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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

“The Church is the only organization on earth that exists for the benefit of outsiders.” I’ve heard this said before. Is it true? Well, we have the Red Cross. And The American Cancer Society. And others. So perhaps there are other altruistic organizations out there. And some people within the Church would also contest this notion. Sometimes we, inside the Church, think that the Church exists to meet our own needs! And, truthfully, I find many needs of mine met at Church (for friendships, for affirmation, for receiving love, and many more.)

Still, the Church IS all about others. We never have enough here, There is always room for more. We are constantly reaching out. We are all about arms around shoulders, and sharing smiles, and giving things away. Giving OURSELVES away. This is our mandate. This, in a deep and fundamental sense, is *who we are*.



Especially in November! We give away Shoeboxes. We give away food. Lots of food! We plan, as is our tradition, to feed 1000 people this Thanksgiving. There is no cost for the meal. In fact, we will be hard on the search trying to find people to whom we can give this food! We will advertise and send out flyers, saying in effect, “Please, would you give us the honor of letting us give you a free lunch?” I’m not aware of too many organizations which do that, are you? I’m glad to be a part of such an organization!

Another thing I hear said quite often is, “There are only two kinds of people in the world: Givers and Takers.” This notion, too, can be questioned. Some, depending on the day, can be both! And yet...there is truth here too, isn’t there? I have had an enormous amount given to me. More than I can calculate. In fact, everything I have and am is a gift. So, Lord help me to be numbered among the Givers!

I am thankful LCC is a giving Church, and I am thankful to be a part of it—

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

## NOVEMBER MESSAGES

“He Has Made (Even) Me Glad!”,  
Psalm 92:4

- Nov 5: “Glad to Be Together”,  
Acts 2:37-47
- Nov 12: “Glad to Fix a Problem”,  
Acts 15:1-1; 22-31
- Nov 19: “Glad for Weakness”,  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Nov 26: “Glad to Be Poured Out”,  
Philippians 2:17-18



## Wednesday Menu

### NOVEMBER

- |    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Chicken Pot Pie |
| 8  | Tacos           |
| 15 | Spaghetti       |
| 22 | Thanksgiving    |
| 29 | Sloppy Joes     |



These shoeboxes of love for boys and girls are due Sunday, November 5! Our goal is to fill 200 boxes. Thank you for your help with this.

## THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017

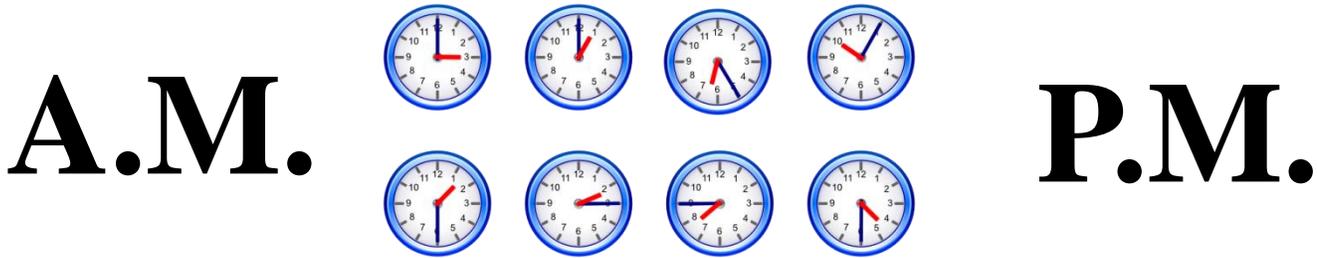
We plan to feed about 1,000 people on Thanksgiving Day, so we need your help. To volunteer, sign-up sheets are in the Foyer, or you can go to our website at [www.lilburnchristianchurch.org](http://www.lilburnchristianchurch.org), scroll down to Events, then click on the Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner icon. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Pipkin at 770-630-4586 or email [pipkin.paul@yahoo.com](mailto:pipkin.paul@yahoo.com).

We need help in the Kitchen, people to cook turkeys, help box up the lunches, etc.

If you know of someone that would like a meal, please pick up a flier at the Welcome Center to give to them so they can sign up to receive a meal(s).



