

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I have had the privilege and pleasure of serving with you now for over 14 years. If my math is correct, this is the 170th Minister's Message I have written for our newsletter! I don't know how many sermons I've preached on Sundays here, but it is over 600. And there have been lots of prayers, announcements, and more. Factor in Wednesday night teaching, Sunday School, funeral messages and more, and suffice to say: I've said a lot of things here!

Thank you for listening. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your love! I don't know if this is the last column like this I will write as your preacher, but it might be. My retirement is drawing near.

Debbie and I have been blessed in a mighty way by our Lord to serve with you here. Your kindness and prayers and support have made a huge difference in our lives. And we thank you.

It is my belief and my fervent prayer that the best days LCC has ever had are still to come! I pray they are just around the corner. A marvelous congregation is here. A phenomenal music program is here. An exciting Youth ministry is in place. A loving Staff is in place. Elders who love the Lord and you are here. Enthusiasm is building! And why not? Our Lord Jesus is still at work, and He has big plans for our Church!

I love you all. I quote to you Paul's words to the Philippians: *I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* -Phil. 1:3-6

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# SERMON SERIES

Message Series, "God's Letters to Us" continues:

- May 7:** "Hold On Till I Come!", Rev 2:18-28 (Tony)  
**May 14:** "Wake Up!", Rev 3:1-6 (Peter)  
**May 21:** "Go Through the Open Door!", Rev 3:7-13 (Alex)  
**May 28:** "Catch Fire!", Rev 3:14-22 (Peter)

## Wednesday Menu

MAY

- 3 Chicken Pot Pie  
10 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
17 Poppysseed Chicken  
24 Spaghetti  
31 Pizza & Salad

### Wednesday Nights

We hope you and your family will continue to join us in May and June!

- Meal 5:45-6:15 pm
- Children's and Youth activities 6:30 pm
- Choir and Orchestra rehearsal 6:30 pm
- Adult Bible study 6:45 pm

### FYA

(Families and Young Adults)

**Peter will be teaching Sunday School for this group beginning May 7.**

## Missions Spotlight



Please pray for this important ministry this month. Christian City offers a variety of services: Children's Village, a Safe Place Runaway & Homeless Youth Program, Crossroads Foster Care and Adoption Program, Thrive Graduate Transition, affordable active senior living for adults 65+, healthcare with skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility and an active volunteer program. May people who take advantage of these programs are vulnerable so they provide a safe home and loving community enabling them to thrive. LCC supports this mission because we believe in the work they do to help show the love of Christ to those in need. Please pray for Keith Horton and the team that leads the efforts at Christian City this month.





# Thrive

What's happening LCC Fam!!!

This month, the Thrive Youth Group has been busy.

What do we do when the weather is getting warmer and the kids want to get outside...? Go camping!!

We had a fantastic time with the group over at the Stone Mountain campground.

My youth leaders helped out tremendously. Kelly Hartnett got all the food and cooked breakfast for us and delivered it on Sunday morning.

Faith as usual got her hands on some frisbee's and footballs for the kids to toss around.

Colin Hartnett showed up in between working on Saturday.

And Nicole Ammons stayed the night with the youth group and I to make sure I had some help.

My lovely wife spent time with us out in the woods. She loves being there for these kids.

All in all the kids had a great time despite the rain in the morning, and I think it's something that we will do again next year.

Now on to the most important thing that happened this month. two of our teens gave their lives to Christ. Aaron Alewine and Max Shiefer.

It's times like these when I see God working that makes all this worth the effort.

It's fun to do events and fun things, but when one of the youth group realizes their need for Christ and that there is a saving grace that we can all have if we ask for it... that's when the real payoff comes.

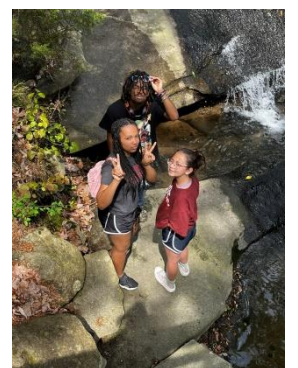
Keep Max and Aaron in your prayers as they start their walk with Christ.

See page 8 of this newsletter for pictures.

God speed.

Alex Aleman

Youth Pastor







## Recharged (Adult Singles)

### *Cinco de Mayo Fiesta*



#### **Reminder:**

All adult Worship attendees, Sunday School classes, choir & orchestra, including adults that serve in children or teen areas are invited to join the “Recharged” (Singles Adult Group) for a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta.

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023. Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

Place: Family Life Center. Cost \$3.00 per person.

