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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Bread is a big deal in the Gospels. We run into 2 kinds of bread as we read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, actually. There is, of course, the kind we are most familiar with, made of grain and made to be eaten. This kind of bread nourishes, it sustains. The "Staff of Life" it is sometimes called. The smell of freshly baked bread...can you resist that? It's hard for me to do so.

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But there is another kind of bread. This kind is also made to be eaten, but not physically. It also nourishes and sustains—in fact, one cannot live without it! It is not made of grain. Jesus identified Himself with this 2nd type of bread: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry."(John 6:35) Jesus referred to the manna with which God fed the Israelites in their wilderness wanderings, and said, in effect, "He is doing it again! He is feeding you. Only not physically, but spiritually!" He said that His flesh was the real food. His body broken for us feeds us as bread broken can then be eaten, consumed. We consume this spiritual bread by faith when we trust Christ!

All 4 Gospels record the Feeding of the 5000. Jesus takes bread, breaks it, distributes it...and miraculously a few loaves feeds a big crowd! Important to be sure, but He was after a Bigger Meal: the meal of people seeing in Him the Master of True Bread Production! He can *FEED* us in the way we truly need to be fed! In the Gospels we read of the Lord's Supper. "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.""(Matthew 26:26)

I think that, as a Church, Jesus wants us to feed others with BOTH kinds of bread! Grain-bread, so they can live; the Bread of Life so they can Live! Don't you?

We'll be studying the multiplied bread and the 5000 in March. We'll also study the Good Samaritan. In that story, we find we've got a whole lot of neighbors needing us to be...neighborly. So, we're going to feed some people in March! **March 23—a Free Lunch!** We're going to try to raise \$1,000. And then assemble 300 Free Lunches on that day. We will...give them away! And then we'll tell them about the Bread of Life while we give them grain-bread. We'll give them brochures about our church where they can learn how they can come and hear more about Jesus, the Living Bread!

I think Jesus wants us to do this. See you in March-

Tony



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SERMON SERIES Message Series for 2019: "I Know This is True: Thru God's Word in '19"	
January – April: The Gospels March Messages	Wednesday Menu
March 3: "Enough Bread for Everybody", John 6:1-15	MARCH
March 10: "So Many Neighbors!", Luke 10:25-37	6 Lasagna 13 Roast Pork 20 Chicken Pot Pie
March 17: "Too Expensiveor is It?", Luke 14:15-35	20 Clincken Fot Fie 27 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
March 24: "Ugly Sins, Beautiful Savior", Mark 14:1-11	
March 31: "A Goodbye to Remember", John 13:1-17, Josh Cox preaching	





Leprosy is a disease that attacks and causes progressive and permanent damage to skin, nerves, limbs, and eyes. Lepers are often forced out of their homes. CRAM Worldwide is now ministering among a leper colony in Stung Treng, Cambodia to care for the physical and spiritual needs of the sick. They are building ten houses for twenty leper families so they may have a safe and loving place to call home.



They also began construction on a medical facility in partnership with Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism (FAME). Their hope is to one day build a church for the lepers. Since Cambodia is a religiously free country, they are able to share the Gospel openly.

If you are interested in going on a mission trip, please see Jeff Stephens or contact him at jcs58@comcast.net.

LCC Music Ministry

The **Open Heart Quartet** held a concert at Gwinnett Christian Terrace on Saturday, February 22nd. It was really wonderful! They sang many southern gospel songs from their CD, plus took requests for old hymns from the audience. It was a toe-tapping, hand-clapping good time! Hopefully, they will be able to set up a concert date next year at LCC. Check them out on Goggle, YouTube or Facebook.



Trip to Poland By Dwayne Wylds



Our mission trip to Poland was amazing. Lead by the Graceland Ministries based out of Canada, we had the opportunity to share the Gospel with several residents and students of the local University.



Traveling the historical city of Krakow to learn about the people's culture was illuminating. "We're not in Kansas any more."



Sermons preached by Ray Fumea and Steve Dorey were inspirational.

It was a true honor to lead Worship at the Campus Cafe "Sequoia",for about 25 to 30 people.



Trip to Poland continued

Graceland Campus is an English teaching school for the Polish people. Through their classes they have the opportunity to teach Christ.









