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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Church Family,

As I write this, my family and I just returned from vacation in the Smoky Mountains and Asheville, NC. While we were there, we stayed in a cabin overlooking God's beautiful mountains. The scenery was breathtaking. When a thunderstorm rumbled through the slopes, valleys, and mountain tops, the clouds made an alluring and enchanting mist that looked like smoke rising from the trees.

Besides enjoying God's creation, we also visited the popular Biltmore Estate. The mansion was majestic. Never had we seen and experienced such a grand and exquisite place to live! The house itself spanned over four acres! I found myself contemplating how much it must have cost to build such a chateau. My thoughts then wandered to how much the owner, George Vanderbilt, must have spent on his collections of paintings, library, furniture, and numerous other artifacts. The amount of wealth he inherited and acquired was beyond astronomical.

Then I wondered about George's spiritual wealth. Nothing was mentioned of his beliefs or faith, or if he had any at all. Had he been spiritually wealthy or poor? While living, he had all the material wealth one could imagine. But like the mist that rises among the Smoky Mountains and then dissipates, so did George's wealth. He was born into wealth, but like everyone else, he left with none of it.

James 4:13-14 says, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away" (NASB). Because our lives are indeed short-lived like mist, we ought to be

thoughtful about our spiritual state and what happens beyond the grave. In fact, for Christians, we are reminded repeatedly to "set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Col. 3:2).

Jesus even had much to say on the topic of focusing upon the heavenly. He taught His disciples to not "store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

George Vanderbilt stored up much wealth here upon the earth, but how much wealth did he have in heaven? Where was his treasure? As interesting as this question of history may be, the significance for us is to ask ourselves where our treasure is: heaven or earth? The great theologian and pastor, A.W. Tozer in his classic "The Pursuit of God" wrote, "If we truly want to follow God, we must seek to be other-worldly. This I say knowing well that that word has been used with scorn by the sons of this world and applied to the Christian as a badge of reproach. So be it." (p.43).

In a society that consistently pursues and stores up wealth in this world, let us be different. Let us remember to be other-worldly. This world may not understand it and even ridicule it, but as Tozer said, so be it. Our Lord is Jesus, not wealth.

Your Friend and Minister,
Dr. Pete

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Interested in Short Term Mission Trips?

- Several of our college campus ministries have opportunities to help serve meals for the college students (also prepare and clean up)
- Repairs on campus
- There are also opportunities to serve with our various missions both locally and abroad

Visit www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions

Contact one of the members of the mission team
members or the church office

Contact Jeff Stephens (jcs58@comcast.net) or the church office

Thrive



On Saturday, July 27, we took Thrive up to Helen, GA and went tubing down the river. The kids had such a great time.

I spent two hours tied to Jennifer Rasor dragging us around when we got stuck! Jennifer and I had a good time talking as we watched the kids enjoying their day.

We had two new members join us on the adventure, Gloria and Elaine. They both enjoyed being a part of the team and getting the opportunity to join in the fun.

For me, it was a bittersweet outing. It is the last youth outing that Christiana will be going on before heading to collage. I know that she will join us on other outings in the future, but as a mentor, so there is some comfort in that. Christiana has been a vital member of our youth group, bringing wisdom during conversation, kindness, and a sweet smile to anyone who's visiting. I love you babe. You will be greatly missed at Thrive.

Let's keep our youth group in prayer for the next year, as well as our collage kids in prayer as they enter a new chapter in their lives.

God speed,
Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor





Psalm 80:3 - "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved."

July has been a bit quieter in the SHINE area as our families are taking vacations (us included!). However, we are looking forward to August when SHINE will be in full swing again! Be sure to spread the word that Fired Up Wednesdays begin on August 7! I wanted to take this time to thank all of our dedicated teachers and volunteers who help make our SHINE program run every week. From our Sunday school teachers, to our Children's Church teachers, our preschool and nursery teachers, our teen helpers, and our counter workers. This program would not be successful without your loving presence. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you who faithfully serve month after month. Thank you for using your gifts to serve the "least of these."

For Him,

Jennifer and Schyler

Jennifer Rasor
Children's Director





Women's Fellowship Ministry 2 Peter 3:18

“Unyielding Hope” by Janette Oke and Laura Oke Logan was the book chosen for our Annual B.A.S.H event this year. 15 ladies met in the LCC Foyer for a light meal of slider sandwiches, salad and cookies.

Following the supper, Cathy Wade led the discussion of the book.

The July 30 B.A.S.H. / L.A.F.F. event was cancelled due to lack of interest. Next summer we will try something different.



Gal's Get-Away

“FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS”

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024

CHECK-IN BEGINS AFTER 3:00 PM.

1ST SESSION BEGINS AT 7:00 PM

THE LODGE @ LAKE OCONEE

COST: \$125 PER PERSON

COST INCLUDES ONE NIGHT'S STAY,
BREAKFAST & LUNCH ON SATURDAY.

