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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Old Testament. What do we have, here? "The First Testament." "Jesus' Bible." "A collection of old myths that are sometimes interesting, sometimes cruel, sometimes boring, and always irrelevant." Depends on who you ask, opinions vary! What do you say?

I hope you'll give it a try and read through it during the summer months with us! As you know, we've been reading through and preaching through the whole Bible in 2019. January through April we studied the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and found there the marvelous and matchless story of Jesus. Then, in May we opened the Book of Acts and saw powerful stories of life-change and conversion. Now, in the Summer months we will plan to read through God's dealings with the Israelites in Genesis-Malachi. Our message will focus on 13 characters.

We will find not 13 old people with nothing to say to us, but people eerily familiar...whose lives look like they are headed to something potentially good and then. And then. And then there is a decision to be made. A crisis to handle. A direction to turn. Some of these men and women astonish everyone, including themselves—it went well, incredibly well! The ramifications from the course they choose blessed generations! Ahh, but others

didn't turn out so well. They chose...wrongly. And that impact was profound, too. Their lives were, in this respect, just like ours! We face choices and decisions and crises too! Daily.

I look forward to reading the Old Testament with you. Hope you'll buckle up and join us!

VBS is June 2-6! Tell and bring a child. Pray!

Join us, too on Sunday night June 30 for a Classic Sunday Night! Uplifting music at 5 pm; hotdogs and homemade ice cream at 6 pm! Tell a friend and see you there—

Love to all—

Tony



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SERMON SERIES

Message Series for 2019: "I *Know* This is True" continues

Old Testament Messages

June 2 "Adam and Eve: Naked; Now What?",

Genesis 2:15-3:1

June 9 "Cain and Abel: Where's Mine?",

Genesis 4:1-7

June 16 "Abraham: Could ANY Father Pass This

Test?", Genesis 22:1-7

June 23 "Moses: Who Am I that I Should Go?",

Exodus 3:1-11, Josh Cox, preaching

June 30 "Rahab: Everything Risked on a

Promise?", Joshua 2:1-3

Wednesday Menu

JUNE

5 Vacation Bible School

12 Sponsored by our Elders

19 Sponsored by CTO

26 Sponsored by our Youth

Missions Spotlight

NORTH GEORGIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

North Georgia Christian Camp has been committed to providing a quality Christian camp in a loving, caring, and safe environment for over 30 years. The camp exists to be an extension of the local church, offering opportunities for all ages to learn, grow in the Lord, and be challenged to serve Him. Please remember all the kids that will be attending camp this upcoming summer! We have several attending camp if you would like for your child to go with someone you know. Check with Allison, or Josh if you have questions, and they can help you get registered. Please don't let cost be a factor for NOT going. We have sponsors if you need financial assistance. Visit our website www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions and search for North Georgia Christian Camp for more information!

LCC Music Ministry









CONGRATULATIONS to our 2019 high school graduates: Joey Akins, Andrew Espinal, Abbie Hocker, Julian Newman, Alysse Osuna, Kelsey Parks, Kris Smith, and Lauren West! We are proud of you! A HUGE THANK YOU to Ashley Cox, Max Umberger, Parker McAllister, Gabe Arroyo, and Pam Straughan for their help with the breakfast for our graduates! And another HUGE THANK YOU to Pam (again), Deanna Scott, Debbie Stephens, Brian Melton, Dwayne Wylds, and the amazing orchestra for their help with the ceremony during the worship service! I'd also like to thank Austin and Fiorella Morgan for their assistance with our LASER TAG event. Twenty-four of us enjoyed Laser Voyage Café to ourselves for a couple of hours one Saturday. As you can see from the pictures below, WE HAD A BLAST!



It's hard to believe that summer is almost here! With it, we say goodbye to our series AND THE MOUNTAIN CRUMBLED. On Wednesdays during the summer, we will be examining Bible stories and participating in activities that will re-enforce a sense of group identity. I want the youth group to be a place where each individual student is encouraged and maturing in his/her faith, but I also believe that happens best when each individual student realizes he/she has a role to play in the development of others. As for Sunday School, our study on the book of Hebrews will take us through the end of summer.

