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*Let the Light of Christ
Shine in Your Life*

Let
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shine be
fore men that they may see your
good deeds and praise your
Father in heaven.



Free Dinner and a Movie

The movie *"In His Image"* will be shown at
Light of Christ Anglican Church
Friday, October 15th.

Come at 5:30 p.m. for a cookout dinner
of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings

Here is a synopsis of the movie: *"In His Image"* is a critical and urgent message designed to equip the church to answer culturally controversial questions about gender and sexuality from a biblical perspective. Every church in America is filled with hurting people asking these tough questions: Can you be gay and be a Christian? What if someone genuinely feels trapped in the wrong body? Did God make me this way? Is change even possible? This feature-length documentary presents much-needed truth with compassion and clarity through powerful personal testimonies, careful Bible teaching, and scientific evidence.



A SIGN-UP SHEET for side dishes or desserts is available in the parish hall.

A SECOND SIGN-UP SHEET for kitchen help with prep work, help with grilling or clean-up duties is also available.



Mike's Message

As most of you know, we have been providing weekday Bible Studies that help us gain a deeper understanding of the God that we worship. Instead of getting together for a discussion about what we personally think about God, we have taken an in-depth look at who God declares Himself to be through His holy word.

We have recently finished a study entitled “Behold Your God” that is presented in two parts, each lasting 12 weeks. The first was “Rethinking God Biblically” and the second, “The Weight of Majesty”. Last year we presented each one twice and had folks from Light of Christ and other churches around the area. It was so powerful that a few took the course twice. We have been asked by some outside of LOC if we would do it again because they had friends that heard about how it was changing lives. If we have enough that want to do it and will stick with it, I’ll provide the class over and over. It’s just that good.

However in the meantime we are starting another 12-week class on Wednesday, October 6th at 1 pm. It is entitled, “The Church” by Jeffrey Johnson. The following is from Media Gratiae, the producers.

“The Apostle Paul lamented the religious people of his day who were zealous for God, but whose zeal was actually leading them astray because it was founded on ignorance rather than knowledge. In much the same way, many Christians today love an idea of the church, but an idea that is wrong because it is not founded on truth. These excellent resources will grow your love for the church because they will grow your knowledge of the church—her nature, her authority, her purpose, and her worship. They will give you the knowledge you may lack, the knowledge you need, to understand why the church is central to God’s purposes in the world and, therefore, central to

the Christian life

This Bible study set is designed to help you learn about the true nature of the church and how it is intended to function. The more we understand this, the more we will love the church. The more we learn how the church aids our faith and brings glory to God, the more we will thank God for the church.

The church is truly the most glorious thing under heaven, for it is the communion of the saints, the pillar and ground of truth, household of God, and the bride of Christ. Join us as we explore over 2,000 years of church history, from its first-century foundations in Ancient Israel to its global presence today.

Jeffrey Johnson’s book and the 12 video lessons that accompany it look at how to properly approach the church. It seeks to answer the questions: How do we approach the church? Where do we begin? What are Biblical practices and what are not when it comes to worship?”

We have also had two Friday night “Dinner and a Movie” events, one on July 16th and the other on September 10th. I have been very grateful that we had a wonderful turnout for both. Light of Christ members offered a wonderful array of food and we offered hamburgers and hot dogs grilled on the back deck of the parish hall. Thanks for all those who volunteered their time and effort to make this happen. The first movie was “The Insanity of God”, a very powerful up-close look at the persecuted church around the world. They were each asked the question, “Is Jesus worth it?”

The second movie was “Unplanned”, the story of Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation. She believed in the woman’s right to choose, until a life changing experience turned her into an anti-abortion activist.

Our next “Dinner and a Movie” will be on Friday, October 15th at 5:30. We will be showing the movie, “In His Image”. The following is from American Family Studios, who produced it.

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*About the Makers: For years, we at **American Family Association (AFA)** have watched the momentum of LGBT affirming “churches” continue to grow with little or no pushback from Bible-believing pastors and churches. It is our deeply held conviction that, now more than ever, true followers of Christ must be ready to engage culture with truth and compassion by offering the gospel to those who are sexually broken. In 2018, **American Family Studios**, AFA’s film division, began production of a film to bring clarity to the topic. **In His Image** has been bathed in prayer from its conception and is AFA’s response to the confusion many are facing.*

About the Host:

*AFA is pleased to partner with Dr. Michael Brown, host of the daily, nationally syndicated talk radio show “**The Line of Fire**,” which also airs on the NRB TV Network. Dr. Brown is the perfect host for this topic. He’s the author of such books as *Can You Be Gay and Christian?* and *Outlasting the Gay Revolution*, and he holds a doctorate in Near Eastern languages.”*

As you can see we have decided that the best way to confront the issues that are destroying our country is not to hide but to be those who proclaim the truth revealed in God’s word. Please be in prayer that God will be pleased to use our resources to proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Shalom!



