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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

In school we learned about the Magna Carta. It's a big deal in Great Britain, as big a deal as our Declaration of Independence or Constitution. And, it's a whole lot older. King John of England was seen as a bit of a tyrant by the people, and so the Archbishop of Canterbury drew up a document that he would sign that would be his agreeing to play well with others. The document granted some freedom for the people—limits on taxes, restrictions against illegal imprisonment, etc.—and King John, perhaps grudgingly, signed it June 15, 1215. The king and others though, weren't quite ready to live by the Magna Carta, and the pact was broken, and, of course, a war broke out! But King John died soon enough, the document was ratified again in 1297, and even today it retains a powerful status as a symbol of freedom and liberty.

I say all of this because Paul's letter to the Galatians has been called the *Magna Carta of Christian Liberty*! This document came not from King John and an Archbishop, but from God Himself! He wishes us not to live in slavery or bondage or fear—but in the freedom that comes from walking in the love of Christ!

Galatians is filled with great passages that pop off of the page, and my favorite is 5:1, which is an excellent summary of the entire letter: *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* We are free, in Christ! Paul passionately speaks a defense of this freedom,

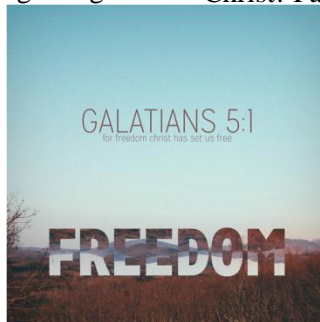
standing up to whatever opponents might say against it, and however well connected these opponents might be. He seemed to enjoy a tussle, theologically speaking, and Galatians is filled with him fighting for the freedom he is convinced Christ has granted us.

Read Galatians! It is my plan to preach from Galatians this summer. Our key verse, of course, is 5:1, and our overall title, which fits in

with our Church Theme for 2017 (Great Joy) is "The Joy of Living Free"! I look forward to sharing these messages with you.

Pray for our church, and pray for the all of our efforts to spread this Gospel of Christ, which alone can set people truly free! I love and pray for you and your family—

Tony



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# SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

## JUNE MESSAGES

### “The Joy of Living Free”, Galatians 5:1

June 4: “A Free Gift”, Galatians 1:3-9

June 11: “Free From Pleasing People”,  
Galatians 1:10-12

June 18: “Free From Rule Keeping”,  
Galatians 2:14-18

June 25: “Free to Live With Christ”,  
Galatians 2:20-21

## Wednesday Menu

### June

7	VBS
14	Hosted by Praise & Upper Room Classes
21	Hosted by CAYAC
28	Hosted by Praise & Upper Room Classes



Christian City is an organization that provides vibrant living, life-changing hope and a community of loving friends. Life at Christian City is all about looking forward to a better day and living life to its fullest. There are five programs that “live” on the campus:

- [The Children’s Village](#) (family-style group homes) for youth who are victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect. Each home is staffed by full-time house parents who provide a nurturing family environment.
- [A Safe Place agency](#): Children in crisis can go to over 70 locations in the metro area if they feel they are in danger. They are on call 24/7 to bring these children to safety at The Children’s Village where their staff works with their parents to reunite them.
- [An affordable independent living community](#) for adults age 60+ in a serene and convenient location with amenities to encourage a vibrant lifestyle. This includes 287 HUD subsidized apartments for senior citizens and 212 life-lease patio homes.
- [A highly-rated health care facility](#) that includes 176 assisted living units and a 200-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. Memory care and Alzheimer’s support units are included.
- An [active volunteer program](#) that provides hundreds of opportunities for residents of Christian City and the nearby communities to serve on our campus.



**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.

Our May event with Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart was cancelled. Hopefully, they will re-schedule the tour of Oakland Cemetery at a future date.

#### Upcoming Events:



**Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**: The Lilburn Goodfriends will be joining Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Patriotic event called 'Celebrate America'. Please join us for some great patriotic music, good food, fun and fellowship.

We will meet at LCC at 11:00 am and car-pool to Mt. Carmel Christian Church.

If you prefer to drive directly, please be there by 11:30 am and denote that on the sign-up sheet.

Lunch will be catered by 'Old Hickory BBQ'. Cost for lunch is \$8.00 each.

Please pay Rosie Bengtson in advance. The speaker will be Carl Swearingen.

Any questions – call Rosie at 770-978-7774 (home) or 404-403-5765 (cell phone).

Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Our final event for this season will be **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a planning session in the Family Life Center to discuss places you would like to go to or things you would like to do.

As you can see by the 2016-2017 calendar of events below, we had several cancellations and many months with low attendance.

Sept 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 = 7

May 18: Oakland Cemetery Tour and lunch with Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart – **cancelled**

Note: If we continue to have poor attendance, we will no longer have monthly events.

## *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.

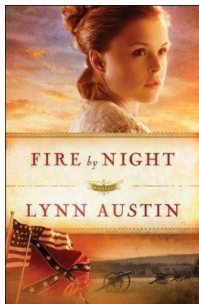


# Sisters of Grace

## B.A.S.H.

(Book and Salad Hour)

B.A.S.H., our Ladies Summer Book Club has chosen the above books for this summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to join us. On the sign-up sheet is a place to let us know if you would like for us to order your book(s) for you. The books will be purchased through Amazon from their "USED BOOK" listing. The prices for the books are shown above. If you would like for the Ladies Ministry to obtain the books for you please mark the sign-up sheet accordingly. Please sign up as soon as possible (preferably by June 11<sup>th</sup>, so that we can get the books ordered and each of you will have plenty of time to read it.



Lovely Julia Hoffman has always enjoyed the carefree life of her well-to-do Philadelphia family. But when she fails to attract the attention of Nathaniel Greene, a fierce abolitionist, she shocks her family by becoming a Union nurse. Will that be enough to win Nathaniel's heart?

Phoebe Bigelow, from western Virginia, has always been a misfit, and when her brothers join the Union army, she also enlists--under false pretenses.

Soon, both have their eyes opened to the realities of war and suffering. Neither is quite ready for the demands of her new life, but their journeys of sacrifice and love are sure to change them in unexpected ways.

**DATES: MONDAYS, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> and JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> (if a second night is necessary).**

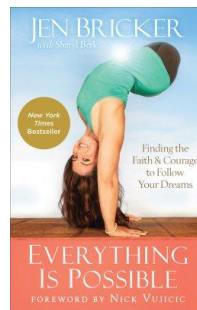
**OUR PRICE: \$7.50**

**Christianbook.com PRICE: \$11.99 + S&H**

### Gal's Get-Away - October 20, 21, 22, 2017 Savannah, GA

Our Retreat theme is "Lavendar Springs Spa", and we will be studying the Psalms.

All LCC ladies are encouraged to attend. It is a great time of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship.



Born without legs, she inspires others to overcome. Jen Bricker was born without legs. Shocked and uncertain they could care for her, her biological parents gave her up for adoption. In her loving adoptive home, there was just one simple rule: "Never say 'can't.'" And pretty soon, there was nothing this small but mighty powerhouse set

her sights on that she couldn't conquer: roller-skating, volleyball, power tumbling, and spinning from silk ribbons thirty feet in the air.

*Everything Is Possible* is her incredible story--a story of God working out his plan for her life from *before* day one. Readers follow Jen from the challenges of growing up different to holding captive audiences numbering in the tens of thousands. *Everything Is Possible* shows readers what they can accomplish when they remove the words *coincidence* and *limitation* from their vocabulary. Filled with heart and spirit, as well as Jen's wit, wisdom, and no-holds-barred honesty, this inspiring true story points the way to purpose and joy. Foreword by Nick Vujicic.

**DATE: MONDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**OUR PRICE: \$7.50**

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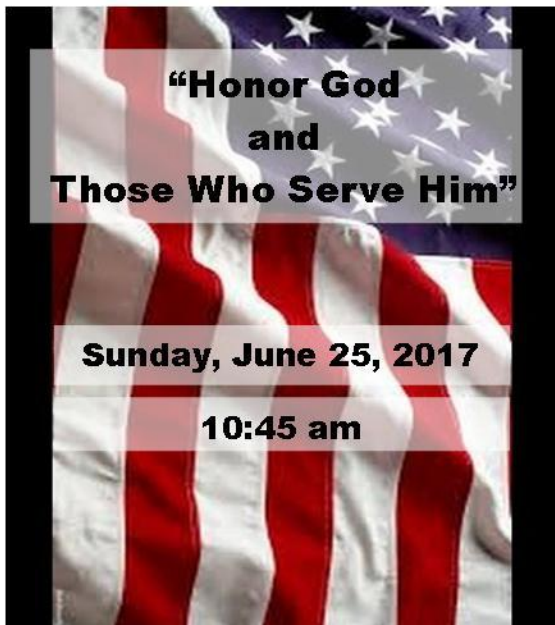
If you are interested in the Women's Ministries, or even if you're just curious, call:

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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		



# LCC Music Ministry

*Police, firefighters, military service men and women serve us every day. On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 a.m., we ask that you join us in a special service as we bring glory to God and seek to honor and express our thanks to all these people have dedicated their lives to the service of others. There will be a continental breakfast in the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m., and honoring these groups of people will continue during our morning worship service.*



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Continental Breakfast  
10:00am

Lilburn Christian Church  
314 Arcado Road  
Lilburn, GA 30047

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The Choir and Orchestra continue to prepare for the weekly worship service, as well as programs that will be coming up in the next few months. The month of July is our Summer break month. All members of the choir and orchestra, please remember the following dates, and LCC members, mark your calendars with the upcoming concert and EKKLESIA dates.

**June 25 – C&O, along with area Churches  
will practice at 2:00 p.m.**

**August 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> C&O practice after July break**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> – Concert at Antioch Christian Church  
in Watkinsville, GA, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Address: 1100 Antioch Church Road, Watkinsville, GA  
30677**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming concert here at  
LCC at 2:00 p.m.**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – EKKLESIA at Galilee Christian Church  
in Jefferson, GA**

**Address: 2191 Galilee Church Rd., Jefferson, GA  
30549**



*Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church*

**May Report:** We have been busy preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS) in May. A special thanks to all who have helped! Rosie and the Good Friends group had a work day preparing crafts. And we had two other work days on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>. Carrie Aleman has been working with a group of kids each week this month, teaching them the songs and choreography. Thank all who have helped! Rosie and the Good Friends group had a work day preparing crafts. And we had two other work days on May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>. Carrie Aleman has been working with a group of kids each week this month, teaching them the songs and choreography. Thank you to all have helped get ready for this special event.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be moving up to CAYAC in June, after VBS!** I can't believe it is already that time of year. Please see the specific dates below.

**Wednesday Night:** We have been traveling around the world with our new series on Missions. Each week we learn about Paul's journeys and also learn about current mission's trip going on around the world. **5<sup>th</sup> graders (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders):** Please report to the KUC on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders will walk over to the chapel and join CAYAC for worship, then Shane will welcome the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. After that the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders will return to the KUC and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will stay in CAYAC.

**Sundays:** We are continuing a series on the Lord's Prayer. Each week the kids will learn a part of the prayer and add something to their very own prayer journals that they will get to take home when the series is complete. **5<sup>th</sup> graders (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders):** Starting June 18<sup>th</sup>, please report to CAYAC (basement of the chapel for Sunday school. They will also begin attending the main worship service this day.

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School is Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>-Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>. "The theme is Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose." You can find more information and register today by going to our church website or by following this link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/9d1545> .

**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

### June

4-8 Vacation Bible School, 6-8:30 pm  
15 Goodfriends  
25 C&O along with area churches practice at 2:00 pm at LCC  
25-30 Middle School Camp at N. GA Christian Camp

### July

4 Independence Day  
2-7 High School Camp at N. GA Christian Camp  
14 Movie Night at LCC  
20 Goodfriends  
16-26 Haiti Mission Trip

### 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



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Welcome new 6th Graders -June 14

We will welcome our new 6th graders to Cayac on Wednesday June 14. Please encourage your rising 6th graders to join us on this very special night.

Summer Camp is coming up, see Shane for more information.



Coming soon to a tablet or smart phone near you!





# Prayer Requests

## Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman  
Donna Hill  
Bob Collier  
Jim Gurr  
Joyce & Terry Bissell  
Jamila Coleman  
Sharon Townsend  
Carl & Louis Johnson  
Russ Burchfield  
Barbara Johnson  
Donna Anderson  
Vicky Levy-Harrison  
Janyce Perry & Family

Sheryl Peace  
Glenn Botteicher  
Diane Shelton  
Beverly Underwood  
Patrice Evans  
Frank Umberger  
Dennis Heinz  
Betty Hubbard  
Sandy Amrhein  
Marge Renshaw  
Norah Nguyen  
Charlie Blanton  
Linda Proctor  
Sandra Denton

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

## 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 no prayer beepers out.

## BAPTISMS

**Teagan Merrill**  
**May 14, 2017**



**Daniel Meyers**  
**May 28, 2017**



**Steve Inks**  
**May 28, 2017**





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**To all our LCC Dads:**

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!**