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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

If you have been a Christian for any length of time, you have probably come across someone who said something like, "Christianity is simple and easy. Just believe in Jesus, and you will be saved. That's it." C.S. Lewis calls this view "Christianity-and-water" because it states that "there is a good God in heaven and everything is all right." Such a view of avoids hard questions and numerous issues that many find difficult to overcome to believe in Jesus. Lewis says that this simplistic view of Christianity is like child's play (his words are "boys' philosophies"). The reason why is because nothing in life is simple, including the Christian faith. Upon a closer look, we find that Christianity is, in fact, not so simple.

For one, Christianity (like all of reality) is not what any human would ever expect the world to be like. In the world of physics, Albert Einstein discovered the theory of Special Relativity, in which he described the nature of photon and electron movement as "spooky action at a distance." It was something not expected at all, and it still has physicists confounded today. It's not simple.

Likewise, who would ever think of the world being like how Christianity describes it? If we were left to our own devices, we may think it most probable that the world ought to be entirely free of corruption and evil, or an outright blood bath. But certainly not both. In fact, what we find is that the world is a mixture of both good and bad. Specifically, the problem is that the universe appears to be both meaningless and meaningful. How do we resolve this problem?

The problem becomes especially difficult for an unbelieving world. The reason why is because we Christians claim that an all-loving God exists who wants a relationship with us, but then he (at least) allows evil and corruption to continue unabated (at least sometimes). This is not simple. Any answer we give will surely just lead to another and yet another. It is a world which we would never expect.

But here we are! We find ourselves in a story in which there is an acute and chronic problem, what Christianity calls sin. And Christianity offers a solution to it, namely, salvation. If one were to make up a religion, nothing of the sort could be imagined by the human mind. In fact, this is where all other philosophies can be seen to be human-made: they create systems of thought that seem more probable to humans—some more in line with what we would expect—like working ourselves to death to escape some kind of embittered after life (as in Hinduism), or gaining knowledge to overcome every disadvantage and evil in life (like politicians), or even telling ourselves (like atheism and some eastern religions) that evil does not really exist—it's all just in your head.

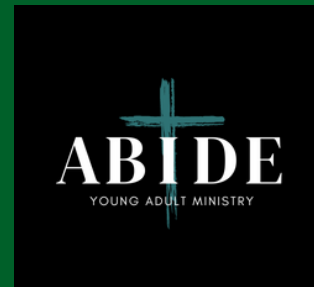
The problem of life (sin), however, is not simple and so the solution is not simple. Lewis commented, "The problem is not simple and the answer is not going to be simple either." No matter how we attempt to explain the problem of sin and then the solution to it—that the God-man Jesus died upon a cross and was raised on the third day—it will always be difficult. Why did God allow us to sin? Why is death and blood necessary to forgive sin? Why did the Son of God have to become incarnated in the man Jesus? Why death by crucifixion? Why some radical miracle as the resurrection? Why the preaching of the Gospel?

On and on the questions go. Christianity is hard. This is why we must "always [be] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you" (1 Pet 3:15). And you cannot be ready and unless you prepare, and preparation takes study of God's Word and the writings of Christians who have gone before us. Don't be caught unprepared when (not "if") someone asks you why he should believe in Jesus to be saved when the world is full what appears to be meaningless suffering and evil. Be ready to help the unbeliever become a believer. Equip yourself!

Your Friend and Minister,
Dr. Pete



Dwayne Wylde
Music Minister



Rehearsals

November

- 11/16 Sunday evening 6:00pm ~ MSSO Concert, Mainstreet Symphony Orchestra will be performing at LCC. Come enjoy the music and support the LCC orchestra members who also are in Mainstreet.

December

- 12/07 Sunday afternoon 4:00pm
LCC Choir and Orchestra will be sharing our Christmas Program with the residents at the Gwinnett Christian Terrace.
- **12/14 Sunday evening 6:00pm**
"Come Adore" Christmas Program at LCC. Call time is 4:00 pm
- **12/24 Wednesday Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm**
at LCC with choir & orchestra

Abide has jumped back into some heavy study on the Holy Spirit, how he becomes part of our lives, what He does and how we as Christians know He is with us. The emphasis is on the fact that sometimes we do neglect the Holy Spirit and his work in our lives. He exists and was promised to us as Jesus Followers when he left us. Its sometimes difficult for us to wrap our heads around the fact that three separate people can all be God, God the Father, The Son and His Spirit, but its true.

