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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Easter Sunday in my youth seems idyllic as I ponder it. The day was always sunny, with a deep blue sky and a lovely cool temperature. My brothers and I wore matching outfits which my mother had largely made by hand. (We hated matching outfits once we got to a certain age!) Our shoes were some kind of brown and white things. She managed to keep the chocolate of our Easter eggs off of us until we could make it to church. One of the 3 of us, at least, had a skinned Knee before the day was done. In church, all the women wore their finest, which meant hats (many with veils), and gloves. One of my grandmother's had a fox stole, where the eyes and teeth were still on it, its mouth biting its tail; this often distracted us from the sermon. Everyone was happy. We sang "He Arose", and there was an enormous crowd. I loved it!

Easter isn't always perfect like my childhood memories. But it's close! As close as we get this side of Heaven! I love the excitement. The music. Seeing everyone. "Sunday Best" has changed as far as clothes go, and I haven't seen a veil or a fox stole in awhile, but it's still fun. We serve a "Risen Savior", and this is His day!

Easter this year hits on April 16. Before that on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 10:45 am our Choir and Orchestra will present "Alive Forever, Amen!", a marvelous program of music and praise. They've been working hard on it, and I can't wait to be a part of it! Hope you'll pray for its



success and bring a friend. Then we have the Disciple's Service on Thursday the 13th at 7 pm. We will pray and take the Lord's Supper together. On Easter our men will feed us breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by a special pre-glow service at 10:30 am, and then our Resurrection Celebration at 10:45 am. Come early!

April's preaching will feature a series called "Are You Alive Forever?" This comes from the Choir and Orchestra's program. This question is one for the ages. It is the only question, really, which matters, isn't it? If Christ is alive, and we believe He is; and that life He now lives is a forever life, and we believe that it is; and that forever life is available even to flawed broken people like us, and we believe that it is; then what else could possibly matter, but that we come to know and experience this forever life?

*"Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes"*

See you then,

Tony

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SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

APRIL MESSAGES

April 2: Shane Hankinson, preaching
April 9: Choir and Orchestra present “Alive Forever, Amen!”
April 16: “Are You Alive Forever?” John 14:19, begins with “Mary Magdalene Is”, John 20:1-18
April 23: “A Samaritan Woman Is”, John 4:4-30, 39
April 30: “Zacchaeus Is”, Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday Menu

April

5 Spring Break, TBD
12 Spaghetti
19 Chicken Tenders
26 Sloppy Joes



Missions Spotlight

En Vivo Team



Several of our own members from Lilburn Christian Church are going on a mission trip to Salamanca, Spain at the end of April. We'll be working with the team at En Vivo and the team there participating in "Connection", "Café Inglés" during our visit, helping to prepare and serve the college students on campus. Please pray for the team going to Spain (April 27th – May 7th) and for their safe travels. The team traveling: Kandy Davidson, Lucy Huddleson, Rosie Bengtson, Jeff & Debbie Stephens. If you are interested in short term or even long term mission trips, feel free to reach out to the mission team, and we'll work with you and our missionaries to coordinate your visit.



Goodfriends is for anyone who can join us! (young or not-so-young, young at heart or young in spirit). We enjoy an activity or an outing on the 3rd Thursday of each month (unless noted) from September thru July.

On Thursday, March 16, 2017, we did not get to go to Gibbs Gardens due to the cold weather. Instead, we had 6 Goodfriends join Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Spring Garden luncheon catered by 'Always Fresh Neighborhood Market'. We feasted on chicken salad, broccoli casserole, pasta salad and fresh vegetables. For dessert, we enjoyed either strawberry shortcake or blueberry cobbler. After lunch, we got to see some pictures of Gibbs Gardens, as well as many other gardens in the Atlanta area as we listened to Dawn Hines, a Master Gardener. How many of these types of gardens are you familiar with?

