

LCC CONNECTIONS

Volume 222 Issue 1

November, 2024



Dr. Peter Rasor, PhD
Senior Minister

Lilburn Christian Church

LCC Staff:

Peter Rasor, Senior Minister

peter@LilburnCC.com

Dwayne Wylds, Minister of Music

dwayne@LilburnCC.com

Alex Aleman, Youth Minister

alex@LilburnCC.com

Jennifer Rasor, Children's Director

jennifer@LilburnCC.com

Schyler Umberger, Asst. Children's Director

sumberger@outlook.com

Lynn Akins, Financial Secretary

lynn@LilburnCC.com

Kandy Davidson, Office Administrator

office@LilburnCC.com

LCC Elders:

Ken Akins: 678-754-5422

Wally Curtiss: 770-231-5200

Jim Gurr: 770-925-8680

William Renshaw: 678-270-8265

Jeff Stephens: 770-722-8553

Sherman Wade: 404-867-6101

Editor:

Kandy Davidson

Photographer:

Pam Straughan & Byron Davidson

CONNECT WITH US



770-921-2993



office@Lilburncc.com



lilburncc.com



MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Have you ever been told to “think outside the box?” Perhaps you were challenged to do this by your boss or manager to solve a problem at work. Maybe you were challenged to do this when attempting to fix an issue with your house. Not too long ago, the handle on my front door was stuck and would not allow anyone to open the door. I dismantled the entire knob, looking for the reason for its malfunction. After failing to find the issue, I finally decided to sit back, take a deep breath, and “think outside the box.” Lo and behold, I was able to figure out what was wrong with it. To my surprise, I fixed it!

Living as a Christian can be somewhat similar: we have to think outside the box. Growing up in a secular culture, it is easy to just accept how society thinks and lives. We are like fish who are unaware that they are surrounded by water. Then we begin to have problems because we are living just like our culture (living like a secularist always brings problems). Like my door handle, we often try to fix our problems by using the same tools and methods as the secular society. We often continue trying to fix our problems repeatedly by using the exact same methods we have tried previously. Of course, the problems remain.

To fix the problems, we need to step back, take a deep breath, and think outside the secular box. The first action to take is to step back and analyze the situation. Ask yourself if you are approaching the problem from a Christian perspective. Would a Christian act like this? Would a Christian say this? If not, take a deep breath and acknowledge that a change of direction is needed. Then, think outside the secular box. That is, discern or look for how Christ (not secularism) would want you to approach the problem.

What might thinking outside the secular box look like? As an example, let's say you have difficulty with anger. Your typical approach to resolving your problematic temper has been to “try to do better and top it.” This does not sound too bad, but if we think more deeply, we will realize that this is not a Christian approach to resolving the issue. It's a salvation by works method to fix your temper.

“How?” you may ask. Let's step back and analyze it for a moment. Telling yourself to do better is another way of saying, “Thou shall not lose your temper.” That is an attempt to do what is right by giving yourself a command. It is an expectation to follow a law. That neither fixes

anything nor calls for any proactive measures to be taken. The Christian view says that the law was not given to make us better, but to point out our sin (Gal 3:19; Heb. 10:1-2). It does not solve anything.

Now we take a deep breath. We realize that the approach of “trying to stop” is not the way to fix the problem. Now what? We must take a new approach. Think outside the box! We need to discern or look for what Christ and his Word teach us about overcoming anger. And what does it say?

Galatians 5:19-24 contrasts numerous sins with fruit of the Spirit. One of the sins listed is “outbursts of anger,” so we are in the right place to find an answer! Paul tells us that Christians are to be led by the Spirit, not the flesh. In the same text, he delineates the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. What's the point? The grace-filled way to overcome anger is, first of all, to be in grace (not the law). Once in grace, we have the Holy Spirit who gives us power to overcome the sin of anger. And we can do this by practicing (and praying for) patience, gentleness, and self-control. In short, we overcome losing our temper not by just saying we need to stop it and work on it, but by putting into practice patience, gentleness, and self-control. Rather than smacking yourself and saying, “Don't!” encourage yourself by saying, “Love your neighbor. Be patient, gentle, and self-controlled,” and put them into practice.

