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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Which is worse: Men's Magazines with their advertising of supplements promising enormous biceps, some with ridiculous sounding names like "Nuclear Garbage", "Poison", or "I-Load" or Women's Magazines promising "Lose 20 lbs by Thanksgiving", or "Eliminate Anxiety with Alfalfa Extract"? Both are pretty bad, but these kinds of things appeal to us. We would like to change our lives! And, we think intuitively that some changes are going to require some special power to pull off.

A rich irony for men and women: strength beyond any of these silly things is available right here and right now! It is free. And, God wants us to Have it. And to use it. You might not know where it comes from, but here's a verse with which you are doubtlessly familiar: *"The joy of the Lord is your strength."* This verse is in Nehemiah 8:10.

You've heard it; ever thought about what it means? I confess that I haven't thought about it very much. But we are talking about Great Joy in 2017. Jesus comes to

bring "good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). This joy is for me, and it is for you. It isn't merely joy or even good joy; it is Great Joy! And this joy, God says, will be our strength. Strength for the weak kneed and lily livered. Strength for those whose biceps are small and for those whose biceps are already pretty enormous. Strength for those who don't even need to lose 22 pounds by Thanksgiving!



February's messages will be about this joy and the strength God gives us in it. Pray for the preacher and plan to join us! Pray for joy like we've never experienced, and strength

better than that in magazines! Joy and strength for us.

My love to you and your family--

Tony

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SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

FEBRUARY MESSAGES

"The Joy of the Lord is My Strength", Nehemiah 8:10

1. Feb 5: "A Promise"
2. Feb 12: "A Privilege"
3. Feb 19: "A Power"
4. Feb 26: "A Purpose"

Wednesday Menu

February

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| 1 | Pizza |
| 8 | Poppyseed Chicken |
| 15 | Lasagna |
| 22 | Spaghetti |

Missions Spotlight



The Johnson Family (Brock, Kerrie, Madi, Brooke, Jane and Luciana Andrea) moved to Guatemala in August of 2008, called there to love and serve the local community. They feel honored and blessed to have been sent by God to this place where such beauty and poverty coexist. It was their prayer and devotion to love people toward freedom from the bondage of poverty, oppression, abuse and hopelessness. They long to love them toward Jesus. They have several ways of doing this. They believe that life is ministry. They live among the people they are serving.

Other ways they're reaching out: The Buena Vista Sports Academy for Boys is a long term commitment to breaking generational chains of abuse, absence, addition *related to poverty* in the village of Buena Vista, Guatemala. They also have the 12 x 12 Love Project by building homes for the homeless. There are several Christian missionaries that they partner with in Guatemala to achieve this. To find out more about this wonderful mission and how God is working through their lives feel free to reach visit their web site.

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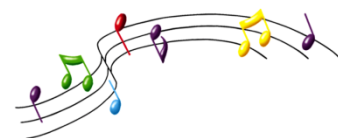


Goodfriends is for anyone who can join us! (young or not-so-young, young at heart or young in spirit). We enjoy an activity or an outing on the 3rd Thursday of each month (unless noted) from September thru July.

On Thursday, January 19th, the Goodfriends car-pooled from LCC to Buckner's Restaurant in Jackson, GA and met up with Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart group for some good ol' fashioned Southern cooking. We had 14 Goodfriends mixed in with about 50 Young-at-Hearts. It was a great time to get to know some of our fellow Christians, while chowing down on some fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, stewed tomatoes, cabbage, and cornbread. Then, for those of us that wanted to stop and shop, we went to Tanger's Outlet Mall in Locust Grove.

Next event: Thursday, February 16, 2017

Note: this is a change from the original schedule. The Goodfriends will be joining Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Valentine luncheon. We will meet at LCC at 11:00 am and car-pool to Mt. Carmel Christian Church. If you prefer to drive directly, please be there by 11:30 am. Lunch will be catered by 'Always Fresh Neighborhood Market'. Cost for lunch is \$14.00 each. The entertainment will be provided by Steve Roberts Bluegrass band. Sign-up at the Welcome Center in the foyer.



See our calendar below. You can pick up a copy of our Calendar of Events at the Welcome Center:

Goodfriends Calendar: 2017

Feb 16: Changed – Valentine lunch with Mt. Carmel CC + Steve Roberts Bluegrass band

Mar 16: Gibbs Garden + lunch at Arbor Café

Apr 20: In FLC – Service project / VBS prep + lunch at AgaVero Mexican restaurant

May 18: Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, plus lunch

June 15: Lunch at Chateau Elan, plus tour of Mayfield Dairy

July 20: In FLC – Planning Session, plus lunch

Sign-up sheet for each month will be 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.



