



~~CONNECTIONS~~

Volume 140 Issue 1

January, 2018

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A new initiative that I plan to be pushing hard throughout 2018 is "Words of Grace". Our weekly Bulletin will be redesigned in 2018, and there will be a place for you to record how many "Words of Grace" you have shared in the previous week. This will be kind of like part of our offering that we bring to Christ each week! I am challenging LCC to share 10,000 "Words of Grace" in 2018! Divided by 52, this means we need to share 192 per week—we must get started immediately!

What is a "Word of Grace", and why would I want to share one? Well, as you know, "Grace" is a big deal in the Bible. I count 170 or so references to the word in its different forms, so "Grace" is everywhere in the Scriptures. "Grace" is unmerited favor. It is the loving-kindness of a gracious God extending His tender affections to people who do not deserve it. Without "Grace" we are sunk. Without "Grace" we don't belong. Without "Grace" we cannot approach God or go to Heaven! The world-famous business expert Peter Drucker was a believer in Christ, and someone asked him why. "Only Jesus has the grace!", Drucker said! He was right!

We must not keep "Grace" to ourselves, it's too good! I can't save anyone. I cannot persuade an atheist to become a believer. But I can share "Grace", and so can you! Sharing a "Word of Grace" is practicing evangelism! Sharing a "Word of Grace" can save a life. Sharing a "Word of Grace" is something we can all do.

Here are 3 primary ways how:

- 1) Invite someone to church. Any service. Any activity. Be bold.
- 2) Share what Christ can do for someone. "Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord can be saved." "He tells us to cast our cares on Him because He cares for us." "I am going to be praying for you..." "Here's a verse that can be helpful to you..."
- 3) Share what Christ has done for you. "He's always been there for me." "This passage has always been meaningful to me..." "I used to...but now!" "In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

Thank you in advance for being a sharer of "Words of Grace"! Such "Words" can be shared at church, or at school, or at work. "Grace" can be shared at the mailbox with a neighbor or in the checkout line at Kroger. Anywhere!

I am extremely grateful for the "Grace" our Lord has shown me. I look forward to sharing 10,000 "Words of Grace" with you in 2018!

My love to you and your family—
Tony

LCC Staff:

Tony Dyer, Senior Minister

tony@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Dwayne Wylds, Minister of Music

dwayne@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Shane Hankinson, Youth Minister

shane@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Allison McAlister, Children's Director

allison@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Lynn Akins, Financial Secretary

lynn@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Church Office

office@lilburnchristianchurch.org

LCC Elders:

Jim Gurr:

770-925-8680

William Renshaw:

678-270-8265

Paul Bengtson:

770-875-9170

Richard Morgan :

770-338-9081

Sherman Wade:

404-867-6101

Jeff Stephens:

770-712-1172

Editor:

Kandy Davidson

Photographer:

Pam Straughan

Please email articles to
Office@LilburnChristianChurch.org
by the 23rd of each month!!

SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

JANUARY MESSAGES

“Jesus IS the Good News”

- Jan 7: “12 Witnesses Say Jesus Stands Alone”, Mark 1:21-28
Jan 14: “Jesus Does the Hardest Thing”, Mark 2:1-12
Jan 21: “The Hand that Talked”, Mark 3:1-6
Jan 28: “Nature Clears Its Throat”, Mark 4:35-41

Wednesday Menu

JANUARY

- 10 Spaghetti
17 Roast Pork
24 Tacos
31 Baked Ham



Read Through the Bible in 2018

Join us in reading through the Bible in 2018! This is a worthy goal anytime, and the time to start is now! Sheets with daily readings are available at the Welcome Center.

Missions Spotlight



AMOR FE Y ESPERANZA

Within the AFE family, one of their many functions is to protect each of the children attending the school. This becomes increasingly difficult as the situation in the dump is becoming more and more unbearable. Please pray for Carlos, who is already 16 years old and has faced situations that not even an adult should do. There is also joy at Afe with graduation! It is truly a praise for the miracles of each of these young ones being able to graduate and hopefully break the cycle of the garbage dumps and poverty.





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.

