

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

We have been going through a series “Why are We Here?” Perhaps the best way to answer this question is to put it succinctly: go, go, go, go! In fact, this has effectively become a slogan for us. I hear many of you repeating it, which is fantastic! The slogan developed out of the first sermon in our series which focused upon the Great Commission: “Go and make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19). This is our primary task; it is LCC’s mission. But how do we accomplish this?

The message for July 9th will be looking specifically at “How Do We Accomplish Our Mission?” We accomplish it through evangelism, edification, and education (or e³ for short). These three elements we can call our *values*. We at LCC value spreading the Gospel, building up stronger disciples, and getting to know God more deeply. The message will explore the details of these values. I hope you will be able to glean from this message and be better equipped to fulfill LCC’s mission.

Finally, on July 16th, the message will focus upon LCC’s newly revised vision statement: “To love and serve our community, bringing it to the knowledge of God, a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, and communion in the Holy Spirit.” As you can observe, the vision is centered around the triune God we

worship: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each person of the Trinity plays a different role in our salvation and discipleship. As such, we want to make sure that, as we carry out our mission to spread the Gospel, we communicate and guide unbelievers into a relationship with our trinitarian God, the Creator of all things.

Of course, the first part of LCC’s vision statement is just as important: “to love and serve our community.” This echoes the “go, go, go, go!” slogan. We want to go and love and serve everyone in our community, no matter the nationality, language, or tribe! This means literally *everyone*, no strings attached.

Soon, we will be celebrating Independence Day, the day Americans became politically free. Let us remember, however, the more important type of freedom that we are to bring to those around us: spiritual freedom from sin and death. This is our mission, it is included in our vision, and it underlies LCC’s values. Many in our community have come from other nations seeking freedom in this world, but let’s give them something more: spiritual freedom! Let’s go, go, go, go!

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SERMON SERIES

- July 2: "How Do We Accomplish Our Mission?" Eph. 4:1-16
- July 9: Alex Preaching
- July 16: "What is LCC's Vision?" Eph. 1:15-23

New Series: What's in a Worldview?

- July 23: "Is There a God?" Genesis 1:1
- July 30: "What is the Physical Universe?" Psalm 33:6-9

Wednesday Menu

JULY

There are no Wednesday Night Meals during July.

Missions Spotlight



en Vivo Salamanca

Please remember Christopher Hylton, who leads en Vivo. He's had some health issues that is preventing him from traveling. As most of you remember, Christopher and his wife, Ruth brought our message a couple of years ago and last year during Sunday School, and normally travels to the states during the summer months. He won't be able to join us this year, so please pray for his rapid healing.

On a side note, also please pray for our missionaries in India. Due to the volatile state in India, they have been using extreme caution about what has been communicated. Some of the information we just received was from last year. One of our missions has lost a couple of members to death for various causes. They have also experienced persecution from extremists from twenty different villages pressuring the government to stop support from Christians in that area. On a side note, one of the extremists came to know Christ and was baptised. His elder brother and extended family has disowned him, but he has brought three more tribal people with him who have also accepted Christ. Lastly please pray for the four year daughter of a fellow worker Rajesh of the mission who helps drive the missions vehicles. She was invited into a neighbor's house by offering her chocolate, and the twenty year old raped her. We didn't call out the mission specifically, but God knows who they are. Please pray for them during this difficult time. We removed their information from our website also for their safety.



LCC Wednesday Night Meal Ministry

Patsy Gurr and Lynn Knight have served on the LCC Kitchen Crew faithfully for over 30 years. They have announced their 'retirement' from this ministry, and we wish them well. Please take an opportunity to thank them in person for their long-time service to this vital ministry.

The kitchen crew will now be led by co-captains, Rosie Bengtson, Marilyn Nelson and Kim Simon. There will be some changes to streamline the menus and recipes. We are going to eliminate some items, as well as try some new ideas.

We will need more volunteers. We understand that many of you cannot commit to helping every week. However, there are plenty of ways you can help – one item, one recipe, one meal at time. We will be sending out regular emails on those opportunities to serve.

Opportunity to Serve Saturday, July 22



We will be having a workday on Saturday, July 22 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (or until we are done). We are focusing on the Family Life Center, specifically the kitchen, gym and storage room in preparation for Wednesday Night Meals. We will have checklists of things to be accomplished.

Thrive

We are into the end of June already, and I can't believe how fast this month has gone by.

Our kids are enjoying a month of fun and games, which we use as an opportunity to invite new kids to youth group and hope that they will enjoy getting involved and keep coming back.

Something interesting happened while I was on vacation last week.

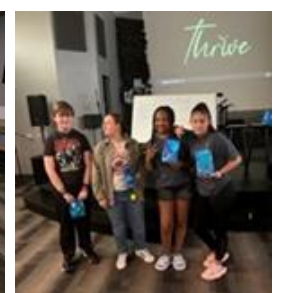
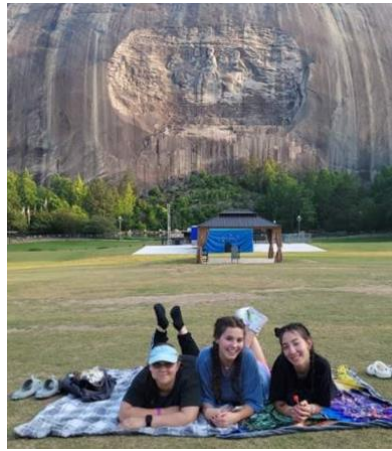
One of Chloe's friends, who started coming because Chloe invited her, came to Wednesday night even though Chloe was not there. This is a telling sign that our kids are open and loving to those who visit. They see themselves as part of the family and are comfortable with being there without their main point of contact. Great job Thrive!