Please join us for a night of Mexican food, conversations and entertainment.  
We will enjoy a taco bar, Mexican influenced dishes and desserts.  
Mark your calendars, and sign up in the foyer thru Wednesday, 5/3.

Childcare will not be provided at the church facilities; however, you are welcome to bring your children.  
They may join you for dinner and sit with you during the entertainment portion of the evening.

Questions and Payment: See Karen Throckmorton or Rosie Bengtson.

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### **Send Off for Henry Nguyen**

LCC saw Henry off to the Marines on April 30. Lynn Knight made an amazing Marine emblem cake for him. His dad was present at church, which made Henry very proud. He will be at boot camp for 13 weeks in South Carolina. We will get a mailing address for him in a week. Henry has grown so much in his Christian walk. He will be missed by LCC, but we know he has the Holy Spirit to guide him.





The Annual Gal's Get-Away will be held Sept. 29, 30 & Oct. 1 at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simon's Island. This facility is a Methodist Retreat Center which provides room with two Queen beds, a meeting room and six meals per person. Cost for the Get-Away **per person** will be:

\$240.00 for two people in one room  
\$220.00 for three people in one room  
\$210.00 for four people in one room

Registration will begin on June 4 with a **non-refundable deposit of \$80.00**, which must be received by **July 9**. The **balance** must be paid by **August 20**. Please make your checks payable to the church but write "Gal's Get-Away" on the memo line.

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You are invited to a free catered luncheon: Sunday, June 4, 2023 right after our Worship Service! Desserts only are needed. Please sign-up in the Foyer. Watch for more information in your emails!





What a blessing to worship together and celebrate our RISEN SAVIOR on Easter Sunday morning!!!



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# BAPTISM



The angles are rejoicing!!!!  
Baptism of Robert Krakeel on April 16, 2023.



Max Schiefer and Aaron Alewine were baptized by Alex on Wednesday night, April 27, 2023,

The heavens rejoice!

Alex read Isaiah 53:5 and John 3:16, then led the young men in their confessions of faith.

What a blessing LCC has had this week!!!

## Upcoming EVENTS

### May

- 5 Cinco De May Fiesta in the FLC at 5:30 pm.
- 7 Kick off for Right Now Media
- 14 Mother's Day
- 21 Welcome Class Luncheon for invited guests
- 23 Primary Elections
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday
- 31 Wednesday Meal provided by our Staff.

### MAY

- 1 Judges 16-18, Luke 20:39- 21:19
- 2 Judges 19-20, Luke 21:20-38
- 3 Judges 21, Luke 22:1-18
- 4 Ruth 1-4, Luke 22:19-38
- 5 1 Samuel 1-2, Luke 22:39-62
- 6 1 Samuel 3-5, Luke 22:63- 23:12
- 7 1 Samuel 6-8, Luke 23:13-25
- 8 1 Samuel 9-11, Luke 23:26-56
- 9 1 Samuel 12:1-14:23, Luke 24:1-12
- 10 1 Samuel 14:24-15:35, Luke 24:13-32
- 11 1 Samuel 16-17, Luke 24:33-53
- 12 1 Samuel 18, John 1:1-28
- 13 1 Samuel 19-20, John 1:29-50
- 14 1 Samuel 21-23, John 2
- 15 1 Samuel 24-25, John 3:1-21
- 16 1 Samuel 26-28, John 3:22-36
- 17 1 Samuel 29-31, John 4:1-26
- 18 2 Samuel 1:1-3:5, John 4:27-54
- 19 2 Samuel 3:6-5:25, John 5:1-18
- 20 2 Samuel 6-8, John 5:19-36
- 21 2 Samuel 9-11, John 5:37- 6:14
- 22 2 Samuel 12-13, John 6:15-36
- 23 2 Samuel 14-15, John 6:37-59
- 24 2 Samuel 16-17, John 6:60-7:9
- 25 2 Samuel 18:1-19:18, John 7:10-19
- 26 2 Samuel 19:19-20:26, John 7:20-36
- 27 2 Samuel 21-22, John 7:37-8:11
- 28 2 Samuel 23-24, John 8:12-32
- 29 1 Kings 1, John 8:33-59
- 30 1 Kings 2-3, John 9:1-17
- 31 1 Kings 4-5, John 9:18-41

## Prayer Requests

Teresa Herring  
Loetta Benton  
Linda Proctor  
Glenda Middleton  
Marcia Heinz  
Richard Walker  
Chris, Vicki & Josh  
Fontana

Cecil & Catherine  
Hallman  
Jesse Spindler  
Rasor Family  
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Frank Umberger  
Martina Sirlouis  
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