



# ~~CONNECTIONS~~

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Identifying marks are on everything we own. I remember going to church camp as a young 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boy seeing several of the other boys having their names written on their underwear (why some thought anyone would take someone else's underwear is a fact I don't recall). Our names or initials are etched in metal. Our computers are password protected with ID info only we know. Our cell phones can only be unlocked with our thumbprints. We just got a new dog and the poor guy has about 5 tags he wears around on his neck. He even has a computer microchip somewhere (I was afraid to ask where) which ID's him as ours. Everything and everyone belongs to someone.

Whose name do you bear? Who has the microchip with your info? This part of it is interesting: we get a vote on it! No one owns us. If someone or something seems to have a control on our lives, and we find this control to be objectionable, we can walk. It's that simple!

In Jesus' day some wanted to be near Him and hear more. Some wanted Him to touch them, thinking they'd get a blessing out of that. Some went along in the countryside and from town to town—soaking up the atmosphere and listening to and participating in the discussion about Him. But they never wore His microchip. His mark was never etched on their bodies. His Name was never on them. He walked a path—and they were near it, watched it, saw it—but never walked it themselves.

But not us. We do have His Name on us. We belong to Him more than we belong to the sports teams we cheer for, the political candidates we support, the company we work for, the school we attend, and, this one is really tough, more even than the person to whom we are married!

Luke 14:25-27 says large crowds traveled with Jesus. But the story there indicates they kept their respectful distance. Jesus called

them, and any who would come after Him, to stop merely traveling around and become...followers. Followers hate everything and everyone else, in compared to the loyalty they feel for Him. Followers may attend a certain school, but they really live to learn about Him. Followers may work for whatever company, but He is the boss they truly serve. Followers bear His Name, His mark. The life-trajectory of the follower of Christ is easily seen in contrast to those only in the crowd!

We are followers. We. Are. Followers. That's what LCC

is about. Following Jesus is what we are about. It is our ID. We start a new series of messages this month about this! We'll talk about what followers are and what they do and how someone might become one. Read Luke 14:25-27! I hope you'll join us for these messages. More, I hope and pray you will become a follower!



*Give me one pure and holy passion.*

*Give me one magnificent obsession.*

*Jesus, give me one glorious ambition for my life:*

*To know and follow hard after You...*

*To grow as Your disciple in the Truth,*

*This world is empty, pale, and poor*

*Compared to knowing You my Lord.*

*Lead me on, and I will run after You.*

Thank you for being a part of LCC, and for your prayers for our church and for me. God bless you—see you Sunday—

Tony

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# ***SERMON SERIES***

**"Where Cultures Meet Christ"**

## **AUGUST MESSAGES**

### **"We Are Followers", Luke 14:25-27**

August 7: "We Trust ", John 4:39-42

August 14: "We Obey", John 17:14-17

August 21: "We Belong", Ephesians  
4:3-6, 11-17

August 28: "We Share", John 13:34-35

## *Wednesday Menu*

### **August**

20	Spaghetti
17	Roast Pork
24	Chicken Pot Pie
31	Hamburgers & Hot Dogs



August Mission Spotlight- Campus ministries of Georgia Tech and UGA. As many students return to college please remember both of these campus ministries and the work they do to minister to students. This is a great way for students to get involved. Many of them are away from their families and church families for the first time in their life which can be very scary!

If you know a student attending either UGA or GA Tech, please encourage them to seek out Rick Harper from GA Tech, or Donnie Holliday from UGA, and find ways for them to get involved with these ministries. There's host of activities for Freshmen and for students already enrolled including mission trips, fellowship, free meals, small groups etc.



On July 21<sup>st</sup>, we had 9 ½ Goodfriends go to Life Care Center of Lawrenceville (off Hwy 316 and Collins Hill Road) to deliver the 108 tray cards we made for our service project in June. FYI - Rian Hubbard is our junior Goodfriend and counted as the half! Cindy Slater (our trumpet player in the orchestra) met us in the lobby and divided the troops into 3 groups to make their way down the various hallways. We got to chat with some of the residents and staff as we handed out the decorated cards. We were well-received and even got some prayer requests along the way. Hopefully, the scriptures we used on the tray cards will encourage them. When we were finished, we went to The Peachtree Café on Clayton Street in Lawrenceville. We enjoyed an abundance of food – from sweet potato waffles (and other breakfast items) to Panini and Reuben sandwiches. It's always good fun and good food with the Goodfriends!

*I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints.*

*Psalms 52:9 NIV*

*Agree and have concern and love for each other. You should also be kind and humble. Don't be hateful and insult people... Treat everyone with kindness. You are God's chosen ones, and He will bless you.*

*1 Peter 3:8-9 CEV*

YOU WILL KNOW I AM THE LORD.  
ANYONE WHO TRUSTS IN ME  
WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.