Certainly, thinking outside the box can be difficult. It is especially difficult because it runs contrary to our nature and society. Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us in this endeavor. May we all think outside the box!

Your Friend and Minister,
Dr. Pete

November Sermon Series:

Series: Leadership of the Church

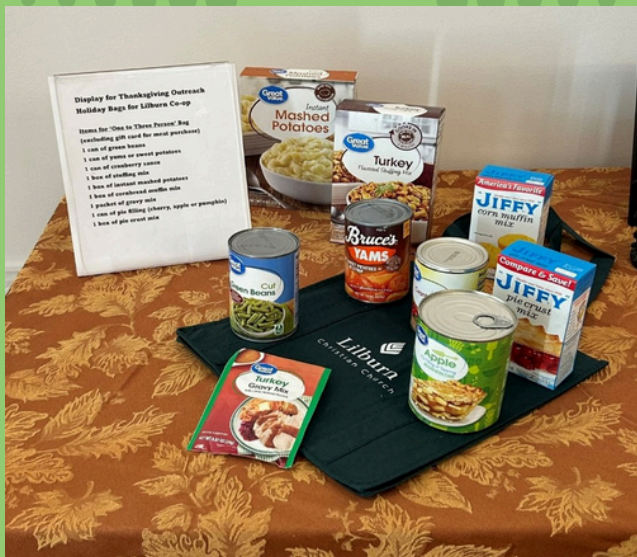
**11/3 - Leadership: God's Gift to the Church -
Eph 4:11-16**

11/10 - Elders: Who Are They? - 1 Tim. 3:1-7

11/17 - Elders: What Do they Do? - Acts 20:28-31; 1 Pet 5:1-3

[11/24 - Thanksgiving Message]

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



Thanksgiving Outreach Lilburn Co-Op Holiday Bags

This year, we are doing our Thanksgiving Outreach a little differently. We will still use the green bags with our church name and logo. The shopping list is a little different. All of the bags will go to Lilburn Co-Op.

Please stop by the display table in the foyer. Pick up a green bag and a list of requested items by family size (either 1 to 3, or 4 to 6). Purchase items from the list, fill up the green bag and return them by **November 10th**. They will be delivered to the Lilburn Co-Op for distribution.

Individual or extra items are welcome! We have placed a plastic tub with the display for any individual or extra items purchased. We will fill green bags with those individual or extra items as they are received.

If you purchase items not on the Holiday Bag list, please continue to place those items in the cart or boxes designated for Lilburn Co-Op.

Thank you for helping our local community by this effort. Any questions, please contact Bill Michael.



On Oct. 27 at 5:00 pm we had our United event, which consisted of 63 choir members and 33 in our orchestra. We had about 10 churches represented and hundreds in attendance to sing and Worship our Lord. God was exalted! Many stayed afterwards for refreshments. A big thank you to all who participated and helped make this event such a success.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD is our Christmas Program this year.

- Sunday, Dec. 8th 6:00pm LCC
- Sunday, Dec. 15th 6:00pm Whistleville Christian Church

Extra rehearsals:

- Saturday, November 23rd 10am-12pm at LCC

Wednesday changes ~ extended rehearsals

- November 6th 6:30-8:30
- November 13th 6:30- 8:30
- December 4th 6:30-8:30



Please remember that we are a **FRAGRANCE FREE** group so please do not wear scented lotions, perfumes or colognes to rehearsal and worship.





Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor

What I do know is that my daughter saw a post on Instagram from a friend of hers who went running at Lilburn Park the next day. He found one of our cards on the ground being held in place by a rock. Someone left it there for the next person. He loved it so much that he posted the find on Instagram. That's very cool to see.

As I think about how blessed our church is to have people who are willing to get involved, I am so thankful for my youth leaders.

