

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The plan is for our new Associate minister, Peter Rasor, to be with us full time during the month of March! We are looking forward to his ministry with us, and I encourage everyone to be in prayer for him as his time with us begins. Pray too for his wife Jennifer and their 4 daughters, as they are making the arrangements to move here from Arizona to be with us too. All of them will be here for a visit in March and hope to be here for good soon.

Famous last words...that's a thing, isn't it? Perhaps your father or someone special to you said something to you at or near the end of their life, and it meant something to you then...and later, came to mean even more! Stonewall Jackson said, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." Harriett Tubman said, "Swing low, sweet chariot." Elvis said, "I'm sorry. I love you." Steve Jobs said, "Oh wow. Oh wow. Oh wow." Todd Beamer, on flight #93 on 9/11/2001, said, "Let's roll!" On the Titanic, John Jacob Astor IV said, "Ladies first." Buddha, who lived around 500 BC, said, "Things in the world are unsettled. They are not lasting. Work hard to gain your own redemption." Good luck with that, Buddha!

Jesus said some "Last words" too, didn't He? From the Cross as He hung there, dying, the Gospel writers record Him saying seven specific, distinct things. Those gathered around heard Him. And we can hear Him, even today, too. Special words, these! We've heard them all of our lives. And yet...through the years they have become even more precious to us. Gifts from Him, they are!

We began a new series of messages recently called "7 Words from the Cross from Jesus to You", and this series continues throughout March. I hope you will study the sweet verses where Jesus speaks these uplifting and encouraging truths to us (John 19:25-27; Matt 27:46; John 19:28; John 19:30; Luke 23:46), and plan to be here as we study and worship together.

Thanks for being a part of our LCC Family! Let me ask you to take a minute right now and think of someone you'd like to invite to be here with us, and pray for them. And then invite them! God bless you all—

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SERMON SERIES

Sermon Series: “7 Words from the Cross from Jesus to You”, continues:

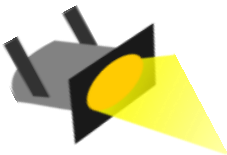
- Mar 5: “He Loves You Now”,
John 19:25-27
- Mar 12: “He Took Your Abandonment”,
Matthew 27:46
- Mar 19: “I Am Like You”,
John 19:28
- Mar 26: “You and I Have Won”,
John 19:30
- Apr 2: “You and I Are Safe With Him”, Luke 23:46

Wednesday Menu

MARCH

- 1 Pulled Pork Sandwiches
8 Spaghetti
15 Shepherd's Pie
22 Baked Potato & Salad Bar
29 Poppyseed Chicken

Missions Spotlight



We mentioned last month that BREAD has a new campus ministry in Kennesaw that we're now supporting, so this month we're focusing on another new mission which is called "Mountain Mission School". This school / home is located in Grundy, Virginia. If you have a few minutes, please visit their web site and read how this school was started and how God provided for a 10- year old boy named Sam Hurley and how he made a promise to God that is still going strong today! It's estimated that more than 20,000 children have received care since its founding in 1921. Chris Mitchell, distant cousin to Sam Hurley, serves as the school's seventh president.

The campus consists of one building and now contains Hurley Hall for girls (3 separate residences). Parker Hall for boys (4 separate residences), and Toddler Hall (for boys and girls under the age of 7), plus an educational business, a vocational & fine arts building, campus chapel, and an administration building.

Typically, 200-300 children, ages 18 months-20 years, along with about 50 staff members make up their diverse, loving family. In addition to a warm home, the students receive a fully accredited, K-12 education right there on campus. MMS teachers with advanced degrees provide several college prep course to students. Over 90% of their graduates go on to college, trade school, or serve in our military. They say, *"None of this would be possible without the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Above all else, we seek Him first in everything we do. This is why, in addition to a thriving campus church, children are taught Bible in the classroom, youth groups, and daily devotions on the residences."*

Check out their website! <https://mmskids.org/>

Thrive

The Difficult Conversation.

Over the past few weeks, our Thrive Youth Group has taken on some of the most difficult conversations when it comes to the following topics: Sex Before Marriage, Gay Marriage, Trans-Gender, Abortion, and Suicide.

Why? Because if we do not speak the truth according to Gods word, then the world will speak lies according to how it feels at the time, or what is popular.

These topics were requested by the students a year ago. Not to say that I was avoiding them, but I knew they would be difficult. OK, ok. I was stalling a little bit.

When we kicked these off, I made an opening remark:
We are going to talk about these things. We are going to respect everyone's opinion, feelings, and thoughts. We are going to treat everyone with love. We are not here to cut anyone down because they have a difference of opinion.

However, as we discuss these topics, I will be responding to questions and reviewing the subjects based on something outside of my opinion... Gods word.