Types of gardens:

- All grass
- Grass that accents
- Brown thumb garden
- Community Garden
- Brown thumb fairy garden
- Green thumb fairy garden
- Herb garden
- Natural area garden
- Fern garden
- Vegetable garden
- Square foot garden (raised beds)
- Organic garden
- Container garden
- Southwest container garden
- Pot garden
- Bonsai garden
- Vertical garden
- SW vertical garden
- Butterfly garden
 - Tucker Butterfly Garden
 - Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail
- SW butterfly garden
- Pollinator garden
- Rock garden

- Succulent garden
- Native plant garden
- Heritage garden
- Exotic garden
- Blended garden
- Rose garden
- Tropical garden
- Indoor garden
- Terrarium
- Hydroponics
- Children's gardens
 - Butterflies, Bugs, Caterpillars, Frogs
- Miniature garden
- Stumpery
- Shade garden
- Hosta garden
- Display garden
 - Birdhouses, empty pots, Watering cans
 - Water garden
- Moss garden
- Woodland garden
- Night garden
- Trash Treasure garden
- Winter garden

Interested?

Goodfriends is a group for people age 50+ and their friends (young or not-so-young, young at heart or young in spirit).

Any questions can be directly to Rosie Bengtson 770-978-7774 or 404-403-5765; Glenda Middleton 770-614-5972; Betty Hubbard 678-446-7926; or Janet Curtiss 540-819-3846.

Goodfriends (Continued)

Some garden tips on how to create a garden: Start with hardscapes (sidewalk or path?) - Use good soils and amendments - Make good plant choices for your area - add trees, shrubs and vines – Edit (if it doesn't work, get rid of it) – Always consider the view of inside.....

It must have been our lucky day! Among the 6 people from Lilburn, we won 5 door prizes!!
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Next Event: Thursday, April 20, 2017 –



We will be doing a service project! Please join us as we prep crafts for VBS. You don't have to be very 'crafty' yourself. If you can do simple things like cut and glue, you can help. We will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:00 am. Then, we will go to lunch at AgaVero Mexican Restaurant. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

See our calendar below. You can pick up a copy of our Calendar of Events at the Welcome Center:

Goodfriends Calendar: 2016 – 2017 [

+ ghhSept 15: Kick-off with Mt. Carmel CC: Soup & Chili lunch (program + Hi Lo Chorus) – **no attendance**

Oct 20: Atlanta Botanical Garden: Chihuly exhibit + lunch / Linton's Quick Café – **cancelled (min = 10)**

Nov 17: Thanksgiving lunch at Mt. Carmel CC (speaker + food basket service project) – 8 attended

Dec 16: Friday evening performance at New London Theatre – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever = 17

Jan 19: **Changed** - Lunch at Buckner's and shopping at Tanger's Outlet Mall with Mt. Carmel CC = 14

Feb 16: **Changed** – Valentine lunch with Mt. Carmel CC + Steve Roberts Bluegrass band = only 4

Mar 16: **Changed** – Spring Garden lunch with Mt. Carmel CC + Dawn Hines, Master Gardener = 6

Apr 20: In FLC – Service project / VBS prep + lunch at AgaVero Mexican restaurant

Upcoming Events: Please let Rosie Bengtson know which May and June event you would prefer.

May 18: Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, plus lunch or Oakland Cemetery Tour and lunch at 'Six Feet Under Pub and Fish House' with Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart.

June 15: Lunch at Chateau Elan, plus tour of Mayfield Dairy or join Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Patriotic Celebration (lunch and speaker)

July 20: In FLC – Planning Session, plus lunch

Sign-up sheet for each month will be at the Welcome Center.

Questions? Please call –

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Sisters of Grace



Ladies Mystery Fun Day

Saturday, April 22

Meet at LCC at 11:00 am

Cost: \$25.00 per person

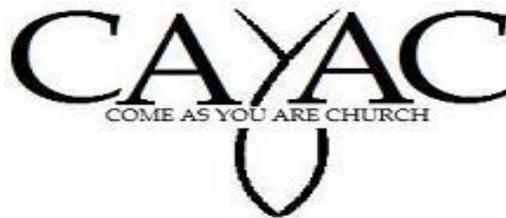
Sign up and pay in the Foyer.
Reservations are limited
so sign-up and pay ASAP.

