

## News & Events



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**Our last WNO will be April 29.**



Go ahead and mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 6 for a night of food and fun while supporting our YOUTH. Time is 5:30 pm. Watch for more info on making a reservation coming soon.



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## Daily Devotions & Scriptures

### Monday - Luke 7:41-43

Read Luke 7:41-43. Jesus told the story of two debtors: one owed a massive sum (500 denarii) and the other a small amount (50 denarii). When the moneylender graciously canceled both debts, the one who owed more loved him far more in return. In the same way, the gospel reveals the enormous cost of our sin against a holy God, yet Jesus fully paid that debt on the cross. The more clearly we see the size of our debt and the greatness of His sacrifice, the more our hearts overflow with love for the gospel. How big do you honestly see your own “debt” of sin before God? What would change in your daily attitude if you regularly remembered how much you have been forgiven?

### Tuesday – Luke 7:44-48

Read Luke 7:44-48. The sinful woman wept at Jesus’ feet, washing them with her tears and anointing them with expensive perfume, while Simon the Pharisee offered no such love or honor. Jesus explained that her extravagant love flowed directly from the awareness of her many sins being forgiven. Those who feel they have little to be forgiven often love little. Loving the gospel begins with honestly seeing the cost Christ paid for our forgiveness. In what ways have you been acting more like Simon (reserved, critical) than the woman (extravagant love)? How can you let the reality of your forgiveness stir fresh affection for Jesus today?

### Wednesday – Luke 18:10-12

Read Luke 18:10-12. The Pharisee stood in the temple and prayed, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people, robbers, evildoers, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.” His prayer was filled with self-righteousness and pride, leaving no room for genuine dependence on God’s mercy. Idolatry of self, trusting in our own goodness, achievements, or religious performance, quickly crowds out love for the gospel of grace. Where in your life are you tempted to trust in your own “goodness” instead of Christ’s righteousness? What subtle forms of self-righteousness might be stealing your affection for the gospel right now?

### Thursday – Luke 18:13-14

Read Luke 18:13-14. The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and cried out, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner!” Jesus declared that this humble man, not the proud Pharisee, went home justified before God. Pride and self-exaltation have no room alongside the Gospel; only humble admission of our need makes space for God’s grace to be treasured. When we make room by rejecting self-idolatry, love for the gospel flourishes. Are there areas where you are still trying to justify yourself rather than receiving God’s mercy? What would it look like practically this week to humble yourself like the tax collector in your prayers and attitudes?

### Friday – Psalm 119:97-100

Read Psalm 119:97-100. The psalmist declared, “Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day,” and noted that loving God’s Word gave him more understanding and wisdom than his enemies, teachers, or the aged. The Gospel, God’s ultimate word of grace, shapes our entire worldview when we delight in it. It changes how we see God’s holiness, our sin, Christ’s worth, and the value of others. In what areas of your life (work, relationships, decisions) does your current worldview need to be more shaped by the Gospel? How can daily delighting in God’s Word help you view everything through the lens of His grace?

### Saturday – Philippians 3:8-11

Read Philippians 3:8-11. Paul said he suffered the loss of all things and counted them as rubbish so he could gain Christ, know the power of His resurrection, and share in His sufferings. Holding the Gospel as his greatest treasure allowed him to press on. Love for the Gospel is not a “one time” feeling; it grows deeper as we continually choose Christ above everything else and pursue deeper fellowship with Him. The more we see the cost, reject idols, and let grace reshape us, the more our love naturally increases. On a scale of 1-10, how would you honestly rate your current love for the Gospel, and what is one thing holding it back? What practical step can you take this week to “press on” and grow your affection for knowing Christ and His Gospel?

