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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

News flash: Marriage isn't very strong these days as an institution! You knew that, didn't you?

-Item: Americans are getting married later and later. The average age of first marriage in the U. S. is 27 for women and 29 for men, up from 23 for women and 26 for men in 1990, and 20 and 22 in 1960.

-Item: Fewer Americans are getting married. Among the total population ages 18 and older, the proportion married dropped from 57% in 2000 to 52% in 2009. This is the lowest % recorded since information on marital status was first collected by the U.S.

Census Bureau more than 100 years ago.

-Item: Positive role models in forming a happy marriage are hard to find! Even in the Bible. Cautionary tales abound. "Ouch! Whatever you do, don't do *THAT!*"

All this is true. Still, marriage is taught in Scripture as a gift of God. A positive, affirming, uplifting, enjoyable gift of God! I believe the church always ought to be about the business of strengthening and blessing marriage. We should help those who are struggling and celebrate those who are succeeding. Above all, we

should teach God's plan to all and encourage the married and the single who are considering marriage that "It STILL can be done!"

I plan a new series of messages called, "A Man and a Woman: Made For Each Other" that begins in February. For this series we will go back to the beginning—to Genesis! We men hate reading instructions. It is a sign of weakness! But to the instructions we go when we get in trouble, and while instruction manuals in real life don't always help, God's Word always does. Marriage was His idea in the first place, and He can tell how it should be done! More—He can supply the power! May He do so in all of our houses! And may the Lord bless marriages at LCC.



My love and prayers to all of you and your families—

Your brother,
Tony

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SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

New Message Series

"A Man and a Woman: Made for Each Other", Genesis 2:18-25

- Feb 7: "Leaving"
- Feb 14: "United"
- Feb 21: "One Flesh"
- Feb 28: "Honored"



Wednesday Menu

February

- 3 Sub Sandwiches
- 10 Vegetable Beef Soup
- 17 Poppyseed Chicken
- 24 Lasagna

March

- 2 Chicken Pot Pie
- 9 Spaghetti
- 16 Chicken Tenders
- 23 Vegetable Beef Soup
- 30 Roast Pork

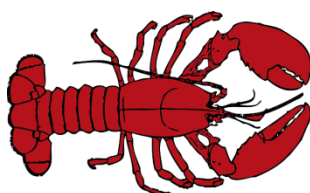


Please remember the two campus ministries that we support this upcoming month. Georgia Tech Campus Ministry and University of Georgia Campus Ministry (which turns 40 this year)! College students need our prayers now more than ever! Join in on the 40 days of prayer being held by CCF at UGA . If you know a college student attending one of these two schools, make sure you tell them about the great campus ministries they have!



Due to inclement weather on January 22, 2016, we postponed our Goodfriends trip to New London Theatre in Snellville to see 'Fiddler on the Roof'. We had 26 signed up (which is awesome!) and several of them decided to attend the next Friday performance (on the 29th), so we will give you our review in the March newsletter....

Next Event: Thursday, February 18th – Lunch at Red Lobster on Pleasant Hill. We will meet in the Family Life Center at 11:00 am. Remember – this is one of the months where we scheduled lunch only.



Future event: Thursday, March 10th (note date change) –

We are taking a bus trip with Mt. Carmel Christian Church. Details as follows:

Meet at LCC at 9:15 am. We will carpool over to Mt. Carmel. The bus leaves at 10:00 am.

We will have lunch at Buckner's Family Restaurant in Jackson, GA.



They serve southern style meals.

The Thursday menu (subject to change) is

- Fried Chicken
- Steak & Gravy
- Stewed Tomatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Boiled Cabbage
- Pinto Beans
- Green Beans
- Coleslaw
- Peach Cobbler
- Rolls & Corn Bread

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 (Continued)

We will stop at the Outlet Mall for some shopping on the return trip..



We will need to give them a good count a week in advance. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Goodfriends Calendar: 2016 ** with updates

January 22: Friday evening performance of 'Fiddler on the Roof' at New London Theatre

**** postponed to January 29th due to inclement weather**

February 18: Lunch at Red Lobster (no activity)

March 10: (Note date change) Bus trip with Mt. Carmel Christian Church (Buckner's and Outlet Mall)

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 Assisted Living Center

July 21: Deliver tray cards to Assisted Living Center, plus lunch somewhere

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

Questions, call Rosie 770-978-7774 or 404-403-5765, Glenda 770-614-5972, Betty 678-446-7926 or Janet 540-819-3846

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cayac Missions is putting together a team for Haiti 2016.

This year we are painting both churches,

starting a micro finance program

and discovering more about the students

we are sponsoring in Trou Codon.

The trip will be July 10-22 and will cost \$950.00.

Please see Shane for more details.



Sisters of Grace

The Women's Ministry Board met to discuss events for 2016. Stay tuned for next month's newsletter for more information.

