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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

These Old Testament characters are something else! They faced crises just like we do—giants, temptresses, their own weaknesses and faux pas. Often, when faced with a choice, they went the wrong way. The Scriptures record their stories, warts and all, and we get the chance to learn from their miscues!

Sometimes as we read, it is hard to believe what we witnessing. How could anyone be so_____(and you fill in the blank!). They could be their own worst enemies. "You know how this is going to turn out, don't you?", we think as we see it happening.

Other times, they stand tall. Their heroism and bravery inspires!

I wonder what others are thinking as they watch *us*! Easy to see what *others* ought to be doing when they face a crisis; not so easy when it is us before a giant! Do I have what it takes to be heroic, or even semi-heroic?

Ahh, help me, dear Lord! Give me strength to live for You, to choose the right way in the crunch, when the pressure is immense, when the situation is critical! I believe He is there to guide; will we seek Him out when the situation really matters? I hope we will. And when we don't do the right thing, I am grateful for grace. For a 2nd chance. Here's a wonderful Old Testament passage:

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. -Psalm 103:9-12

Keep reading through the Old Testament with us! See you Sunday—

Tony



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		Old Testament Messages		lednesday Menu _{JULY}		
	July 7 July 14	"Samson: Delilah, or God?", Judges 16:4-16 "Ruth: Loyal in EVERY Way",	3 10 17	JULY No Meal No Meal No Meal		
	July 21	Ruth 1:8-15 "David: Too Tall?",	24 31	No Meal TBD		
		1 Samuel 17:1-8, Josh Cox, preaching	1			
	July 28	"Solomon: A Wise Fool", 1 Kings 3:1-14; 11:1)			

Brain Freeze!!!

What do you do after you have a Spirt filled, Patriotic morning worship service? Come back in the evening and do it again!

The evening service was comprised of new and old hymns, as well as the Bell Choir and special music selections. The Holy Spirit definitely showed up again! After the evening service over 200 people ate hotdogs and had a choice over 17 flavors of home-made Ice Cream.

There was a lot of brain freeze and sugar highs. We had to turn the lights off to close down the gym because the fellowship was so great. We should have this problem after every service. This event created such a sense of family and community. Psalm 55:14 Sweet Fellowship together.... Pam Straughan













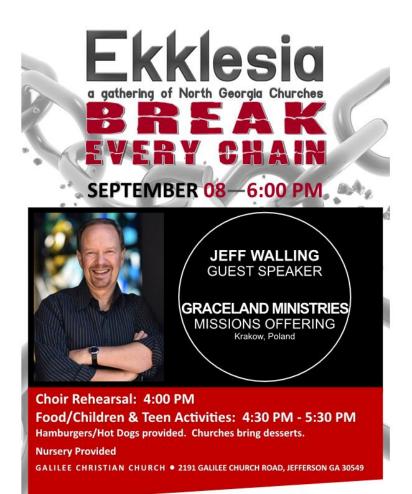




LCC Music Ministry

Our Classic Sunday night had a total of 78 Choir, Orchestra & Tech members along with over 200 attendees sharing in the singing and enjoying the fellowship afterwards with hot dogs and homemade ice cream. It was a wonderful day and night services. We went out with a band. What a great season! We added new members and are excited about our new Season beginning Wednesday, August 7. Come join us and be a part of an exciting Ministry!





Ekklesia is Sunday, September 8. Our LCC Choir, Orchestra & Tech Team will be leading the Worship again this year headed up by Dwayne Wylds. We will have a reheasrsal on Sat., August 24 from 10:00 am – Noon for all that will be participating in the music portion of this event. Call time on Sept. 8 is 4:00 pm.

STUDENT MINISTRY



Our middle schoolers had an awesome time at NGCC's Teener 1 Camp! We had twelve students, plus several helpers! (Max Umberber, Parker McAlister, Tatiyanna Pickney, and Ashley Cox selflessly spent their weeks ministering to these campers-a HUGE thanks to each of you!) High schoolers, it's not too late to sign up for Senior 2! You can do that online at www.christiancamp.net. The dates are June 30-July 5. Away from the noise and busyness of everyday life, North Georgia Christian Camp never fails to help youth connect with Jesus and His people! If you have questions, or need help covering the cost, let me know.

On Wednesdays, we're getting back to the basics. What is faith? What exactly does the church teach? Why does this matter? What does faith mean for me? It seems like many youth have these questions, so we're getting back to the basics to help ensure our students have a strong, biblical foundation rooted in a thriving, ongoing relationship with Jesus. And during Sunday School, we're continuing our study on the book of Hebrews.

As for other events in July:

•The youth group will have a pool party at Jeff & Debbie Stephens' home on Sunday, July 28 from 1:00-3:30 pm. Lunch is included. If anyone needs a ride, I'll be driving the church van.

•Our church-wide BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH is Wednesday, July 31st! In addition to the inflatables and food, we'll also be distributing school supplies.

•No WENDY'S WEDNESDAY in July.

As always, I'm here for you! Keep me informed of ball games, concerts, etc., so I can support our teens. Thanks! - Josh





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

June Recap

We had a great week at vacation bible school where kids learned all week that when life is crazy, God is good! We had about 85+ kids each night and of those about 35 were visitors! We had about 30 students from the youth group and about 50 adult volunteers helping each night. Each year, not only do we teach children about our mighty God, but we encourage them to give back and support a special mission and this year the kids raised almost \$1100 to support the Sunbelt Christian Youth Ranch!