Senior Warden Report

Your Vestry met on Sunday after church and discussed several current issues, including Bishop Guersney’s announcement of his decision to retire. The bishop’s retirement process has been carefully planned and will require many months before our friend and leader is officially retired. We do send our sincere “Thank you for your wonderful support and leadership during the past seven years.” The bishop has guided us through some very difficult times, and we will be forever grateful.

During the past month, we have had several folks visit LOC services and special events. Some have indicated that they will attend more of our services and may become new members. The Northern Neck has been blessed with many new families moving here this year. As you meet new neighbors, please invite them to visit LOC or even better, offer to bring them to one of our church services. God has much to offer to new “Northern-Neckers,” and we need to be our Lord’s ambassadors.

Pastor Mike has a busy fall schedule planned, including: (1) a study on the biblical model of the church starting October 6th, and (2) a Dinner and Movie Night, October 15th, and (3) a five-week study of spiritual gifts in Sunday School starting November 7th. Please plan to attend these events and bring a friend.





*News From the
Todd Lewis
Bible Study*

I would like to announce a new study of the book of Revelation beginning in October. We will be meeting in our regular Bible study on Thursday afternoons at 1:30. Since this is such an important and poorly understood subject, we are hoping to have a second class at some other time so as many can attend as possible, time to be announced.

Revelation is a book that everyone should understand clearly and with ease. It is not as difficult as people think once it's purpose is understood. It is NOT a book of lurid speculations about prophecy. Revelation is the capstone and summary book of the entire Bible message. It is the ratifying document of the New Covenant. It is the church's universal and historical playbook. It gives us the complete picture of who Jesus really is in His resurrected person and brings to fullness the introductory picture we were given in the gospels.

Please join us so that there may be clarity and not confusion regarding this essential message fully relevant to the everyday lives of believers at all times and in all places.

Todd Lewis

Contact Constance McDearmon
at 804-453-3085 for further information.

Help Fight Hunger



Light of Christ has a food bin under the coat rack on the left as you enter the church. When you are shopping, and you see a Buy One/Get One free sign at your local grocery store, please let that sign trigger your memory about our food bin. Go ahead and Buy One/ Get One and then leave one of those two items in your car to be deposited in the LOC food bin the following Sunday.

According to Feeding America.org, in Virginia 799,620 people are facing hunger - and of them 214,270 are children.

I have tried imagining what it is like to be hungry with no hope and it is not pretty. Hope you will be willing to help with this LOC outreach to our community.



Book Recommendation Corner

First Recommendation

Randy and I are donating a book to the library that is very special for us.

“Diamonds in the Rough” is a book of poetry written by Donna Carpenter, a woman who was a neighbor of ours’ decades ago when Randy and I lived in Richmond; the rest of the title describes what is inside:

“Heartfelt, Spiritual Poems for Those that are Grieving A Tribute to my son, Travis”

After years of dealing with severe depression Travis killed himself, leaving behind a young son, wife, family and friends and co-workers who loved him. I have been reading these poems on Facebook for a long time and I know they have touched me.

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Ironically both her and her sister have multiple sclerosis. This is what is written on the back of her book that encapsulates what is inside: *God has taken the ashes from all the trials of her life and made beauty by helping her to write these poems. She could not have done it without him.*

You can order these books from Amazon and have them shipped to you.

Sharon

Second Recommendation

Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ **by John Piper** A Book Review

Are you ready to fall in love with Jesus all over again? Do you thirst anew for an intimate spiritual knowledge of Him? If so, consider Dr. Piper's little book. It will lead you again into a deep contemplation of that singular, unique Life that is the foundation of God's great redemptive plan for us. Jesus is, in fact, the Plan.

The author begins his book with a radical premise: that the whole of creation, including you and me, is all about revealing the glory of God. And in the deepest recesses of the human heart, we thirst to experience this glory. The author says "(t)he deepest longing of the human heart and the deepest meaning of heaven and earth are summed up in this: the glory of God. The universe was made to show it, and we were made to see it and savor it. Nothing less will do."

Do you mean that this is not all about me and you? No, Dr. Piper says and the Scripture affirm that it is not all about us. It is still about God and the "riches of His glory" (Romans 9:23). "Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth...whom I created for my glory." (Isaiah 43:6-7).

What does all this have to do with our Lord Jesus? Because, as the author reminds us, Jesus IS the glory of God. "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3). The light of the Gospel

is "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6). And, in seeing His glory, our disordered lives "are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Succeeding chapters of the book reveal the various aspects of Christ's life, His deity, His excellence, His gladness, His power, His wisdom, His desecration, His anguish, His glory, His mercies, His severity, His resurrection and His second coming.

As regards His desecration, the author points out that Jesus labored under a bad reputation during His life here. All knew that Mary was pregnant before she was married. His enemies threw that up at him. They said "we were not born of sexual immorality" (John 8:41). The insult was not veiled: they were calling Jesus a bastard. And yet a beautiful truth lay behind that insult, because His incarnation was the result of the work of the Holy Spirit. If only His enemies had understood, perhaps they would have knelt to worship the God Man.

