

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Church Family,

"Destroyed!" "Crushed!" "Dismantled!" "Wrecked!" The social media reels and headlines are filled with such language, promising to show us how one's opponent is defeated while the victor stands with his foot against the loser's chin, spitting on him lying on the ground (metaphorically speaking, of course). Click the bait. See your side win. Another boxing round goes your way.

Such promises, however, are typically exaggerated. Videos and reels like these consistently show people just yelling at each other, calling names, and using profanity. Not much rational thought or arguments are given, and certainly there are no sober spirits present. Just out of control people fuming and foaming at the mouth.

They remind me of what Paul wrote to Timothy: "But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power" (2 Tim. 3:1-5a; NASB). That pretty much summarizes most of YouTube.

What is it that draws us to watch these social media outbursts? I found myself just the other day watching one. Sure, once I caught myself, I knew it was a waste of time and was a bad influence upon my psyche. But there was something that drew me in. There was something about seeing "my side" win.

But did "my side" really win? No. Not at all. In fact, the opposite side won—the side of darkness and the forces of Satan. The fallen world won. The nonrational, emotionally driven outburst of anger modeled the sinful flesh, not the Spirit. It invaded my thoughts and distorted them to be more like an unsaved mind. It taught me how to be more self-loving and prideful. It illustrated how to exert power over others and how to hate them. It gave a perfect picture of how to treat someone less than human and less than the image of God.

So what should we do? The Apostle Paul concluded the above passage of 2 Tim. 3:5, saying, "Avoid such men as these." In short, we ought to avoid these poor examples of how to live and interact with others. Just their little bit of leaven spreads throughout an entire batch of dough and corrupts our minds. We need to set good examples in front of us and think about these things. Paul reminded the Philippians, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Philip. 4:8).

Did you catch that? *Dwell on these things*. "Dwell" carries with it the idea of reasoning and thinking—to live and contemplate upon. The Lord wants us to reason upon what is good, pure, and holy. There is not much of this on social media. Maybe it's time I eulogize YouTube. Maybe this will bring me one step closer to being more like Jesus.

Your Friend and Minister,  
Dr. Pete

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# SERMON SERIES

## Sermon Series

May 5 "Contend for the Faith Against:  
Those Prophesied for Judgement", Jude 14-23

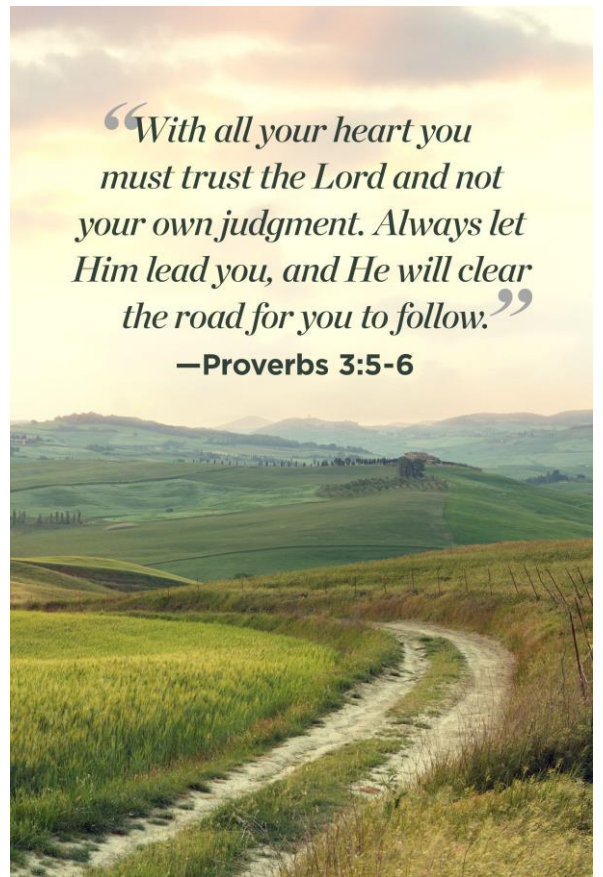
May 12 Mother's Day

May 19 "Contend for the Faith: In the Power of  
God", Jude 24-25

May 26 To Be Determined

*"With all your heart you  
must trust the Lord and not  
your own judgment. Always let  
Him lead you, and He will clear  
the road for you to follow."*

—Proverbs 3:5-6



## Missions Spotlight



When founders, Michael and Lois Calamia visited South Africa in 2003, they were shocked at the conditions children were being raised in. They immediately began searching for ways to improve these children's lives. Soon, they were working with the community, crèches, schools, and teachers to find solutions –and they never stopped. Since the nonprofit's founding in 2005, AWA has impacted thousands of people in South Africa by generating lasting, positive change. Pray for this important mission during the month of May as the summer months heat up in Africa.