We have been averaging 10 to 12 people every Wednesday evening in Abide, some less when we have special events that we sometimes share with Thrive. If you know of someone from 18-29 years old, please tell them they have a home if they'd like to join us. We emphasize that we keep it authentic, in our relationship to God and to each other. God wants to share in our lives, and we encourage conversation between each of us and God.

Saturday Nov 8th at 6 pm, Abide will be having Game Night at our home in Loganville. Our address is 1170 Timber Walk Drive, Loganville GA, but we do ask you to let us know if you would like to attend so we can be sure to have enough food. There will be food, games, snacks, music and maybe a laugh....or maybe 1000 laughs!! If you are in the age range, please let us know and come join us,

Byron Davidson - 470-643-1610.

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COME ADORE



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12/14 6:00pm

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“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Autumn is finally here! I love this time of year when we focus on giving thanks to God for who He is and all He has done. Speaking of thanks, I wanted to give a BIG shout out to all of my faithful teachers, assistants and counter workers for making SHINE the special place that it is. A special thanks to Schyler Umberger, my faithful assistant and partner-in-crime in all things having to do with SHINE. I couldn't do this without her or any of the other loving SHINE servants who love the children deeply and have a calling to spread the gospel to the least of these.

Looking ahead: Our children and families are all abuzz regarding our Christmas play, “The Star of Bethlehem”, which will be on Saturday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. Practices have begun on Wednesday nights. Please pray for our families and community that this will be one more way to understand the true meaning of Christmas. We would love to see you there!

May your Thanksgiving season be a time of blessing and thankfulness to our Almighty God!



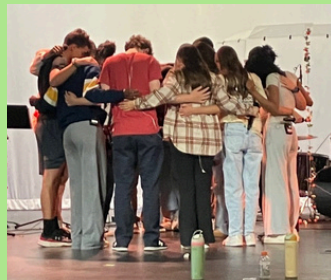
Thrive

This past month our youth group was invited to Providence Christian school to join in a night of worship. It was amazing to see a group of young people get together and worship God for two hours. Our very own Chloe Aleman was on stage leading worship, along with the Axis band, and our teens had a great time joining in as we lifted praises to our Lord.

I plan on making this a yearly thing with Providence Christian. I think the kids really enjoyed it, and they told me as much.

Keep our youth group in your prayers as we go into the holiday season. Pray that the Lord will continue to lead us as we draw closer to Him.

Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor



Bethshean Mexico Mission is located in Estancia de Animas, México. The town of Estancia de Animas is approximately a 2 hour drive due west of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and 8 hours north of Mexico City. Since the passing of Chris Garcia, the work of spreading the Gospel to the people in this region has carried on! Abiel and Shannon are currently the administrators for the mission. They have been able to successfully reach the community in Estancia de Animas in various ways. They have a school which offers VBS activities, camps. They also have a clinic that provides ultrasound and a laboratory for tests. They are currently raising funds for radiology clinic. The patients receive high quality care with multiple services offered. They also still have the nursing home (which our own Jeff Stephens helped to build).

Please pray for the community in this area and the mission as they reach out and witness to the community and share the Gospel of Christ!



Thanksgiving Outreach

This year we will continue with our Thanksgiving Outreach by supporting Lilburn Co-Op and Lilburn Elementary School.

Plans are to fill 30+ of our green bags with requested food items for Lilburn Elementary School. The filled green bags need to be returned to LCC no later than Nov. 16.

We will be stocking the shelves for Lilburn Co-Op with the requested items until the end of this year.

There will also be a list of items needed in the Foyer for both facilities.

Thanksgiving Outreach

For Lilburn Elementary School

Step 1
Pick up a Thanksgiving Bag.

Step 2
Purchase and fill this bag with only the following items that will **feed FOUR people:**

- 2 cans of green beans (14.5 oz. cans)
- 2 cans of corn (14.5 oz. cans)
- 2 small boxes of Instant White Rice
- 1 7.25 oz box of Mac and Cheese
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1 package of combread mix
- 2 packets of gravy mix
- 1 box of brownie mix
- 1 box of tea bags
- 1 \$25 gift card to a local grocery store for a turkey, ham or chicken

Step 3
Drop off your filled Thanksgiving bag at Lilburn Christian Church by **November 16.**

Holiday Food Drive for LilburnCo-Op:

About one third of our clients do not have access to an oven. Our requests are based on the special cooking challenges many clients have.