And summer also means CAMP! Every summer, our teenagers have the opportunity to experience God's love and truth in a unique way. Away from the noise and busyness of everyday life, North Georgia Christian Camp never fails to help youth connect with Jesus and his people. With programs designed for different ages and filled with worship, Biblical teaching, and a variety of exciting recreational activities, we highly recommend sending your children to camp! I will be taking 6th-8th graders to Teener 1 (June 9-14) and 9th-12th graders to Senior 2 (June 30 - July 5). You can register at www.christiancamp.net. The cost per student is \$215 (\$225 is paid within two weeks of camp), but don't let that be reason your student doesn't go! Talk to me and we'll make sure they're there! Thanks! - Josh



The next Wendy's Wednesday for the 6th-12th graders is June 5th. Following VBS, bring your students to Wendy's for a time of fellowship. (Contrary to how we usually do this, Josh will not be transporting the students from the church or from Wendy's.)



Teener 1 6th-8th grade June 9-14 Senior 2 9th-12th grade June 30 – July 5

Josh and Ashley Cox, along with a little help from their friends fed 70 graduates and their friends and family Sunday in the teen building. Pomp and Circumstance was played as the celebration continued in the worship service where Josh congratulated them all on their accomplishments. We are so proud of these young people! Pam Straughan





June 2nd-6th Vacation Bible School (VBS).



SUMMER CAMPS

June 20-22: North Georgia Christian

Camp (2nd-4th grade)

July 7-11: North Georgia Christian

Camp (3-5th grade)

Sundays:

For the pre-school class, kids will continue learning about the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They will be learning a song that teaches them Galatians 5: 16 and 22.

For the K-1st grade class, kids will be learning about the Beatitudes.

Wednesdays: Children are doing a series that looks at how God spoke to people in the bible through dreams, and encourages kids to explore God's dreams for them and the richness of God's developing plans for lives. Topics include: God's presence, God's plans, messages from God, using our gifts, and how to keep loving God.

MOTHER'S DAY

We combined all the classes in the KUC for Mother's Day. It's was a fun family style class with older students helping the young ones. We had a devotion from Psalms about Mom's and made cards to go with the plants we planted. Big thanks to Jill Lyew and Steve Straughan!











Local Missions Project: School Supplies for 'Back 2 School Bash'









The congregation of LCC has generously supported many types of missions over the years. This summer we are going to provide school supplies for the 'Back 2 School Bash' that will be held at the end of July.

We will be collecting specific items from the Gwinnett County School List on Sundays & Wednesdays during the month of July. However, many generic school supplies are available all year round, so we will have a designated area for donations in the FLC from May 1st until the end of July.

<u>Please Note</u>: these supplies will <u>not</u> be given to the Lilburn Co-op, but used as prizes at the 'Back 2 School Bash' by Allison and Josh.

We are asking you to pick up any of these generic school supplies during the months of May and June.

- Crayola brand colored markers
 - •both thin and thick packs
 - •both washable and permanent
- Colored pencils
- •Black & White composition notebooks
- •Crayola crayons (8, 16 or 24 packs)
- •EXPO dry erase markers
- •Glue sticks (6 packs)
- •Loose-leaf notebook paper
 - •Both college-rule and wide-rule
- Pencils (Ticonderoga brand)
- Plastic folders
 - •With fasteners/brads (blue, yellow, green, purple, orange)
 - •With pockets and prongs (red, green, blue, purple, yellow)

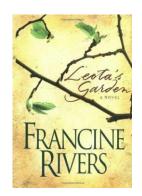
Any questions, please contact Rosie Bengtson, Allison or Josh.... Thank you.



Save the Date



The Sisters of Grace Women's Fellowship Ministry invites all the widows of Lilburn Christian Church to a complimentary luncheon on June 9 immediately following the worship service in the Family Life Center. If you can attend, please call Kandy in the church office at 770-921-2993 by June 5 so we know the amount of food to prepare.



Fiction July 8

B.A.S.H.

(Book and Salad/Spuds Hour)

July 8 and July 22 7:00 pm

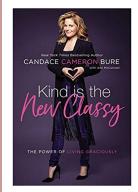
Dinner and discussion will be in the Family Life Center.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.

All women who enjoy reading are invited to attend.

Books can be borrowed from the Gwinnett County Library, or purchased at a book store. Cathy Wade can submit an order for both books for you if wanted. The cost will be \$15 for the two books. Please let her know ASAP if a book(s) should be ordered for you.

Her phone number is 404-867-6102. We look forward to seeing you there!