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

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Pat Ferguson	770-466-5212	Betty Hubbard	678-446-7926
Pam Morgan	404-697-4293	Cathy Wade	404-867-6102

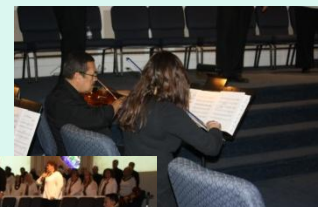
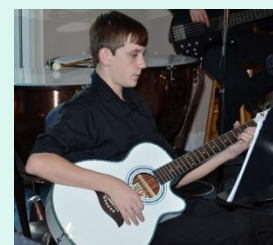
LCC Music Ministry



WOW, what a night!!

Three churches came together on Sunday, January 31 and fired up the Spirit once again. It was a dynamic night of worship, and afterwards we had a feast.

75 people joined together as a team setting up, presenting and doing their part to make our experience with God incredible?



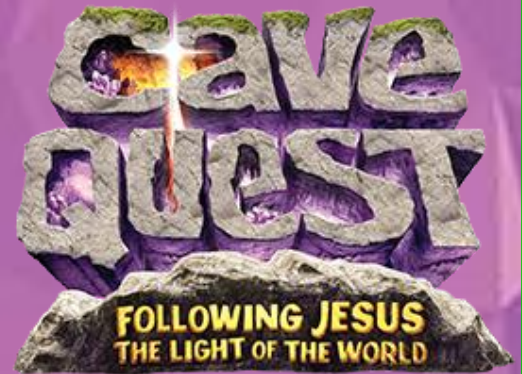


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 12TH—16TH

Mark your calendars now!

PLEASE CONTACT ROBYN IF
YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO
HELP WITH THIS
OUTREACH EVENT.



**Thank
You!**

The KUC would like to give special thanks to YVONNE DANIELL and her friend, MELBA ESSEFF for spending many hours cleaning the Tool Shed". It is so organized, and we can actually find the supplies we need. These ladies literally organized EVERY container in the closet for us. Thank you so much.

2016 MINISTRY FAIR

Ministry leaders met at the cross and asked Gods blessing for our church and the community we are reaching out to on January 23rd 2016.

Over 30 ministries were represented at the Ministry Fair on January 24th 2016. Some are shown below.

Many conversations about people who have been reached and goals to serve many more could be heard at all the tables. Christmas fudge and Spanish cookies and dips were consumed as well as many other snacks.

It was a inspiring to see the our people get excited about how God is working through our church to bring many Cultures to Christ.

Thanks for all the work and talent each ministry put into this event. Romans 8:28





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"COURT OF AWARDS"

Our AHG Troop held its first Awards Ceremony on January 3rd. Throughout the year girls work to earn patches and badges due to their participation and achievements. Some awards are completed during the meetings while others are done individually at home. During our first ceremony our troop earned awards in the following areas: Service Project, Christmas Party, Fund Raiser, Joining Award, Flag Badge, Cooking and "Daughter of the King". They are now working on Cake Decorating, Creative Crafts, Cooking, Fire Safety, Outdoor Cooking and the Camping Badge. We will have our first camping trip in April. We are very proud of our troop and all the girls and their hard work and effort. We are grateful to be a part of "building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country."

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 7 AHG; Orchestra Rehearsal for Hogg/Fulton Wedding
- 13 Orchestra Rehearsal for Hogg/Fulton Wedding
- 18 Goodfriends – Lunch at Red Lobster
- 20 Hogg/Fulton Wedding
- 21 AHG

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

Tuesday:

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

March

- 1 Presidential Primary Election
- 5 Chili Cook-off/Men's Bake-off
- 6 AHG
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 Goodfriends' bus trip with Mount Carmel Christian Church
- 20 Palm Sunday, C&O Concert during Worship only. AHG
- 24 Disciples Service, 7:00 pm
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter Sunday, Churchwide Breakfast during Sunday School hour.



Prayer Requests

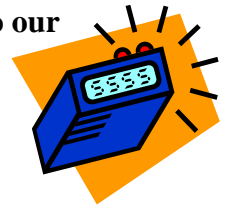
Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Judy & Paul Stevenson
Sami Lyew	Family of Dale Laney
Donna Hill	John & Dotty Fulgham
Bob Collier	Family of Mary Schneider
Jim Gurr	Diane Shelton
Gary Korb	Richard Hux
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Scott Phillips
Michael Rose	Lois Johnson
Jamila Coleman	Wanita Straughan
Sharon Townsend	Scott Hartman's Family
Rosie Bengtson	

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:

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.



BAPTISMS



New Members

Eric & Lauren West
(not shown are
Maria & Jacob)
Jan. 24, 2016



Gabriela Rodriguez
Jan. 31, 2016



Andre' Turpin
Jan. 31, 2016



Joey Watson
Jan. 31, 2016



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"Mission Trip to Lilburn"

For God so loVed the world
that He gAve
His onLy
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soN
thaT whosoever
believeth In Him
should Not perish,
but have Everlasting life.

-John 3:16

**Happy
Valentine's
Day**