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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Time. Do you ever think about it? It is a very odd thing. We have only so much of it on this temporal earth. As a parent, I think about how my girls are growing up so fast, seemingly like how lightning flashes from one end of the sky to the other. It seems like the more I try to hold onto it the quicker it goes—like grasping sand. Do you ever feel this way?

I dare say that many of us have been very blessed for most of our lives. We have many great times with family and friends. We have joyous holidays like Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, just to name a few. We take our children or grandchildren to ball games and on vacation. We go camping, walking, hiking, driving, sailing, skiing, and so many other types of things. We never want the good times to end.

Many of us have experienced (and do experience) a great marriage. We enjoy movies, food, and so many other things with our spouses. The numerous anniversaries we have are a testament to the great joy and dedication we have to our wife or husband. But we all have that nagging feeling that the time we spend with him or her will eventually end. Time will one day run out even though we yearn for time to last forever with them.

I think there is one primary reason why we have such a passion for time to never end. It is because God originally created us to live forever. God put Adam and Eve in the Garden to take care of it and to commune forever with Him and others in peace and joy. Even Ecclesiastes 3:11 describes how God has "set eternity" in the hearts of man. This is just how we were made.

We all know, however, that eternity is not a reality here and now. We know that this came to an end with Adam and Eve partaking of the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. Sin entered the world, and as a consequence, death. Man now has an end to his earthly existence. But there was (and is) a remanence of the desire to live forever. We know our time is coming quickly to an end, but we desire for it to never end.

This is a very sad state of affairs for humanity: the end of his time. We see this come to pass almost daily. We see our friends pass away; we see family members and loved ones pass away. We mourn. We grieve. Why? Because we will miss them but also because we know it is not supposed to be this way. Death is ugly. Scripture calls it an enemy (1 Cor 15:26) to be defeated.

The good news is that God has provided a gift to us to meet the strong desire to live forever: eternal life. It is found in Jesus Christ. If we trust in Him as Lord and Savior to redeem us, then he will not only remake us on the inside (or spiritually) but also physically. This is the promise of the resurrection of our physical bodies and to live eternally.

As I contemplate time, I consider that my time is quickly coming to an end here at LCC. I do not want it to end. Jennifer and I have good friends here. My desire is to never let go of the good times we have had here. But I am also reminded that God will meet that desire, just not here on this temporal earth. It will be met when Jesus returns and makes his home with us, His church. So, although I will say good-bye, it is really a "see ya later." If our paths do not cross again on this earth, we will see each other in glory. In fact, that will be much better.

Time. It is weird if you think about it deeply. But in the new heavens and new earth, time will never end, and we shall be together worshiping our King forever! Love will be made complete.

Your Friend,
Dr. Pete



Ephesians 2:8

**For by grace you have been saved through
faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God,**

Thrive

Toward the end of the year last year, I spent many weekends up in the mountains of North Georgia preparing a small cabin to use with the youth group for those who would be willing to go camping with myself and another adult.

The cabin and its use were donated by a good friend of mine and I am forever grateful for it. I have since taken several people up for a night in the mountains, providing an opportunity to hang out with some of the youth and young adults from Thrive and Abide.

I have also taken others camping that do not attend church at all, providing an opportunity to witness to them and spend time building a relationship.

Here's a few photos of our adventures.

Youth Pastor,
Alex



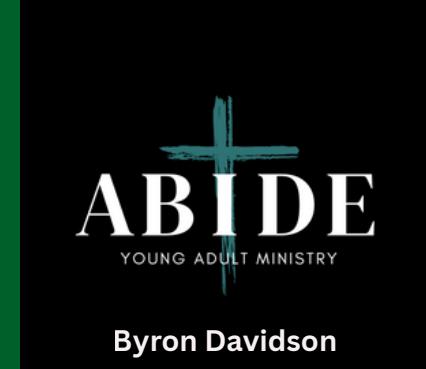


“Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

Brrr! What a cold month January has been! In Shine, we have been exploring the life of Jesus in Children’s Church, with a special focus right now on the Sermon on the Mount. Sometimes, in teaching children, we can get so focused on teaching them the stories (i.e. Biblical accounts), that we forget to teach them what Jesus taught. I am always amazed at how the Word of God doesn’t need to be dressed up. It just needs to be presented and explained. The Spirit of God works in the hearts of the kids and brings the truth they need to their minds and hearts.

On Wednesday nights, we started learning about the – armor of God. We had a lot of fun making our shields of faith and then throwing flaming arrows (ok, they were really fake snowballs, but you get the idea!) at each other. We talked about how Satan is our true enemy, not other people (flesh and blood). We also dressed up like Roman soldiers and made our Swords of the Spirit and talked about how important the Word of God is when fighting Satan.

As always, it is the highest privilege to teach God’s children about Him. Let us also remember to encourage our families with young children to stay faithful through the trials of parenting. Satan schemes, but God is stronger!