This month I had a few trips scheduled for work. Max and Ian both picked up the flag and jumped in to make sure that our Wednesday night meetings took place without interruption. Faith was there to ensure that everything ran smoothly as she always does, and Myric was there to uplift the kids with wisdom and guidance. I am so blessed to be backed by a great team.

Another great thing we did this past month was to visit the Lilburn Park and pass out 3x5 cards that had a simple message. "...for all the times you thought you were not enough, I want you to know that you are and that Jesus loves you... Thrive Youth Group at Lilburn Christian Church."

Why did we do this? Well, that's simple. We are going through a lesson plan on How to Witness and Share the Gospel. That can be difficult to do and intimidating. I wanted to give the kids an opportunity to get outside of their comfort zone and get them out in the community.

We have no idea who those cards might have affected in a positive way. We don't know how deep and how far they might reach.

You see, how much we love others and how we serve God. Those are the only things that will make it into the next life. Not money, cars, houses, possessions, position, or prestige. Only what is done for God will last. Truly.





Jennifer Rasor
Children's Director

Oh, how I love fall! The color of the trees remind me how creative our God is and that He loves to give us beautiful things. He loves to "wow" us with the beauty of His creation. After living without fall for almost 9 years, I don't take the seasons for granted anymore.

In SHINE, we also want to share how great God is with the families and children who come into contact with us. It takes dedicated volunteers who love Jesus to share that love with others. It takes a solid curriculum and a steadfastness in teaching the truths of our faith to the little ones that make a difference in their lives. In Children's Church, the kids have been studying the stories in Genesis and learning how sin has affected humanity, but God in His graciousness provided a way out from the problem of sin. On Wednesday nights, the kids have started an 8-week series on Superheroes! We have talked about the forcefield of peace through trials and joy through serving others.

We are gearing up for a few great events in November. Operation Christmas Child packing party will be on Saturday, November 16 from 1-3 p.m. Also, on Sunday, November 10 will be a double treat as we have our Child Dedication during our morning service and a double baby shower for Whitney Krakeel and Kelly Hartnett! Both had baby boys in October. Praise God for these sweet little miracles and two healthy Mamas!

1 Chronicles 16:34 -

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."



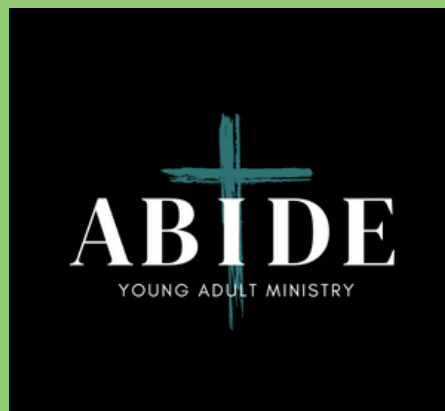


Recharged (Adult Singles)

The end of the year is approaching fast! Lots of stuff going on, and I hope you participate in some of the activities on campus.

We did not receive any other suggestions for our 4th quarter event. As soon as we get the dates from On-Stage Walton theater in Monroe, we will buy tickets to see their production of The Christmas Story. I'm sure you've all seen the movie featuring Ralphie and his longing for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.

If you are new to LCC and are interested in joining us, please contact Rosie Bengtson, Karen Throckmorton, Beverly Miles or Bill Michael.



Abide, for young adults on Wednesday nights, has recently finished the study of "Can I Trust the Bible". What a great series to learn how our Bible came together.

We have begun a new series based on the series, The Chosen. This is an amazing series that brings the time when Jesus was here to life in a way that truly relates to us even today.

A few weeks back, Abide had "Game Night" at the Razor's, and again, we thank them. They have kindly opened their doors again for our next event, Movie Night where we will see the movie, "The Jesus Revolution" and dress like the Hippies that were involved in the Jesus Movement, which spread across the country in the early 70's and has had an affect that is still occurring today.

