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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

As LCC works at fulfilling its mission to make disciples for Christ, I'm reminded what Ephesians 2:11-13 says: "And He [Jesus] gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (NASB). Note the reason why Jesus gave his church the leadership of elders, pastors, and teachers. It is to equip each member so he or she can do the work of service and help grow the body of Christ. Exactly how is this accomplished? There are, in fact, numerous ways. Let's look at just a few.

First, as the book of Ephesians implies, leaders in the church *teach*. Teaching is one of the most important activities of the church. Jesus, our Savior, taught consistently. In his teaching, he revealed the character of God and the expectations he has for us about how to live and treat one another. On occasion, Jesus rebuked others in his teaching. He would rebuke them for their misunderstanding, hypocrisy, false beliefs, and when their actions were inconsistent with their proclaimed faith. Such teaching is expected to continue today in the local church by the leadership.

Second, leaders help equip members of the church by *modeling* the Christian life. In a sense, this is related to the concept of teaching. Jesus not only taught verbally, but he taught through his actions; he modeled what living a holy life looked like. He spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well at a time when Jews disparaged

Samaritans and men viewed women as inferior. He showed compassion to the crowds in Matthew 9:36 and then for the 4000 whom he ended up miraculously feeding. Pastors, elders, and teachers do the same today in the local church, teaching by word and action. They show what it looks like to serve and love others.

A question that each one of us must ask ourselves, however, is, "How can I be better equipped to help build the body of Christ? How can I help the Lord's kingdom grow?" The answer begins by acknowledging that we all need to sit at the feet of those who are called to equip the saints. We greatly inhibit the work of God in our lives and the life of the church if we consistently neglect the opportunities to be involved with Bible studies, the preaching of the Word of God, service activities for the community, among other things. If we rarely sit under the teaching of leadership or observe the modeling of a holy life, becoming more like Christ and having the ability to spread the Gospel becomes more difficult. God gave his church leaders for a reason: to equip us to work and serve. Let each of us take advantage of such a wonderful gift Jesus has given his church!

Your Friend and Minister, Dr. Pete

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# SERMON SERIES

### **August Sermon Series**

"What's in a World View"

- 8/6 "What Am I", Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7
- 8/13 "What Happens When I Die", Phil. 1:21-26
- 8/20 Alex is preaching
- 8/27 Missionary will be preaching.





### en Vivo Salamanca

Please remember all the children, teachers and college students as they prepare to return to school in Aug. Our children are faced with numerous attacks from Satan and need our prayers now more than ever. For those students who are in college, we have several campus ministries that we support as a congregation, as well as Mountain Mission School. If you have students going to GA Tech, UGA or Emory (Oxford, Kennesaw, Atlanta), please encourage them to get involved in one of our campus ministries. You can connect with the campus leaders through the church website (lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions) and obtain the name of each specific campus minister that can guide you and your teen through the process of getting involved!



"POT LUCK WITH PETER" (as well as Jennifer, Samantha, Alyssa, Leah & Gloria)

### Sunday, September 17, 2023

Join us after the service as we welcome the Rasor family to LCC. Bring your favorite covered dish, along with sides, drinks, bread & dessert for your family, as well as some to share.



Trunk or Treat is Oct 31st! We need volunteers to host a trunk. Since this will be an alternative to Halloween, we expect a lot of people. We need help with people hosting a trunk, serving food, managing bounce houses, bringing candy, and most importantly PRAYING! There is a role for everyone. Please see Schyler Umberger or Debbie Stephens if you are interested.





### Many Hands Make Light Work!

Nehemiah Chapters 2 & 3 tells us about Nehemiah arriving in Jerusalem and seeing the massive work ahead of them. There were many tasks to be accomplished. It was a bit overwhelming, but Nehemiah had a burden for the Lord and a plan in place, but it was the people who offered up willing hearts and ready hands, and God worked with that.

We had 14 people show up and complete lengthy task lists for the FLC Kitchen, Gym and Storage Room. There was a lot of work done (cleaning, sweeping, mopping, pressure washing, re-organizing, and inventory in preparation for Wednesday Night Meals), but there was also a lot of conversations and laughter. Thank you for being willing hearts and ready hands and taking this Opportunity to Serve.



