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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Church Family,

I remember when I was about seven years old I really wanted to learn how to play the drums. My desire was inspired by the Muppet character Animal who did not know how to talk. He only grunted and screamed, especially when he played the drums. His enthusiasm (or should I say animalistic behavior?) attracted me like a magnet. Thankfully, my parents signed me up for private drum lessons and thus began my long road toward Animal's stardom, or at least I thought.

As I began my lessons, I quickly became disillusioned. I was not going to be Animal for a long time. I had to learn the rudimental techniques, how to read music, and even mundane things like how to hold a drum stick properly! I could not believe it. I was a drumming zealot who had to slow down and learn the basics before ever getting to beat a single drumhead!

My beginning drum lessons are somewhat like our Christian faith. When we first become a Christian, we are zealous and "on fire" for the Lord. We want to evangelize. We want to teach. We want to declare everything we have learned from our Bible reading. Although this is good, and should not necessarily be discouraged, we must also be careful not to get too ahead of ourselves. We need to learn the basics of the Christian faith, like who God is, the nature of Christ, who we are as humans, the nature of sin, the plan of salvation, the promise of Christ's return, and heaven

and hell. We want to make sure that the message we declare is accurate and biblical. This is one reason why Paul tells Timothy in his first letter that an elder should not be a recent convert. Elders are expected to be seasoned leaders with great responsibility to care for the church.

Knowing the basics of the Christian faith is what drives the focus of the current sermon series "What's In a Worldview?" We have learned more who God is and who we are. What is wrong with the world (sin) and the solution to this problem. The next sermon series will continue to lay more basics of the Christian faith as we focus upon the book of Galatians. This excellent book, written by the Apostle Paul, gives an analysis of the foundation of our salvation, namely, grace. We need to ensure that we understand this fundamental of the faith so we can fulfill the mission of spreading the Gospel. I look forward to sharing this series with you in the month of September. I hope the Spirit teaches you a greater depth and appreciation of the doctrine of grace!

Your Friend and Minister, Dr. Pete

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# SERMON SERIES

#### **August Sermon Series**

"What's in a World View"

9/3 "Can I Really Know Anything?", John 18:37-38

9/10 "Is Anything Right or Wrong?", Isaiah 5:20-23

9/17 "What is the Meaning of Life?, Eccles. 12:13-14

9/24 Galatians Part 1

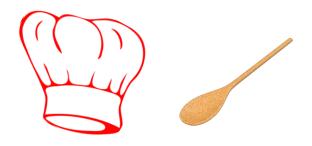
10/1 Galatians Part 2



## Missions Spotlight



Please remember the work being done at Christian City this month. They have a wide variety of programs that they offer such as the Children's Village where they provide out of home care for children ages 5-17 that are in crisis. They also offer "Thrive" transitional living which provides housing, supportive services, life-skills education and appropriate supervision for youth ages 18-24 who are aging out of the foster care system or are homeless, plus other services for families and children who need assistance. They also offer senior living, family stabilization that helps prevent families that are in crises, adoption and foster care and the list goes on. LCC is proud supporter of Christian City and have been for many years. Please pray for this important ministry and what they offer the community and those involved in serving this month!



# 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 September:**

9/6 Poppy Seed Chicken & Ice Cream Sundaes
9/13 Tacos and Cobblers
9/20 Grilled Chicken Strips, Cookies and Ice Cream
9/27 Pulled BBQ Pork and Little Debbie Cakes