# Thrive



*This past month was quite amazing and full of things to celebrate.*

*Our youth group spent some time helping our Shine kids' department get ready for VBS. They decorated goggles for the event and enjoyed spending time together, working together and serving together, just like a family should. Additionally, the Lord was faithful to His word and two Thrive kids came to Christ, Malachi and Landon.*

*Malachi is one of our youth group members from Berkmar. More proof that our hard work and dedication to the Berkmar Ministry is yielding fruit. He was baptized the very night that he gave his life to Christ.*

*Landon is a friend of the Alewine family. He has been involved in Thrive for a year, and after seeing Malachi make a decision for Christ, the Holy Spirit moved in him, and he gave his life to Christ after the baptism. He was baptized on April 24. Keep them both in your prayers as they begin their journey and relationship with Christ.*

*God Speed,*

*Alex Aleman  
Youth Pastor*







"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Isaiah 60:1

As I sit here contemplating the past month in our SHINE kids' ministry, I am so thankful and blessed to be able to invest in the kids of our church. Many of the elementary kids have memorized their New Testament books in the last month and are having fun doing old fashioned "sword drills". Did any of you do those as a child? Fun question: do you know why they are called sword drills? The answer will be in next month's newsletter!

Another highlight in April was singing, "Cristo Me Ama" which is "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish. Teaching the children that we need to learn other languages so that others may hear about Jesus in their own language communicates compassion and kindness to those who we minister to. Let's not let our pride get in the way! We can take the extra step, be uncomfortable and learn to sing and talk about Jesus in other languages. He is such a good, good Father to us all.

I would ask that you continue to pray for our upcoming Vacation Bible School on June 2-6 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We will have a missionary here from Honduras, Rob Esposito, to talk about the village of Pespire and the struggle to get the residents clean water. Please pray for him and his family when he is away from them. Also, please pray that God would bring children to us who need to hear the gospel and hear how much he loves them. Please be praying that the Lord would "shine" through all of our volunteers and that everything we do would be for His glory.

"Cristo me Ama"  
"Jesus Loves Me"

In any language, when children sing about Jesus it's a beautiful moment!





# Recharged (Adult Singles)

## Recharged (Singles Adult Group): December is Double Event Month!

‘Recharged’ (the Single Adult Group) had a good month in April!

- Some of us went to see the movie called ‘Someone Like You’. It was a wonderful film.
- Some of us went to hear the Georgia Worship Choir at Sunrise Baptist Church. We even saw our friend, Henriette.
- Some of us went to Gibbs Gardens to enjoy Arbor Day. Beautiful weather and surroundings.
- Some of us went to hear our own Lifeline band and enjoy the tasty food at A Bite to Eat in Loganville. We saw several familiar faces from LCC and met some new ones.

If you are interested in joining us, please sign up. Any questions? See Rosie Bengtson, Karen Throckmorton, Bill Michael, Marilyn Nelson, or Beverly Miles.

### Recharged (Singles Adult Group): Calendar for 2024 (Quarterly Events Planned)

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	Tuesday, Feb. 27	On Stage Walton in Monroe	“I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change”
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	Friday, April 26	Gibbs Garden	Lunch at the Arbor Cafe
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	Friday, July 19	Booth Western Art Museum	Lunch at Blevins Bistro
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	To Be Determined	Possible: Gospel Music concert, another play or Christmas concert ???	

