2 Cor 1:15-2:17
- 19 Prov 5:1-7:5, 2 Cor 3
- 20 Prov 7:6-9:18, 2 Cor 4:1-5:8
- 21 Prov 10-11, 2 Cor 5:9-6:10
- 22 Prov 12-13, 2 Cor 6:11-7:16
- 23 Prov 14-15, 2 Cor 8
- 24 Prov 16-17, 2 Cor 9
- 25 Prov 18-19, 2 Cor 10
- 26 Prov 20:1-22:16, 2 Cor 11:1-21
- 27 Prov 22:17-24:22, 2 Cor 11:22-12:13
- 28 Prov 24:23-26:28, 2 Cor 12:14-13:14
- 29 Prov 27-28, Gal 1
- 30 Prov 29-30, Gal 2

Upcoming

EVENTS

August

- 3 School starts back, Wednesday Night activities start back
- 6 Memorial for Barbara Johnson at 11:00 am at LCC
- 6 Memorial for Joe Renshaw at 4:00 pm at Eternal Hill Funeral Home
- 6 Youth Pool Party

September

- 5 Labor Day Holiday
- 10 Recharged preparing boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- 11 Work Day in preparation for our 50 year celebration
- 27 CTO Rehearsal
- 18 LCC celebrates 50 year anniversary



LCC 50 Years Blessed

Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 10:45 am

From 1972 till now, God has been moving in the lives of people here at LCC! We hope you will plan to be a part of a Big Day of praise and worship with us on Sept. 18 as we gather to thank Him for His grace and love to us, and reconnect with great friends that we cherish:

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Praise and Worship led by our great LCC Choir and Orchestra. Clark Cregger will be preaching!

12:00 pm Catered Meal, everyone is invited!

Prayer Requests

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

Richard Walker
Pat Ferguson
Gensie McDonald
Emily Saxon
Hal Rodgers
Richard Blankenship
Terri Randall
Barbara Jarvis
Family of Art & Joyce Zerges

Wednesday Night Activities Resume August 3!

We hope you and your family will join us for food, fellowship, Bible studies, and opportunities for all ages!

Meal: 5:45 pm

Children and Youth group: 6:30 pm

Choir and Orchestra rehearsals: 6:30 pm

Adult Bible study: 7:00 pm

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