



LOPC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

A Pastor's Perspective

Who would have thought that we'd anticipate February in hopes of getting vaccine shots? Greeting card companies should take advantage of this and make "Congratulations on Getting Your Vaccine Shot" cards.

There are other things to anticipate in the new month:

- 1) New youth interns serving our Youth Group: Angel and Kate Sosa from Georgia College in Milledgeville. You will see more information about them in this newsletter.
- 2) A Lent Cantata along the lines of the Christmas Cantata. Amy is putting it together now. Stay tuned for more information to come.
- 3) The completion of the Hebrews sermon series February 7. The next series will feature selected Psalms.

What we should most anticipate are the things God will do in our lives that we don't anticipate. The word that we will need to hear at just the right time. The unexpected call or note or email that encourages us. The unexpected opportunity to bless someone. God will touch you this month most likely when you least

expect it, always when you most need it. Be on the lookout for such blessings. It is possible for them to occur, and you don't take notice.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us. Psalm 123:2

Pastor Marion

Reminder:

Pastor Clark's radio message is featured Sunday mornings on Dock Radio 103.9 at 9:15 a.m. Please [go here](#) to listen to previous radio spots.



Welcome to the LOPC Family!

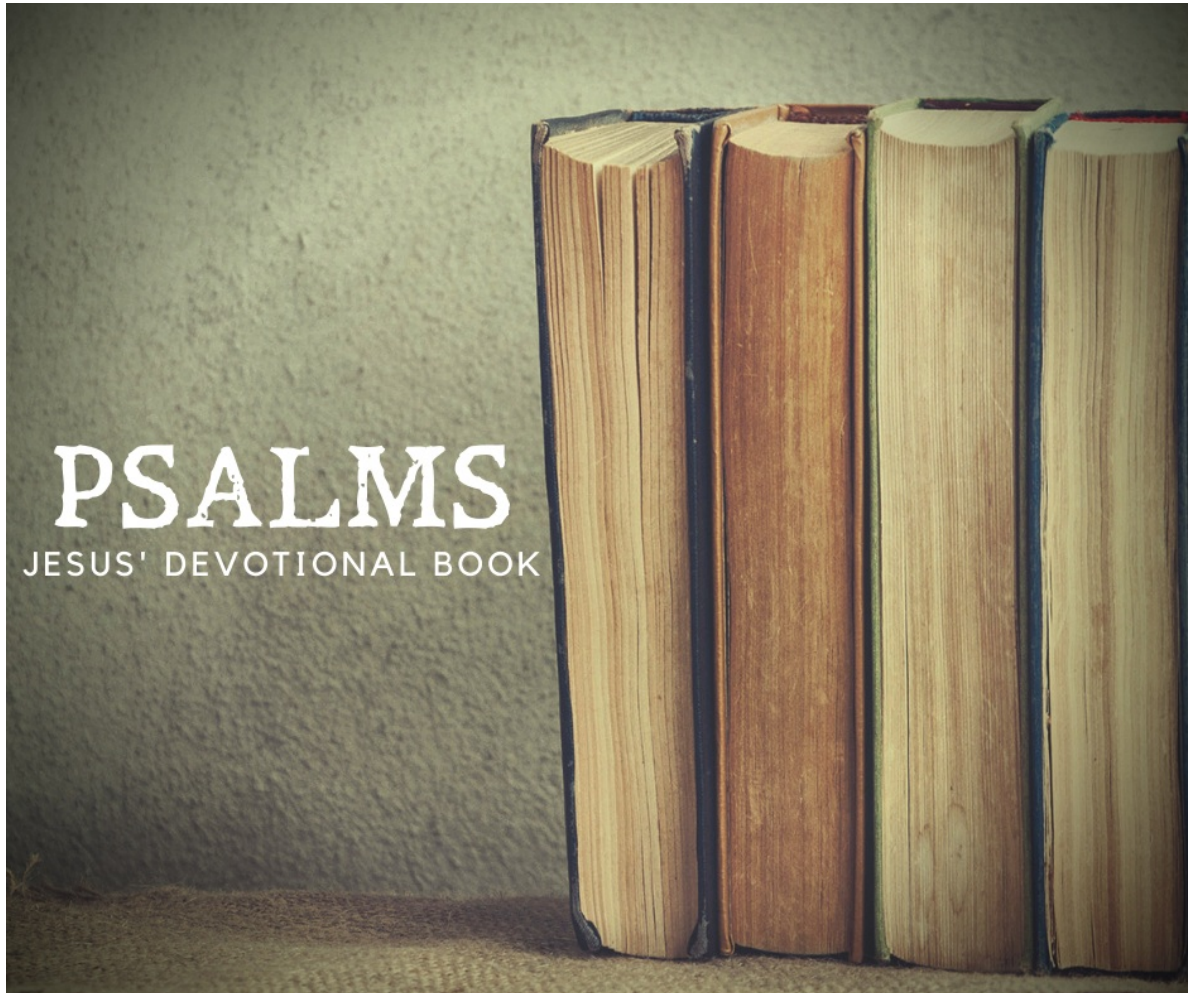


We are excited to announce that Angel and Kate Sosa will be joining us as part-time youth interns beginning Monday, February 1. Angel and Kate both came highly recommended by their Campus Outreach director at Georgia College & State University. Angel is a graduate assistant and athletic trainer, and Kate

graduated in December with a history degree. Both are members of New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Milledgeville and bring energy and experience to discipling teenagers.

If you're here on campus over the next few weeks, take a minute to introduce yourself and welcome them to LOPC!

New Sermon Series Beginning February 14



Virtual Missions Conference: February 19-20



The Mission to the World (MTW) Virtual Missions Conference is going to be online this year from February 19-20, and best of all, it's FREE! You'll have access to plenary speakers, missionary stories from the field, breakout workshops, and roundtable discussions. You'll also have the opportunity to choose from the slate of breakout sessions including:

- The Ordinary Church in Extraordinary Times