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### Meals for May 2024

05/01: Tacos with Mixed Berry and Peach Cobblers  
 05/08: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs with Sherbet & Vanilla Wafers  
 05/15: Baked Potato & Salad Bar with Ice Cream Sandwiches & Drumsticks  
 05/22: Spaghetti and meat sauce with Cookies and Ice Cream

**LCC Wednesday  
Night Meal Ministry**

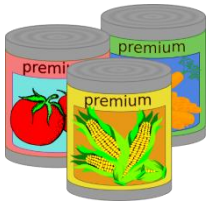
The assigned Clean Up Crew for April is the Thrive (Youth Group). Clean up starts at 6:15 pm. There is a task list of what needs to be done in the gym, as well as the kitchen. With many hands it only takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. The kitchen crew appreciates the extra help.

School’s out for the Summer! Enjoy the time with your family!



You have done a fantastic job with donations to Lilburn Co-Op! They were so appreciative of the canned fruit we collected and delivered that they asked us to do that for April as well.

### **LILBURN CO-OP MONTHLY SPECIAL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2024**



*Canned Vegetables*

**Any Variety!  
Any Style!  
Beans,  
Carrots,  
Corn, Peas,  
Tomatoes**

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## **EXAMINING HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION | WITH MIKE LICONA**

Dr. Mike Licona led LCC in its first lecture and Q and A season. Dr. Licona presented a historical investigation of Jesus' resurrection.

About 100 people attended the lecture and many more will have the opportunity to attend on-line.



### **MAY 2024**

- 1 Song of Solomon 1-3; Ps 72; 1 Thess 5
- 2 Song of Solomon 4-6; 2 Thess 1
- 3 Song of Solomon 7-8; Ps 127; 2 Thess 2
- 4 1 Kings 5; 2 Chr 2; 2 Thess 3
- 5 1 Kings 6; 2 Chr 3; 1 Timothy 1
- 6 1 Kings 7; 2 Chr 4; Ps 44; 1 Timothy 2
- 7 1 Kings 8; Psalm 30; 1 Timothy 3
- 8 2 Chr 5-7; Psalm 121; 1 Timothy 4
- 9 1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8; 1 Timothy 5
- 10 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chr 9; 1 Timothy 6
- 11 Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; 2 Timothy 1
- 12 Ecclesiastes 4-6; Ps 125; 2 Timothy 2
- 13 Ecclesiastes 7-9; Ps 46; 2 Timothy 3
- 14 Ecclesiastes 10-12; 2 Timothy 4
- 15 1 Kings 12; 2 Chr 10-11; Titus 1
- 16 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 12; Ps 47; Titus 2
- 17 1 Kings 15; 2 Chr 13-14; Titus 3
- 18 2 Chr 15-16; 1 Kings 16; Philemon
- 19 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude
- 20 1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chr 17; Ps 129; Matt 1
- 21 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr 18; Matt 2
- 22 2 Chr 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Ps 20; Matt 3
- 23 2 Kings 2-3; Psalm 48; Matt 4
- 24 2 Kings 4-6; Matthew 5
- 25 2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chr 21; Matthew 6
- 26 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 40; Matthew 7
- 27 2 Chr 22-23; 2 Kings 11; Ps 131; Matt 8
- 28 2 Chr 24; 2 Kings 12; Ps 50; Matthew 9
- 29 Joel; Matthew 10
- 30 Jonah; Matthew 11
- 31 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 25; Ps 53; Matt 12



# Upcoming EVENTS

## May

- 4 Ladies Mystery Fun Day
- 5 VBS Volunteer Meeting after the service
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18 Put up decorations for VBS upstairs in the FLC
- 19 Graduation Sunday; Pre-register for VBS
- 21 General Primary / Partisan Election
- 25 VBS decorations set up in the FLC
- 27 Memorial Day
- 29 No Wednesday Night Meal

## June

- 2-6 VBS
- 9 BBQ BASH
- 16 Father's Day

## Prayer Requests

Teresa Herring  
Linda Proctor  
Glenda Middleton  
Dennis & Marcia  
Heinz  
Richard Walker  
Carol Hill

Josh & Lucy Vincent  
and Baby Lily  
Eddie & Carolyn  
Ballew & Family  
Laurie Evans  
Connie Barefield

## BAPTISMS



**Malachi Reed**  
**April 10, 2024**



**Landon Barger**  
**April 24, 2024**



**Cameron Lindsey**  
**May 1, 2024**



**Giovanni Rodriquez**  
**May 1, 2024**

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