DEPOSIT OF \$50 WAS DUE BY
JULY 28,
BALANCE DUE BY AUG. 18.

PLEASE PLACE DEPOSITS IN
THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED IN
THE FOYER.





Recharged (Adult Singles)



The Recharged (Single Adult Group) went to the Booth Western Art Museum on Friday, July 19th. Besides viewing their permanent collection, we had the opportunity to view 3 special exhibitions.

The Folwell Family: 5 Generations of Potters

This exhibition featured Native American pottery from 5 generations of the Folwell family of the Santa Clara Pueblo. It was established around 1550 and is located along the Rio Grande in north-central New Mexico. At Santa Clara, pottery making is passed down from generation to generation, and the potters are famous for their hand-crafted blackware and redware.

We, The People – Portraits of Veterans in America

This exhibition is acclaimed artist Mary Whyte's unprecedented series of stirring portraits of American veterans. Featuring veterans of all ages and in all walks of life, one from each of our fifty states, Whyte's large-scale watercolors have captured the essence of our country's everyday people with courage, empathy, and honor.

Georgia- O'Keeffe, A Life Well Lived

This collection of 48 previously unpublished photographs by Malcolm Varon reveals rarely seen aspects of O'Keeffe's life and personality. The exhibition is in association with the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum of Santa Fe. We highly recommend a visit to this wonderful museum in Cartersville, GA if you ever get the chance.

Note: We had lunch at Blevins Bistro in the museum. They offer freshly made sandwiches, salads, burgers, and desserts, plus light snacks and a variety of drinks.

We took another short road trip to Red Phoenix Theatre and were delighted to get tickets to see Christina and Chloe Aleman in "Les Miserables". Just amazing.

DIASTER! THE MUSICAL

We will be going to On Stage Walton in Monroe, GA as they present a musical comedy straight from Broadway about a floating casino and discotheque beset by earthquakes, tidal waves, and other catastrophes – plus hit songs from the 70's.

This show was cancelled due to illness of cast and crew. Those who purchased tickets will receive a voucher for another show of their choosing in the 2024-2025 season.



SERMON SERIES

Foundations of the Faith:

08/04 Foundation 8: Sin, Gen. 3:1-7

8/11 - Foundation 9: Salvation -
Eph. 2:8-10

8/18 - Foundation 10: The Church -
Matt. 15:15-18

8/25 - CY Kim will be preaching

09/01 - Foundation 11: The Second
Coming - 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-11

August

- 03 LCC Work Day in the FLC
- 07 Fired Up Wednesdays @ 5:45 pm,
Wednesday Night Meals and activities
Start Back
- 18 Trive: Pool Party 12 - 4 pm

September

- 02 Labor Day Holiday
- 07 LCC Work Day 9 am - Noon
- 15 Homecoming - 52 years
- 27 & 28 Gal's Get-Away
- 29 SHOWUP Sunday (Special Hour of
Worship United in Prayer)



Teresa Herring

Linda Proctor

Glenda Middleton

Dennis & Marcia Heinz

Richard Walker

Carol Hill

Shirley Blair

Jim Gurr

Whitney Krakeel

Earline Martin

Kandy Davidson

Jimmy & Cheryl Hendricks

and Family

Trudy Daffron



Diane Smith
July 14, 2024



BIBLE READING PLAN



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

**AUGUST
2024**

- 1 Lamentations; Psalm 137; 1 Peter 4
- 2 Obadiah; Jere 40-42; Ps 147; 1 Peter 5
- 3 No reading
- 4 No reading
- 5 Jeremiah 43, 44, 46; 2 Peter 1
- 6 Jeremiah 47, 48, 49; Ps 80; 2 Peter 2
- 7 Jeremiah 50-51; 2 Peter 3
- 8 Ezekiel 1-3; John 1
- 9 Ezekiel 4-6; Psalm 82; John 2
- 10 No reading
- 11 No reading
- 12 Ezekiel 7-9; John 3
- 13 Ezekiel 10-12; Psalm 83; John 4
- 14 Ezekiel 13-15; Psalm 136; John 5
- 15 Ezekiel 16-18; John 6
- 16 Ezekiel 19-21; Psalm 84; John 7
- 17 No reading
- 18 No reading
- 19 Ezekiel 22-24; Psalm 134; John 8
- 20 Ezekiel 25-27; Psalm 85; John 9
- 21 Ezekiel 28-30; John 10
- 22 Ezekiel 31-33; John 11
- 23 Ezekiel 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12
- 24 No reading
- 25 No reading
- 26 Ezekiel 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13
- 27 Ezekiel 40-42; John 14
- 28 Ezekiel 43-45; Psalm 135; John 15
- 29 Ezekiel 46-48; John 16
- 30 Daniel 1-3; Psalm 88; John 17

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**LCC is praying for our
students as they head
back to school!**