

*The Lord Jesus has enabled us to serve in the following capacity:*

**Evangelist**  
Robert Carr

**Associate Evangelist**  
Pedro Gelabert

**Spanish Minister**  
Charlie Gomez

**Youth Minister**  
Roger Wine

**Marriage Counselors**  
Derek Peterson  
Steve Aponte, Sr

**Worship Directors**  
David Luhrs  
George Bullinger

**Bulletin Editors**  
Pedro Gelabert  
Danny Aponte

**Minister of Finance**  
Arthur Shlesinger

**Long Island School  
Of Evangelism**

**Office Telephone**  
(631) 348-7322

[www.licoc.org](http://www.licoc.org)

[Info@licoc.org](mailto:Info@licoc.org)

P.O. Box 607M  
Bay Shore, NY 11706

## What Message Are You Sending?

The decisions that we make on a daily basis reveal a lot of information about us. The decisions that we make reveal most of all what our priorities are. The amount and the quality of time that we spend with our spouse and children show them how much of a priority they are for us. The quality of our work shows our boss that our job is a priority for us. In the same way, the amount and the quality of time that you devote to God shows Him whether or not he is a priority in your life. What message are you sending to God with the decisions that you make?

The decisions that God makes also reveal a great deal of information about Him. For example, about two thousand years ago, God made the most difficult decision one can make. **John 3:16** says *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* God decided to give His only son as a payment for your sins. Would you give one of your children in order to save another person? I am sure you would not, but that is exactly what God did. In doing so, He sent us the most important message in the life of a human being -- You are the most important priority for God. In **Romans 8:32**, Paul says, *“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”*

In giving us His only Son, He gave us His most precious possession. God gave His best. What message are you sending God with your decisions? Are you giving God the best of your time, energy, and resources? Or are you giving Him what is left over at the end of your day? Our days are short, and time is always an issue for us. However, I have learned from my experience that a person will always make time for what is important to them. God has been sending that message since the creation of the world. You are worth more to Him than you can imagine.

For example, would you pay top dollar for a used and defective product? I am sure you wouldn't, but **1 Peter 1:18-19** reminds me of how God feels about me: *“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ...”* Notice that our lives were empty, yet He paid the highest price for us so that He can fill our lives with His Holy Spirit through the blood of His son Jesus.

That sends us a message for sure!!! Doesn't this motivate you to send a message back to Him? By sharing His word with others, setting aside time to seek Him in prayer, and meditating on His word you are sending a message back to God: *“I feel the same way about you, Lord. You are the most important priority in my life.”*

Charlie Gómez

---

**“Speaking about what we have seen and heard...”     Mark 5:19     Family Matters**

---

**Something about that Name**

By: Robert Young

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There’s just something about that name. What’s in a name? Do the titles and names of Jesus hold any significance? In the days the bible was being written names described a person’s appearance or more importantly their character. Jesus was named prophetically. Matthew 1:21 says, “You are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:23 says, “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel – which means God with us.” Some scholars have located over 700 different names for Jesus in the bible. The names serve as a description of who Jesus is and how he works in our individual lives. Let’s take a look at a few of these names:

**Alpha and Omega** - These two characters were the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This descriptive title expresses the eternal nature of God - the beginning and the end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

**Savior** - Jesus is the person who rescues mankind from an eternity in hell.

**Lamb of God** - This title refers to the Old Testament sacrificial system where God accepted the blood of animals as atonement for sin (John 1:29, 36). Jesus' blood made atonement for sin!

**Mediator** - Because Jesus is fully God, He can represent God to man. Because He is fully man, Jesus can represent man to God. Reconciliation is possible (1 Timothy 2:5).

**Bread of Life** - Jesus is the one and only supplier of true spiritual nourishment (John 6:35).

**Way, Truth, and Life** - Jesus is the only way to heaven, the only source of truth, and the foundation of all life (John 14:6)!

Because Jesus is your Savior, you should be overcome with thankfulness for what God has done for you. Take a moment and praise Him using His various names. *"Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are my Life, for without You my life would be worth nothing. You are my Savior and my King, the Lamb of God who atoned for my sin. You are the Alpha and Omega, and You control the beginning and end of each circumstance in my life. You are the Bread of Life, and I can feast on Your spiritual nourishment to keep me in perfect peace. You are my Lord and my God. Thank you! In Your holy name, amen."*

---

**“The Lord added to their number...”     Acts 2:47     Baptisms**

---

DATE	NAME	TOWN
1/18/09 .....	Dolci Tellers .....	Hempstead, NY (Boston)
1/18/09 .....	Farah Mondesir.....	Hempstead, NY (Boston)
1/31/09 .....	Bina Patel.....	Queens Village, NY
2/11/09.....	Peter Krauss .....	West Islip, NY
2/15/09.....	Ricky Mitchell .....	Charlotte , NC
2/15/09.....	Dana Robinson.....	Charlotte , NC

---

**“They first gave themselves to the Lord...”     2 Corinthians 8:5**

---

Weekly Budget: \$ 9,000		
DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
2/1/2009	292	\$8,661
2/8/2009	288	\$7,740
2/15/2009	298	\$8,436
2/22/2009	263	\$8,917

## Loose Lips Sink Ships

Have you ever heard the saying, “*Loose lips sink ships*”? The phrase was coined during World War II as part of a U.S. government campaign to remind soldiers and sailors to be careful about information they wrote in letters home or shared with friends. The goal was to limit the possibility of inadvertently leaking useful information to enemy spies, which could result in sunken ships and lost lives.

