

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

One primary college course I have taught for the last twenty years is Christian worldview. The course ends with discussing the meaning and purpose of life. From a personal perspective, we ask questions like, "Why am I here? What is the purpose of my life? Is there some kind of ultimately meaning in life in which I personally play a part? Where do I fit into this thing called 'life?'" These questions are very important to answer, especially as Christians. We know that we all play a significant part in God's kingdom, but what exactly does that look like? These questions are just as important as a church to ask: why are we here at Lilburn Christian Church? What role does LCC play in God's kingdom?

Since this is my first newsletter message, I thought it would be a great opportunity to consider LCC's purpose and mission. Recently, the leadership put together a revised mission statement, one that continues what LCC has been and what we would like for it to continue to be. It states, "LCC is a loving family of believers of all different ages, tribes, nations, and languages united in fulfilling the Great Commission of Jesus Christ."

This statement reflects LCC's identity of being comprised of different types of people in a highly diverse community. We have people from India, Mexico, and other places around the world. We have African Americans, White Americans, Asian Americans, and many more. Our ages range from birth to seasoned Christians. LCC supports missions near and far. But with all our diverse backgrounds, we stand united. We are united in fulfilling the Great Commission: spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

As we move forward together, let us remember our purpose and keep it always in view. We are a united church of different types of people. We love each other. We love our community. We love the world. And because we love, we share the Gospel everywhere we go—to all tribes, nations, and languages. In short, our motto is "the Gospel to every tribe and nation!"

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SERMON SERIES

- 6/11 Why Are We Here?
Matt. 28:16-20
- 6/18 Chris Beirne with
Bread Coffee House
will be preaching.
- 6/25 What is LCC's
Mission? Rev. 7:9-17
- 7/2 How Do We
Accomplish Our
Mission? Eph. 4:1-16
- 7/9 What is LCC's Vision?
Eph. 1:15-23

Wednesday Menu

JUNE

- 7 Chef's Salad, Sandwiches
14 Hamburgers
21 Pizza
28 BBQ



BBQ

GRILLIN & CHILLIN

Sunday, June 25 @ 5:00 pm
Lilburn Christian Church

Sign up in the Foyer to bring Sides and/or
Homemade Ice Cream.

Missions Spotlight



Your mission dollars are hard at work! The mission teams often look for ways to help our missionaries with a special need that they may have. At least once a quarter we take a hard look at what the needs are and as a committee, we pray for God's wisdom on how best to spend the funds set aside for missions. Some of you remember Rajan Ipe from Kerala Christian Mission Inc visited with us a while back and said they had an immediate need for a mammogram machine in their clinic. The missions team decided this was a worthy cause so we donated the funds to support this. See picture below. Winning people to Christ means sometimes taking care of their physical needs, and we felt this will go a long way in doing so.

There was also a need with the Lilburn Co-op. We were able to purchase a freezer for them to store additional food that is provided for those in need. See pictures below. Thanks to Bill Michael for leading this up and also is an honorary member of the missions team!

We have been doing this in years past but haven't done a great job of sharing that information with you, so moving forward, we'll make sure we share this with all of you. So keep an eye out for the newsletter! Lastly don't forget to bring food for the Co-op!



Pictures from the Co-op



Thrive

Thrive teens are growing up too fast.

This past Sunday we said “Congratulations” to some of our teens as they take the next step in their life, into adulthood: Teagan Merrill, Aalijah Wylie, Penny Newman, and Emma Walsh (not shown).

These kids are like my kids. I am so happy to see them accomplish something so important, and make the next move into college, or whatever career of they choose. At the same time, I feel like I am losing them even though I know I am really not.

The biggest fear for me as a youth pastor is that they forget what they have learned. I fear that they will not stay connected. I fear that the enemy will keep them from going deeper in their walk. The reality is that at some point in the life of a youth pastor, I must pull back and pray that they will take what they have learned and apply it to their lives outside of church.

Youth group is for equipping, training, and learning. A safe place where they can be themselves. Where they can be vulnerable. A place they can laugh, cry, have bad days. Build close bonds with the other kids and their mentors. A place they can learn to be leaders. A place they can find their calling in the great plans that God has set up for them. But, at some point, they must take all they have learned about God, about themselves and get to work building the Kingdom in the way that God has set for them.

Please pray with me as these amazing young people start out on life’s great adventure.

A final thought.

I want to take a moment to recognize someone who has given me this opportunity. My friend, mentor, and advocate, Tony. If not for this man, I would not be where I am today.

It’s one thing to say, “let’s fill the youth pastor position with a graduate from the best Bible college we can find”. That’s what churches do right? It’s a totally different thing to say, “let’s give this guy named Alex, who didn’t go to college at all, and doesn’t have any qualifications by the worlds standards, a shot at leading the youth group”. If you had told me 10 years ago that God would have made a way for me to do what I feel I was called to do, regardless of the mountain of mistakes I made growing up, I would not have believed it. I always felt called to ministry. I always knew that this was where God wanted me, but like so many others, I lived life on my own terms. I did what I wanted, and I paid and am still paying a high price for not listening to God when he called me in my teen years.

I am blessed that Tony, Jeff Stephens and the other Elders listened to God and afforded me the opportunity that I thought would never come, despite the many nights I spent crying with God begging him to open the door somewhere.

He is faithful.

Philippians 1:6 “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”.

God is carrying me in this work.

Thank you, Tony. I am forever grateful.

God Speed.

Alex Aleman
Youth pastor

Also, Alyssa Rasor graduated from high school in AZ.





Recharged (Adult Singles)

The Recharged (Single Adults) Group has been busy!

