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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Church Family,

Politics. Sigh. You can't live with it, and you can't live without it. It seems to run every part of lives. It does not help that we are presently in the throes of a presidential election. Signs are in yards. Partisan ads flow on TV and YouTube like Niagara Falls. Political opponents attack each other. Even citizens take their place in the opposite corners of the political boxing ring, bracing to pummel each other. The picture often resembles a mud mix smeared on a canvas. Not pretty.

Politics. How should we Christians live in relation to it? As much as we would like to avoid getting dirty in the political sandbox, it is not an option for Christians. Scripture teaches us that Christians are to think and act like a Christian in all things. This includes politics. There is no divide between one's "private" faith and "public" life.

Scripture teaches us several things about how to interact in the political sphere. First, it commands us to pray for every governing authority. Paul instructed his young protégé, Timothy, "I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (1 Tim 2:1-2a; NASB). Note that Paul does not say to pray only for your political party or preferred candidate. It says to pray for all who are in authority. This means you may be praying for people whom you dislike or who are promoting evil.

Second, Scripture teaches why we are praying for them. Paul continues, ". . . so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:2b-4). In other words, we are to pray for all the governing authorities so that we can live the Christian life and spread the Gospel. God desires for every person to be saved, and He wants the governing authorities to permit the Gospel to be

preached and lived out. As such, Christians are to promote religious freedom and for the state to avoid entanglement with the church.

Scripture also teaches that Christians are to exhort governments to protect the innocent and bring justice to the evildoer. Romans 13:3 states that "rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same." God created government to protect the innocent and those who are law-abiding citizens. In fact, Romans 13:4 continues on to state this succinctly: "for it is a minister of God to you for good." Then, on the other hand, for the lawbreaker, the state "does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil." God designed the sphere of government to protect innocent law abiders and bring justice upon criminals.

When we consider, therefore, how Christians ought to understand and interact with politics, we need to remember that we are to pray for governing officials. We need to pray that they will allow religious freedom for the spread of the Gospel and so that we can live peaceful lives. Furthermore, Christians are to promote not just religious freedom but candidates who understand that the primary governmental responsibility is to serve justice.

As we continue in this political season, we may be tempted to "sit out" and remain uninvolved. For Christians, however, this is not an option. We must pray about and promote what Scripture teaches concerning governing authorities. It may be messy, but whoever said living the Christian life would be easy?

Your Friend and Minister,
Dr. Pete

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



Please pray for our partners and fellow Christians in India. We are not mentioning the leaders of the ministry for fear it could jeopardize their life. They are surrounded by persecution and are at the point of leaving their homes because of this, as well as the leaders of this ministry and their families. They have done great work through this ministry and have been in constant contact with their supporters to the situation there. They provide medical care to the local residents as well as other ministries, but because of the situation in India with their national government, they are being threatened with physical violence. This is hard on the ministers and their families. Please continue to keep all of them in your prayers this month. God knows the situation and those who are impacted by this. Thank you!



I wanted to say a HUGE Thank you to everyone that donated School Supplies or money a few weeks ago! I was overwhelmed by the amount of Supplies that were donated. I am so lucky to have a church family that is so willing to give to others. Just to give you an idea, we collected over 1,100 yellow pencils.

Because of your donations, I was able to make up 4 boxes of Supplies to deliver to Lilburn Elementary, Knight Elementary, Lilburn Middle and Berkmar Middle. Each school was surprised and so Thankful for the supplies. Again THANK YOU for your donations, they were very much appreciated by many in the community. Melissa Daniell



It's great to have the choir back after the summer break. Rehearsals for choir & orchestra are each Wednesday 6:30pm-8:00pm. We would like everyone to be ready to START at 6:30pm.

We are preparing for two upcoming music ministry events: UNITED and LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

UNITED is a special service in which area Christian churches join us as we come together in a one hour combined worship experience.