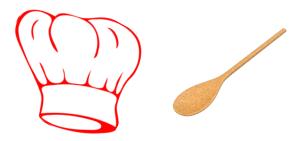












### LCC Wednesday Night Meal Ministry

The Wednesday Night Meals for this school year (August, 2023 – May, 2024) will begin on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are a self-sufficient ministry. As food prices continue to increase, we made the decision to raise the cost for the meals to \$4.00 per person, with a Family Max of \$15.00. Children under 3 eat free.

Dinner is served from 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm. The serving window will be closed at 6:15 pm so we can clean up the kitchen and put everything away before Bible Study begins at 6:30 pm.

#### Meals for August:

- 8/2 Spaghetti and Cakes
- 8/9 Chicken Salad and Banana Pudding
- 8/16 Lasagna and Brownies & Ice Cream
- 8/23 Grilled Pork Loin and Ice Cream Sandwiches/Drumsticks
- 8/30 Breakfast for Dinner with Fruit Cup

## <u>Opportunity to Serve</u> Wednesday Night Meals



You will notice a change in the Sunday Bulletin. We are giving you an opportunity to serve one item, one recipe, one meal at a time. We will list the tasks needed for that particular meal, as well as things that need to be done **Every Week**. Please let us know who, what when, where and how you are willing to help.

Thanks, The Kitchen Crew Rosie Bengtson 404-403-5765 Marilyn Nelson 770-363-2681 Kim Simon 404-374-8367





*This month, Thrive high schoolers went to North Georgia Christian Camp.* 

They had a blast and took some time to go deeper in their walk with Christ.

On the way home we stopped off at Jaemor Farms and grabbed some ice cream.

As we start off the new school year, please keep our teens in your prayers and ask the Lord to bless our kids. Ask Him to bring our kids into a close walk with Him. Ask God to help us spread the gospel when the opportunity presents itself, and to help us grow.

God speed. Alex Aleman

Youth Pastor









## **Recharged (Adult Singles)**



We had nine members of the Recharged Adult Singles Group go to dinner at Foggy Bottoms in Loganville before attending On Stage Walton to see the musical '9 to 5' on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Great food, great friends and great fun!

The Recharged group has attended six movies this year. It's usually semi-spur-of-the-moment. If you find a movie you'd like to go to, please let us know. Kandy set up an email broadcast group for us. If you do not receive emails regarding Recharged events, but would like to, please give your email address to Rosie, Karen or Kandy.



#### Planned Events for the rest of 2023:

Let's talk about a good date to go to the Elisha Winn House in either August or September. It might be a little cooler in September

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



2 PETER 3:18



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

### Our 2<sup>nd</sup> B.A.S.H. ended up being Bingo & Snacks Hour (and other games)

We played so many Bingo games that there wasn't time for anything else. Snacks of Popcorn, Candies, Trail Mix, Cookies & drinks were served. There were several ladies that won prizes, some twice with their Bingo cards. A huge Thank You to Rachel Solano who volunteered to call our our Bingo numbers.









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2023 Gal's Get-Away Sept. 29—Oct. 1 Epworth By the Sea St. Simon's Island 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 is \$240.00.** 

Registration began on June 4 with a **nonrefundable 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 and write "Gal's Get-Away" on the memo line and place in the envelope provided.



### August

- 2 School starts back
- 3 Meals Resume at 5:45 pm and Wed. Night Activities at 6:30 pm
- 8 Ladies Bible Study Resumes at 9:45 am each Tues.
- 13 Thrive Youth Group Pool Bash 12:00 4:00 pm

### September

- 4 Labor Day Holiday
- 9 LCC Work Day 9 am Noon
- 17 LCC Homecoming: Potluck with Peter after Worship.
- 29-Oct 1 Ladies Gal's Get-Away to St. Simon's Island





Teresa Herring 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 Gensie McDonald Sandy Dunbar Kathy Hill Juanita Hollis TeriWilson Phyllis Macheski



### AUGUST

1 Esther 1-2, Acts 24:1-21 2 Esther 3-4, Acts 24:22-25:12 3 Esther 5-6, Acts 25:13-26:11 4 Esther 7-8, Acts 26:12-32 5 Esther 9-10. Acts 27:1-12 6 Psalm 1-2, Acts 27:13-44 7 Psalm 3-5, 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

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Please pray for our teachers and all others that work in our schools.