- Canned Vegetables (Green Beans, Collard Greens, Corn, Yams)
- Canned Fruits (peaches, fruit cocktail)
- Jello mix (red or green flavors)
- Muffin mixes (corn, blueberry, cinnamon. Jiffy mix or the kind in the packages works better for microwaves than the box mixes.)
- Cookie or brownie mixes
- Jiffy pie crusts (Pre-made pie crusts cannot be used in a microwave. We do distribute the pre-made crusts to clients with kitchens.)
- Canned pie filling (cherries or apple.)
- Stuffing mixes
- Gravy Mixes (packets work better than jars.)
- Bags of fresh nuts

We will be ordering and distributing fresh potatoes, Citrus and pears for the holidays. We do not need the instant potatoes. We will be ordering meat in bulk. We are not distributing gift cards for grocery store



Christmas Outreach

For our Christmas Outreach this year we will be supporting Lilburn Co-Op with unwrapped toys.

There will be a list of toys requested in the Foyer as well as posted here. Toys need to be at LCC no later than Dec. 14.

HOLIDAY DRIVE

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF GIVING!

How can you help?

Donate new toys for kids aged 1-12.

Place the unwrapped gifts under the Christmas tree in the foyer. LCC will deliver toys to Lilburn Co-Op.

Pick up a list of requested items in the foyer near the Christmas tree.

DROP-OFF TIME: Now -Dec. 14

Toy Ideas for Lilburn Co-Op:

- . Duplo Blocks
- . Educational Stacking Toys
- . Small Instrument Set
- . Board Books
- . Baby Walkers
- . Puzzles (all ages)
- . Legos (all ages)
- . Magnetic Tiles
- . Kinetic Sand
- . Play Dough Kit
- . Matchbox Race Track
- . Toy Cars or Trucks
- . Superhero Action Figures
- . Coloring Sets
- . Painting Sets
- . Knitting Kits
- . Crocheting Kits
- . Makeup Kits
- . Hair Accessory Kits
- . Nail Kits
- . Pajamas (all Sizes)
- . Board Games
- . Remote Control Cars
- . Baby Dolls (All Ethnicities)
- . Princess Dress Up Costumes
- . Jewelry Making Kits Costumes
- . YLL Mini Kids' Karaoke Machine
- . Writing Tablets
- . Science Experiment Kits
- . Balls (Basketballs, Soccer balls)
- . Plastic Baseball Bat and Ball w/ Tee
- . Marble Run
- . Hover Hockey Set for Kids
- . Air Rocket Racers
- . Winter Coats (All Sizes)
- . Kids Tool Sets
- . Kids Play Doctor Sets
- . Leapfrog Learning Friends' Book
- . Play Tents
- . Lincoln Logs
- . Stem Kits for Kids

ICOM (International Conference on Missions) 2025 is here in Atlanta! If you have never attended a Missions Conference, here is your chance. Many of the missions we support will have booths set up in the Exhibit Hall. It's a great chance to speak to them, as well as other missionaries from around the world. The main sessions and workshops are always wonderful and inspiring.

Nov 20-22 at Georgia International Convention Center in College Park, GA

If you plan to attend, tell them that we pre-registered as a church when you check in. Church-wide registration allows you access to workshops, main sessions and the exhibit hall. There are also ticketed events you can purchase (denoted on schedule with **).

See their website for details. <https://www.theicom.org/events/icom-2025/info>

Thursday, November 20th

- 1:00 pm – ICOM Registration & Exhibit Hall Opens
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Opening Main Session
- 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm – Visit Exhibit Hall & Anniversaries/Receptions

Friday, November 21st

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am – Bible Study Breakfast with Johnny Pressley**
- 8:00 am – ICOM Registration & Exhibit Hall Opens
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Workshop Period 1 (F9)
- 9:00 am - SICOM (6th-12th grade) Student REV-UP Pre-Con Session
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am – Morning Main Session
- 10:30 am - SICOM (6th – 12th grade) Student REV-UP Pre-Con Session
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Break for Lunch & Lunch with Missionaries**
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Workshop Period 2 (F2)
- 2:00 pm - SICOM (6th – 12th grade) Student REV-UP Pre-Con Session
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Workshop Period 3 (F4)
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Break for Dinner
- 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Evening Main Session
- 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm – Visit Exhibit Hall & Anniversaries/Receptions

