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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Jesus once told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Matt 9:37; NASB). He said this in response to seeing the crowds and people he had healed. He had taken a hard look at them, and he "felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt 9:36). The people were lost, broken, and without hope. They needed what Jesus had to offer, namely, eternal abundant life. There were so many of them, but so few willing disciples to feed them the Gospel. Are we like this—unwilling to work in God's kingdom to bring in a harvest of souls?

It is well known that Christian faith (or just faith in general) in numerous European countries has dwindled to alarming lows over the last several decades. For example, Pew Research Center indicates that in France only 11% say that religion is "very important in their lives" with a staggering 22% saying they "attend worship services at least monthly." You read that correctly: monthly. Not weekly. The question set the bar very low to just once a month. If that's not disturbing enough, the Czech Republic is at the decimated level of 11%.

We should not, however, be too quick to pass judgment upon Europe for its unbelief. According to numerous studies, America is heading in the same direction. Only 40% of Americans now say that religion is "very important" in their lives with only 25% saying they "attend worship every week." These numbers are all down from just about ten years ago, and they are definitely lower from fifty years ago.

What can we take away from this? First and foremost, the harvest is truly plentiful! People are losing their faith, no longer have faith, or never had faith. We should state what should be obvious: this is not good. As such, workers are needed to spread the Gospel. But where are the workers?

The commitment of American Christians to Christ and his church is dwindling, following in the footsteps of Europe. Do you realize that missionaries are now sent to American cities like New York and Philadelphia from other countries? It is now America that needs evangelizing. Why is this the case? Where is the American church? Why does it need missionaries from other countries to spread the Gospel? Why are we not doing it?

Certainly, there are numerous reasons for the plight. One primary reason is a lack of commitment to Christ and his church. We need to renew and strengthen our commitment to them. We need to be workers for the kingdom. And that means all of us, not just the pastor and elders. We need to be more than merely interested in Jesus and the church; we need to make them the priority. There is nothing more important in this world than Christ and his church. After all, Jesus died for the church. Moreover, our lack of commitment to the Gospel and the church affects the eternal destiny of others.

So, are you in or are you out? Will you answer Jesus' call to be a worker?

Your Friend and Minister,
Dr. Pete

October Sermon Series:

10/6 - Justice: God's Intended Role for Gov't -
Rom. 12:17-13:7

10/13 - Prayer: A Christian's Duty to Gov't - 1
Tim. 2:1-4

10/20 - Defy Tyrants: A Christian's Duty to God -
Acts 4:13-22

10/27 - Speak Truth to Power, Even (and
Especially) When it Hurts - Matt 5:10-12

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



It's right around the corner! We hope you are excited about this very important outreach to our community! Last year we saw over 800 people on the campus of LCC, and this year we're hoping for 1000! What better way to share the Gospel and show the love of Christ than through something as small as games and candy? This year we really want everyone to focus your trunks on a CHRISTIAN THEME. Also, if you don't want to do a trunk, then you can set up a booth or even a table!

SIGN UP sheet is in the foyer.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- We need everyone PRAYING
- We need CANDY (about 200 bags)
- We need WORKERS to manage a trunk or booth, help with food, running candy, managing the bouncy house etc.

All ages can help! Let's show the community of Lilburn that on Oct 31st, Lilburn Christian Church is the safe and positive alternative to trick or treating while at the same time, learning about Christ!



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:

- Saturday, Oct. 19 - 10:00am-12:00pm LCC

LIGHT OF THE WORLD is our Christmas Program.

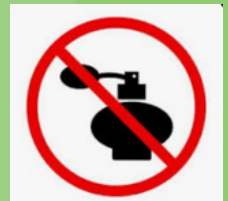
- Sunday, Dec. 8th 6:00pm LCC
- Sunday, Dec. 15th 6:00pm Whistleville

Extra rehearsals:

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

Wednesday changes ~ extended rehearsals

- October 16th 6:30-8:30
- October 23rd 6:30-8:30
- 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.



Thrive

This month, the Thrive group has been slowly building back up for the coming year.

We went to Wendys for some Frosty's to give the kids something fun to do, as well as get to know each other better.

We have also cranked up our fire pit on Wednesday to spend time discussing our lesson.

I am also very happy to say that we have some new Thrive leaders, which God has blessed us with.

Max, Ian and Myric. They have been faithfully helping on Wednesday nights, and it is so amazing see how God is always aware of what our department needs.

Thank you to these 3 additional helpers who came to lend a hand in leading our teens.

Please pray that the Lord will guide us in the coming year.

God speed,

Alex Aleman
Youth Pastor

CAR WASH AT LCC

One of the most meaningful events that I have ever held took place on Saturday Sept. 21st.