ISAIAH 49:23 NCV

*My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

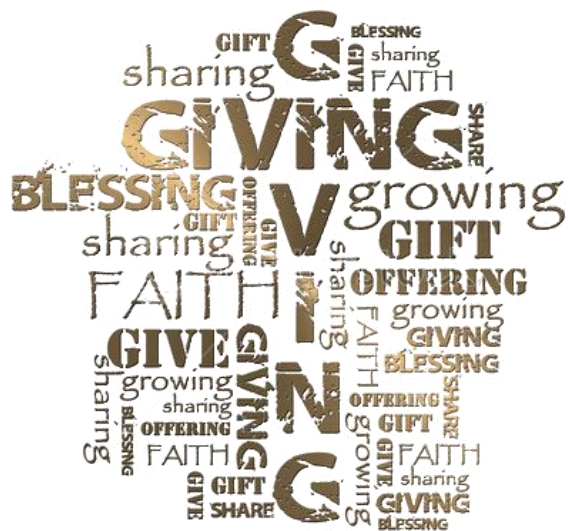
*John 14:27 NIV*

## *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.





### Upcoming Events:



**October 20<sup>th</sup> – we are going to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to see Chihuly in the Garden, an exhibition of spectacular works of art by internationally acclaimed artist, Dale Chihuly.**



We look forward to this coming season, which starts back in August. Upcoming concerts are (not to mention Christmas):

August 14	C&O Rehearsal 2:00-3:30 pm
August 28	Whistleville Christian Church Concert at 6:00 pm
September 24	C&O Rehearsal for Ekklesia 10 am - Noon
October 2	Gallilee Christian Church/Ekklesia at 6:00 pm

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# HOMECOMING

**Where memories are  
shared and remembered**

**2016**

Homecoming is right around the corner. It will be a covered dish so please bring a meat, 2 veggies, bread, dessert and drink. Bring enough for your family and extra for others.

Homecoming is about memories. We need everyone to bring "copies" of their favorite church memories. We need 2 pictures per person or 4 per family. Please make all pictures 4x6 only. You can give them to either Diane Shelton or Michael Rose no later than the Sunday before homecoming. Please put the date or year the picture was taken and who are in the pictures.

Volunteers are also needed. We need people to help get the food when it arrives and set it out before service lets out Homecoming Sunday. We need people for clean up as well. If you would like to help, please email Michael@ [piercedspike00@gmail.com](mailto:piercedspike00@gmail.com) with your name and number.



# *Sisters of Grace*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

More information will be provided as  
details are finalized. Registration will  
start soon.

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### August

- 03 Pokehunt at Lilburn Park 6-8 pm
- 10 Normal Wednesday Night activities start back.
- 14 C&O practice 2:00-3:30 pm; AHG 3:30-5:00 pm
- 28 C&O Concert at Whistleville Christian Church; AHG 2-4 pm

### September

- 5 Labor Day
- 11 AHG
- 17 AHG Service Project
- 18 Homecoming
- 24 C&O Practice for Ekklesia 10 am – Noon
- 25 AHG 2-4 pm

### 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

BABY  
GIRL

**Congratulations to Betty Chow and Will Tang in the birth of their daughter Sophie, born at 2:10 a.m. this morning! Sophie weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz, and is 20 ½ inches long. Mother and daughter are doing well, and request your prayers. Raul and Maria Chow are the happy grandparents.**

**Congratulations to Topeka & Brandon Anderson on the birth of their daughter, Hiraya Anais Anderson  
6/13/16 @ 2:06am  
5lbs 11.9oz 19in**







# Prayer Requests

## Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Carl & Louis Johnson
Sami Lyew	Gaynell Hicks
Donna Hill	Russ Burchfield
Bob Collier	Connie Barefield
Jim Gurr	Family of Douglas Fraser
Gary Korb	Connie Miller
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Gary Wilson
Jamila Coleman	Family of Leon Cole
Sharon Townsend	Glenda Middleton
Judy Steverson	Vicky Levy-Harrison
Dotty Fulgham	Barbara Johnson

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

## 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 3 prayer beepers out.

### **Feliciano family: number 770-929-5115**

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for the Feliciano family. They were involved in a serious car accident when someone ran a red light and T-boned them. Praise God they were not seriously injured and are recovering at home. Please pray for comfort as they continue to heal from multiple bumps and bruises. Press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to them. Thank you.

### **Connie Miller: number 770-929-5157**

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Connie Miller. She has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for strength and endurance as she undergoes chemo treatments. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cayac Kick-off August 10th- Thrive is ready to lead us in worship and we will be starting an 8 week "Personality Boot Camp".

Deeper Life Retreats- Deeper life retreats are an incredible experience, a faith building weekend, a friend making weekend, a God worshipping weekend.

We want every Middle School student to go to the deeper life retreat this September 9-11. Only \$20

We want every High School student to go to the deeper life retreat this November 11-13. Only \$20





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**"LCC: Where Cultures Meet Christ"**

**Join us for our upcoming sermon series beginning August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