Saturday, November 22nd

- 7:30 am – 8:30 am – Bible Study Breakfast with Johnny Pressley**
- 8:00 am – ICOM Registration & Exhibit Hall Opens
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Workshop Period 4 (S9)
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am – Morning Main Session
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Break for Lunch & Lunch with Missionaries**
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Workshop Period 5 (S2)
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm – Women of Purpose**
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Workshop Period 6 (S4)
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm - Break for Dinner
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm - Closing Main Session
- 8:30 pm - ICOM Ends, Exhibitor Move Out Begins



Saturday, Nov. 8

9:00 am—Noon

We need help trimming bushes & trees, killing weeds, replacing light bulbs, edging the yard, cleaning out closets, blowing leaves off parking lot, etc.

UPCOMING

EVENTS

November

- 02 Daylight Savings Time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour.
- 02 Child Dedication during the service
- 02 Rajan Ipe with Kerala Christian Mission meets with Missions Team at 6 pm.
- 03 Prayer Meeting, 7-8 pm
- 04 Election Day
- 08 LCC Work Day 9 am - Noon
- 08 Abide Game Night at the Davidson at 6 pm.
- 14 Assemble, fluff and decorate Christmas tree
- 15 OCC Packing Party 1-3 pm
- 15 Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas
- 16 Mainstreet Concert at LCC at 6:00 pm
- 16 Deadline for Thanksgivng bags to be turned in
- 20-22 ICOM
- 23 Rob Esposito will be speaking to our Sunday School classes at 9:30 am.
- 27 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 Blankets & Bibles Give-Away 1-3 pm



If you know of someone in our congregation that will be alone during Thanksgiving, please contact the church office to be connected with a church family.

December

- 01 Prayer Meeting, 7-8 pm
- 06 Kids Gingerbread Bash 9:30 - 11:30 am
- 06 Ladies Christmas Party at 1 pm. All ladies are invited.
- 07 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
- 08 OCC service project at its Processing Center
- 13 Children's Christmas Program "The Star of Bethlehem" at 6 pm
- 14 LCC Christmas Program "Come Adore" at 6 pm
- 14 Deadline to bring toys to donate to Lilburn Co-op
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas Day



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Wanda McClanahan
Clare Mescher
Teresa Elias
Peggy Newton
Karen Throckmorten
Jerry Kicklighter
Wally Curtiss
Katherine Keahey
Clare Mescher



BIBLE READING PLAN



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

November
2025

- 1 Ezekiel 16; Galatians 6
- 2 Ezekiel 17-18; Psalm 24
- 3 Psalm 80; Ezekiel 19-20
- 4 Ezekiel 21-22; Psalm 5; 1 Tim 1
- 5 Ezekiel 23-24; 1 Timothy 2
- 6 Ps 60; Ezekiel 25-26; 1 Timothy 3
- 7 Ezekiel 27-28; 1 Timothy 4
- 8 Ezekiel 29-31; 1 Timothy 5
- 9 Ezekiel 32-33; 1 Timothy 6
- 10 Jude 1; Ezekiel 34; Psalm 4
- 11 Ezekiel 35; Obadiah; Psalm 108
- 12 Ezekiel 36; Acts 1; Psalm 109
- 13 Ezekiel 37; Acts 2
- 14 Ezekiel 38-39; Acts 3
- 15 Ezekiel 40; Acts 4
- 16 Ezekiel 41-42; Acts 5
- 17 Ezekiel 43-44; Acts 6
- 18 Ezekiel 45; Acts 7
- 19 Ezekiel 46-47; Acts 8
- 20 Ezekiel 48; Acts 9
- 21 Joel 1; Acts 10
- 22 Joel 2-3; Acts 11
- 23 Amos 1-2; Psalm 142; Acts 12
- 24 Amos 3-4; Acts 13
- 25 Amos 5-7; Acts 14
- 26 Amos 8-9; Acts 15
- 27 Nehemiah 1-2; Acts 16; Psalm 66
- 28 Psalm 122; Nehemiah 3; Acts 17
- 29 Nehemiah 4-5; Acts 18
- 30 Nehemiah 6; Acts 19; Psalm 59

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