- Go Tell It on the Mountain: African American Missionaries Telling His Story
- Too Old for Instagram: How to Make a Difference with Missions Later in Life
- Ten Things to Think About When Considering Missions
- Stories from the Middle East: The Arab Church Building Up the Body
- Around the World in 30 Minutes: MTW

To register, [click here](#).

Memorial Service for Carl Freeman



A memorial service for Carl Freeman took place on **Saturday, January 16, at 2 pm** here at the church. If you were unable to attend or would like access to the online link, click below for the video. You can also download the memorial program [here](#).

[Click here for the YouTube link.](#)

Something New for Your Inbox



weekly E-STORIES

BY PASTOR MARION CLARK

In January, we began sending out weekly email stories written by Pastor Marion Clark. If you'd like to sign up to receive these, please contact Meagan at socialmedia@lopc-pca.org and she'll be glad to add you to the list. These stories will not be posted on our Facebook page and will be sent out only to those who wish to receive them.

Women's Ministry



From the President

The Women's Ministry Council met recently to recap last year and pray for a brighter year in 2021, especially in light of the vaccine becoming available.

We are hoping to be able to do something fun together in the spring, possibly an outdoor excursion. So everyone get your vaccine shots, let's beat Covid-19, and be ready to get life back to a normal life!

Several on the Council plan to attend the upcoming Leadership Training in February, virtually. Even though they will miss out on traveling to Atlanta and meeting ladies from all over the southeast and

making new friends at this regional training, I'm sure the material and presentations that they will see virtually will be wonderful and spiritually enlightening.

Keeping our eyes on Jesus!

Brenda Roberts

Pres., LOPC Women's Ministry



Ladies, have you heard of MARKINC Ministries? Founded by Chuck and Sharon Betters after losing their teenage son, MARCINC offers people the healing hope of the Gospel. It shares redemptive stories, videos, books, devotionals and more from the personal experiences of others who have found comfort, purpose and courage to persevere faithfully, regardless of their circumstances. Though MARCINC offers something for everyone, it's a great resource for women's ministries and for women who disciple women. To visit the full website, **click here**.

Meal Support

The Women's Ministry will coordinate



meals to be provided for those in need due to illness, injury, recovery from hospitalization, or after childbirth. Please contact Brenda Roberts at 404-316-8579.

