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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am thankful for all of the service and love shared at LCC recently! We sent 134+ boxes of love to Operation Christmas Child, fed 100's of people on Thanksgiving Day, and who knows this side of Heaven how many acts of kindness and compassion have been shared by our people? Thanks! And keep on loving.

Great opportunities for love come in December too! We are the evangelists: let's push for 500+ each night as our Choir and Orchestra, drama ministry, and Tech Crew join with area churches to present the program, "Noel" on December 10 & 11 at 6 pm. And let's push for 500 more when our Children and Youth bring "Christmas in America" at 7 pm on December 21! December 24 we have more love coming at our Candlelight Communion Service at 6 pm. Then, on Christmas Day we will have worship at 10:45 am. Much love!

Much Light, too. Christmas is all about lights, and well it should be, as we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus, our Savior, and the Light of the World. Our December messages are called, "Light, at Last." We need more light. I know I do.



I always have. My mother says I was wearing glasses at 1 ½ years. I wear them still. All of us think our own experiences are "normal", but thank goodness most of you don't have eye issues like I do! But we all have spiritual eye issues, whether we see 20/20 in real life, or not. Jesus healed the eyes of many blind people. And many millions more have received a similar spiritual miracle, as the Light God sent into the Darkness of our world gave His brilliant illumination to us ! Everything, sometimes, seems so very dark. It is good to know: now we have Light, at Last!

Thanks for your prayers and acts of love here at LCC. Let's all of us spread a little Light this Christmas. Jesus has others He wants to reach, and He wants to do it through me and you! God bless you and your family this Christmas—I'm glad to be here with you helping reflect His Light—

Tony

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SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

DECEMBER MESSAGES

“Light, At Last! “ John 1:1-14

1. December 4: “The Light That Defeats Darkness”, Acts 9:1-19
2. December 11: “The Light That Enables Us to Clearly See”, Mark 8:22-25
3. December 18: “The Light That Can Be Found”, Matthew 2:1-12
4. December 25: “The Light That is Here!”, Luke 2:8-20

Wednesday Menu

December

7	Spaghetti
14	Chicken Pot Pie
21	Vegetable Beef Soup
28	No Wed. night meal

**The Light
of the World is**

JESUS

Missions Spotlight



Your LCC Mission team has been very busy this past year! We've had face to face visits with most of our missionaries and have several more planned for early next year with several of our local missions. We've had the opportunity to help with several of our missionaries with one-time special need gifts thanks to the generous support from LCC. Looking ahead to 2017, after much prayer and consideration we have two missions that we'll announce shortly that we'll be supporting located in Honduras and Guatemala that we feel have tremendous opportunities to spread the Gospel and help people that are need of Christ. Please keep all our missionaries and future missionaries that we'll be supporting in your prayers.



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 November 17th, the Goodfriends joined Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their annual Thanksgiving luncheon and food basket service project. We had 8 folks from Lilburn attend. Lunch was catered by Always Fresh Neighborhood Market and Restaurant. The menu included beef tips and rice, pineapple casserole, green beans, rolls, salad, apple crisp and blackberry cobbler.

The speaker was Adam Macenczak. He is the team coordinator and U.S. liaison for AFE (Amor, Fe Y Esperanza). This ministry is located in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He spoke about how the ministry was started in 2001 by locals and how it has grown over the years. They work with people in the community that makes their living picking through a mountain of garbage. Adults, as well as children, spend 12-14 hours a day rummaging for survival. They look for things that are usable (clothes/shelter), edible (consumables) and recyclables (plastic and paper). They now have several buildings including a school and a medical clinic. One of their goals is to break the cycle of poverty thru a holistic approach to ministry that includes meeting their needs on various levels:

- educational needs (teaching them how to read and write),
- spiritual needs (the students are required to attend church),
- emotional needs (they have a psychologist on staff),
- physical needs (they provide breakfast and lunch at school and take care of their medical needs)
- family needs (they have helped build about 50 houses).