The author points out a curious fact about the death of our Lord, that He disarmed Satan without destroying him. Jesus could have simply ordered Satan to Hell, as He will someday do, but He did not at that point. The death of our Lord disarmed Satan by nullifying the weapon of soul-destroying sin and guilt that Satan had previously wielded against mankind. Now, all those who belong to Jesus Christ by faith can sing with St. Paul "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? ...but thanks be to God, who give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."!

This is a short book, just 123 pages, but deep and exceptionally thought-provoking. Dr. Piper has an exquisite command of the English language. If you like well-written pieces, your reviewer feels that this book will not disappoint you.

Dr. Piper has a website at "desiringgod.org". Visiting it is a fine way to start the day.

Respectfully submitted by your fellow-servant,
Ernie Proctor



Northern Neck Christian School



The Northern Neck Christian School is proud to announce that we have a new teacher, Mrs. Jeanelle Tignor. Mrs. Tignor is a seasoned elementary school teacher with 15 years of experience, she is teaching the combined Kindergarten and 1st Grade class. She has taught in several Christian schools and wholeheartedly supports NNKCS as a way to give parents choice in the education of their child. Additionally, she has an additional certification in teaching reading.

We've completed 4 weeks of school and have doubled the number of students this year. We have lots of exciting events in our future. Next week, a talented guitarist will come and accompany the children in their morning program and talk with them about how he became interested in music.

We are making a short video of a typical school day highlighting the students and our academic and Christian curriculum. We hope it will be available by mid-October.

We have a newly created building committee to start working on a plan for current and future school needs. The property the school needs has been donated, and we thank God for that generous donation.

May God bless you and protect you,

Leslye



Chair yoga is a very flexible form of yoga that gives options so class members can modify the poses to suit their particular needs. One of my goals for the class is to learn the areas of the body where each person desires improvement and to tailor the movements and breathing to target them. It is a joint effort with students learning to listen to their bodies and feel how they work, practicing safe alignment and pose modification and coordinating their individual breathing with their movements.

I am always taking yoga continuing education classes to improve my teaching skills, as well as my yoga knowledge base. Currently I am working through an online class with Holy Yoga on Yogalates (a combination of yoga and Pilates). Yoga and Pilates are each beneficial to the body on their own, but together they are especially effective in strengthening the core and increasing body flexibility, The more I learn. the more I find that I need and want to know even more. After finishing the Yogalates class, I will be studying yoga anatomy in depth to work toward certification in yoga therapy.

Yoga has a lot of potential as a spiritual practice... Time in a YogaFaith class is dedicated to doing yoga in God's presence and being mindful of Him as we move through the poses and breathing. In a secular yoga class, the focus is often inward to find the divine in ourselves. It is important for Christians to focus on God in whatever type of yoga they choose to do.

Christian yoga is also fun to do with new poses and variations to try and insights to be gained. Combining prayer and movement enhances both.

It takes a little while to get used to practicing yoga and learning the basics of it. It definitely grows on you as you practice it.

Constance is a satisfied member. Contact her at 804-453-3085 for her insight and helpful tips.

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Lesson Readers

Oct. 3 Jim Conley (L), Lyn Conley (P)
Oct. 10 Charlaine Andrulot (L), Julie Pritchard (P)
Oct. 17 Teresa Moffitt (L), Ernie Proctor (P)
Oct. 24 Marie Carstensen (L), Jeanne Hickey (P)
Oct. 31 Joan Blackstone (L), Tony Blackstone (P)

Acolytes

Oct. 3 David Gwaltney
Oct. 10 Constance McDearmon
Oct. 17 Sandi Ward
Oct. 24 Anna Brennan
Oct. 31 Marie Carstensen

Chalice Bearers

Oct. 3 Ed Feddeman
Oct. 10 Tony Blackstone
Oct. 17 David Gwaltney
Oct. 24 Suzy Norman
Oct. 31 Constance McDearmon

Altar Guild

Oct. 3 Anna Brennan
Oct. 10 Suzy Norman
Oct. 17 Wendy Smith
Oct. 24 Julie Pritchard
Oct. 31 Anna Brennan

October Birthdays

Oct. 1 Mary Swann
Oct. 7 Doug Ludeman
Oct. 12 George Semerjian
Oct. 19 Carol Sennott
Oct. 20 Jim Sanderlin
Oct. 21 Melinda Floom

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Oct. 23 Courtney Ludeman, Ed Costello
Oct. 24 Frank McCarthy
Oct. 28 Pat Dalzell

Tellers

Oct. 3 Betty Dillingham
Oct. 10 Betty Dillingham, Jan Beckett
Oct. 17 Betty Dillingham, Pam Smith
Oct. 24 Betty Dillingham
Oct. 31 Betty Dillingham

Vestry Person on Duty

Oct. 3 Sandi Ward
Oct. 10 Anna Brennan
Oct. 17 Doug Ludeman
Oct. 24 George Beckett
Oct. 31



October Anniversaries

Oct. 9 Suzy and Bob Norman
Oct. 14 Ed and Carolyn Costello
Oct. 21 Caitlyn and Erik Berg

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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