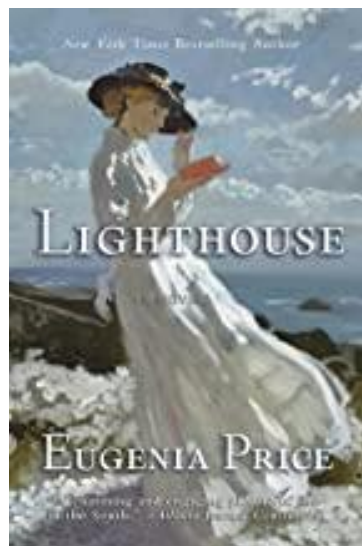
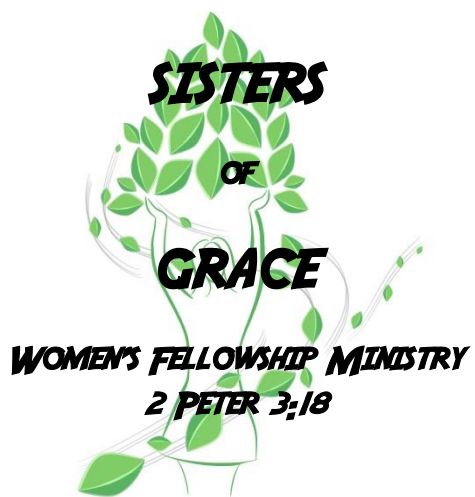
On Tuesday, May 2nd, we had dinner at Chicken Salad Chicks in Loganville, then drove to Monroe to see 'Driving Miss Daisy' at On Stage Walton. We always enjoy this small community theater group. This play was exceptionally well done. We had 9 from our 'Recharged' group attend, plus we were joined by a couple of others from LCC.



On Friday, May 5th, we hosted a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in the Family Life Center. We had 27 in attendance. We ate some wonderful Mexican inspired food (tacos with ground beef and grilled chicken with all the toppings and side dishes) and some wonderful desserts provided by members of the 'Recharged – Adult Singles Group'. There were some interesting conversations, and we played Emoji Pictionary with Cinco de Mayo inspired emoji's. We had to figure out the words or phrases that the emoji's represented. Wally Curtiss was very fast at this and won the prize! Several times throughout the evening our quests and team members selected a Cinco de Mayo joke to be read. Some were pretty good, some not so funny, but all in all very entertaining

Upcoming event: The 'Recharged' Adult Singles Group is going on a day trip to Helen, GA on Friday, June 9th. We will carpool from church leaving at 9:00 a.m. We will walk around, shop, eat, and shop some more before we head home. Bring money for lunch, shopping and a little gas money for your driver. Sign-up sheet will be in the foyer Sunday, 5/21 thru Wednesday, 6/7. Any questions – see Rosie Bengtson or Karen Throckmorton.





**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



June

- 4 Retirement Luncheon for Tony & Debbie
- 7 Youth – Laser Show @ 6:45 pm
- 9 Recharged Adult Singles in Helen, GA
- 14 Youth – Movie Night & Popcorn at 6:30 pm
- 18 Father's Day
- 21 Youth – Trivia Night @ 6:30 pm
- 25-30 NGCC for Middle Schoolers
- 25 BBQ – Chillin & Grillin @ 5:00 pm
- 28 Youth – Outside Games & FUN @ 6:30 pm

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



Kailyn Melton
May 14, 2023



Alivia Knight
May 31, 2023



Congratulations to Gloria Rasor on her baptism on May 22, 2023 by her Dad, Peter, in AZ.

JUNE

- 1 1 Kings 6:1-7:22, John 10:1-21
- 2 1 Kings 7:23-8:21, John 10:22-42
- 3 1 Kings 8:22-9:28, John 11:1-16
- 4 1 Kings 10-11, John 11:17-44
- 5 1 Kings 12-13, John 11:45-12:11
- 6 1 Kings 14:1-15:24, John 12:12-50
- 7 1 Kings 15:25-17:24, John 13:1-17
- 8 1 Kings 18- 19, John 13:18-38
- 9 1 Kings 20-21, John 14:1-14
- 10 1 Kings 22, John 14:15-31
- 11 2 Kings 1-3, John 15:1-17
- 12 2 Kings 4-5, John 15:18-16:15
- 13 2 Kings 6-7, John 16:16—33
- 14 2 Kings 8-9, John 17
- 15 2 Kings 10-11, John 18:1-24
- 16 2 Kings 12-14, John 18:25-40
- 17 2 Kings 15-16, John 19:1-16
- 18 2 Kings 17-18, John 19:17-42
- 19 2 Kings 19-20, John 20:1-18
- 20 2 Kings 21:1-23:25, John 20:19-31
- 21 2 Kings 23:26-25:30, John 21
- 22 1 Chron. 1, Acts 1
- 23 1 Chron. 2, Acts 2:1-13
- 24 1 Chron. 3-4, Acts 2:14-47
- 25 1 Chron. 5, Acts: 3
- 26 1 Chron. 6:1-30, Acts 4:1-22
- 27 1 Chron. 6:31-80, Acts 4:23-37
- 28 1 Chron. 7, Acts 5:1-16
- 29 1 Chron. 8-9, Acts 5:17-42
- 30 1 Chron. 10-11, Acts 6

Prayer Requests

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Loetta Benton
Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
Marcia Heinz
Richard Walker
Chris, Vicki & Josh Fontana
Cecil & Catherine Hallman

Jesse Spindler
Rasor Family
Pat Ferguson
Carolyn Ballew
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