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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I remember reading an article called, "The Series That Didn't Get a Vote", where a preacher polled his congregation asking for topics about which they'd like to hear messages. The usual subjects appeared, of course, but no one asked for a sermon on giving! So that's what he wrote his article about. Well, my newest series is not on giving, but it is on a subject about which I hope there will be considerable interest: "Heaven"! Jesus had a lot to say about Hell and punishment, and we'll cover that some other time (usually "Hell" doesn't get a vote either!) But "Heaven"—this is the one subject that might get a 100% vote!

It's funny, but Heaven is a place everyone wants to go, but few know anything about it! In fact, Scripture says quite a bit about this place, and many of us who have been coming to church and reading our Bibles for years have missed out on the sweetness that is described for us. A *Farside* cartoon showed a bored guy

sitting on a cloud with harp, and the caption read: "I wish I'd brought a magazine"! I assure you, no one will be bored in Heaven (or be sitting on a cloud either, for that matter).

I hope you'll join us for this series as we ponder questions that have always interested us ("Will we know each other in Heaven?"



"Will we have bodies in Heaven?" "What will we do all day?" "Will we drink coffee there?") and study God's Word together on this

vital subject. Many of our Sunday School classes will be studying "Heaven", and I hope you'll be a part of it. An old country song said, "*Everybody talkin' 'bout Heaven ain't goin' there*", and while that's true, Heaven IS for real and is truly promised to all who love Jesus as Savior! I look forward BOTH to going to Heaven and to studying with you about it! See you then—

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

## APRIL MESSAGES

- April 3: "Looking Forward",  
2 Peter 3:3-14
- April 10: "Paradise", Luke 23:32-43
- April 17: "Eden, Again",  
Romans 8:18-25
- April 24: "Fulfillment, At Last",  
Revelation 22:1-5
- May 1: "Everything is New",  
Revelation 21:1-5
- May 8: "Caught Up Together",  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- May 15 "Dreams Come True",  
Luke 6:17-23



## Wednesday Menu

### April

- 6 Pizza  
13 Tacos  
20 Spaghetti  
27 Sub Sandwichs

### May

- 4 Medallions of Roast Pork  
11 Poppyseed Chicken  
18 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs  
25 Spaghetti

About 50 scouts and LCC members came out to clean, mow, weed and decorate on Saturday. Many hands make lighter work!  
Thanks to Deanna and Eric for leading this event.







We had 7 Goodfriends take a short bus trip with Mt. Carmel Christian Church's Young-At-Heart senior group on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We rode down to Jackson, GA and had lunch at Buckner's Family Restaurant. We had a total of 31 people on the bus, plus about 20 Mt. Carmel folks joined us for lunch on their way down to Daytona. The weather was spectacular, and we were blessed by the generosity of someone from Mt. Carmel who picked up the tab for lunch.



They serve southern style meals.  
And it was delicious!

The Thursday menu is

- Fried Chicken (crisp and juicy)
- Country Fried Steak & Gravy
- Stewed Tomatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Boiled Cabbage
- Pinto Beans
- Green Beans
- Coleslaw
- Peach Cobbler
- Rolls & Corn Bread



We stopped at Tanger Outlet Center on the return trip for some shopping. Several of us found great bargains (and some of us stayed on the bus and took a nap...)



**Next Event: Thursday, April 21, 2016 = Service Project VBS prep**

We will meet in the Family Life Center at 9:30 am for a short devotion. Then, we will help Ms. Robyn do preparations for VBS. This is a great opportunity to serve. We will trace and cut stuff out, paint things, punch holes, put mailing labels on VBS mailings and anything else Ms. Robyn can think of! We will be going to AgaVero Mexican restaurant for lunch, so you will need lunch money that day. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



# Interested?

Goodfriends is a group for people age 50+ and their friends (young or not-so-young, young at heart or young in spirit).

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; or Janet Curtiss 540-819-3846.

Goodfriends Cont.

The sign-up sheets for both April and May are at the Welcome Center.

### Goodfriends Calendar Updates

**April 21: Service Project: VBS prep plus lunch at AgaVero Mexican restaurant**

**May 19: ABC Pottery Art Studio at Sugarloaf Mills, plus lunch in food court**

**June 16: Service Project: make tray cards for Life Care Center of Lawrenceville**

**July 21: Deliver tray cards to Life Care Center of Lawrenceville (Collins Ind'l Way) + lunch somewhere**

Sign-up sheet for each month will be at the Welcome Center.

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# LCC Music Ministry

The LCC Choir and Orchestra led us in an amazing worship service on Palm Sunday! You could feel the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all the members and visitors. We are not meant to be ordinary - We are meant to thrive!



From Palm Sunday to Disciples Service to Easter!



What an incredible Easter worship service. The choir and orchestra started with the Hallelujah Chorus and went up from there! Many thanks to everyone that helped make all these events possible to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ !

# Easter Breakfast



Best Easter breakfast ever!! Biscuits and gray with eggs and sausage! It doesn't get better then that - Oh yes it does - the men cooked it !!!!!



*Missions Spotlight*



This reminds us that there are many who are still being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray for this mission over the next month. HiraLal Marawi, Lakhan Lal, Sewak Lal and Anoop Singh accepted Christ as their Savior on the 7th of January. When extremist in the area came to know about this, they were enraged and tried to force the four to return back to their previous faith. Hiralal, prior to accepting Christ as his Savior had also inflicted atrocities upon Christians. He was an alcoholic and often used bad language. When his parents died suddenly, Hiralal could not bear the loss and suffered depression. The mission's evangelist came to know about his situation so he went to him, prayed and shared the Gospel. Gradually he repented and accepted Christ as his savior and was baptized. Along with him, three others, who were extremist, Lakhan Lal, Sevak Lal and Anoop Singh were also baptized.







## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### HAITI MISSIONS TRIP

July 10-22

Cost: \$950

We currently have seven people signed up. There is room for a few more. Please see Shane Hankinson if you are interested in going.



## CAVE QUEST VBS

FOLLOWING JESUS - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>-THURSDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

VBS IS FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS - 5TH GRADE AND IS THE GRADE YOU JUST COMPLETED. WE WILL HAVE A CLASS FOR OUR OWN 2 YEAR OLDS BUT WILL NOT TAKE VISITORS YOUNGER THAN AGE 3.

THERE WILL NOT BE A CLOSING PROGRAM ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>. WE WILL EXTEND OUR

THURSDAY NIGHT PROGRAM BY 30 MINUTES INSTEAD.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED:

2 liter soda bottles

Battery-powered tea lights

Bottle of Elmer's Glue or Similar

Use of Small Spot Lights for Indoor Decorations

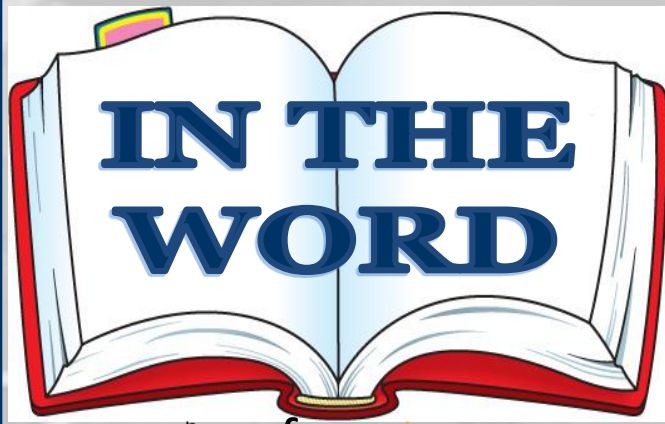
Monetary Donations



T-shirts will be available Sunday, May 1st  
\$5.00 for children and \$8.00 for adults

**VBS WORKDAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 10:00 - 2:00**

If you have any business contacts for companies that may be willing to donate supplies for VBS, please contact Robyn Hudson.



from  
**A to Z**

# WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Our 1st-5th graders are continuing in our "In the WORD From A-Z" series on Wednesday nights. Here are some photos from when we marched around the City of Jericho and the walls fell down and from the night different children got to experience the role of playing wise King Solomon. We are so grateful for the following Wacky Wednesday Crew:

*Jill & Ray Lyew, Ana Linen, Sophe Goodwin, Michelle Roberts, Lauren West, Shannon Goeckel, Bobby Rakowitz, Andre & Kristin Turpin, Jeff & Allison McAlister, Gerald Hudson, Pam Straughan, Henriette Wilke, Vicky Levy-Harrison, Margie Wheeler, Dixie Grimm and Lyn Goeckel*








# *Sisters of Grace*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**IT'S A SECRET!!**

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Meet in the FLC at 11:00 am

Cost: \$25

All Teenage Girls and all Women at LCC are invited.

Sign Up in the Foyer!

Save the date, October 21 & 22 for  
our Gal's Getaway at  
Callaway Gardens.

More information will be provided  
as details are finalized.



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

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Betty Hubbard	678-446-7926	Pam Morgan	404-697-4293
Cathy Wade	404-867-6102		

# CHILI COOK-OFF



Winners of Our Chili Cook off and Trivia night are:

Olivia Fox - Kids

Teagan Merrill - Kids game

Dylan Francis - Mens Bake off

Jeff Kloss - Medium (I think)

Karen Lee - Unique (I think)

Shane Hankinson - Hot

Straughan Smarties - Table Decoration and Team Spirit

Straughan Smarties - Smartest table in the room - TRIVIA Winners





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## April

- 3 Spring Break Begins
- 6 Normal Wed. night activities
- 10 Directory photos; AHG
- 17 Directory photos; AHG
- 21 Goodfriends in FLC for VBS Prep
- 22 Gwinnett College Graduation
- 23 Ministry Team Leader Meeting; Ladies  
Mystery Fun Day; VBS Work Day
- 28 Berkmar Awards Ceremony

## May

- 1 AHG
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 8 Mother's Day
- 19 Bethesda Awards Ceremony; 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Graduate to CAYAC; Goodfriends
- 20 Onward Day Care Graduation
- 22 LCC Graduation Sunday; AHG Court of Awards
- 24 General Primary Election; Last Day of School for  
Gwinnett, & Walton Counties
- 28 VBS Work Day
- 30 Memorial Day

### TEEN PRAYER SERIES

Loida and Luis Feliciano did an amazing skit on the POWER of prayer.



## 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
- 7:00-8:00 Boy Scout Meeting

### Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00-8:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting

### Wed. Night Teen Worship





# Prayer Requests

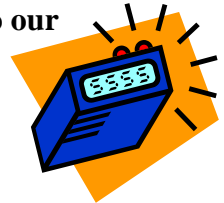
## Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Diane Shelton
Sami Lyew	Judy & Paul Stevenson
Donna Hill	John & Dotty Fulgham
Bob Collier	Scott Phillips
Jim Gurr	Carl & Louis Johnson
Gary Korb	Wanita Straughan
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Family of Gene Connor
Michael Rose	Gaynell Hicks
Jamila Coleman	Yvonne Daniell
Sharon Townsend	Harold Everett

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

## Prayer Bleepers:

**Currently, we have no prayer beepers out. However, please remember to check the bulletin for our church prayer list and lift them up to our Lord every day.**



## BAPTISM



**The Kloss Family celebrates  
Natalie's Baptism**



**Natalie Kloss  
March 6, 2016**



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**"Mission Trip to Lilburn"**

