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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

#### Church Family,

What are your priorities? As adults, we must constantly prioritize what tasks ought to take precedence over another. Should we pay bills at this given moment or clean the house? Do we study another hour or go to bed? Should we put off getting that tooth filled or get it done soon? What takes priority is often based upon the importance of the task and its deadline. If the mortgage is due tomorrow, then it is probably best to pay it now rather than "getting around to it" later.

Jesus had quite a few things to say about priorities. One day, he was visiting his best friend Lazarus. He had two sisters, Mary and Martha, who were very different when it came to priorities. Martha made preparing meals and hosting the priority while Mary spent time at the foot of Jesus learning the Word of God. This difference in priorities caused a clash: Martha got upset and requested that Jesus command Mary to guit sitting around and help her. Jesus' response to Martha is instructive: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things, but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42; NASB). In short, Jesus and his word was much more important than hosting. Jesus and his Word are top priority.

In another place, Jesus again teaches on prioritizing him over all else. In Luke 14:26, he taught, "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple." Jesus is not asking us to hate—that is, not love—anyone. His point is one of priorities: we are to love and serve him above all else, including our spouses and family members. In another teaching, Jesus correlates loving him with following his word. "If anyone loves Me," he said, "he will keep my word.... He who does not love Me does not keep My words" (Jn 14:23-24). In short, to love Jesus is to love his Word, what he teaches. And what he taught is enscripturated in our present Bibles. One cannot make too hard and fast distinction between Christ and his Word. The two go together, and the two are to be our top priorities.

So what are your priorities? Your job? Relaxation? Gaming? Travel? Theater? Music? Fishing? Georgia football? Family? If anything takes priority over Christ and his Word, then we have an idol. And we know what Scripture says about idols: "You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth" (Exod 20:3-4). Idols must be crushed, whether they are physical statutes or something we have made more precious than Christ. What idols do you need to crush in your life?

Your Friend and Minister, Dr. Pete





What is the Trash Mountain Project?

Trash Mountain Project exists to develop Christ-centered environments for children and families living in trash dump communities worldwide.

We are only as strong as our leaders on the ground. Our USbased team partners with local leaders around the world to serve those afflicted by societal neglect. By providing valuable resources, funding and discipleship, change is happening in trash dump communities.

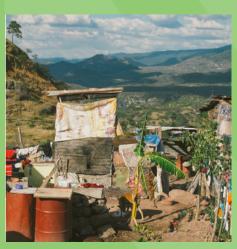
The trash dump communities are complex places, and there's not a single simple solution. They have a very methodical approach to help build a better future for those in this community. Step one: visiting the community. Step 2: build relationships. Step 3: secure resources for the community. Step four: empowering local action. Step 5measuring impact.

Please pray for this very important ministry and the people they serve.

Thanks!













#### Rehearsal

**Wednesdays**: We rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Sunday Mornings: We rehearse from 9:00 - 9:30 am.

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



"We are excited about the growth of our ministry and celebrate as four new choir members have joined us recently. We invite YOU to join us in the excitement of what God is doing in the Worship Ministry."

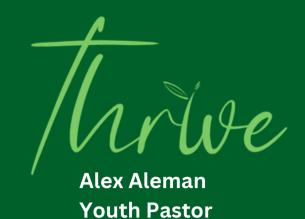
Gwinnett Christian Terrace ~ members of the choir and orchestra serving in outreach ministry to the residents at GCT through song & communion."











As February comes to a close, we are diving into a study that focuses on Eternity. Why "Eternity"? Well because as Christians, we should live our lives in light of it. What we do day to day should be done to glorify God and bring Him honor. We ought to remember that the things we do here will either last or not. Why invest in something that doesn't last.

#### Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:19-21

"Do 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.

While we are here on earth, we should point others to the kingdom and the saving grace found at the cross. The only thing that will last is what is done for Christ.

Ask yourself this question when you go to bed at night... "what did I do for Christ and the kingdom of God today that will last when I get there?"

On average, you should be able to recall something. If you can't, then ask the Lord to direct you in your day to day interactions with others. Ask Him for the opportunity to live out His mission for your life.

Don't get comfortable with a mediocre walk with Christ. Look to do something for Him every day.

Bring him Glory and Honor. He gave His life for you, and He deserves our BEST!!

God Speed,

Alex Aleman Youth Pastor



"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

We had a good month in Shine during February! Conversations regarding North Georgia Christian Camp have been happening. I am so excited that I will be serving at the Middler week with Ashley Cox in June. My hope is that a few of our Shine kids (upcoming 3rd-5th graders) will be coming with me also! Camp is a great way to have fun and deepen our faith and knowledge of the Lord. Let me know if your child is interested in going! Registration is happening now, and camp slots are filling up super fast.

Looking ahead, our Easter celebration this year will be on Saturday, April 19 from 10:00–12:00. Our hope is to bring the message of the Resurrection to our Lilburn community at the park this year! We will have our traditional egg hunt, along with games, treats, crafts, and face painting! Please watch for more details on how you can help reach the community for Christ!

Please be in prayer for our Easter event and the families in our community who need the saving message of Christ. Lord, help us to be BOLD for you and SHINE our lights so that others may see our good deeds and glorify You.





#### **Recharged (Adult Singles)**

We've had a busy few weeks! We started off by planning our 1st and 2nd quarter Recharged Hosted Events. We discussed two options for the 1st quarter.