The New Year is here and some great things are happening or in the planning stages with our Abide Young Adult group. On Jan 2nd, although not strictly an Abide function, it did involve the same age group as Abide, we had several of our young adults participate in a Passion Watch event with Pizza and snacks. Over the last 2 years LCC has taken a combined total of 29, 18 to 25 year olds, to the Passion Conference usually held in Atlanta at Mercedes Benz Stadium or State Farm arena. Passion 2026 was held in Arlington TX this year. The price would have been prohibitive so we planned our Passion Watch 2026 for the second day of Passion, which is the longest day of Conference with some amazing speakers and music. It was a great time of worship.

We began our study on the Book of Romans just after the new year, and it’s an amazing book to reach non-Christians, for those newer in their walk and also for those who have been followers for a while. Romans is often regarded as one of the most significant books in the New Testament. The Apostle Paul outlines the core principles of Christianity, by addressing themes such as sin, grace and the transformation that comes from trusting in God. Paul emphasizes that salvation is not achieved thru sticking to the Law or the number of good deeds we do, but that salvation comes thru faith in Jesus Christ. Its said that "you don't get better water by digging a larger in circumference well, you get better water by digging deeper". We look forward to digging deeper into Romans.



Mission Spotlight



Monthly Mission Focus: Christian City (Part 1) – The Children

Christian City, located in Union City, GA changes the lives of children and families experiencing trauma and crisis by offering healing and love through evidence-based programs. LCC has supported them for many years.

Our Mission Focus for February is the children's programs at Christian City.



The Children's Village

The Children's Village has provided safety, stability, and love to vulnerable children for nearly 60 years through its residential group homes where children can heal and grow.

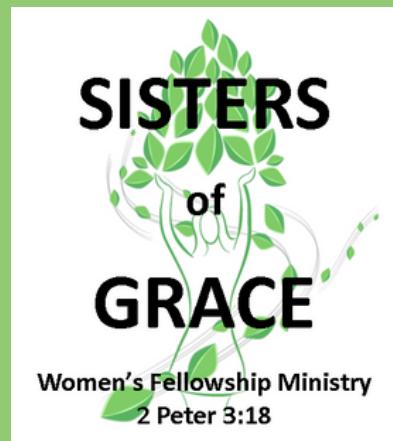
Thrive

THRIVE Graduate Transition Program provides housing, supportive services, life-skills education, and appropriate supervision for youth 18-24 who are aging out of the foster care system or who are homeless and have no one to help them navigate adulthood.

Safe Place

SAFE PLACE responds quickly 24/7 to calls for help from runaway and homeless youth across Atlanta, getting them to a safe place to heal and move forward.

Please check out their website to see all about Christian City and their various efforts [WHO ARE WE?](#)



PAT FERGUSON

ALL LADIES ARE INVITED TO
“TEA WITH PAT”

11AM | MARCH 14, 2026

LILBURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER BY MARCH 8.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

02 Prayer Service at 7:00 pm
08 Celebration of Life for Jason Fulton at 3:00 pm at LCC

March

02 Prayer Service at 7:00 pm
08 Daylight Savings Time Begins
14 Ladies "Tea with Pat" Ferguson at 11:00 am in the FLC.



Linda Proctor
Dennis & Marcia Heinz
Ron & Carol Hill
Richard Blankenship
Terri Randall
Teresa Elias
Pat Ferguson
Sandy Amrhein
Mark McClanahan & Family
Dorinda Newman
Alex & Carrie Aleman & Family
Debra Fulton & Family
Beverly Mles & Family
Sheryl Peace & Family



**Kay Dekle
1/04/26**



We will be collecting clean, gently used clothing items, small household appliances, and home décor/knick-knacks, etc.. for Lilburn Co-Op during the months of March and April. They will give them to clients, as needed, or sell them and use the money to buy food. What a great motivation to clean out your closets and kitchen! Or redo your living room! We will continue collecting food items, as well with no specific item focus.



BIBLE READING PLAN



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

February
2026

- 1 Exodus 7-9
- 2 Exodus 10-12
- 3 Exodus 13-15
- 4 Exodus 16-18
- 5 Exodus 19-21
- 6 Exodus 22-24
- 7 Exodus 25-27
- 8 Exodus 28-29
- 9 Exodus 30-32
- 10 Exodus 33-35
- 11 Exodus 36-38
- 12 Exodus 39-40
- 13 Leviticus 1-4
- 14 Leviticus 5-7
- 15 Leviticus 8-10
- 16 Leviticus 11-13
- 17 Leviticus 14-15
- 18 Leviticus 16-18
- 19 Leviticus 19-21
- 20 Leviticus 22-23
- 21 Leviticus 24-25
- 22 Leviticus 26-27
- 23 Numbers 1-2
- 24 Numbers 3-4
- 25 Numbers 5-6
- 26 Numbers 7
- 27 Numbers 8-10
- 28 Numbers 11-13

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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." – John 13:34