**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.**



**Although most of our activities occur during the day, we would gladly consider doing something in the evening.... We also welcome your ideas! In our July meeting, we talked about the possibility of doing some game nights. Some suggestions included playing cards, board games, or puzzles.**

**If you would like to gather in the evening with others of similar interests, please let us know!**

**We will not be pre-planning our events this year. We will continue to join Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart group whenever they have an activity that we are interested in. Unfortunately, the Young-at-Heart leadership team only plans their events a few months at a time.**

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**Upcoming Events:**

No November Event

December 14<sup>th</sup> (second Thursday) – Christmas luncheon at Mt. Carmel

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Buckner's Family Style Restaurant in Jackson, GA (with Mt. Carmel)

February 15<sup>th</sup> – Valentine luncheon at Mt. Carmel

The sign-up sheet will be put at the Welcome Center for several weeks before an event.

Any questions – call Rosie Bengtson at 404-403-5765 or 770-978-7774.

***Interested?***

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;  
Janet Curtiss 540-819-3846.

# Sisters of GRACE

*Women's Ministry*

The Lavender Springs Spa Gal's Get-Away was an amazing time of fellowship. All of our senses were engaged as we reflected upon the beauty of the Psalms. We were invited to unplug and reflect upon the majesty of God and the truth of His Word. We worshipped together. We shared with friends, new and old. We laughed. We prayed. And most importantly, we were tenderly reminded again how much God loves us.

Thank you to the Sisters of Grace team members who worked so tirelessly to make this a relaxing weekend! From the lessons to the decorations to the accommodations, every detail was meticulously planned and fulfilled. Teri Wilson



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  
 Betty Hubbard 678-446-7926  
 Cathy Wade 404-867-6102

Kandy Davidson 404-697-7367  
 Dixie Grimm 404-932-5990  
 Pam Morgan 404-697-4293



## *Gingerbread Wishes*

*Save The Date!  
Thursday  
December 14th*

The theme for this year's Ladies Christmas Party is Gingerbread Wishes. For our craft, we will be decorating Gingerbread Man wooden ornaments. If you have any small/thin rick-rack or lace, tiny buttons or other items suitable for this craft project, please contact Rosie Bengtson or Janet Curtiss. If you happen to see any of those items at garage sales or even Fabric World, please consider getting some and donating them for this purpose.

Also: our service project will be collecting items for a non-profit organization called 'Honor the Homeless'. Please be on the lookout for the following items and come prepared!

### **Men's sizes:**

Men's jeans or Khaki's (no dress pants)  
Men's underwear/boxer shorts  
Men's shirts/T-shirts (no dress shirts)  
Men's socks & shoes (no dress shoes)  
Men's coats/jackets

### **Ladies sizes:**

Ladies pants (jeans/slacks)  
Ladies button-down shirts/T-shirts  
Ladies panties & bras (especially larger sizes)  
Ladies socks & shoes (no dress shoes)  
Ladies coats/jackets

**Other items:** Blankets, flat sheets, plastic shower curtains, comforters, quilts

Now is the time to clean out your closets or check out your favorite thrift store, Salvation Army or Goodwill. All second-hand items should be in good condition.



Come and help decorate LCC for Christmas. Yummy treats will be served! We will have Christmas music and Great Fellowship!

**Friday November 17, 7pm to 9pm**

The big tree goes up! There are many branches that need fluffing! Bring gloves to fluff tree branches. We need strong people to bring down the boxes of decorations from upstairs. As the tree is put together, the ornaments are put on.

**Saturday November 18, 9am to 12 noon**

We will complete the Sanctuary! Again there are many boxes to bring down the stairs. There are lots of trees to put up and decorate. Many poinsettias to fluff!