Non-Fiction July 22

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		



Gal's Get-Away September 27, 28, 29

The 2019 Gal's Get-Away will be held Sept. 27-29 in Nashville, TN. Our study topic is "Being a Mary in a Martha's World" and will include sessions on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday mornings. Saturday afternoon and evening will be free time to explore the many attractions in the Nashville area.

The cost is \$175, which includes two nights lodging at Comfort Inn & Suites and three meals, plus study materials. The down payment of \$87.50 is due by June 23, with the balance due by August 25. Checks can be made payable to the church with Gal's Get-Away on the memo line. They can be placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the attention of Lynn Akins at the church, 314 Arcado Road, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center in the Foyer of the Sanctuary.



EASTER EGG EVENT

All children made a Resurrection Egg carton. Over 60 students heard the Resurrection story. What a blessing to be a part of a church that keeps Jesus at the center of Easter and our lives.

Thanks to all the people who participated!

We had:

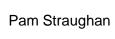
12 stations

12 scriptures

12 Lessons

11 objects (do you know why only 11?)

12 enthusiastic teachers













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

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





Only one more month until 'Christmas in July' is here!!

If interested, please contact Rosie or Pam.

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>, <u>July 20th from 10:00 am to 1:00</u> pm in the Family Life Center

These no-sew Folded Fabric Ornaments are really easy to make and do not have to be Christmas colors or fabric. Spring/Easter fabrics are on sale. Patriotic prints in red, white and blue are available, as well...

If this is the first time you have seen this article and want to use Christmas material, or if you need some fabric to coordinate with yours, let us know.

If you have some fabric you want to share, please bring it with you.

<u>Materials (per ornament – in case you want to make more than one):</u>

- 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..)

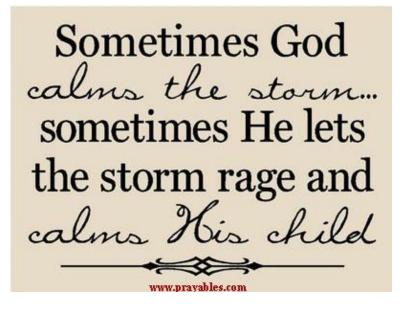
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Bob Collier
Jim Gurr
Jamila Coleman
Jasmine Coleman
Family of Russ Burchfield
Barbara Johnson
Donna Anderson
Diane Shelton
Betty Hubbard
Sandra Amrhein
Gensie McDonald

Augustus & Mary
Lakpor
Teresa Herring
Scott Phillips
Jason Newman
Marcia Heinz
Glenda Middleton
Wayne Starling
Trish Elkins
Robert Humphrey
Peggy McCord
Brian Melton's Family

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





We currently have 3 prayer beepers out. We have updated the messages as follows:

Marcia Heinz - prayer beeper number is 770-929-5114

Here is the message you will hear - Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Marcia Heinz. Her doctors are very pleased with her healing process after undergoing Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatments for several weeks. Please pray for continued healing and blessings for her caregivers. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

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 home now after several weeks of rehab. Her current prayer request is strengthening in her legs and Godly confidence to walk. 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.

Gensie McDonald - prayer beeper is 770-929-5130

Here is the message you will hear — Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Gensie McDonald. She is continuing chemo-therapy as a precaution, although there are no signs of cancer at this time. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

1 VBS Prep Day 2 Spanish Breakfast Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 8:30 pm 2-6 6th-8th Grade Camp at North GA Christian 9-14 Camp Luncheon for LCC Widows in FLC 9 15 Christmas Preview for Choir, Orchestra & Tech, 10 am – Noon. 16 Father's Day 20-22 Beginner's Camp at North GA Christian Camp (2nd – 4th Grade) 23 Baby Shower for Celia Renshaw Classic Sunday Night at 5:00 pm 30 30-July 5 Camp at North GA Christian Camp for 9th-12th Grade

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 – Off for the

Summer

Wednesday:

6:30 pm KUC, Youth, Choir, Tech &

Orchestra

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

July

- 4 Independence Day Holiday
- 7-11 Camp at North GA Christian Camp for 3rd
 5th Grades]
- 8 Ladies B.A.S.H. in FLC at 7 pm
- 20 Christmas in July in FLC
- 22 Ladies B.A.S.H in FLC at 7 pm
- 27 Back to School Work Day in FLC, 10 am 2 pm
- 28 Youth Pool Party
- 31 Back to School BASH

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



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