UNITED is Sunday, October 27th 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Additional choir rehearsals for United are:

- Thursday, Aug. 29 ~ 7:00pm Antioch CC Watkinsville
- Saturday, Sept. 28 ~ 10:00am-12pm Whistleville CC Winder
- Saturday, Oct. 19 - 10:00am-12:00pm LCC

LIGHT OF THE WORLD is our Christmas Program.

- Saturday, Dec. 8th 6:00pm LCC
- Saturday, Dec. 15th 6:00pm Whistleville

Additional rehearsals are TBD.

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



"Shannagan" is up to something. Please folks never unplug anything on or near the stage!



Thrive



This past month we started off our school year with Thrive.

It's been great to see our new arrivals from Shine start to get involved and getting familiar with how Thrive works.

They are very excited about the coming year and learning more and growing deeper in their faith.

It's also a great time for some of our graduates from last year as they are joining Abide, chasing their relationship with Christ.

We pray that the coming year will show spiritual growth for our students in Thrive.

Please pray for our teens as we move forward.

God Speed.

Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor.



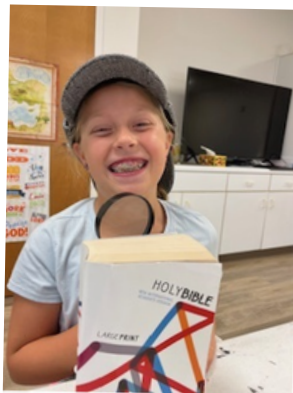
Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

August meant our kids are back to school. Going back to school and being in a new class or even a new school can take a lot of courage! So during August, in Shine during Children’s Church, we learned about trusting God when we are afraid. David, Joshua and Daniel have been our examples of being brave and trusting in God even though the circumstances seemed overwhelming. Whenever God says not to fear, He also promises that He will be with us. What a wonderful promise of God!

Jennifer Rasor
Children’s Director

Our Fired Up Wednesdays started with an Olympic start to the year. We had so much fun playing games and being silly with our church family. To continue the fun, we are starting an 8-week series on Mysteries in the Bible! The first week, we are learning about, “The Mysterious Case of the Man who never Died (Elijah).”

Speaking of fun on Wednesday nights, we have an opening in our nursery and at our counter. If you are interested in helping out in our nursery or sitting at our counter once a month on Wednesday nights, please let me know!



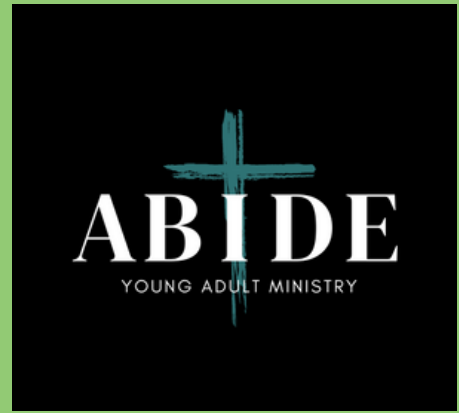


Recharged (Adult Singles)

Recharged is a Singles Adult Group. It does not matter if you have never been married, if you are divorced or widowed, you are welcome to join us! We schedule quarterly activities, however, there are plenty of things to do in-between. We go to movies, plays, out to lunch, out to dinner. We have gone on day trips.

The end of the year is fast approaching. Please think about what activity you would like to do for our 4th quarter event. One possibility is On-Stage Walton theater in Monroe. They are doing a production of The Christmas Story. I'm sure you've seen the movie featuring Ralphie and his longing for a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Other suggestions are welcome!

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



August was the kickoff month for the new young adult ministry Abide! At our first meeting we had ten in attendance! We were able to do an icebreaker, kick off our “Not a Fan” study by Kyle Idleman, and end with prayer.

If you are between the ages of 18-30, we would love for you to join us and bring a friend! Byron and Alyssa desire to create a space where you can grow deeper in your walk with God, learn how to share your faith with others, have a space for community, and ultimately learn how to dwell and abide in God's presence daily! So, please, come join us! We meet every Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the classroom in the lobby of the sanctuary.