Call Trish Elkins for questions 404-660-0426



# LCC Music Ministry

“Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:19-20 NIV)

Our choir, orchestra, and tech team joined forces with several area churches for Ekklesia 2017 at Galilee Christian Church. We truly sang and made music, all to the glory of God! Everyone in the building was blessed as we fellowshiped through song, prayer, and the special message brought to us by Aaron Brockett. The mission offering was collected for Worldwide Disciple Makers International, INC. Something extraordinary happens when God’s people come together to worship. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a special event!  
Teri Wilson



## Choir, Orchestra & Tech Schedule for Nov. & Dec.

Wed., Nov. 1	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Mon., Nov. 6	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 8	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Mon., Nov. 13	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 15	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Sun., Nov. 19	Concert at Life Card of Lawrenceville at 2:30 pm, Call time 2:00 pm 210 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Wed., Nov. 22	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 29	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 3	Concert at Life Card Center of Gwinnett at 2:30 pm, Call time 2:00 pm 3850 Safehaven Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Wed., Dec. 6	Practice 6:30-8:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 10	Concert at LCC at 10:45 am, Call Time 10:00; and at 6:00 pm, Call time 5:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 13	Practice for Christmas Eve Program 6:30-8:00 pm
Sun., Dec. 17	Concert at Whistleville Christian Church at 6:00 pm, Call time 4:30 pm 83 Patrick Mill Rd., SW, Winder, GA 30680
Wed., Dec. 20	Practice for Christmas Eve Program 6:30-8:00 pm
Sun., Dec. 24	LCC Christmas Eve Program at 6:00 pm, Call time 5:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 27	No Practice, No Wed. night activities



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

KUC has been booming this Fall. We have had a lot new children join and our classes are full every Wednesday and Sunday. AND we have had 4 children get baptized! Congratulations to Rian Hubbard, Lillian Wade (who was baptized at her parents church), Chance and Carter Smith (Flowers) for accepting our Lord and Savior into their hearts!!! Trunk or Treat was blast!! We had about 250 of our members and neighbors show up and participate in the games and festivities. Lots of hot dogs were served and of course lots of candy!!! It was a successful community outreach!! The KUC and CAYAC will be performing a Christmas play called, "A Super Christmas". It is about a group of famous super heroes who discover that while Baby Jesus did come to save the world, he won't be stealing their jobs! If your child signed up they will be receiving their parts and lines on October 25<sup>th</sup> along with a schedule of rehearsals. The performance will be Wednesday December 13, at 7:30 in the chapel.

The KUC will be doing a cookie bake again this year on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

# Slimed



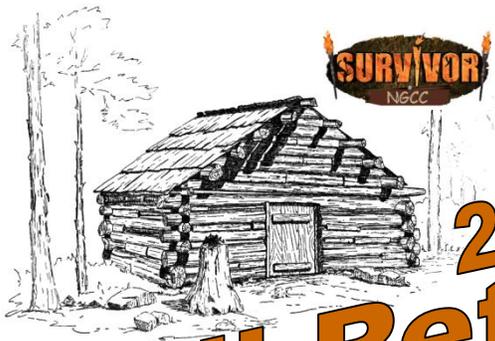
The KUC got **slimed** on the 5th Sunday!!!

Christina Alemon shared her amazing slime recipe with the junior church students. They worked together to mix the concoction just right! They each went home with a container of there own slime!

The 2nd annual LCC Trunk or Treat was a success! Best overall trunk for two years running was Jill Lyew. All of the servants who pulled this event together were winners. All the kids and parents were greeted individually. As guests approached the games, you could hear - What's your name? Where do you go to school? I love your costume! I'm so glad you came. There were ring tosses, corn holes, food being thrown and the salvation story in a pumpkin. Kids got to go into a castle, climb up into a truck bed, and sit on a toilet. It was awesome to see families working together on their booths. It was all about building relationships and making friends.

Pam Straughan





# CAYAC

Come As You Are Church

Friday November 17-  
Sunday November 19

## 2017 Fall Retreat

North Georgia Christian Camp  
531 Christian Camp Lane Clarkesville, GA 30523

**GOURMET FOOD & SNACKS!!!**

**Exciting Games**

*Movie in the Woods*

# \$25

**PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 25**  
No registrations accepted  
after November 1st

**Meet at LCC @ 6PM on Fri Nov 17**  
**Get picked up from LCC @ 3PM on Sun Nov 19**

### Questions? Call Shane 770-906-3303

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This November 17-19 your 6-12th grader has a wonderful opportunity to go with us on the Cayac Fall Retreat. These retreats are priceless experiences for young people. The memories made will keep your kids coming back to church long past graduation. No student has ever expressed to me regret for having gone on a retreat. Please sign them up this week because if we don't reach our minimum of 20 registrations we will have to cancel this retreat and try again next year.