Church App


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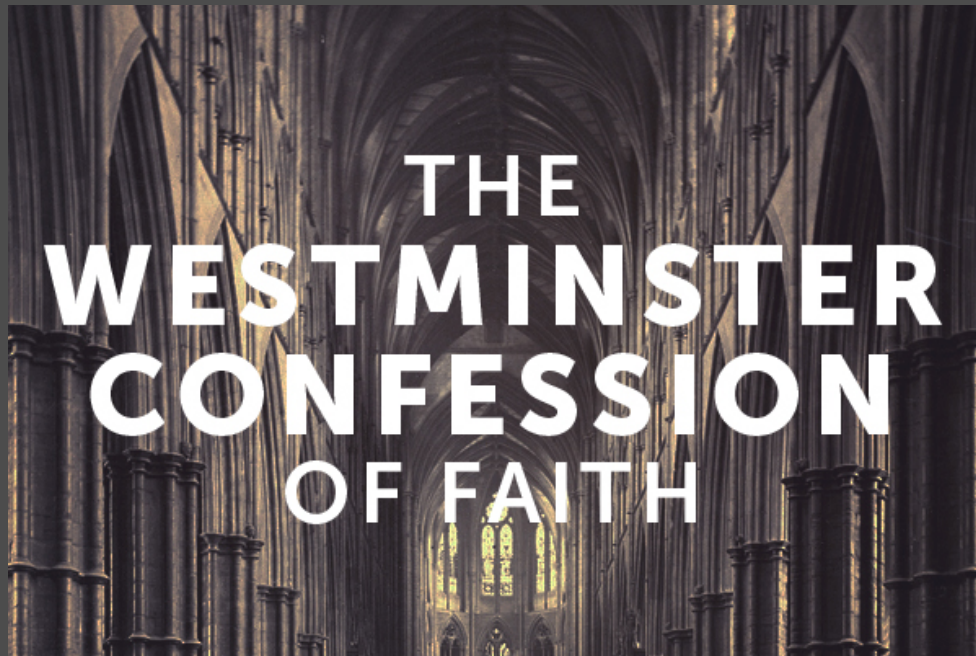
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Early Morning Men's Bible Study



This study typically meets every other Wednesday morning in the LOPC Rooms 111-112 at 7:30 am. The dates for February are the 10th and the 24th. The study is on The Westminster Larger Catechism.

For more information, contact Pastor Marion Clark at 706-484-0600, ext.223 or by email at marion.clark@lopc-pca.org.

MNA Disaster Response



Sheds of HOPE

Recently, a student from Lake Oconee Academy (LOA) reached out to Sheds of HOPE to volunteer. While she has been limited in participation due to her school schedule, she's been able to help out Marilynn Sowell in providing some goodies

for the crew, and we're hoping that we can coordinate a future build date that will enable her to be more involved.

As an effort to help her share Sheds of HOPE with any friends who might be interested, we recently put together a promotional video using photos and an excerpt from an interview with Dock103.9. **Check it out here** or click on the thumbnail below.

For more information on this ministry, please contact Dick Forrester at 706-473-7442 or by email at dhforrester155@plantationcable.net.



The History of Valentine's Day



How well do you know the history of Valentine's Day? Take the quiz below to test your knowledge. Answers are at the bottom of the newsletter.

1. TRUE or FALSE: Valentine's Day has a definitive point of origin.
 2. Valentine's Day most likely originated in
A) ancient Rome B) medieval England C) the First French Empire
 3. Which Roman emperor imposed a marriage ban to bolster numbers of single soldiers?
A) Augustus B) Claudius II C) Tiberius
 4. Valentinus, a priest, was executed for doing what?
A) criticizing the emperor B) performing outlawed marriages
 5. TRUE or FALSE: There was more than one Valentinus who was martyred for breaking laws pertaining to marriage.
 6. In 469, Valentine was given a feast day in hopes of
A) encouraging peace B) replacing February's pagan fertility celebration
 7. What event catapulted Valentine's Day into global popularity?
A) bubonic plague B) industrial revolution C) invention of the teddy bear
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Are
you
techno
challenged?