All of the students of all ages come eager to learn English and God's Word. The "Team." From left and around the table:

Steve, Rick, Lynn, Jay, Ray, Dwayne, Collete, and Jullian.

Amazing people, amazing work!















We're in the midst of a series on Wednesdays entitled "What's In A Name?" As our student ministry decides upon a new name, we are defining who will be: 1) <u>S</u>urrendered, 2) <u>D</u>evoted, 3) <u>O</u>ne, and 4) <u>G</u>oing. Essentially, we are <u>G-O-J'S</u> "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that [we] may declare the praises of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). As we discuss who we are in God through Jesus, we'll gain a better understanding of what is in a name! (Above you'll see some pictures of our students working together as groups to complete certain tasks, reinforcing the idea that, in Christ, we are one.) // Our big event for March is a **campout** at Eric West's property in Oconee. We'll meet at the church at 6:00pm on Friday. If possible, bring a tent, sleeping bag, and fishing pole (we'll have extra if needed). The cost is \$10. We're going to have a great time of worship, games, fishing, eating, and, of course, camping! We'll return late Saturday afternoon. More details to come. // Also, keep in mind that camp is approaching! This year, the earlier you pay, the less expensive it is: March (\$195), April (\$205), May (215), June/July (\$225). I'll be taking rising 6th-8th graders to Teener 1 (June 9-14) and rising 9th-12th graders to Senior 2 (June 30-July 5). For more info about North Georgia Christian Camp, visit its website at www.christiancamp.net. // I'm here for you and your family! Keep me updated on activities your students are involved in! - Josh





The next Wendy's Wednesday for the 6th-12th graders is March 13th! Following an abbreviated lesson, our adult sponsors will transport 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.



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

Recap:

We had our first Parent's night out of the year. I hope the parent's had as much fun as we did! If you missed this one, there will be another one in September.



March 2nd (9:00 am to 4:00 pm): Heaven on Earth. Breakfast, lunch, snack and t-shirt included (T-shirt is only available if you registered by the deadline.)

April 20th (10 am-Noon): Easter Egg Event. We will begin collecting candy and Easter eggs in the Month of March. Be on the lookout for emails with more details!

Sundays:

The toddler/pre-K class is learning about the miracles Jesus performed and how he showed he is God through these miracles. The memory verse for this set of lessons is *"All things are possible with God."* Mark 10:27. Starting March 17th, they will begin a series on Superheroes and learn that there is no greater hero than their friend, Jesus. The memory verse for March 17th to the 31st is Psalm 89:13 (NIRV), *"Your arm is powerful. Your hand is strong. Your right hand is mighty."*

The K/1st grade class has been studying the Old Testament since January of 2018, and they will finish with the Old Testament on March 10th!!! The memory verse for the first two weeks is: *"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him."* –Lamentations 3:25. Next, they will begin a series called, *"What Makes a Hero? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus." For this series, they will get a memory verse each week. For the last three weeks in March the verses are as follows: Micah 6:8, Matthew 19:26, and Matthew 4:19. I hope that you will continue to encourage your children to memorize scripture!*

Wednesdays:

All classes are continuing through our Believe Study. This month, we will be studying the following topics: Self-control, Hope, Patience, Kindness/Goodness. They get a memory verse every week, which can be found on the Parent Take Home Sheet, and it will also be good for them to memorize Galatians 5:22-23.



LADIES MYSTERY FUN DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

Sign up and pay in the Foyer by March 3. Meet at the church no later than 10:45 am.

Where are we going, you ask? You will have to join us to find out.



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

Lynn Akins Pat Ferguson Betty Hubbard Cathy Wade 770-923-6413 770-466-5212 678-446-7926 404-867-6102 Kandy Davidson Dixie Grimm Pam Morgan 404-697-7367 404-932-5990 404-697-4293

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

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



We are really excited to announce our date for 'Christmas in July'!!

Several ladies from LCC learned how to make No-Sew Folded Fabric Ornaments a few years ago, and we want to share this process with you on <u>Saturday</u>, July 20th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Family Life <u>Center</u>.

If you have not purchased your material, there is still plenty of time. We wanted to give you <u>advanced notice</u> 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.

These no-sew Folded Fabric Ornaments are really easy to make and do not have to be Christmas colors or fabric. Think fall colors, beach colors, your favorite sports team colors, pastels for Spring/Easter or patriotic (red, white and blue)...