Many from Abide joined in singing in the choir for the "United" worship service on Oct. 27. During the Sunday morning worship services at LCC, you may have noticed many from Abide and also joined by many from Thrive sitting down front listening intently and enjoying the song service. If you are in that age group, Abide, 18-29 year old young adults and Thrive, the teens, please come join us.



SISTERS
of
GRACE

Women's Fellowship Ministry
2 Peter 3:18

Gal's Get-Away

NOVEMBER 8-9, 2024

"FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS"

CHECK-IN BEGINS AFTER 3:00 PM.

1ST SESSION BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

THE LODGE @ LAKE OCONEE

SAVE THE DATE

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7.



November

- 04 Prayer vigil at 7:00 pm
- 05 Election Day
- 07 Divorce Class begins at 7:00 pm
- 08 Abide Movie Night at The Rasors
- 8-9 Gal's Get-Away
- 10 Child Dedication Sunday
- 10 Baby Shower for Kelly Hartnett & Whitney Krakeel after the worship service
- 10 Thanksgiving Bags are due
- 16 Begin decorating our facilities for Christmas at 1:00 pm
- 16 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 1:00-3:00 pm
- 17 Mainstreet Concert at 6:00 pm
- 23 CTO Rehearsal 10 am - Noon
- 30 Coat Drive 3-6 pm at LCC

December

- 01 Congregation vote on 2025 budget
- 01 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
- 07 Ladies Christmas Party
- 08 LCC Christmas Program at 6:00 pm
- 11 Thrive Christmas Party at 6:30-8:00 pm
- 14 Shine Gingerbread BASH 10:00 - 11:30 am
- 15 LCC Christmas Program at Whistleville Christian Church at 6:00 pm
- 24 Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm
- 25 Christmas Day



Teresa Herring
Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
Dennis & Marcia Heinz
Richard Walker
Ron & Carol Hill
Richard Blankenship
Jimmy Hendricks & Family
Debbie Stephens
Janet Curtiss
Donna Stamm & Wayne Starling
Whitney Krakeel
Kandy Davidson & Family
Don Hayes
Blake Fraser



**Reminder about our
time change at 2:00
am on Nov. 3**



BIBLE READING PLAN

STEADFAST



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

November
2024

- 11 Genesis 39:20-22
- 2 Exodus 34:5-7
- 3 Deuteronomy 7:11-13a
- 4 Deuteronomy 30:19-20
- 5 2 Chronicles 7:2-3
- 6 Psalm 51:1-2
- 7 Proverbs 4:23-27
- 8 Isaiah 26:3-4
- 9 Lamentations 3:22-23
- 10 Matthew 19:4-6
- 11 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
- 12 1 Corinthians 15:58
- 13 2 Corinthians 1:6-7
- 14 Philippians 2:15-17
- 15 Colossians 1:22-23
- 16 Colossians 2:6-7
- 17 Colossians 2:18-19
- 18 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4
- 19 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5
- 20 1 Timothy 6:11-12
- 21 Hebrews 3:12-14
- 22 Hebrews 4:14-15
- 23 Hebrews 6:19-20
- 24 Hebrews 10:23-25
- 25 James 1:2-4
- 26 James 1:12-13
- 27 James 5:10-11
- 28 1 Peter 5:8-10
- 29 2 Peter 1:5-6
- 30 2 Peter 3:14-18

These scriptures are from Creating
for Christ's facebook page.

Lilburn Christian Church
314 Arcado Road
Lilburn, GA 30047
770-921-2993



Happy
Thanksgiving

The text "Happy Thanksgiving" is rendered in a stylized font. "Happy" is in a smaller, orange, cursive-like font, while "Thanksgiving" is in a larger, dark red, serif font. The text is surrounded by various autumn-themed illustrations: a large red maple leaf above "Happy", several smaller green and yellow leaves around "Happy", a large orange pumpkin at the bottom center, and several wheat stalks and smaller leaves scattered around the base of the word "Thanksgiving".