Sisters of Grace

2017 Calendar of Events

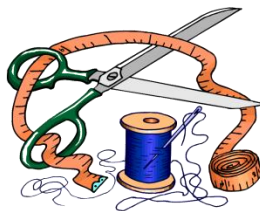
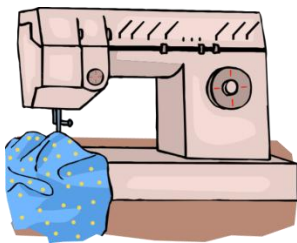
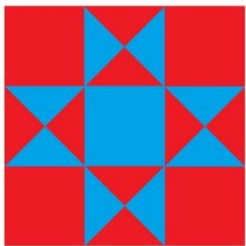
Apr. 22	Mystery Fun Day
July 10, 17 & 24	BASH Book Club
TBD	Gal's Get-away
Dec. 14	Ladies Annual Christmas Party

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	Dixie Grimm	404-932-5990
Betty Hubbard	678-446-7926	Pam Morgan	404-697-4293
Cathy Wade	404-867-6102		

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PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING MINISTRY



Note: Change in date - We will be having a quilting session in the Family Life Center on Saturday, February 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Our main focus will be making Pocket Prayer Squares. We are planning to send at least 100 to Salamanca, Spain as part of our Missions outreach in April. If you have scraps or small amounts of cotton material, please bring them with you. Also: bring your portable sewing machine, thread, scissors, pinking shears, and skinny ribbon. We welcome beginners! Even if you can't sew, you can trim the edges and tie the pre-printed message to the prayer square. Let Betty Hubbard or Rosie Bengtson know if you are interested.



Happy Anniversary DWAYNE!

THANK YOU FOR 30 YEARS AT LCC!

Thirty years in the Ministry is a good thing. Thirty years at a single congregation is something special! This last Sunday, Jan 29th, a celebration and dinner after the morning service was held to honor Dwayne Wylds for his 30 years of service as the Music Minister at Lilburn Christian Church. Some of his family attended as special guests, along with current and past members of LCC and some from other churches as well, to help us honor Dwayne, and his wife Marla, who has been there alongside him the entire time, and Elliot, who has grown up at LCC.

In this day of churches having Praise Teams to lead the services, LCC is one who still worships with a choir, orchestra and tech team. Dwayne is the one who leads in bringing all of that together for worship and outstanding special programs.



Upcoming Events:

Fri., Mar. 10 Milligan College
Choir Concert at LCC, 7:30 pm.
See page 8 for more information.

Sun., Mar. 19 – C&O Concert at
Cornerstone Christian Church in
Dawsonville, GA





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

Please join us in
welcoming
Allison McAlister
as our new Children's
Director.



She and her family have been members of LCC for a couple years and have been involved in the Children's Ministry and other areas since joining our church. Recently, Allison felt God calling her in a new direction, and she answered His, and our call, for a new Children's Director. We are thrilled to have her on our team and pray that God will use her, and our church, to build His kingdom. A special thanks to all the KUC volunteers for their service and dedication to keeping the KUC running smoothly during this transition.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Let's celebrate this historic event together. I don't know about you, but this is the first time in 45 years my home team has made it to the Super Bowl. Imagine patriots fans, they feel like this almost all of the time. Everyone at LCC is encouraged to attend and invite their friends. Bring food, wear your jerseys. Let's party!



Do you know of a couple who could use a night off? Tell them about the ReFrozen Frenzy and explain to them that while their kid's are chillin' with us they can go out and celebrate Valentines Day without the kids.



Pastor Dio is praying for our team to form. If you have been thinking about going to Haiti this summer now is the time for decisions. Trip dates are July 16-27 and the cost is \$950. See Shane.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- 5 Superbowl Party at 5:00 pm in FLC
- 8 Lifeline Screening in FLC
- 12 AHG in Chapel
- 14 CAYAC Re-Frozen Frenzy in FLC & Chapel 6-9 pm
- 16 Goodfriends
- 18 AHG Service Project; Quilting Session 10 am – 1 pm
- 26 Alisha Hartman's wedding rehearsal; AHG in Chapel
- 27 Alisha Hartman's wedding

March

- 3-4 Scouts Pinewood Derby in FLC
- 5 Debra Fulton Baby Shower in FLC
- 10 Milligan College Choir Concert at LCC at 7:30 pm
- 12 AHG
- 16 Goodfriends
- 19 C&O to Dawsonville
- 26 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:

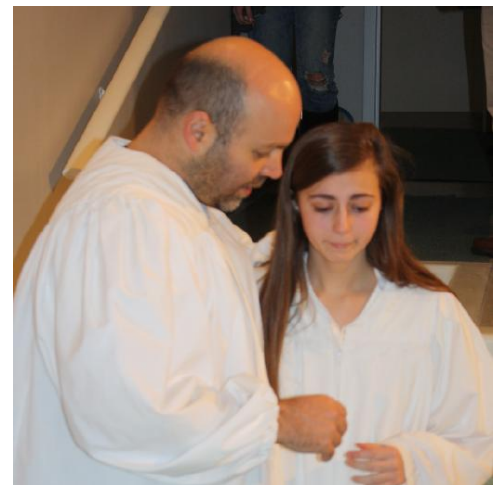
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00-8:00 Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study



**James & Katherine
Keahey
Jan. 15, 2017**



**Lydia Hankinson
Jan. 23, 2017**



Let's Be Healthy Together!