First Come, First Served!

If you are interested in the Women's Ministries, or even if you're just curious, call:

Lynn Akins	770-923-6413	Kandy Davidson	404-697-7367
Pat Ferguson	770-466-5212	Dixie Grimm	404-932-5990
Betty Hubbard	678-446-7926	Pam Morgan	404-697-4293
Cathy Wade	404-867-6102		

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 3-7 - Spring Break

April 15 - Easter Egg Event at 10:00 am

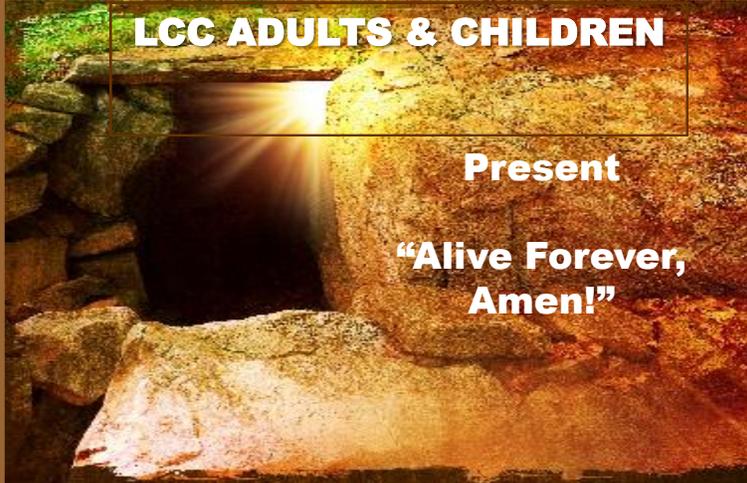


LCC Music Ministry



Area churches came together for a concert at Cornerstone Christian Church in Dawsonville, GA on March 19. God was praised from the hills of North GA. It was an incredible time of worship for the leaders and the followers!

Upcoming Events:



LCC ADULTS & CHILDREN

Present

**“Alive Forever,
Amen!”**

Sunday, April 9, 2017
@ 10:45 am





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church



Easter Egg Event

Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am at LCC.
Bring your kids out for this great event.

Movie on the Lawn Report: We had a great turn out for our first Movie on the Lawn! A special thanks to Paul and Rosie for cooking and serving all the hotdogs, Celia and Abigail for popping and serving popcorn, Jeff's friend Mark Embrick for bringing his Fruit Smashers Food Truck out, Khalia for running the visitors' raffle and many others for setting up and taking down all the equipment and tables! Here are a few photos (We will be posting more to our website and Facebook page).



Sundays: Don't miss the children's choir on Palm Sunday, April 9th. We only have one Sunday rehearsal left. After our Easter series we will begin a new series on Prayer.

Wednesday Night: We are finishing the series on emotions, called "Loving God from the Inside Out" and will have an "Inside Out" Party the Wednesday during spring break. Next, we will be taking trip around the world with a new series on Missions.

VBS: We have scheduled VBS for Sunday June 4th-Thursday June 8th. "The theme is Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose." More details to come!

NEED VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to serve in the KUC, we could use you! **We really need help in the Nursery on Wednesday nights** (will just need to serve 1 or 2 Wednesdays a month), and other areas include: pre-school Sunday school, working the counter and other areas. Please see Allison McAlister if you are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 1 Churchwide Work Day
- 9 Palm Sunday; Easter Program by our C&O, CAYAC & KUC; AHG; Directory photos
- 13 Disciples Service at 7:00 pm
- 15 Easter Egg Event at 10:00 am
- 16 Easter Sunday/Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 am, no Sunday School, Worship at 10:30 am, Directory photos
- 20 Goodfriends
- 22 Ladies Mystery Fun Day; Chapel Work Day
- 23 AHG
- 27 Berkmar High School Graduation
- 28 Gwinnett College Graduation
- 29 Chapel Work Day

Disciples' Service, Thursday, April 13, 7 pm

A reverent service of prayer, Scripture, and the Lord's Supper is coming on the Thursday before Easter. We encourage you to join us as we remember Jesus' going to the Garden to pray just before He went to the Cross for us.