Quick note: Abide also has a game night coming up September 28th at the Razor's! It will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please feel free to bring a snack or game to share!

“My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.”
Ezekiel 37:27

Alyssa Rasor

SISTERS of GRACE

Women's Fellowship Ministry
2 Peter 3:18

Gal's Get-Away

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024

“FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS”

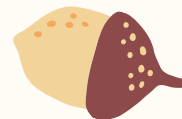
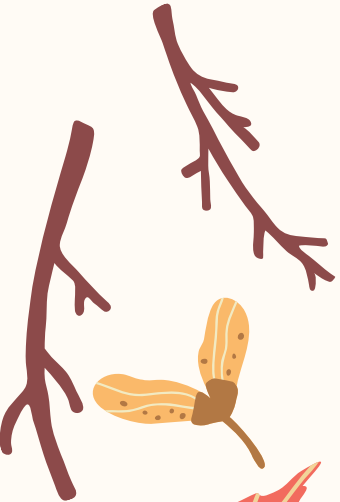
CHECK-IN BEGINS AFTER 3:00 PM.

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.





SERMON SERIES

Foundations of the Faith:

- 9/1 - Foundation 11: The Second Coming - 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1-11
- 9/8 - Foundation 12: Heaven - Rev 21:1-9
- 9/15 - Foundation 13: Hell - Rev 20:7-15
- 9/22 - Summary of Foundations: Essential or Non-essential? - Eph 4:1-6

September

- 02 Labor Day Holiday
- 07 LCC Work Day 9 am - Noon
- 15 Homecoming - 52 years
- 21 Thrive & Abide Car Wash 10 am - Noon
- 27 & 28 Gal's Get-Away
- 29 SHOWUP Sunday (Special Hour of Worship United in Prayer)

October

- 19 CTO practice for United program, 10 am - Noon
- 27 United program at LCC, 5:00 - 6:00 pm.
- 30 Thrive Fall Costume Party, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- 31 Trunk or Treat, 5:30 - 7:30 pm



- Teresa Herring
- Linda Proctor
- Glenda Middleton
- Dennis & Marcia Heinz
- Richard Walker
- Carol Hill
- Whitney Krakeel
- Earline Martin
- Kandy Davidson
- Jimmy & Cheryl Hendricks
and Family
- Trudy Daffron
- Jeff Denney
- Bill Michael & Family



BIBLE READING PLAN



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

September
2024

- 1 No Reading
- 2 Daniel 4-6; John 18
- 3 Daniel 7-9; Psalm 91; John 19
- 4 Daniel 10-12; John 20
- 5 Ezra 1-2; John 21
- 6 Ezra 3-4; Psalm 92; 1 John 1
- 7 No reading
- 8 No reading
- 9 Haggai; Zechariah 1; Ps 138; 1 John 2
- 10 Zechariah 2-5; Psalm 93; 1 John 3
- 11 Zechariah 6-8; 1 John 4
- 12 Zechariah 9-11; 1 John 5
- 13 Zechariah 12-14; Psalm 94; 2 John
- 14 No reading
- 15 No reading
- 16 Ezra 5-6; Psalm 95; 3 John
- 17 Esther 1-3; Psalm 139; Revelation 1
- 18 Esther 4-6; Revelation 2
- 19 Esther 7-10; Revelation 3
- 20 Ezra 7-10; Psalm 97; Revelation 4
- 21 No reading
- 22 No reading
- 23 Nehemiah 1-3; Revelation 5
- 24 Nehemiah 4-6; Psalm 98; Revelation 6
- 25 Nehemiah 7-9; Psalm 140; Revelation 7
- 26 Nehemiah 10-13; Revelation 8
- 27 Malachi; Psalm 2; Revelation 9
- 28 No reading
- 29 No reading
- 30 Job 1-3; Psalm 29; Revelation 10

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