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## MINISTER’S MESSAGE

I just read an interesting article in *The Lookout*. It is titled “The Lord Jesus Christ”, and the author noted that “Jesus” is a very special name to us (it means “the Lord saves”). Christians have always, rightfully, loved it. In the Gospels, the author said, God’s Son is referred to as Jesus quite often. Then. Then starting in Acts and running all the way through the epistles and Revelation Jesus begins to be referred as *The Lord Jesus Christ*. This phrase occurs 81 times! That’s a lot. God wants us to know His Son is indeed special, He is, in fact, *The Lord Jesus Christ!* I’m a little slow, but 81 times is enough even for me to catch this significance!

We’ve mentioned what “Jesus” means. “Christ”, “Messiah” is the Hebrew word, means “anointed one”, the prophetic one, set apart to come and redeem the Lord’s people. “Lord” refers to Jesus’ divinity. He and the Father are one, He is “the exact representation of His being”, as Hebrews 1:3 so memorably words it. *The Lord Jesus Christ*, the name above every name, the name at which every knee bows and every tongue confesses! (Philippians 2:10-11)

As I read the article in *The Lookout*, I said to myself, “This is a sermon series!” And so, beginning November 11, Lord willing, it shall be! Keep this in your prayers. I pray that Christ will be glorified and that lives will be changed for the Kingdom as a result of God’s powerful Word about His special Son.

Pray too for our outreach in the community in November! Help us feed the hungry on Thanksgiving. The Bible talks about a “famine of hearing the words of the Lord”, Amos 8:11, so let’s all share the Good News with someone this month. Feeding with bread is great; feeding with Bread is even better!

My love to you and your family—God bless you—

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

## NOVEMBER MESSAGES

“The Lord Jesus Christ”,  
Acts 28:30-31

Nov 11 “Jesus Christ Is Lord”,  
Acts 10:34-43

Nov 18 “Our Lord Jesus Christ”,  
Acts 15:24-26

Nov 25 “Christ Jesus My Lord”,  
Philippians 3:8-11

# Wednesday Menu

## NOVEMBER

- 7 Roast Pork
- 14 Poppy Seed Chicken
- 21 No Meal
- 28 Pizza

Missions Spotlight



Southwest Christian Hospice provides comfort, encouragement and support, which is what hospice is all about. Families dealing with end-of-life issues are often stressed, exhausted, fearful and overwhelmed. Knowing that their loved one is being cared for by loving and experienced staff brings peace of mind and allows the family to rest and regain their strength.

Southwest Christian Care comes alongside terminally ill patients and their family members to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support. They often have events to help offset the costs of these services and one such even coming up is the Celebration of Lights.



## Celebration of Lights

Lighting of the Grounds  
November 27 - 6:00 pm

During the Christmas season, Southwest Christian Care has a beautiful way to honor your loved ones. The Celebration of Lights provides an opportunity to purchase lights given in memory or in honor of someone special. Each light represents a donation of \$25 or more. Even though physically removed by distance or death. This presence, signified with a light, spans the gap of time and space. We encourage you to purchase lights in remembrance or honor of loved ones. You may also consider being a "Celebration of Lights" Sponsor!



# LCC Music Ministry

**Upcoming Dates to Remember  
(along with our regular Wednesday  
night practices at 6:30 pm):**

**Sun., Nov. 11 1:30 – 3:00 pm**  
**Thurs., Nov. 15 7:00 – 8:30 pm (Choir only)**  
**Sat., Dec. 1 10:00 am – Noon**  
**Fri., Dec. 7 7:30 pm Christmas Program**  
**Sat., Dec. 8 6:00 pm Christmas Program**  
**Sun., Dec. 9 6:00 pm Christmas Program**  
**Sun., Dec. 16 6:00 pm Christmas Program  
at Whistleville Christian Church**



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**Attention All Ladies (or anyone interested in a fun craft project)**

You are invited to a 'Christmas in July' event.