Adam's message was on Luke 17 about the ten lepers that Jesus healed. Only one had an attitude of thanksgiving and turned back to praise God. Take a moment to recognize your blessings and give thanks.



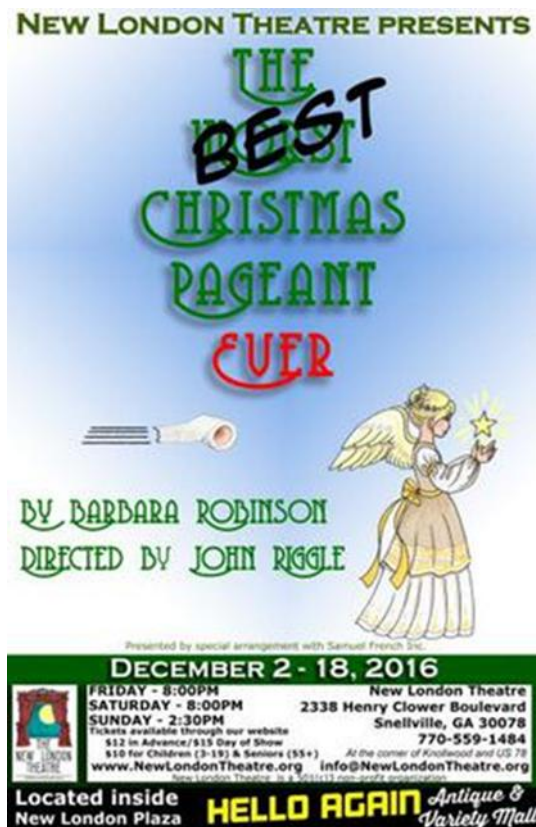
Next event: Friday, December 16, 2016

The Goodfriends will be attending the Friday evening presentation of 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' at New London Theatre (2338 Henry Clower Blvd, Snellville, GA). The tickets are \$10.00 each and we will reserve 20 seats like we have in the past. If we need more, we will try to get additional tickets. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and pay Rosie Bengtson.

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.



In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids--probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem - and the fun - when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on!

The six Herdman children are the meanest, toughest kids in town. So what happens when they take over the church's annual Christmas pageant? They experience the Christmas story for the first time and help everyone else rediscover its true meaning. Celebrate the spirit of the season with this funny, memorable, outrageous tale that's been a favorite of young readers since 1972 -- and continues to be one of the best Christmas stories ever.

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

Goodfriends Calendar: 2017

Jan 19: In FLC – Soup lunch + speaker

Feb 16: Movie and Lunch

Mar 16: Gibbs Garden + lunch at Arbor Café

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

May 18: Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, plus lunch

June 15: Lunch at Chateau Elan, plus tour of Mayfield Dairy

July 20: In FLC – Planning Session, plus lunch

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





Sisters of Grace

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

ALL Ladies are Invited!

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm

**Our Theme is:
Christmas Around the World**

**Our Service Project is: Toys for
the Lilburn Co-op Children.**

**Cost: \$5 per person plus a toy for
the children at Lilburn Co-Op.
Food and drink are included.**



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		



**Saturday,
December 10, 2016
at 6:00 pm**

**Area Christian Churches
Choir & Orchestra
Presents**

Lilburn Christian Church

314 Arcado Road

Lilburn, GA 30047

770-921-2993

LilburnChristianChurch.org

**Sunday,
December 11, 2016
at 6:00 pm**

“Noel”

A Christmas Drama

Rehearsals/ Performances:

December 1st: Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

December 3rd: Saturday, 10:00 - 12:00 NOON **rehearsal only at LCC**

December 4th : Sunday 2:30 pm.