VBS is definitely a church wide effort and would not be possible without all of those helped. You helped prep for the crafts, decorate the rooms and the stage, move chairs, you were crew leaders who loved on the kids and got them where they needed to be, you put on Band-Aids, you told the bible stories in exciting ways, you put on costumes and helped act out the stories to keep their attention, you helped kids memorize verses and showed them videos about real people in Africa who have a heart for God despite their circumstances, you were part of kitchen crew who prepared meals for all 165+ people here each night, you cleaned tables, took out trash, did the lead recreation, prayed fervently, donated money and donated items and so much more. We even raised about \$1000 from the congregation to support VBS. So many generous people made VBS a great week! Thank you all so much!

Please see our Facebook page and website for pictures.

Sundays:

For the preschool class, kids will continue learning the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They will be learning a song that teaches them Galatians 5: 16 and 22 for their memory verse. "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh; But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol."

For the K-1st grade class, kids will be learning about the Beatitudes, eight blessings promised to those who seek Jesus and live for him. The Beatitudes can change the way we look at life and help us to live in a way that honors Jesus. **Memory Verse:** *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)*

July:	No dinner; activities begin at 6:30 and end 8:00 No Activities				
3-Jul					
10-Jul	Allison and 3rd-5th graders at camp	Mystery fun night	with Ashley and Jill	No van	
17-Jul		Mystery Fun Night	with Pam		
24-Jul		Pool Party	Pool Party at Allison's (1153 Staples Dr)	We will take the van from church to Allison's leaving at 6:30 sharp. Will need some parents to drive and stay. Will return to church at 8:15. There will be a sign-up sheet in the KUC for kids and parents who want to help.	
31-Jul		Back to School Bash	All ages	We will have back packs and school supplies. Please see Allison ASAP if you would like to receive a back pack. More details to come.	

Wednesdays:

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.

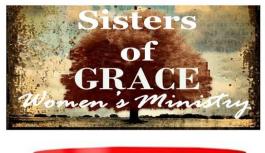
We will be collecting specific items from the Gwinnett County School List for Knight Elementary and Trickum Middle School.

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

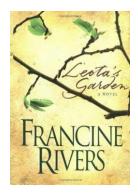
There is a box in the sanctuary foyer designated for 'Back 2 School Bash' supplies. We are concentrating on specific items each week of July. However, you are welcome to bring any items on this list at any time.

<u>Sunday, July 7th – Crayons, Markers, Pencils,</u>	<u>Sunday, July 14th – Folders, Binders and Miscellaneous</u>		
<u>Paper, etc</u>	Plastic folders		
Crayola brand colored markers	With fasteners/brads (red, blue, yellow, green,		
both thin and thick packs	purple, orange)		
both washable and permanent	With pockets and prongs (red, green, blue, purple,		
Colored pencils (box)	yellow)		
Crayola crayons (8, 16 or 24 packs)	3-pocket folders with prongs (assorted colors)		
EXPO dry erase markers	Binder dividers (set)		
Highlighters (multi-color pack: Yellow, Orange, Pink,	3-ring binder		
Blue)	Blank index cards (3x5)		
Pencils (Ticonderoga brand) – packs of 24	Glue sticks (6 packs)		
Ink Pens (pack of blue, black, red)	Large pink erasers		
Black & White composition notebooks	Child-size scissors		
Loose-leaf notebook paper	Headphones or earbuds (\$5.00)		
Both college-rule and wide-rule			
Copy paper (ream)	<u>Sunday, July 21st – housekeeping items</u>		
	Baby wipes (large pack)		
	Band-Aids (box)		
	Clorox wipes (container)		
Note: we are having a workday on Saturday,	Hand sanitizer		
uly 27 th from 10:00 – 2:00 to sort donations and	Kleenex – large box		
orepare them for the 'Back 2 School Bash'.	Ziploc bags (small sandwich size, quart size and gallon size)		

pi Please join us if you can!







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. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Non-Fiction July 22



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 July 7**, 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.

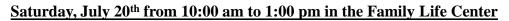
Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Foyer of the Sanctuary.

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)

'Christmas in July' is here!





There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can have a good count.

We are making no-sew Folded Fabric Ornaments. They are really easy to make and do not have to be Christmas colors. Please bring your fabric (pre-cut or not) and other required supplies.

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

We plan on serving some light snacks, let us know if you are willing to bring some.

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

¹/₄ 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 (¹/₂ 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..)

Any questions: contact Rosie Bengtson or Pam Straughan



Bob Collier Jim Gurr Jamila Coleman Jasmine Coleman 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 Robert Humphrey Peggy McCord Ann Crain Kandy Davidson Elly Bryarly Peggy Newton Annie Zirkle

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

WELCOME to our newest MEMBERS!



Chris and Peggy Newton June 30, 2019



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

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
- 27 Men's Breakfast 8-10 am
- 28 Youth Pool Party
- 31 Back to School BASH

August

- 7 School starts back
- 10 Men's Breakfast, 8-10 am
- 17 Youth Tubing
- 18 CTO Practice 1:30 3:00 pm
- 24 CTO Practice for Ekklesia 10 am Noon
- 31 CTO Practice for Ekklesia 10 am Noon

Every Week

Sunday:

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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, however, our Choir,			
	Tech & Orchestra are off for the			
	Summer			
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study			

Wednesday Nights in July

We will be "off" on July 3, but on the rest of the month, we invite you to join us! On July 10, 17, and 24 we will have activities for children and youth, and the adults will have a Bible study and prayer time at 7 pm. Then, on July 31 there will be a "Back to School Bash", with a hamburger and hotdog meal at 5:45 pm, followed by activities for all ages. We'll be looking for you! Lilburn Christian Church 314 Arcado Road Lilburn, GA 30047 Phone: 770-921-2993 Fax: 770-921-6569