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Our "Raise the Roof" Campaign continues as we strive to raise \$250,000 for our recent Sanctuary renovations. Donations can be placed in the special envelopes in the pews, or funds can be placed in the offering with "Raise the Roof" added so we know those funds are for this campaign. As of 10/31/2017, we have raised \$24,111.17.

Thanks for your help, as this enables us to continue to serve Christ here.



# Cafe Five Fifty

## located in the Lilburn Christian Church Chapel

Cafe Five Fifty is a community coffee house, game room, meeting place and entertainment venue. Our goal is to join with the community of Lilburn to support the Lilburn Co-Op as we provide live entertainment and free coffee. What a great reason to make this your regular Sunday evening destination.

Bring some canned goods to donate to the Lilburn Co-op and a couple bucks for brownies and cookies. The coffee is and always shall be free. Entertainers coming up are:

Jeff Kloss	November 5
Fields	November 12
Tyler Goforth	November 19
Closed	November 26



The Lilburn Coop welcomes Sharon Foster as the Executive Director. She brings a wealth of non-profit ,as well as corporate and government experience. We are very excited to have her on-board. Kay Whithear has served the Co-op for 25 of its 26 years and has lead the Co-op from a start-up to one of the most respected operations of its kind in the state. She will be missed. In honor of Kay's long and distinguished service, the pantry will be named Kay's Pantry.

As of Tuesday night, Amanda Miller has been approved by the board as the Program Coordinator. She brings a wealth of experience working in church based ministry and has great energy and many great ideas. She will start on November 1, 2017.

The annual Christmas outreach sign up began 10/18/2017. Families in need sign up and are vetted by the Co-op. The need is for churches to provide gifts for children and some seniors. It would be really great if several members of this congregation would step up and pledge to buy a gift for the child of a needy family. If you are so moved, please contact Steve Perry directly at [steven@perry-enterprises.net](mailto:steven@perry-enterprises.net) or 678-717-9818.

The Co-op will also begin collecting for the Thanksgiving boxes they create for needy families. A list of needed items will be sent out via the Co-op Update. These kits will be picked up the two weeks before Thanksgiving. Some will be delivered to shut-ins on a limited basis. There is a need for volunteers during the distributions. If you can work during the week and can lift boxes weighing 25 pounds or more, please contact Steve Perry.

Thank you to all those who support the Co-op. Your efforts truly embody Matthew 25:31-45.

# Missions Spotlight




The first week of October, a new family that will be training with the Johnson family-the Fosters arrived on one-way tickets. They'll spend the next 3 months with the Johnson family in Guatemala, then relocate to Honduras early next year. The next 90 days in Guatemala will include an intense missionary training program, 3 hours per day of language school, and lots of rhino Futbol for their 2 boys!

Their boys are the exact same ages as Brock and Kerrie's kids were when they arrived in the mission field in 2008. Jake had just turned 7, Brooke was 10, and Madi was 11. In the foster's case, Jackson is 7 and Alek is 10.

Jackson has had a couple tough moments since getting here last week. nothing crazy, just normal stuff. It's not easy on a kid to leave his friends and family, switch culture's overnight, and have his world turned completely upside down. Brock noted that his kids were the same age when they moved to Guatemala and difficult it can be moving to the mission field!

Please pray for the Johnson family and also the Jackson family as they work together training, learning and preparing to share God's word in Guatemala and Honduras.



first night in guatemala - oct 4, 2017 - welcome fosters!



## BAPTISMS

### Carter & Chance Flowers Oct. 15, 2017

I wish everyone could have been upstairs with the 3 young people who were baptized this past Sunday.

They were a joy to watch as they figured out what to wear. Shoes or no shoes. Robes or t-shirts! The twins had to decide who would go first! They were excited to be making this important decision together. After each one was baptized there were high fives and hugs!

What a blessing for our church and the kingdom!  
Pam Straughan



### Ava Flowers Oct. 15, 2017



### Raegan Sims Oct. 29, 2017

Gary Wilson had the privilege of baptizing his granddaughter Raegan Sims.