We will be teaching you to make Folded Fabric Christmas Ornaments in July of 2019. This is a fun, no-sew project. These are also called Christmas Folded Star Ornaments or Quilted Christmas Ornaments.

We wanted to give you advanced notice so you can shop for fabrics

you would like to use. You can watch for coupons and sales or go to Fabric World in Snellville. It does not have to be Christmas prints, at all. Think fall colors, patriotic (red, white and blue), your favorite sports team, colors, pastels for Spring or Easter.. or whatever the color theme is for your Christmas tree (or trees!). By planning ahead, you can find appropriate fabric for the next 10 months, including all of your favorite seasons and (Halloween, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July....)

**Materials (per ornament – in case you want to make more than one):**

Polystyrene/Styrofoam ball (7 inch circumference, approx. 3 inch in height)

3 or 4 coordinated fabrics – dark, medium, and light hues work well

- ¼ yard of each color or you can buy fat quarters
- Small prints work best (although solid colors work, too)

Dressmaker pins (these have small, flat heads and you can find them at Walmart)

Ribbon (½ inch width)

Any questions: contact Rosie Bengtson or Pam Straughan



*Christmas.. in*



# STUDENT MINISTRY

Thank you to Elizabeth Umberger for leading our College Planning 101! She did a wonderful job and proved a great blessing to our high schoolers and their parents! (If you were unable to make it, this is something we will plan to offer again in the future.) Also in October, we concluded our series *EVERY MAN A LIAR* (based on Romans 3:4). In November, we'll look at something a little lighter: *BLOCKBUSTER STORIES*! Using a different box office hit each week, we'll compare a recent movie to a BLOCKBUSTER story from scripture! Each Wednesday, students will leave with a handout that goes along with the lesson. I encourage you to check it out and use it as a way to discuss faith with your children. (If I can help you with that in any way, I'm here for you.) Below, you'll find our upcoming events. Some of them will cost money, but don't let that be the reason a child doesn't participate; just talk with me and we'll work it out in a discreet way. Looking forward to another month of encouraging our students! - Josh

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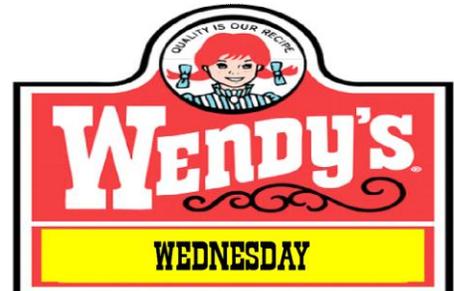
## High School Deeper Life Retreat

NOVEMBER 9-11 (\$50)

NORTH GEORGIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

In September, our middle schoolers had a blast! I expect nothing less for our 9th-12th graders! The overall theme for the High School Deeper Life Retreat is Thrive, though this year, the title is *SUCH A TIME* (based on the story of Esther). Through times of engaging worship, teaching, group discussion, and group interaction, students will be encouraged to tell a good, godly story with their lives. Not only will their relationship with God thrive, so will their relationships with each other! Try to register your children by November 1st.

The next Wendy's Wednesday for the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders is November 14th! Following an abbreviated lesson, our adult sponsors will take all of our students to Wendy's at 7:30. They can be picked up at Wendy's before 8:25 or at the church after 8:30. Bring a couple of dollars for a Frosty! (FYI, if it's raining, we'll remain at the church.)



## Student Ministry Christmas Party

December 15  
5:30-7:30 pm  
@ The Cox's  
Bring a \$5 gift

From December 7th-9th, our Choir & Orchestra will be presenting *A Christmas Program*! Our students have been presented with an opportunity to join in and enhance it in a unique, exciting way! I would love for as many teenagers as possible to participate. It's a small commitment but will yield a big blessing to our community and congregation! Be on the lookout for more details.