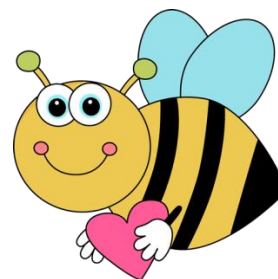
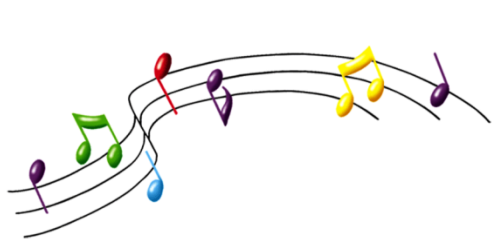


Thursday's menu

Fried Chicken
Steak & Gravy
Stewed Tomatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Cabbage
Pinto Beans
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Peach Cobbler
Rolls & Corn Bread

Next Event: Thursday, January 18th – We will join Mt. Carmel for lunch at Buckner's Family Style Restaurant in Jackson, GA. Cost for lunch is \$11.50. We will car-pool from LCC. We will leave promptly at 10:00 am. After lunch, we will stop at Tanger Outlet Mall in Locust Grove for some shopping. We will try to coordinate car loads into groups who want to go shopping vs. those who want to come back to LCC without stopping to shop.

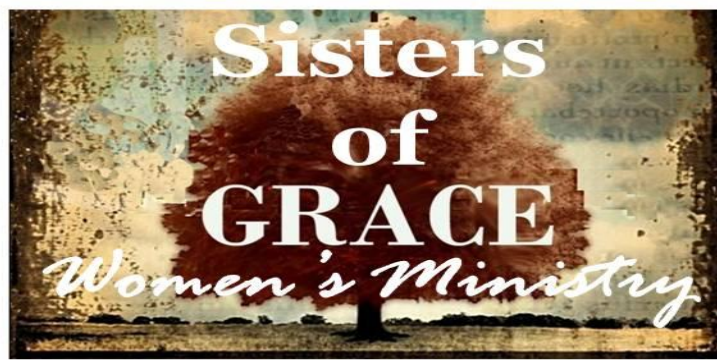
Upcoming Event: Thursday, February 15th – Valentine luncheon at Mt. Carmel with a musical program presented by Dave and Teri Wilson. Lunch will be catered by Always Fresh Neighborhood Market & Restaurant. Cost for lunch is \$15.00 and must be pre-paid. Please give your money to Rosie Bengtson.



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.



Gingerbread Wishes

Gingerbread Wishes / Ladies Christmas Party

We had 40 ladies attend our annual Ladies Christmas party. The theme of 'Gingerbread Wishes' was evident in the decorations, craft projects and door prizes.

Rosie Bengtson presented a devotional message that compared Christian women to gingerbread cookies. Sugar and spice and everything nice!

Our verse was Psalm 139:14 which says, "I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made". We were fashioned by His hands. We are perfect in His sight and each of us has a unique purpose.

We certainly showed gingerbread hearts with the huge amount of donations to 'Honor the Homeless'. Several tables were piled high with jeans, sweaters, shirts, shoes, blankets, jackets, coats, socks and gloves.

The Sisters of Grace women's ministry leadership team shared these words from our Gingerbread Prayer:

- Dear Lord, Put in me the right ingredients that best reflects Your love. Don't let me allow the world to seep into my life.
- Bake me with Your love and bring me through the heat and trials of your choosing so that I'm fit for Your service. Let me rely on Your strength so that I won't crumble and fall apart.
- Give me eyes to see the needs of others instead of my own. Help me see with Your compassion.
- Give me a nose to tell the difference between what the world offers and what Your Word says. Help me to know right from wrong.
- Give me arms and hands to give and work for Your glory. Help me to uplift others when they need it most.
- Give me legs and feet to follow You. Help me spread the news of Your birth and wonderful gift of life that You offer us.
- Give me the sweet smelling aroma of Your love so that others may know I am Your child.
- Decorate me with Your love and make my life beautiful for You. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

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		



LCC Music Ministry



What do carols, bells, and the Christmas Story have in common? Answer: They are all things we love to listen to during the Christmas Season. Our choir, orchestra, and tech crew brought them all together for us during their program, “I Heard the Bells” performed on December 10 in the morning and evening services here at LCC, and for the evening service December 17 at Whistleville Christian Church. Joining them this year was our beginner handbell choir, who made their debut during this presentation. Lots of people put in tireless hours of planning and practice to make this a memorable time of music, and more importantly, a reminder of God’s amazing love for each of us, wrapped up in a tiny baby named Jesus.



“There were splashes of color everywhere you looked during the C & O concert Sunday.

It was a worship service and concert all in one. This was the best way to start Christmas with my family and friends!”

Pam Straughan



All Nighter
Jan 14-15, 2018
Cost - \$10

Start at Cafe Five Fifty at 5:50 PM on Sunday, Jan. 14. Make sure to get a couple ice coffees because we are staying up all night.

Must be signed up and paid by Jan 7th deadline.



Winter Jam

Feb. 3, 2018

Cost - \$15 per person

Register by January 24 deadline. Minimum of 10 people must be signed up.

Skillet is coming back to ATL along with Kari Jobe, Building 429 and others. This is a great concert you won't want to miss. Must sign up by January 24 so we can arrange transportation for everyone.