# Opportunity to Serve 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



#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Psalm 91-95, 1 Cor 4:14-5:13
- 2 Psalm 96-101, 1 Cor 6
- 3 Psalm 102-103, 1 Cor 7:1-24
- 4 Psalm 104-105, 1 Cor 7:25-8:13
- 5 Psalm 106, 1 Cor 9:1-18
- 6 Psalm 107-109, 1 Cor 9:19-10:13
- 7 Psalm 110-115, 1 Cor 10:14-11:1
- 8 Psalm 116-118, 1 Cor 11:2-2-22
- 9 Psalm 119: 1-64, 1 Cor 11:23-12:11
- 10 Psalm 119:65-120, 1 Cor 12:12-31
- 11 Psalm 119: 121-120:7, 1 Cor 13:1-14:19
- 12 Psalm 121-130, 1 Cor 14:20-40
- 13 Psalm 131-135 1 Cor 15:1-19
- 14 Psalm 136-139, 1 Cor 15:20-34
- 15 Psalm 140-144, 1 Cor 15:35-58
- 16 Psalm 145-15-, 1 Cor 16
- 17 Prov 1-2, 2 Cor 1:1-14
- 18 Prov 3-4, 2 Cor 1:15-2:17
- 19 Prov 5:1-7:5, 2 Cor 3
- 20 Prov 7:6-9:18, 2 Cor 4:1-5:8
- 21 Prov 10-11, 2 Cor 5:9-6:10
- 22 Prov 12-13, 2 Cor 6:11-7:16
- 23 Prov 14-15, 2 Cor 8
- 24 Prov 16-17, 2 Cor 9
- 25 Prov 18-19, 2 Cor 10
- 26 Prov 20:1-22:16, 2 Cor 11:1-21
- 27 Prov 22:17-24:22, 2 Cor 11:22 -12:13
- 28 Prov 24:23-26:28, 2 Cor 12:14-13:14
- 29 Prov 27-28, Gal 1
- 30 Prov 29-30, Gal 2

# Thue



### Trust fall game



This past month Thrive finished off their summer of group building events.

We drove to Helen GA and went tubbing. No one was lost to the river, thankfully.

Then we headed over to our faithful servants, the Stephen's, where we had a pool party.

Then we kicked off our first Wednesday night where we danced and played the "Trust Fall" game...

On that Wednesday we started our new series called Darkroom Faith. It's a 14 week course, and I am excited to go through it.

The Thrive youth group is gearing up for the fall, and we are looking forward to digging deeper into God's Word.

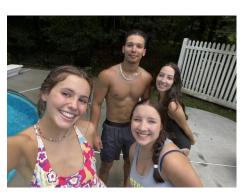
There is so much to learn in this amazing book. So many stories that can give us the fuel we need and the encouragement that we desire. It brings life and conviction. It restores, and it strips away what we are holding onto.

Pray for us and the coming year.

Pray that the Lord will lead us in the direction that He is wanting us to go.

God speed, Alex Aleman Youth Pastor







**Pool party** 



## **Recharged (Adult Singles)**

Recharged Single Adult group was given some free tickets to attend the Fox Summer Movie Series.

We will see 'Star Wars; Return of the Jedi' on Thursday, August 30. Details to follow in next newsletter.



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The Recharged Adult Singles group has a tour scheduled of the Elisha Winn House in Dacula , GA, on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, then we will enjoy lunch together at the home of one our members.

Sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will discuss transportation and lunch arrangements.

See Bill, Rosie or Karen.





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

Event	Date/Location	Notes:
Lunch and tour	Friday, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00 tour.	Only open for tours. Cost \$5.00 per
Elisha Winn	Lunch at Rosie's house	person, Minimum of 5 people
House		
Gibbs Garden	Friday, Oct 6	Sign-up sheet in foyer: 9/17 – 10/4
	Ball Ground, GA	Tickets \$18 plus tax, senior rate
<b>Gospel Music</b>	Saturday, Nov 4	Two sessions at 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Festival	McDonough, GA	Tickets \$35 plus tax, per session
<b>Christmas Lights</b>	Thursday, Dec 14	Dinner at Cracker Barrel & drive-thru
Adventure		Neighborhood Christmas Lights





Our Annual Gal's Get-Away is 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 included in the fee to attend.

Our service project will be donating boy's clothing sizes 6-18 months to "A Center of Hope".



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

Pat Ferguson
Carolyn Ballew
Gensie McDonald
Sandy Dunbar
Kathy Hill
Juanita Hollis
TeriWilson
Max Schiefer
Family of Fred Zirkle
Tim & Toni McClure



Congratulations to the proud parents, David & Rachel Solano, and proud grandparents, Jimmy & Cheryl Hendricks on the birth of Emerson James Solano on Aug. 23. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 oz.



#### **September**

- 4 Labor Day Holiday
- 9 LCC Work Day 9 am Noon
- 17 LCC Homecoming: Potluck with Peter and his family after Worship.
- 24 CTO Rehearsal 1:30-3:00 pm
- 29-Oct 1 Ladies Gal's Get-Away to St. Simon's Island

#### **October**

- 19 CTO Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- 29 CTO at Whistleville Christian Church for Revival at 6:00 pm
- 31 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm



#### "POT LUCK WITH PETER"

and family: 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. We do need more candy, please.



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