Three people decided to go to the Atlanta exhibit called 'Discovering the world of Jesus' on February 21st. It was very interesting. They have extended their dates into March if anyone is interested in checking it out.

Plus, we have eight people going to On Stage Walton in Monroe to see 'The Spitfire Grill' on March 4th. We do love their Ten Dollar Tuesdays.

Then, we found out about someone special appearing in 'Hello Dolly' at Providence High School. So, we have seven people going to see the fabulous Miss Chloe Aleman performing on February 28.

Our 2nd quarter event will be a short day trip to visit the Gainesville Botanical Gardens in the Spring. The date will be determined soon. The sign up sheet is in the foyer. If you have a date preference, please let us know.



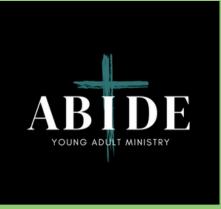
A look at the past..

While cleaning out the Ladies Ministry closet as part of the FLC upstairs refresh, a large binder was discovered. It contains the notations about Prayer Quilt Requests. LCC started a Prayer Quilt Ministry in 2007. Several ladies who attended LCC would piece together quilts. The quilts would be placed in the foyer with information about the recipient. The congregation would stop by the table, say a prayer for the specific needs and tie a prayer knot in the quilt.

When the quilt room in the FLC was cleaned out a few years ago, the last 10 prayer quilts were prayed over and tied by the Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study group.

We distributed over 160 prayer quilts and crocheted prayer shawls over the years. We also made hundreds of Pocket Prayer Squares. I'm sure that those little reminders of God's love and presence encouraged many people!

I hope you enjoyed this little walk down memory lane!



The Abide Young Adult class continues its series from the show, "The Chosen" on Wednesday evenings. This series really brings Scripture to life in an amazing way.

In a recent episode, taken from John 1:43-51, Nathaniel, before he was called by Jesus to follow him, was approached by Philip, who told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Nathaniel made a joke that was common at the time, the little town of Nazareth got very little respect, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Philip simply said "Come and See"! What a great way to invite others when they ask, "Being a follower of Christ, what's it all about?" And then to just simply answer with a smile, "Come and see." How hard is it for us to say the same thing today, "Come and See"!!

Thursday evening Feb 6th, Abide had one of our monthly events. This time it was bowling at Bowlero, just down the street from the church. A dozen were there to bowl, or just hang out, and everyone had a great time. Everyone loved it when Alex Aleman stopped by to hang out for a bit. Alex gave a short demonstration on bowling, 1 ball, 1 roll and 1 strike, NICE!! Actually we have several in the group who are pretty good bowlers, but everyone had fun.

If you are or know of someone from 18-29 years old who would love a home on Wednesday evenings, please invite them to "Come and See" for themselves.





- 01 Ramadan Prayer for Muslims event (night of prayer for Muslims during Ramadan) from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. In addition to prayer, there will be a presentation on the beliefs and practices of Islam.
- 09 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 16 Main Street Concert at LCC at 6:00 pm
- 29 Ladies Mystery Fun Day, Cost is \$25 per person, sign up in the Foyer.

## April

- 01 VBS Registration Begins
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 16 Easter Special with Thrive, Abide & Adults
- 19 Shine Easter Program/Event
- 20 Easter Sunday



**Prayer Requests** 

Linda Proctor Glenda Middleton Dennis & Marcia Heinz Richard Walker Ron & Carol Hill Richard Blankenship Janet Curtiss Harold Holcombe Phyllis Macheski JoeAnn Toney Carolyn Ballew



Sunday September 21st at 5:00pm

Come worship, pray and fellowship with churches from all over Georgia

Interested in participating? Contact Dwayne Wylds at dwayne@lilburncc.com

Visit our website to learn more www.lilburnchristianchurch.org

## BIBLE READING PLAN



#### NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF THE BIBLE.

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2 1 John 5; Leviticus 26-27

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- 3 Numbers 1-2; Psalms 68
- 4 Numbers 3-4; Psalms 134
- 5 Numbers 5-6; Psalms 61
- 6 Numbers 7; Psalms 99
- 7 Numbers 8-10; 2 Timothy 1
- 8 Numbers 11-12; 2 Timothy 2
- 9 Numbers 13-14; 2 Timothy 3
- 10 Numbers 15-16; 2 Timothy 4
- 11 Numbers 17-18; John 1
- 12 Numbers 19-20; Psalms 90; John 2
- 13 Psalms 135; Numbers 21; John 3
- 14 Numbers 22; John 4
- 15 Numbers 23; John 5
- 16 Numbers 24; John 6
- 17 Numbers 25; John 7
- 18 Numbers 26; John 8
- 19 Numbers 27; John 9
- 20 Numbers 28; John 10
- 21 Numbers 29; John 11
- 22 Numbers 30; John 12
- 23 Numbers 31; John 13
- 24 Numbers 32; John 14
- 25 Numbers 33; John 15
- 26 Numbers 34; John 16
- 27 Numbers 35-36; John 17
- 28 Deuteronomy 1; John 18
- 29 Deuteronomy 2; John 19; Psalms 22
- 30 Deuteronomy 3; Psalm 133; John 2
- 31 Deuteronomy 4; John 21

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