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

## October Recap

Jeff and I took a group of 13 fourth and fifth graders to a CIY conference called SuperStart on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. That Friday night we came back to the church and had a lock in and were joined by a group from Albany Christian Church. We had a blast sleeping at the church (although I am not sure much sleep was had) and spending time together and with our friends from ACC. We got a long break on Saturday to go and have fun together as well. We had photo scavenger hunt at McDaniel's Farm Park followed by a progressive lunch. For the progressive lunch, we went to Arby's to get a side item, Steak 'N Shake for our entrée and Chick fil A for our dessert. At the conference, the kids got to meet and hear about a woman who was in the show American Ninja Warrior 4 different seasons! The best part of the conference, was receiving these "Tell It" cards that guide preteens through telling their story of what God has done for them to others. I hope they keep these cards and use them often as their stories will continue to develop and change as they grow and God continues to move in their lives!

## SUNDAYS

- The upper elementary class has been learning about Obedience. We are learning how obedience brings blessing, obedience brings suffering, and obedience prepares us for holiness! We as a class are beginning to see how obedience is a theme through the whole bible and how important it is for us to be obedient to God.
- The lower elementary class is still rolling through the bible. They are learning about King David and next they will begin learning about Solomon, Elijah, and Elisha.
- The toddler to preschool class will begin learning how they are children of God!

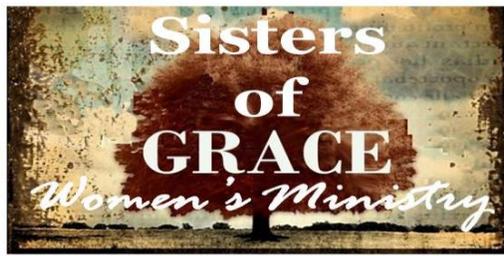
## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We are continuing through our Believe series. The first 10 weeks we studied topics that Christians believe that we need to think about. Now we are looking at how Christians are supposed to act. **We encourage you to extend these lessons to your home. There are many ways you can do this:**

- Read the weekly Family Page and implement the ideas. (I will have copies of the take home family page each week. If you are interested in receiving this, please grab one off the KUC counter when you pick your children up each Wednesday. You can save these pages in a folder so that if you only have time for a few activities one week, you can look back and try the rest at a later time.
- Schedule family time with God outside of church. Church should not be the only place your children learn about God and what we believe. I understand that life gets busy and I admit Jeff and I are not always great about spending quality time with God as a family outside of church and we have failed at this at certain times in life. I am praying that all of us can prioritize and schedule family activities that are pleasing to God. We have to make an effort because it won't happen on its own. This can be a fun time of worship, singing, prayer, Bible reading, and reflecting on the week's lesson.

Please be in prayer for all the children and all the teachers who will be participating in this Believe series. I pray it is meaningful and helps your children grow closer to God!!

