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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"LCC: Where Cultures Meet Christ"

Churches like slogans! LCC had them in the past long before I came here. And since I've been here, we've had some more. We had "Reaching the World for Jesus One Heart at a Time." We wore red wristbands with that on them. For a fundraising campaign we had "Rebuilding the Walls." Last year we used "Mission Trip to Lilburn." (I like that one so much we're going to keep saying it and following it!) A few months ago a new one emerged: "LCC: Where Cultures Meet Christ."

Lord willing, this will be our dominant theme for 2016. And here's the Scripture that will fuel its implementation: "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*" (Matthew 28:19-20)

It is marvelous that the Lord has brought so many different people from so many different backgrounds here. It seems at first glance that we would have nothing in common! People from Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, Mexico, Africa, Europe, Michigan, and Georgia (to name just a few) eat differently, dress differently, and speak differently! And yet...we are bound together too. Bound in need. Bound in weakness. Bound in sorrow. Bound in hope that, somehow, things could be better...and in Christ we are made one! As Paul wrote the Ephesians, "*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were*

called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (4:3-6)

Make this your prayer for the New Year: "Lord, help us to reach more people than ever before in 2016! May they find the same life-giving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that saved us!"

Our first message series of the New Year is about a stunning offering that was received, told about in the book of Exodus. Read about it in 36:2-7. I can't wait to share the story with you!

I pray God's richest spiritual blessings for you and your family in 2016! I am thankful to be serving our great Savior with you here at LCC.

Your brother,
Tony



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SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

"The Offering That Was Too Big", Exodus 36:2-7

January 2: "The Vision That Grabbed Everybody", Exodus 25:1-9

January 9: "Everyone Bring: A Joyful Response", Exodus 25:1-9

January 16: "Me: For God's Glory", Exodus 35:4-19

January 23: "An Offering: Our Choicest and Best", Exodus 38:21-31

January 30: "From Your Heart: I Really Want to Be a Part of This", Exodus 35:20-29



Wednesday Menu

January

- 6 Spaghetti & Meatballs
- 13 Medallions of Roasted Pork
- 20 Pizza
- 27 Tacos

February

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



Meet Pablo & Virginia De Los Santos! They are the new campus leaders for En Vivo now that Jessie and Sophie have moved to Valencia. They are a Spanish-Portuguese couple who live in Salamanca, Spain. They will give the next 2 years of our lives to loving and serving the many students who come through the "blue door" of En Vivo. They were married in July 2013, and during these past 5 years En Vivo has been their second home. It was even at En Vivo where they met! Please keep them in your prayers as they take on this new and important ministry!



On Thursday, December 17, 2015, we had 13 Goodfriends gathered at the home of Wally & Janet Curtiss in Grayson for our Goodfriends Christmas Party. We enjoyed a wonderful brunch menu of breakfast casserole, hash brown casserole, sausage balls, tropical fruit salad, monkey bread, tea biscuits, mini muffins, mini cinnamon rolls, orange juice, apple juice and coffee. Our devotional was about Christmas blessings based on 'The Beatitudes' in The Message version of the Bible. We then had a Three-Part Gift Exchange. Here's how it works: you bring 3 separately wrapped gifts that go together. (Example: fingernail polish, fingernail polish remover and a pack of emery boards.) Each person selects one gift at a time for 3 rounds. Then, everyone un-wraps their gifts at the same time. The goal is to eventually get three gifts that go together. You have to negotiate with whoever has what you need. Some were simple trades; some took a little more bargaining. We also enjoyed the wonderful Christmas decorations that fill almost every room of the Curtiss house and some lively conversation!



Goodfriends Calendar: 2015 – 2016

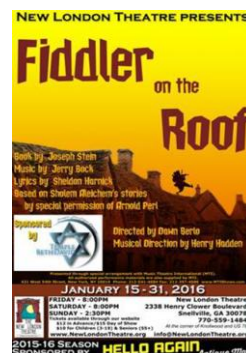
- January 22: Friday evening performance of 'Fiddler on the Roof' at New London Theatre
- February 18: Lunch at Red Lobster (no activity)
- March 17: Bus trip with Mt. Carmel Christian Church (destination to be announced)
- April 21: Service Project: VBS prep plus lunch at Agavero Mexican Restaurant
- May 19: ABC Pottery Art Studio at Sugarloaf Mills, plus lunch in food court
- June 16: Service Project: make tray cards for Sparks Inn Assisted Living at Christian City
- July 21: Deliver tray cards and tour Christian City, plus lunch in their cafeteria

Interested?