Technology has changed the way we live. You can communicate with family members who live far away, re-connect with friends, and have access to free resources, including Bible studies, podcasts, and so much more. With the pandemic forcing more digital interaction, we'd like to see if there's opportunity for us to offer some basic services to help you feel more confident using technology. See the survey below. If we get enough response, we'd like to start working on ways to help you learn more about your devices and how to maximize them for your needs. If you'd like assistance with something not on the list, email Meagan at socialmedia@lopc-pca.org

Would you be interested in learning any of the following? Choose all that apply.

basic internet browsing

basic email usage (sign in, receiving, replying, forwarding)

creating and saving documents and files

learning basic network concepts (connection, uploading, downloading)

adjusting settings on smart devices (mostly phones and tablets)

using social media such as Facebook and Instagram

Youth Ministry

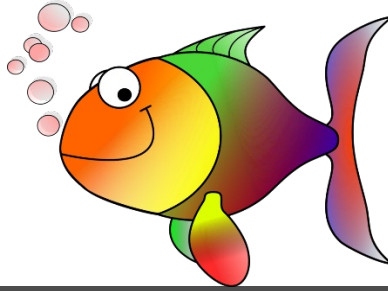


The LOPC Youth Group meets on Sundays from 5-7 pm at LOPC where there will be food, fun, and Bible Study - and we WANT YOU to join us! We are looking for all middle and high school kids in and out of LOPC. Youth Group is for rising 6th grade students through high school.

Visit www.facebook.com/lakeoconeepca/ for more photos

Children's Ministry

"God established a testimony...which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children that the next generation might know...so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God..."
Psalm 78:5-7a



Feedback



What would you like to see in our monthly newsletter?

Please reply to Meagan at socialmedia@lopc-pca.org

February Calendar of Events

Monday, February 1st

GriefShare (Room 111-112) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2nd

Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (via Zoom)..... 8:00 a.m.

HFG led by Wes Hunt (Narthex) 6:30 p.m.

Men's CBS (LOPC)..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3rd

HFG led by Harold Parker (Rooms 110-112) 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 4th

Mid-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom1 and Rooms 110-112) 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 5th

Saturday, February 6th

Sunday, February 7th

Youth Group Meeting (LOPC) 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 8th

GriefShare (Room 111-112) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9th

Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom)..... 8:00 a.m.

HFG led by Dick Forrester (Choir Room) 6:30 p.m.

Men's CBS (LOPC)..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10th

Men's Early-morning Bible Study (Rooms 110-112) 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 11th

Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 12th

Saturday, February 13th

Sunday, February 14th Communion observed

Youth Group Meeting (LOPC) 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 15th

GriefShare (Room 111-112) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16th

Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (via Zoom)..... 8:00 a.m.

Deacons Meeting (Choir Room) 6:00 p.m.

HFG led by Wes Hunt (Narthex)	6:30 p.m.
Men's CBS (LOPC).....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 17th	
Thursday, February 18th	
Mid-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom1 and Rooms 110-112)	10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 19th	
Saturday, February 20th	
Sunday, February 21st	
Youth Group Meeting (LOPC)	5:00 p.m.
Monday, February 22nd	
Session meeting – date/time is subject to change (Zoom1)	6:00 p.m.
GriefShare (Room 111-112)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 23rd	
Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom).....	8:00 a.m.
HFG led by Dick Forrester (Choir Room)	6:30 p.m.
Men's CBS (LOPC).....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24th	
Men's Early-morning Bible Study (Rooms 110-112)	7:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 25th	
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 26th	
Saturday, February 27th	
Sunday, February 28th	
Youth Group Meeting (LOPC)	5:00 p.m.

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For more reading on the history of Valentine's Day, check out these two links:

- [How Did Valentine's Day Begin? \(thegospelcoalition.org\)](http://thegospelcoalition.org)
- [The Dark Origins Of Valentine's Day : NPR](http://www.npr.org)

Our Purpose

Our Vision

Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church exists to make, equip and deploy followers of Christ who love their families, neighbors and the world for the glory of God.

Our Mission

This church exists to:

- Glorify God
- Nurture and equip God's people
- Mobilize the church to build God's kingdom