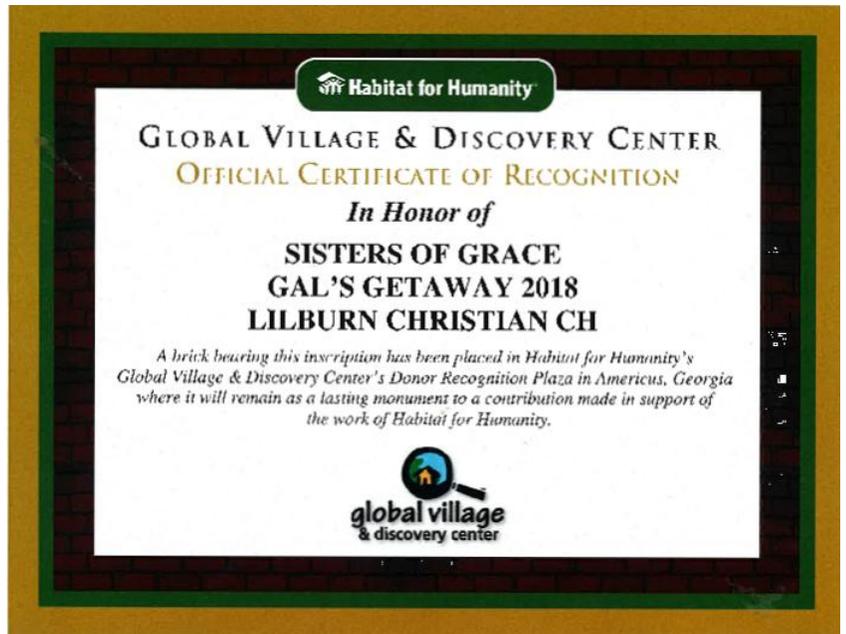




**LCC Women's Christmas Party**  
**Thursday, December 13**  
**7:00 pm in the Family Life**  
**Center (FLC). Join us for**  
**dinner, fellowship & program.**  
**Cost: \$5.00 per person**  
**Our Service Project will be Gift**  
**Cards to be given to Lilburn**  
**Co-Op.**

## 2018 Gal's Get-Away

This certificate was sent to us from Habitat for Humanity's Global Village & Discovery Center in appreciation of the donations collected by those attending our Gal's Get-Away this past September, which was our service project. Because of those donations, we also have a 4" x 8" brick that will be inscribed "Sisters of Grace, Gal's Getaway 2018 Lilburn Christian Ch" and installed in their Donor Recognition Plaza.



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  
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Kandy Davidson 404-697-7367  
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Geraldine Coleman Bob Collier Jim Gurr Jamila Coleman Russ Burchfield Barbara Johnson Donna Anderson Diane Shelton Betty Hubbard Sandra Amrhein	Gensie McDonald Family of Dorie Botteicher Sandra Denton Family of Marie Cape Augustus & Mary Lakpor Teresa Herring Scott Phillips Family of Mac Scoggins
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If any of these listed on our prayer list need to be taken off, please contact the church office. We appreciate your help.

**Jamila Coleman - prayer beeper number is 770-929-5157.**

Here is the message you will hear –  
Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Jamila Coleman. She is scheduled for surgery on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for peace and comfort in mind and body. Also, pray for God’s perfect plan to be accomplished in her life. Thank you for your prayers on Jamila’s behalf. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.



**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 two prayer beepers out.

**Gensie McDonald – prayer beeper number is 770-929-5130.**

Here is the message you will hear –  
Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Gensie McDonald. She has been diagnosed with bone cancer in her lower back. The doctor is pleased with the treatment she has undergone so far. Please continue to pray for complete healing. Thank you for your prayers on Gensie’s behalf. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

**Betty Hubbard – prayer beeper number is 770-929-5114.**

Here is the message you will hear –  
Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Betty Hubbard. Please pray for physical strength to return and for complete healing after her surgery. Thank you for your prayers on Betty’s behalf. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November

- 6 Election Day
- 9-11 Deeper Life Retreat for high schoolers at NGCC
- 11 CTO practice 1:30 – 3:00 pm
- 15 Choir practice at Whistleville Christian Church, 7:00 – 8:30 pm\
- 16 Decorating LCC facilities 6:00 pm
- 17 Neighborhood Canvassing 9:00 am - Noon
- 18 Main Street Concert at LCC
- 21 No Wednesday night activities
- 22 Thanksgiving Day/Thanksgiving Outreach

## December

- 1 C& O Dress Rehearsal 10:00 am – Noon
- 1 KUC Cookie Bake 10:00 am – Noon
- 2 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
- 3 Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship
- 7,8,9 CTO Christmas Program
- 13 Ladies Annual Christmas Party in FLC at 7:00 pm
- 16 CTO at Whistleville for Christmas Program at 6:00 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 No Wednesday Night Activities

## Every Week

### Sunday:

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes
- 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Worship Service

### Monday:

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday:

- 6:30 pm KUC, Youth, Choir, Tech & Orchestra
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

### Wednesday Night Activities

We encourage you and your family to join us on Wednesday evenings as our meal and then activities for all the family resume on Aug 1! Here's the way our schedule looks:

- 5:45 pm Meal  
(Adults \$3, Children \$2, Family \$11)
- 6:30 pm Children and Youth Activities
- 6:30 pm Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

## BAPTISM

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