In June we had a 45 foot water slide that they really enjoyed sliding down. We went to Stone Mountain. Trivia night and served a Wednesday night meal.

Keep praying for us, our youth leaders (who are the best in the world) and for our teen's spiritual growth. Some of our teens don't have parents that come to church at all, and this is the only spiritual guidance they have in their lives right now.

God Speed.

Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor





Recharged (Adult Singles)



The Recharged Adult Singles Group had a great time on our day trip to Helen, GA. We had 8 of our folks go, plus our van driver, Dwayne and Marla, who rode shotgun! We had really beautiful weather. We broke off into a few groups to shop and look around on our own with a plan of what time to meet back at the van. However, by coincidence, we ended up in the same restaurant for lunch. We got to sit and watch tubers and fishermen overlooking the Chattahoochee River. Relaxing and Fun....

The Recharged group is going to see the play '9 to 5' at On Stage Walton in Monroe, GA on Tuesday, July 25th. We hope y'all signed up! We have seen several plays this year and really have a great time.

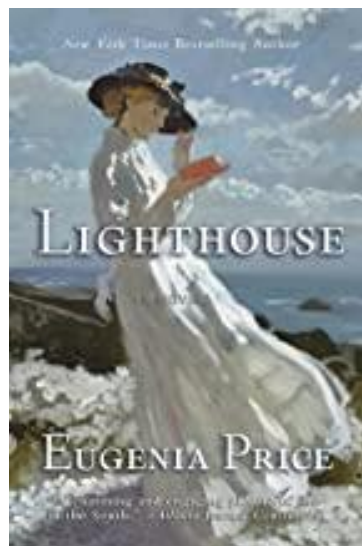
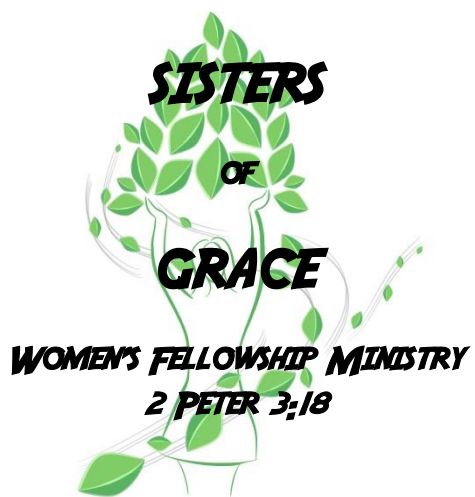


Planned Events for the rest of 2023:

Note: August events based on interest and minimum number of people.

Please let Karen Throckmorton or Rosie Bengtson know which of those possibilities interest you.

Event	Date/Location	Notes:
Pigs & Peaches BBQ Festival	Saturday, Aug. 19 (Adams Park, Kennesaw, GA)	Tentative, based on interest Sign up sheet in foyer: 7/30 – 8/13
Lunch and tour Elisha Winn House	Some Friday in August (TBD) Dacula, GA	Only open for tours. Cost \$5.00 per person, Minimum of 5 people
Gibbs Garden	Friday, Oct 6 Ball Ground, GA	Sign up sheet in foyer: 9/17 – 10/4 Tickets \$18 plus tax, senior rate
Gospel Music Festival	Saturday, Nov 4 McDonough, GA	Two sessions at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm Tickets \$35 plus tax, per session
Christmas Lights Adventure	Thursday, Dec 14	Dinner at Cracker Barrel & drive-thru Neighborhood Christmas Lights



**B.A.S.H. - Tuesday, July 25 @ 6:30 pm
in the FLC
Bingo (and other games), Salad &
Sherbert**



Tuesday, July 11 @ 6:30 pm in the FLC

This book was chosen because we will be going to St. Simon's Island for our Gal's Get-Away. This is only the beginning of their adventures.

This is the first book of the St. Simon's Trilogy. The other two books, in case you are interested in reading the entire series are: New Moon Rising & The Beloved Invader.

In this enthralling first novel of the St. Simons Trilogy, Eugenia Price shares the compelling story of James Gould, a young man with a passionate dream. Raised in post-Revolution Granville, Massachusetts, Gould could only imagine the beauty and warmth of lands to the south. It was there that he longed to build bridges and lighthouses from his very own design and plans. The gripping story unfolds as Gould follows his dream to the raw settlement of Bangor on the Penobscot River, to St. Simons Island off the coast of Georgia, to lawless Spanish East Florida, and back—at last and finally—to St. Simons. Along the way, he encounters hardship, peril, failure, and success, but it is the unwavering love of Janie Harris, an especially beautiful and strong-willed young woman, that fulfills his deep need for someone who can share the dream and the life he has chosen .



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 and place in the envelope provided.

Upcoming

EVENTS



July

No Wednesday Night Meals in July.

- 4 Independence Day Holiday
- 11 Ladies B.A.S.H. @ 6:30 pm in the FLC
- 22 Youth – Tubing in Helen, 9 am – 4 pm
- 22 Kitchen Work Day, 9 am – 2 pm
- 25 Recharged Adult Singles, 9 to 5 Play in Monroe
- 25 Ladies B.A.S.H @ 7:00 pm in the FLC

August

- 2 School starts back
- 13 Thrive Youth Group – Pool Bash 12:00 – 4:00 pm



JULY

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

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