

2021 HAPPY NEW YEAR

LOPC NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

A Pastor's Perspective

We have eagerly awaited the beginning of 2021. Somehow, it must be a better year than 2020. Perhaps, but I give thanks to the Lord for what I have learned and gained from this past year.

Practical: I learned how to:

- livestream
- how to record radio talks, which led to
- writing new stories I previously procrastinated writing
- how to Zoom with family and church family
- how to adapt to everchanging circumstances

Home: The original lockdown and ongoing restrictions created:

- more time to spend with my wife and family
- opportunity to catch up with reading and projects

Church: The changes and challenges led to:

- preaching the series on Hebrews I've always wanted to do
- creativity in planning worship
- collaborating with Amy on the cantata
- learning and being encouraged by you how to keep faith in the Lord's sovereignty

What can you give thanks for? What blessings would you count? Can you name them one by one? I look forward to hearing what they are.

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.



From the Pastor Search Committee

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE #3

Your Pastor Search Team has now held 20 weekly meetings with near perfect attendance from team members. In addition to the ten candidate names that you provided during the congregational survey, you have provided a few more recently. We have contacted every suggested candidate to determine if they want to be a candidate at LOPC. A few have chosen to apply. There are several outstanding candidates interested in exploring our Senior Pastor Position. We do not expect any more candidates. We have started the process of personal interviews and sermon reviews of the top candidates. I am very encouraged by the high quality of the men and the range of skills and ages. We believe that the pastor that God has selected for us is in our candidate group. We will update you again soon as our work progresses.

Please continue to pray for us!

Memorial Service for Carl Freeman



A memorial service for Carl Freeman has been planned for **Saturday, January 16, at 2 pm** here at the church. For those who would like to join us but can't attend in person, we will livestream the service on our Facebook and YouTube channels.

Something New for Your Inbox

Beginning January 2021, we will send 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.

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to announce these new members who joined the church on
December 13, 2020:

Doug Dubay & PJ Becker

Susan Hutchison

Mary McNeillie

Photos coming soon!

GriefShare: New Session Begins January 4

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of
a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and
support group designed to help you rebuild your
life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by
caring people who have experienced grief and
want to help you through the
difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

Monday Evenings 6:30pm - 8:30 pm
January 4th - March 29th

Lake Oconee Presbyterian Church
113 Scott Road
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706-484-0600
www.lopc-pca.org/griefshare

GRIEF SHARE®

GriefShare is a support ministry for those who have lost loved ones, which meets weekly for 13 weeks. With the help of videos that address the issues we face in our grieving, as well as a workbook, we support one another through our journey of grief. You can join the group at any time.

Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.

Please contact Norma Graham at 478-234-2287
or by email at raynorm3@gmail.com

For more information about GriefShare,
[email Norma Graham at raynorm3@gmail.com.](mailto:raynorm3@gmail.com)

Women's Ministry

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.

Pomarolli: The Next Generation

Over the Christmas holiday, LOPC member, Barbara Pomarolli, decided to give some special gifts to her two visiting granddaughters. Barbara writes, "I decided to give them each one of my remaining Red Cross uniforms and, amazingly, they fit. Mind you, I can't button them anymore, but when I wore them, I weighed 98 pounds. The girls loved them, and we had fun posing for pictures. I'm hoping that they will keep them as memories of their Nana."



Church App

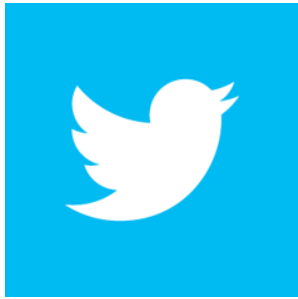
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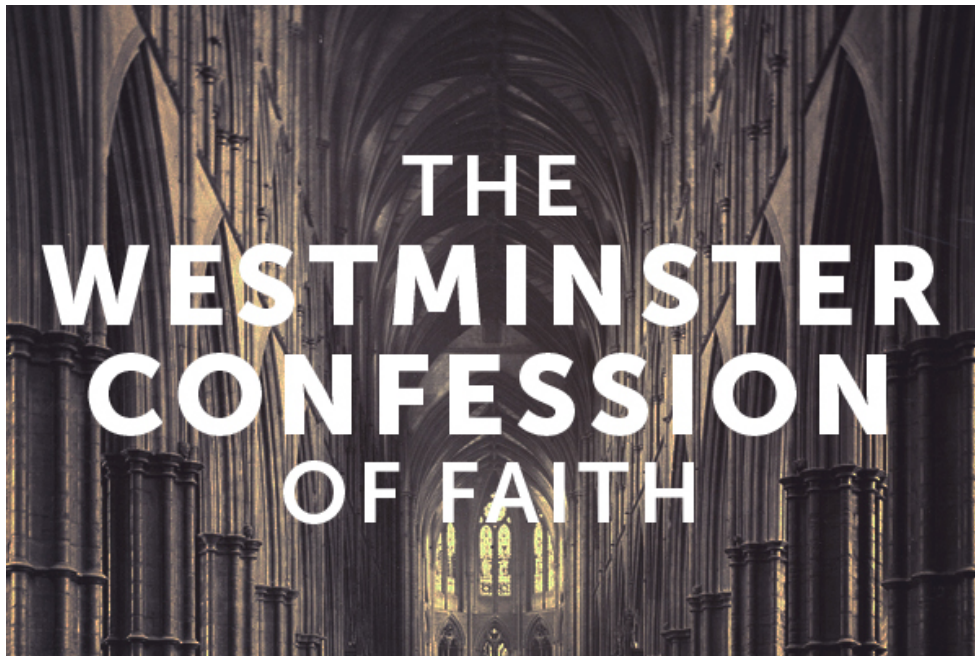


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Early Morning Men's Bible Study



This study typically meets every other Wednesday morning in the LOPC Rooms 111-112 at 7:30 am. The dates for January are the 13th and the 27th. 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.