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 12/31/2017, we have raised \$27,426.17.

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



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church



The KUC ended 2017 with a bang! The KUC and CAYAC put on play called Super Christmas. It was about a group of superheroes that learned that someone named Jesus was coming to save the world and take their jobs. Luckily, they figured out that they could still protect people and that Jesus came to save everyone from their sin! Hope you were able to see the show, performed in the Chapel. If not we will be uploading it to the KUC webpage. A big shout out to all the cast for their hard work! We only practiced a handful of times for about 30 minutes and a couple one-hour practices, but they pulled it off and were a success. Great job, my superheroes!!!

The Saturday after the play, we were able to have some fun at the KUC cookie bake. We had about 30 kids show up to bake and decorate some sugar cookies. Man was that a lot of cookie dough and sugar!!!

Our Wednesday night crew finished up the "What is a Christian" series where we read and studied all of 1 John. And before our Christmas break we had a birthday party for Jesus. When we return January 7, we will begin a study of Ephesians and "What is God's Plan". Hope your kids will come and join us!

We had a great year in the KUC. I truly have enjoyed getting to know all the children, parents and volunteers. I am looking forward to another great year. I will continue to pray for your children, teach them truth that comes from the bible, and to love and care about them.



What's better than an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest? An Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday, because everyone is a winner!!!

We had a blast wearing our Ugly Sweaters. There were deer with glasses, snowmen, penguins and a lot of lights. Connie's even sang!

It was fun to see the kids and the grownups all enjoying the fellowship time comparing their outfits.

Like the song says:

"Don we now our gay apparel. Fa la la la laaaa, la la la la"

Pam Straughan



Prayer Requests

Geraldine Coleman
Donna Hill
Bob Collier
Jim Gurr
Joyce & Terry Bissell
Jamila Coleman
Sharon Townsend
Russ Burchfield
Barbara Johnson
Donna Anderson
Diane Shelton
Beverly Underwood
Betty Hubbard
Marge Renshaw
Norah Nguyen
Pat Benson
June Strobino

Sara Williams
John Panuska
Denyse Galiothe
Sandy Young
Blake Fraser
Sherman Wade
Jeff Truitt
Anita Korb &
Family
Iya Davies
Joyce Bissell &
Family
Family of Richard
Kloss
Connie Panuska &
Family

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



**Zoe Flowers
Dec. 3, 2017**



**Megan Flowers
Dec. 3, 2017**

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 1 New Year's Day; Office is closed.
- 6 Memorial for Richard Kloss
- 7 Registration deadline for CAYAC All Nighter
- 14-15 CAYAC All Nighter
- 3 No Wed. night activities, no meal
- 10 Wed. night activities and meal resumes
- 23 Berkmar Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Winter Jam deadline for registration
- 25 Berkmar Choir Concert



Cafe Five Fifty

**located in the Lilburn Christian Church
Chapel**

Cafe Five Fifty opens January 7, 2018.

Free coffee and Iced Coffee.

February

- 3 Winter Jam

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

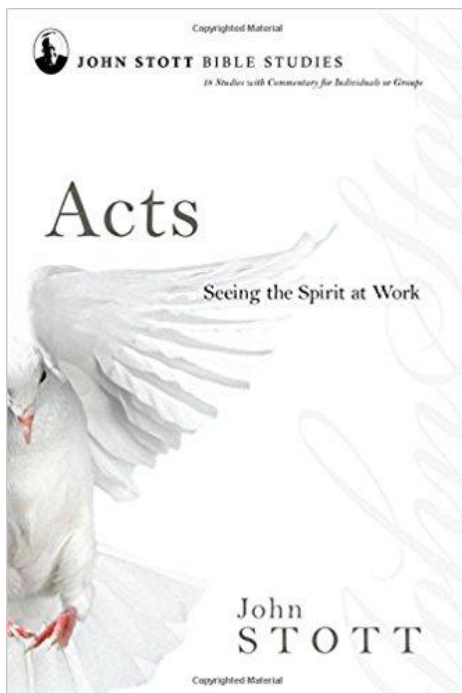
Tuesday:

- 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

Attention All Ladies!



The **Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will begin a new series on January 9th.

We will kick off the New Year with a study of Acts by John Stott.

We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Ladies Sunday School classroom just off the foyer of the sanctuary next to the Welcome Center.

This is a great time to review and discuss the study material and share Praises and Prayer Requests in a confidential environment.

Contact Dixie Grimm or Connie Barefield to order your book. Cost for this book is \$8.00.

Lilburn Christian Church

314 Arcado Road

Lilburn, GA 30047

Phone: 770-921-2993

Fax: 770-921-6569



"LCC: Where Cultures Meet Christ"