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

Next Event: January 22, 2016 –

We will be attending the Friday evening performance of 'Fiddler on the Roof' at New London Theatre in Snellville. We encourage anyone who is interested to come along. We will buy 20 tickets in advance at \$10.00 each. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to reserve your seat. Please pay Rosie Bengtson for your ticket in advance.



Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, Fiddler On The Roof's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

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.

POLICE/FIREMEN APPRECIATION

We were pleased with our event. We only had 6 policemen and 1 fireman attend but it was still worth the effort. We will definitely do it again next year. I was very proud of the children and the way they conducted themselves. The food, Christmas cards and ornaments that were left over were delivered to the local stations and were very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped supply food, help with set up and clean up and for those who stood in the cold to help direct people. We appreciate all first responders and are praying for their safety.



KUC COOKIE BAKE

We had 33 children and 15 adults at this year's cookie bake. Thank you to those who helped us that day. We have an amazing group of workers who are willing to jump in and do whatever is needed. Special thanks to Paul Pipkin for supplying the prizes for the cookie competition.



Gerald and I would like to say thank you for another wonderful year. We greatly appreciate the love offering we received and all the prayers and support for our family. It is a blessing to serve along side a wonderful group of believers. We are looking forward to a powerful 2016 in the KUC.

LCC Music Ministry

"Reaching the World for Jesus One Note at a Time"

LILBURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA PERFORMS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

A combined choir, orchestra and tech team from Lilburn Christian Church and Whistleville Christian Church in Winder, led by LCC Music director Dwayne Wylds, presented a two part Christmas concert. The first part "Wreck the Halls", included the fun stylings of 60's mellow singer "Moon Star", 70's disco Princess, Donna Winters, the barber shop stylings of the "Canadian Bacon Quartet" and the operatic talents of "Brunnhilde Hildegard", all singing ...well at least their version of the song, "Deck the Halls".

The second segment was highlighted by a moving evening of Praise and Worship in presenting the program "God's Gift to You".

With three performances, over 1,000 people enjoyed and were moved in both the morning and evening concerts combined. Just an outstanding evening all the way around with fun, Praise and Worship at Lilburn Christian Church, with special thanks to those from Whistleville Christian Church.





Prayer Requests



Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Paul & Judy Steverson
Sami Lyew	Joyce & Terry Bissell
Donna Hill	Michael Rose
Bob Collier	Jamila Coleman
Jim Gurr	Sharon Townsend
Gary Korb	Jim Twitty
Minnie Stubblefield	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.



New Member & Baptism

Kevin Nguyen
Dec. 6, 2016



Grace Nguyen
Dec. 6, 2016

LILBURN

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 3 AHG
- 10 Orchestra Rehearsal for the Hogg/Fulton Wedding;
Daughters of Encouragement Class Luncheon after
church at LeMadelyn's.
- 17 Bridal Shower for Debra Hogg 2:00 pm in FLC; AHG
- 22 Goodfriends at New London Theatre
- 24 C&O Rehearsal; Ministry Fair
- 31 C&O Concert at Tyrone Christian Church

February

- 7 AHG; Orchestra Rehearsal for Hogg/Fulton Wedding
- 21 AHG
- 20 Hogg/Fulton Wedding

KUC Kids Special Dec. 20



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:

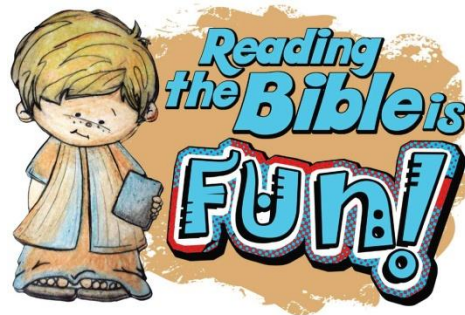
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 509

Tuesday:

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

Read Through the Bible in 2016

There are many ways to read through the Bible. We encourage you to join us in reading God's Word in 2016. There are cards available in the Welcome Center that have a reading plan on them for you to use.



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"Mission Trip to Lilburn"



Happy New Year
2016

**May You Have
New Hopes, Aspirations & Resolutions
for the coming new year.**