Update: The Central Georgia Christian Food Bank

The Central Georgia Christian Food Bank was managed and operated by LOPC member, Addison “Buddy” Crews, and was affiliated and partially sponsored by LOPC. Following the loss of Buddy earlier this year, the Food Bank shut down.

The Food Bank rented its warehouse on Scott Oak Dr. and after shutting down, it needed to vacate the rented property. That made it necessary to dispose of pallet racks and equipment located in the warehouse. The Food Bank rep asked Sheds of HOPE if we could use any of the items. Knowing that MNA Disaster Response operates their warehouse in Rome, GA, we asked them if they could use the items. They said yes, and this resulted in us loading up a forklift, a pallet jack, numerous sets of pallet racks, tables and other miscellaneous materials on a MNA Disaster Response trailer for shipment to the Rome warehouse.

Most of these items will likely be put to use in the warehouse. Items not immediately needed will be stored either for future use or to share with PCA churches across the USA who have been or will be affected by disasters. It has been our experience that almost everything donated to MNA Disaster Response winds up eventually being used to help God’s children in need. It’s an inspiring ministry!

Another interesting sub-story: The Food Bank’s pallet racks originally came from a company near Conyers. When asked if they knew of anyone from whom the Food Bank could buy pallet racks at a good price, the company decided to donate them, instead. Now the racks are being re-donated, continuing to do the Lord’s work, just in a new and different way!

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





Update: Adopt a Family Christmas 2020



THANK YOU to all of you who helped provide for two refugee families in Clarkston. Gifts were delivered on Christmas Eve - a little later than usual due to one item that was backordered. Your generosity meant so much to the parents and children who received many needed items!

Happy Retirement to Gale Prince!

On Sunday, December 27, our Publications Director, **Gale Prince**, was honored for her 16+ years of service with LOPC. We are going to miss our sister, friend, and colleague, but wish her a wonderful start to her retirement!

If you missed the 11 a.m. service on December 27, [click here](#) to watch Gale being recognized at the beginning of the video, and grab a Kleenex or two.



Youth Ministry



The LOPC Youth Group will meet on the 1st & 3rd Sunday night of each month from 5-7 pm at LOPC where they will have food, fun, and Bible Study - and they WANT YOU to join them. They 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.)

Note for December/January

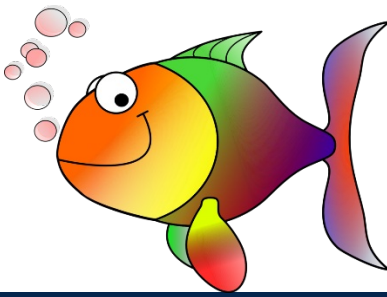
Due to busy schedules for everyone in December, the next Youth Group meeting will be January 3rd at the Lewis home. This will be a special Christmas/ New Year event!

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

January Calendar of Events

Friday, January 1st	(church office closed in observance of New Year's Day)
Saturday, January 2nd	
Sunday, January 3rd	
Officers Installed	9 & 11 a.m.
Youth Group meeting (Lewis' Home)	5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 4th	
GriefShare (Room 111-112)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 5th	
HFG led by Wes Hunt (Narthex)	6:30 p.m.
Men's CBS (LOPC).....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 6th	
Officer Training (Zoom1, Rooms 101-102)	4:00 p.m.
HFG led by Harold Parker (Rooms 110-112).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 7th	
Mid-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom1 and Rooms 110-112)	10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 8th	
Central GA Presbytery meeting (First Pres Macon)	7:00 p.m.
Bulletin Helpers.....	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 9th	
Central GA Presbytery meeting (First Pres Macon)	8:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 10th	Communion observed
Monday, January 11th	
GriefShare (Room 111-112)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 12th	
Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom).....	8:00 a.m.
HFG led by Kent Schumacher (via Zoom).....	6:00 p.m.
HFG led by Dick Forrester (Choir Room)	6:30 p.m.
Men's CBS (LOPC).....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13th	

Men's Early-morning Bible Study (Rooms 110-112)	7:30 a.m.
Officer Training (Zoom1, Rooms 101-102)	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 14th	
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 15th	
Bulletin Helpers.....	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 16th	
Memorial Service for Carl Freeman (Sanctuary)	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 17th	
Officers Installed	9 & 11 a.m.
Youth Group meeting (Pavilion / LOPC)	5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Office Closed)	
GriefShare (Room 111-112)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19th	
Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom1).....	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, January 20th	
Officer Training (Zoom1, Rooms 101-102)	4:00 p.m.
HFG led by Harold Parker (Rooms 110-112)	6:30 p.m.
Search Team Meeting (Zoom1 and Rooms 101-102).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 21st	
Mid-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom1 and Rooms 110-112)	10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 22nd	
Bulletin Helpers.....	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 23rd	
Sunday, January 24th	
Monday, January 25th	
Session meeting – date/time is subject to change (Zoom1)	6:00 p.m.
GriefShare (Room 111-112)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 26th	
Early-morning Ladies' Bible Study (Zoom).....	8:00 a.m.
HFG led by Kent Schumacher (via Zoom).....	6:00 p.m.
HFG led by Dick Forrester (Choir Room)	6:30 p.m.
Men's CBS (LOPC).....	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 27th	
Men's Early-morning Bible Study (Rooms 110-112)	7:30 a.m.
Officer Training (Zoom1, Rooms 101-102)	4:00 p.m.
Search Team Meeting (Zoom1 and Rooms 101-102).....	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 28th	
Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 29th	
Bulletin Helpers.....	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 30th	
Sunday, January 31st	

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