Raegan is a very active member of the KUC and CAYAC. She attends Summer camps and retreats. The Middle School group just comes alive when she attends LCC with Gary and Vickie.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 1     | C&O practice 6:30-8:30 pm                    |
| 6     | C&O practice 6:30-8:30 pm                    |
| 05    | Daylight Savings Time Ends                   |
| 10-11 | High School Deeper Life                      |
| 13    | C&O practice 6:30-8:30 pm                    |
| 17-19 | CAYAC Fall Retreat                           |
| 17-18 | Decorate LCC for Christmas                   |
| 19    | C&O at Life Care of Lawrenceville at 2:00 pm |
| 22    | No meal nor Wed. night activities            |
| 22    | Thanksgiving Outreach                        |

## December

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|----|--|
| 1  | Gwinnett Young Singers at LCC                          |
| 3  | Wedding after Worship for Laurie Cole and Mac Scoggins |
| 3  | C&O at Life Care on Safe Haven Dr.                     |
| 10 | C&O Program at LCC at 10:45 am and at 6:00 pm          |
| 13 | KUC/CAYAC Christmas Program                            |
| 14 | Ladies Christmas Party at 7:00 pm in FLC               |
| 16 | KUC Cookie Bake in FLC                                 |
| 17 | C&O at Whistleville Christian Church at 6:00 pm        |
| 24 | Christmas Eve Program at 6:00 pm                       |
| 25 | Christmas Day  |
| 27 | No Wed., night activities, no mea                      |
| 31 | New Year's Eve   |

## 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

### Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday:

- 5:45 pm Meal
- 6:30 pm KUC, CAYAC, C&O practice
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

## 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.

## Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5, 2017



**Please remember to turn your clocks  
back one hour before you go to sleep  
this Sat. evening.**

# Prayer Requests

Prayer is an essential part of our Christian lives. The prayers we say and the praises we celebrate are a great way to be part of our LCC family. We also have some mighty prayer warriors here at LCC! For years, we have had a prayer list of names in the Sunday bulletin. The names are added or removed per request to the church office. Many times we don't know the status or outcome unless someone shares that information with the church office. We will have a new section in the monthly newsletters that will contain additional information. We will keep a current list with names, relationship to members of LCC and prayer request or praise information. We really need your help to maintain this data. The following list is our starting point. If the prayer request is yours, please provide the current status. Please call, text or email Rosie Bengtson. Her cell phone number is 404-403-5765. Her email address is [rosie.bengtson@aol.com](mailto:rosie.bengtson@aol.com). We also would like to include a section on addresses for military personnel and shut-ins so our members can write to them.

Person	Relationship	Issue
Geraldine Coleman	Member	
Donna Hill	Rosie & Paul Bengtson's Granddaughter	
Bob Collier	Member	Nursing Care
Jim Gurr	Member	
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Members	
Jamila Coleman	Member	
Sharon Townsend	Member	
Carl & Louis Johnson	Jamie Renshaw's parents	
Russ Burchfield	Member	
Barbara Johnson	Member	
Diane Shelton	Member	
Beverly Underwood	Member	
Betty Hubbard	Member	
Marge Renshaw	William Renshaw's Mother	
Norah Nguyen	Daughter of Kevin & Grace	Liver issues since birth in Mar. 2017
Ken Akins	Member	
Pat Benson	???	
June Strobino	Glenda Middleton's Sister	
Sara Williams	Member	
Richard Kloss	Member	
Wally Curtiss	Member	Foot surgery, Sept. 2017
Terry Randall	Member	Food Surgery, Sept. 2017
Donna Stamm	Member	Foot surgery, Sept. 2017
Eric West	Member	Knee surgery 9/29/17
Schyler Umberger	Member	9/27/2017
Angelo Bione		Gall Bladder Surgery week of 9/18/17
Chris Keahey's Family	James Keahey's brother	Pray for family after recent passing of Chris
John Panuska	Andy Panuska's brother	Involved in a serious car accident. Facing multiple surgeries.
Laurie Cole	Member	Recovering at home following surgery
Lisa Pipkin	Member	Recovering at home following surgery
Rosalie Heinz's family	Dennis Heinz Mother	Pray for family after recent passing of Rosalie

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For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Ralph Waldo Emerson