Lifecare of Lawrenceville: 3850 Safehaven Drive, Lawrenceville, GA, 30044
(2 miles down Lester Rd past RR tracks)

December 8th: Thursday, 6:30-8:30 pm

December 10th & 11th Saturday & Sunday Christmas Drama at 6:00 pm each evening at LCC

December 18th: Sunday 6:00 pm.

Whistleville Christian Church: 83 Patrick Mill Road SW, Winder, GA, 30680

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

7:00 PM

Practices are from 6:30-7:00 on
Wednesday nights and on Sundays during the
Worship Hour. There will also be important
practice on Tuesday, December 20th in the
Sanctuary.



THANKSGIVING OUTREACH 2016

This ministry was a huge success and blessed by God. A total of 981 meals were cooked, served and delivered. Thank you to those who too their time to cook the 43 turkeys and to those that helped prepare the meals on Thanksgiving Day. We had a total of 154 volunteers mostly from LCC.





Good News. Great Joy.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We greatly exceeded our goal of 100 shoeboxes. A grand total of 134 shoeboxes were donated and \$787.00 was collected at LCC to help cover shipping. Many others donated directly online to the organization. Thank you, also, to those who helped checked the shoebox contents for appropriate items, and to Cindy and Barry Slater for delivering them to the distribution center. Through your wonderful generosity, many children will receive gifts in the name of Jesus on Christmas. God bless you all!



CHILDRENS BELL CHOIR

Led by Jamie Renshaw

This was a beautiful way to start the
Thanksgiving season!



The Alemon family and the Children, led "People of the Church" in our Worship on Sunday, Dec. 13.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 1 C&O Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- 3 C&O Rehearsal 10 am – Noon at LCC
- 4 Congregational vote on 2017 budget after Worship; C&O at LifeCare of Lawrenceville on Safehaven Dr. at 2:30 pm; AHG
- 8 C&O Rehearsal 6:30-8:30 pm
- 10 C&O Drama, 6:00 pm at LCC
- 11 C&O Drama, 6:00 pm at LCC
- 13 Ladies Christmas Party at 7:00 pm in FLC
- 14 KUC Rehearsal in Sanctuary
- 16 Goodfriends – New London Theatre
- 18 C&O at Whistleville Christian Church at 6 pm; AHG Court of Awards and Christmas Party
- 20 KUC Rehearsal at 7:00 pm
- 21 KUC & CAYAC Musical at 7:00 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Worship Service (no Sunday School nor breakfast)
- 28 No Wednesday night activities

January

- 1 New Years Day
- 8 AHG
- 19 Goodfriends
- 22 AHG

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:

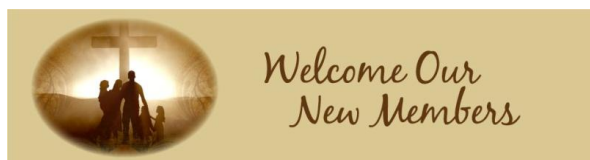
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00-8:00 Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study



Henriette Wilke
November 27, 2016



Clay & Debbie Harris
October 9, 2016



Prayer Requests

Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Connie Miller
Sami Lyew	Barbara Johnson
Donna Hill	Donna Anderson
Bob Collier	Vicky Levy-Harrison
Jim Gurr	Juanita Baker
Gary Korb	A.W. Padgett
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Robyn McKinney
Jamila Coleman	Augustus & Mary Lakpor
Sharon Townsend	Charlie Lewis
Judy Steverson	Trish Elkins
Dotty Fulgham	Kathy Hill
Carl & Louis Johnson	Sara Williams
Russ Burchfield	

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

*“We will give ourselves continually to **PRAYER**, and to the ministry of the Word.” Acts 6:4*

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.

Connie Miller: number 770-929-5157

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Connie Miller. She has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for strength and endurance as she undergoes chemo treatments. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24 at 6:00 pm

Nursery only provided for children under 2 years old.



Christmas Day Service

at 10:45 am. There will be no Sunday School. Nursery only provided for children under 2 years old.

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