Easter Morning!

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with us on April 16!

- 9:30 am: Special breakfast in the FLC prepared by our men, all are invited
- 10:30 am: Easter Worship Pre-glow
- 10:45 am: Resurrection Celebration Service

Every Week

Sunday:

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am KUC Sunday School Class
- 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 10:45 am KUC Children's & WEE Worship

Monday:

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00-8:00 Boy Scout Meeting

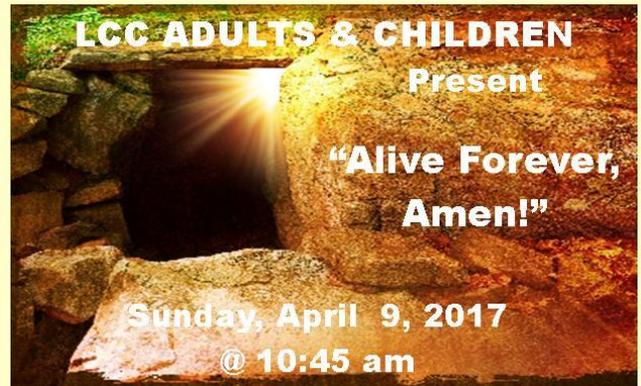
Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study

May

- 7 AHG
- 19 Onward Day Care Graduation
- 21 Graduation Sunday, AHG
- 24 Bethesda Elementary Graduation

UPCOMING EVENTS



Disciples Service
Thursday, April 13 @ 7:00 pm



Worship Service
Sunday, April 16
@ 10:30 am

Easter
Sunday



Pancake
Breakfast



Sunday, April 16
@ 9:30 am
(No Sunday School)



Prayer Requests

Prayer Needs

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| Geraldine Coleman | Charlie Lewis |
| Sami Lyew | Kathy Hill |
| Donna Hill | Martha McKenna |
| Bob Collier | Janyce Perry & Family |
| Jim Gurr | Sheryl Peace |
| Gary Korb | Mary Lynn Harris |
| Joyce & Terry Bissell | Glenn Botteicher |
| Jamila Coleman | Daffron Family |
| Sharon Townsend | Aleman Family |
| Dotty Fulgham | Family of Connie Miller |
| Carl & Louis Johnson | Lee Boone & Family |
| Russ Burchfield | Trish Elkins & Family |
| Juanita Baker | Teri Wilson |
| Augustus & Mary Lakpor | Iya Davies & Family |

If any of these listed on our prayer list need to be taken off, please contact the church office. We appreciate your help.



Congratulations to Kevin and Grace Nguyen on the birth of Norah An who made her appearance on March 29, 2017. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and is 20" long.

Congratulations to Jason and Debra Fulton on the birth of David Paul born March 30, 2017. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz and is 19 3/4" long.



Prayer Beepers:



Prayer Beepers – Did you know that LCC has several ‘prayer beepers’? When requested, we assign one of the beeper numbers to an LCC member who is ill or needs prayer for a specific reason or time period. Basically, after assignment, we notify the congregation via e-mail with the name, beeper number and prayer request. When you pray for that person, you call the beeper number and it signals them. That way, they know someone just prayed for them. If you would like to receive a prayer beeper or just want more information about them, please contact Paul Bengtson. Many people who have used a prayer beeper in the past found great comfort and encouragement from them (even when they go off in the middle of the night!). Currently, we have 2 prayer beepers out.

Trudy Daffron: 770-929-2008

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Trudy Daffron. Please pray for the Daffron and Aleman families on the recent loss of son and brother, Roy Daffron. This has been extremely hard on all of them, especially Trudy. Please pray for peace and comfort during this time of grief and heartache. Press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you on her behalf.

Martha McKenna: 770-929-5115

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Martha McKenna. She has been diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer. She will undergo radiation for 4-6 weeks beginning March 2nd. Please pray for strength and stamina to withstand this course of treatment. Also pray for no side effects. Both Martha and Brian appreciate your prayers. Please press 1 and the # sign and your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

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