By publishing this event for the past several months, we have given you time to plan ahead and find some amazing fabric. You still have time to find great fabric for the **next 5 months.** We still have some of your favorite holidays coming up (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
 - •Select cotton blends
 - •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 available at Walmart)
- •Ribbon (½ inch width)
- •Note: if you would rather use a strip of material to finish off your ornament instead of ribbon, you will need a strip of material approximately 3 inches by 10 inches.

If you want to cut your fabric in advance, you are welcome to do that.

- •They are 3 inch squares
- •You will need 8 of one color/fabric
- You will need 16 each of your other colors/fabric

If you do not want to cut your fabric in advance (or need help doing it), we will have all of the other supplies you will need to cut your fabric that day (rotary cutter, straight edge, scissors, etc..)

If this is the first time you have seen this article and want to use Christmas material, let us know. I'm sure others have fabric they are willing to share!

Any questions: contact Rosie Bengtson or Pam Straughan.





And the winners are the Trouble Clef



Chili Cook-Off/Men's Bake-Off Winners:

Hot – Jeff Kloss Medium – Ingrid Burnside Unique – Melissa Daniels Kids – Olivia Fox Teens – Teagan Merrill Best Dessert – Ian Merrill



Bob Collier Jim Gurr Jamila Coleman Jasmine Coleman Russ Burchfield Barbara Johnson Donna Anderson Diane Shelton Betty Hubbard Sandra Amrhein Gensie McDonald Sandra Denton Augustus & Mary Lakpor Teresa Herring Scott Phillips Jason Newman Marcia Heinz Glenda Middleton Wayne Starling Trish Elkins Robert Humphrey Norah Nguyen

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

<u>Marcia Heinz</u>- prayer beeper number is 770-929-5114.

Here is the message you will hear -

Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Marcia Heinz. She is recovering at home after recent surgery. Please pray for complete healing and the return of physical strength. Also, pray for wisdom as she and her doctor discuss her treatment plan. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.



Phillip Hartman & Amy Huddleston on their engagement.





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 three prayer beepers out.

<u>Gensie McDonald</u> – 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 is recovering nicely from her recent surgery. She also received wonderful news that she currently has no sign of cancer. However, she will continue chemo-therapy as a precaution. 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.

<u>Jamila Coleman</u> - prayer beeper number is 770-929-5157.

Here is the message you will hear –

Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Jamila Coleman. Her current prayer request is for improved muscle strength as she continues physical therapy in the hospital. Also, pray for God's guidance as her medical team overcomes many obstacles in their search to find the right location for her. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 02 KUC Heaven on Earth Retreat
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 Wendy's Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- 16 Ladies Mystery Fun Day, 10:45 am
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Special Election
- 22-23 Youth Campout
- 23 Community Free Lunch Saturday
- 27 Grief Group Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 30 Churchwide Work Day

Wednesday Night Activities

We encourage you and your family to join us on Wednesday evenings for our meal and then activities for all the family. 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

April

- 10 LifeLine Screening
- 10 Grief Group Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 14 Palm Sunday, CTO Easter Program
- 18 Disciples Service at 7:00 pm
- 20 Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 Easter, Directory Photo Shoot
- 24 Grief Group Meeting at 7:30 pm
- 26 Gwinnett College Graduation
- 28 Directory Photo Shoot

Every Week

Sunday:

9:30 am	Sunday School Classes, Bell Choir	
	Practice	
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 Adult Electives

We encourage everyone to join us on Wednesday nights! The musically inclined have Choir and Orchestra rehearsal each week at 6:30 pm. Children and teens have activities and Bible studies for them each week also beginning at 6:30 pm. And everyone has a meal beginning at 5:45 pm! Now, for adults, we offer 3 Electives at 7pm to choose from:

1) "Unique, Unknown, and Udderly Interesting Stories of the Bible"—this Bible study is in the FLC and is taught by a Cast of Characters

2) "Happiness", a Bible study led by Tony Dyer meets in the Open Circle room in the Sanctuary. This study will meet all the way through the month of March.

3) An "Open" Grief Recovery support group meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Ladies classroom, also in the Sanctuary. This group is called "Open" because it truly is open for you to come and be a part of it without long-term commitment. It is available for anyone who is experiencing grief and is led by Deana Porter. The 1st meeting is March 27th.

See you on Wednesdays!

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