Lilburn Christian Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Wednesday, **February 8, 2017**.

This event is also being sponsored by DeKalb Medical .

Schedule your test(s) today: Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.

~ **5 screenings for \$149:** Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening, Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening, Osteoporosis Risk Assessment.

~ Protect your health by registering today for the **6 for Life Health Assessment** for \$79. The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment.

~ Register for the **lipid panel (HDL, LDL, total cholesterol and triglycerides), glucose and CRP blood tests for only \$129**. Life Line Screening offers finger-stick blood tests with results in 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of and vascular disease .

~ **TSH screening for only \$49**. Protect your health by finding out your risk of an underactive thyroid. Ask about our other stroke and heart tests.

~ Protect your health by finding out your risk of Prostate Cancer. **PSA, test for only \$49**.

MILLIGAN

COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

in concert at LCC on March 10, 7:30 pm

Milligan College Concert Choir, conducted by Dr. Noah DeLong

About the ensemble: The Milligan College Concert Choir is an auditioned ensemble that proudly upholds a long tradition of choral excellence within the Christian liberal arts context of the college. In the past, the choir has performed at the invitation of the President at the National Prayer Breakfast and also on international tours to England and Mexico. In addition, the choir has been invited to sing at the North American Christian Convention, the Conference on World Evangelism-National Missionary Convention, and at the Tennessee State Conference of the American Choral Directors' Association.

In recent years, the choir has maintained an active performance schedule on campus and throughout Northeast Tennessee. Also, the choir travels frequently throughout the United States, with recent tours to Washington, D.C., and the mid-Atlantic as well as Chicago and the Midwest. In addition, the choir regularly collaborates with the Milligan College Orchestra, the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra, and the Symphony of the Mountains.

About the conductor: Dr. Noah DeLong is a versatile musician who has found success as a conductor, educator, tenor soloist, collaborative pianist, and church musician. He holds the position of Associate Professor of Music at Milligan College, where he conducts the Milligan Concert Choir, an auditioned choir that regularly tours the U.S. and performs with regional orchestras. In addition, he leads Heritage, a select a cappella ensemble, and the Milligan Women's Chorale. He also teaches conducting, applied voice, aural skills, and secondary music methods, and is the faculty sponsor for Milligan's collegiate NAfME chapter. In addition, he regularly performs with the Tennessee Chamber Chorus, a professional ensemble based in southeast TN, and now serves as their Associate Artistic Director. DeLong earned the D.M.A. degree in Choral Conducting and Pedagogy from The University of Iowa. He also holds a B.A. in Music and Mathematics from Taylor University and a M.M. in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance from Ball State University.

Heritage

About the ensemble: Heritage is select a cappella ensemble of eight singers that maintains an active travel and performance schedule. The group, which was founded in 1983, frequently represents the college at churches, civic organizations, and college functions. Specializing in a wide variety of a cappella music, the group performs everything from modern worship music to Broadway, pop a cappella, spirituals, and vocal jazz.



Prayer Requests

Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Barbara Johnson
Sami Lyew	Donna Anderson
Donna Hill	Vicky Levy-Harrison
Bob Collier	Juanita Baker
Jim Gurr	Augustus & Mary Lakpor
Gary Korb	Charlie Lewis
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Kathy Hill
Jamila Coleman	Sara Williams
Sharon Townsend	Harold Holcombe
Judy Steverson	Martha McKenna
Dotty Fulgham	Andy Panuska
Carl & Louis Johnson	Barbara Schonhardt
Russ Burchfield	Scott Hartman
Connie Miller	Family of A. W. Padgett

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



The Co-op is facing a huge demand for the basics. There are also volunteer opportunities. These are during the day opportunities including intake desk duty from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday. There are other opportunities. If you have the flexibility during the week, during the day, consider offering a few hours a week to this wonderful ministry. Questions should be directed to the Director, at the Co-Op. (770) 931-8333 or visit the website at www.lilburncoop.org. Thanks one and all. Steve Perry

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 1 prayer beeper out.

Connie Miller: number 770-929-5157

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Connie Miller. She had surgery to remove a brain tumor on Friday, January 27th. She has asked that you pray for comfort, strength, and peace, as well as for God’s will to be done. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you on her behalf.



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