The youth group as a team put on a car wash. Why? To raise money for a pastor in Cuba who needed help.

This pastor has devoted his life to the cause of Christ and he was using a scooter to travel to different churches where he helps other pastors in their work. The battery in Communis Cuba cost \$800+. We raised enough to send him \$872. Praise the Lord.

But wait, there's more!! About a year ago, while walking and talking with CY Kim, he mentioned in passing that his heart medication cost him \$300.00. He did not ask me for help, but God laid it on my heart to raise money to help him by paying for one month of that medication.

At the car wash, we also raised enough money to be able to help CY Kim as well.

What an awesome God we serve. What a caring and compassionate God. Loving. Knowing all our needs and always willing to help. I am blessed to know that God used Shine, Thrive and Abide to accomplish two goals in two hours.

Praise and glory be to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He knows our every need, and he used his Church to bless two amazing men that are serving him daily.





Recharged (Adult Singles)

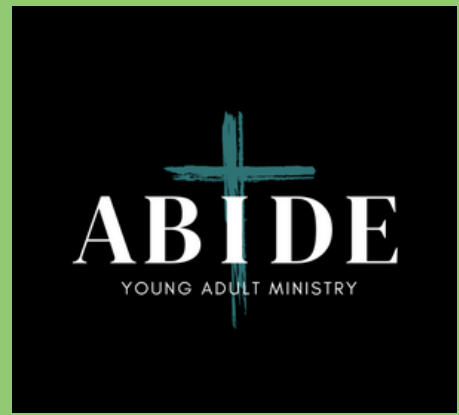
Recharged is a Singles Adult Group. It does not matter if you have never been married, if you are divorced or widowed, you are welcome to join us! We schedule quarterly activities, however, there are plenty of things to do in-between. We go to movies, plays, out to lunch, out to dinner. We have gone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



ABIDE GAME NIGHT AT THE RASOR'S



ABIDE, the Wednesday night class for Young Adults, has just finished a great series on being more than just a fan of Jesus, but actually committing to be a follower of Jesus. It's all about living an "Authentic", intimate relationship with Christ. Jesus wants more than someone who's heart is not completely in the relationship. We, at times, have so many "strongholds", those things we should let go of to be a committed follower, but for one reason or another we just can't or won't let go. Jesus said in Mark 8:34, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your own pleasures and shoulder your cross, and follow me closely."

ABIDE has begun a new series on Wednesdays at 6:30. If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, come join us and as we always say, bring a friend!! We also see the series, The Chosen, in the not too distant future!!! You do not want to miss this!!!



SISTERS
of
GRACE

Women's Fellowship Ministry
2 Peter 3:18

Gal's Get-Away

RESCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 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

COST: \$125 PER PERSON

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

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE
FOYER BY OCT. 6 EVEN IF YOU
REGISTERED PREVIOUSLY.



October

- 19 CTO practice for United program, 10 am - Noon
- 27 United program at LCC, 5:00 - 6:00 pm.
- 30 Thrive Corn Maze, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, \$20 per person
- 31 Trunk or Treat, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

November

- 05 Election Day
- 10 Child Dedication Sunday
- 10 Baby Shower for Kelly Hartnett & Whitney Krakeel
- 16 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 1:00-3:00 pm
- 17 Mainstreet Concert at 6:00 pm
- 23 CTO Rehearsal 10 am - Noon
- 28 Thanksgiving Outreach

- Teresa Herring
- Linda Proctor
- Glenda Middleton
- Dennis & Marcia Heinz
- Richard Walker
- Carol Hill
- Whitney Krakeel
- Kandy Davidson
- Jimmy & Cheryl Hendricks and Family
- Jeff Denney
- Janet Curtiss
- Matthew Florant
- Carolyn Ballew
- Ron Hill
- Donna Stamm & Wayne Starling
- Tina Adepol
- Tony Knight
- Matt Akins
- Richard Blankenship
- Debbie Stephens



BIBLE READING PLAN



- 1 Job 4-7; Psalm 99; Revelation 11
- 2 Job 8-11; Revelation 12
- 3 Job 12-14; Psalm 100; Revelation 13
- 4 Job 15-17; Revelation 14
- 5 No reading
- 6 No reading
- 7 Job 18-20; Psalm 141; Revelation 15
- 8 Job 21-23; Psalm 101; Revelation 16
- 9 Job 24-27; Revelation 17
- 10 Job 28-30; Revelation 18
- 11 Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Revelation 19
- 12 No reading
- 13 No reading
- 14 Job 34-36; Revelation 20
- 15 Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Revelation 21
- 16 Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Revelation 22

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

Congratulations! You have read through the Bible in 10 1/2 months! More will be forthcoming for Nov. & Dec.

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