If I don't have point of reference outside of myself, then all I would be giving you is my opinion, and that is not what you need. You need the truth."

Morality, when determined by how we feel, can replace the truth found in God's word, leaving our children with a sense of confusion, misunderstanding and false hope, not to mention "no truth to stand on".

They will spend their lives judging right and wrong based on feelings, there by making it impossible to stand for anything with certainty and conviction.

You can not have certainty and conviction based on "feelings". Those shift every minute.

If we find our morality in how we feel, then we do not have a leg to stand on when it comes to right and wrong. When morality is judged based on feeling, then no one can say that any given "thing" is wrong at a fundamental level.

This is "relative morality". (Right and wrong, based on how you feel)



A true "relative moralist" will never be able to say that they find something wrong with another person's actions. The reason is, that as a relative moralist, they MUST remain neutral on any issue. They cannot say "this is wrong", because they lack a "higher" point of reference for morality that is outside of themselves.

They may say "I don't like abortion, or rape, or *FILL IN THE BLANK*", but they cannot condemn another person because that person must be given the same respect of their own "relative morality".

When we take Gods word and use it as THE MORAL POINT OF REFERENCE to determine what is right and wrong based on scripture, then our morality is no longer based on "feeling" but rather, based on the Truth found in God's word.

Whether Gods word speaks directly or indirectly about the subject, you can be sure on 2 things.

One: In scripture, there are many precepts and harmoniously theological stances that can help us determine what God thinks about certain subject, even if it's not spelled out in black and white.

Two: Where Gods word is silent or in a "gray area", we can take comfort in knowing that the Holy Spirit is ready, willing, and able to lead us, so long as we are looking, knocking, and asking for help.

Please continue to pray for our teens and collage age kids that are trying to navigate some very difficult subject matter.

Pray that God will open his Word to us and that the Holy Spirit leads us before, during and after these talks.

God Speed.
Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor



Recharged (Adult Singles)

On Tuesday, February 28, we had 8 of our Recharged group go to dinner at Applebee's in Loganville, and then we carpooled from there to see a play at the Mainstage Playhouse/On Stage Walton in Monroe. 'Smoke on the Mountain' is funny, energizing and very entertaining. We certainly had a toe-tapping good time!

Upcoming plans:

May 5th – The Recharged group will be hosting another Mexican Fiesta.

June 9th – We are taking a day trip to Toccoa Falls, with a stop in Helen, GA

We encourage all single adults at LCC to join us. Sometimes, we decide to go to a movie or a concert (example: to hear Lifeline in Old Towne Lilburn) with short notice. If you want to be notified of these spur-of-the-moment events, please let us know.

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

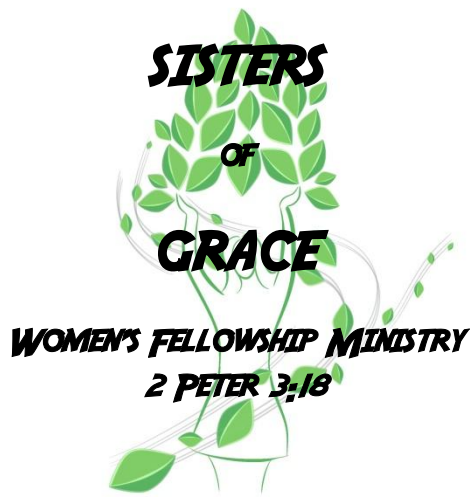
Note: Watch for information in upcoming newsletters, emails and the church bulletins.

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



Here's the group attending Smoke on the Mountain. Photographer, Bill Michael, not shown.





2023 Calendar of Events



Mystery Fun Day March 25

B.A.S.H. July 11

Gals Get-Away September 29-October 1

Ladies Christmas Party December 2

If you haven't received a copy of the 2023 Sisters of Grace brochure, please pick one up at the Welcome Center. Changes in dates will be announced as needed.

Please mark your calendars for these dates and plan to join us for some fun and fellowship.

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FAMILIES & YOUNG ADULTS

30ish people met on February 12 for lunch and a meet and greet with Peter.

Good food and great fellowship.

Peter had a brief meeting with the 20-40 year old LCC members to discuss goals for their ministry.





David Evans
2/26/2023



Randy & Peg Alton
2/12/2023

Upcoming EVENTS

March

- 12 Children's Ministry Volunteers meeting after the service
- 18 LCC Work Day 9 am - Noon
- 19 Mainstreet Concert in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm
- 25 Ladies Mystery Fun Day

April

- 1 Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
- 2 Choir & Orchestra Easter Program
- 5 No Wed. night meal
- 6 Disciples Service, 7:00 pm
- 9 Easter Sunday, Directory Photos Taken
- 16 Directory Photos Make-up Day

Prayer Requests

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Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
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