We all have been guilty of “loose lips” at one time or another. Just like careless words could have given dangerous information and power to WWII enemies, our unguarded talk can give power to our enemy, Satan. Words are extremely powerful (*James 3:3-12*), and if misused and handled in unwise ways, the results can be disastrous. If you have been on the receiving end of reckless words, you know that the wounds can last for years. Loose lips can cause pain, ruin friendships, cause others to stumble in the faith, damage reputations, destroy trust, cause division, and sometimes cause irreparable damage. God is serious about what we are putting on our lips. He warns that “...men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken” (*Matt.12:36*).

- Have you ever said something negative about someone behind their back?
- Have you ever shared only one side or one part of the story?
- Have you ever gossiped about a sister and her situation?
- Have you ever “vented” to your sisters about your husband, kids, or another brother or sister?
- Have you ever repeated something that was told to you in confidence?
- Do you think about who is listening before you open your mouth?
- Would people describe you as a discreet person? Can people share with you intimate details of their lives – and trust you to handle the information in a respectful and honorable manner?
- Have you ever meddled in other people's business or talked about a situation that doesn't involve you?

God does not want us to be loose-lipped women! There are at least 3 types described in the Bible: the slanderer, the gossip, and the busybody.

**Slander** means: words falsely spoken that damage the reputation of another. Potiphar's wife (*Gen. 39:14-18*) is a Biblical example of a slanderer. Most of us would not consider ourselves slanderers – we don't tend to go around knowingly spreading malicious lies about others; we do not purposely set out to damage someone's reputation. But we can easily be careless with our words. And if we are not careful in our speech, we may be painting false pictures, speaking half-truths, or putting questions in our hearers' minds about others. Sharing only a small piece of a complicated situation can be misleading and misrepresent the situation. This “more subtle” form of slander still has the power to damage the good name and reputation of someone else.

**Gossip** is defined as: idle talk or rumor, especially about the personal or private affairs of others. It is easy to fall into gossiping. We are very involved in each others' lives – there are often big things happening that we hear about and want to discuss. But we need to protect our relationships - The Bible teaches us that gossip divides: “He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends” (*Prov. 17:9*). Proverbs 16: 28b (ESV) says, “...a whisperer separates close friends.” I like the use of the word “whisperer”; it paints a word-picture of a foolish woman shamefully telling secrets. If it is godly and upright conversation, it doesn't have to be whispered! Gossip can keep a quarrel ignited (*Prov. 26:20*) and affect others deeply, “to a man's inmost parts” (*Prov. 26:22*).

A **busybody** is a person who meddles or pries into the affairs of others. 1Tim. 5:13 describes women who “get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to.” I think about the woman who has something to say about everything and everyone, who involves herself in matters that don't concern her, and who speaks idle words: words that produce no good effect, useless and thoughtless words. Proverbs 20:19 (ESV) uses the descriptive phrase “a simple babbler”! God teaches us, “When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise” (*Prov.10:19*), and “Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business...” (*1Thess.4:11*).

“**The tongue has the power of life and death**” (*Prov. 18:21a*). Herein lays not just bad news, but good news as well: Our words can be powerfully used **for good**. Let us strive to banish damaging words from our mouths, focus on sharing God's life-bringing words to the lost, and putting godly words on our lips as we speak to each other: thankful words, encouraging words, kind words, comforting words, and gracious words.

**“For the building up of the Body...”**

**Ephesians 4:12**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 📖 **Bible Class:** We will not meet for Wednesday night Bible class on March 11<sup>th</sup> (Long Island and City).
- 📖 **Devotional Services:** March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. Please come early to fellowship and encourage one another.
- 📖 **Men’s Prayer:** Men’s Prayer will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM at our brother Arthur Crossen’s house. See Ernest Johnson for more info.
- 📖 **2009 Directories:** The 2009 LICOC Directory will be distributed in the Wed Night Bible Classes, starting this month.
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items taken out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you’re done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 We are now reserving the front two rows for people who wish to be prayed with, during the song of invitation. Please try to find seating elsewhere. Thank you!
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to [directory@licoc.org](mailto:directory@licoc.org).
- 📖 **Parking reminder -** Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

**MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

- ✚ Apologetics Press.....International
- ✚ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✚ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✚ Oswaldo Sanchez.....El Salvador, Central America
- ✚ Doug & Lucy McDougle.....Ukraine, Russia

**“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”**

**1 Thessalonians 1:8**

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES**

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322  
*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.*

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert ....(347) 732-2101  
*Individual House Churches*

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889  
*New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.*

**UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS**

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

**We Care Campaign Itinerary**

<b>2009</b>	<b>Location</b>
Aug 23 - Sept 6	Chattanooga, TN
Sept 16 - Sept 27	Chattanooga, TN
Nov 8 - Nov 22	Whitney, TX