## By the Numbers

### EMBRACE 424

#### Total Attendance in Worship

Emerge: 284 | Traditions: 109  
Nuevo Pacto: 31

#### Total Missions Attendance

SOUL Food:  
Outreach Communion:

### INVEST 532

#### Total Groups and Classes

Adults: 414  
Youth: 84 | Children: 34

### ADVANCE

Given this week	\$32,998.24
Budget Receipts	\$18,365.24
Weekly Needs	\$22,510.00
Designated Gifts	\$5,383.00
Renovation/Repairs	\$9,250.00

#### Year to Date

Non-Budget Giving	\$21,357
Budget Needs	\$337,650
Budget Giving	\$317,596

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833-309-0181

## Prayer Concerns

### New Prayer Requests

**Barbara Ruis**-home from CRH

**Julie White**-surgery went well

**Sympathy to** Josh and Caleb

McLemore in the death of Eddie

McLemore

### Previous Weeks

**Edna Waters**-Marcus’ mom,

home w/Marcus & Loida

recovering.

**Jim Rollins**-back home

**Delmar Roark**

**Sadi Lamarche** -cancer

## Prayers for Our Shut Ins

### At Home

Joe Cook Cindy Jenkins Wanda Lewis

Melody Whitaker

### Cordele Health & Rehab

Patti Hunt Rm 109; Eddie McLemore Rm 403

### Cordelia Manor-Fellowship

### Home

Sandra Windham

**Oaks at Oakland Plantation** Arleeta  
Henry-166 Oakland Pkwy, Leesburg, GA 31763

### The Phoenix @ Lake Joy

Sandra Duckworth

### Military members serving

Pilcher Thornton, Jesus Juarez, A J Rainey

Stuart Peebles

# Connection Card

April 19, 2026

Please select  1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest  
 Regular Attendee  
 Member  
 Emerge  Traditions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

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I Prefer Contact By: text call email

I would like to sign up for e-mail news

\_\_\_\_\_

WNO 4/22 | Last WNO is 4/29

Adult  Children  Permanent

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How did you hear about Cordele First?

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My Stage in Life is:

College  Twenty-something  
 Single Adult  Young Couple  
 Family  Empty Nesters

I am interested in:

Baptism  
 Joining the Church  
 Info Small Groups/Sunday School  
 Getting involved and serving  
 Contact from one of the Ministers  
 Prayer:

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## Love for the Gospel means:



1. You see the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You don't have room for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. You allow it to develop your \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Your love \_\_\_\_\_.

### Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Renovate Youth

### Monday

6:30 pm Handbells

### Tuesday

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery  
7:00 pm Nuevo Pacto Bible Study  
8:00 pm Emerge Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study  
5:30 pm WNO  
6:15 pm Adult Study, Youth & Kid's Small Groups  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday

8:00 pm Nuevo Pacto Band Rehearsal

### Friday

### Saturday

## Get In Contact With Us

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Appts can be made by  
contacting the church office  
at 229-273-4586

**April 19, 2026**

## The Week of 9 AM Emerge Worship

"Love the Gospel"

Luke 7:41-48 & Philippians 3:7-11

Rev. Kody Franks

*Songs being played in worship this morning*

**Praise** | Elevation Worship

**Holy Water** | We the Kingdom

**There Was Jesus** | Zach Williams

**This is a Move** | Tasha Cobb

## 11 AM Traditions Worship 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Welcome and Time of Fellowship

#### Prelude

*Oh How I Love Jesus*

Barbara Eschmann

#### \*Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy* all vs

No. 64

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

#### \*Gloria Patri

No. 71

#### Morning Prayer /Lord's Prayer

#### Celebrating Our Tithes and Offerings

Ann Lancaster

#### \*Doxology

No. 94

#### \*Offertory Hymn

*Victory in Jesus* all vs

No. 370

#### Anthem

*I Am Not Ashamed*

Chancel Choir

#### The Word Proclaimed

"Love the Gospel"

Rev. Franks

#### \*Closing Hymn

*Blessed Assurance* vs 1 & 3

No. 369

#### \*Benediction

Rev. Franks

#### Postlude

Barbara Eschmann

\*Please stand, if able

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