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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Prayer has been our theme all summer! We had a series on prayer back in May and June, and now in July. We have another one going on called "A 3000 Year Old Prayer Book." That book is the Psalms, and every kind of prayer one can imagine is found in it. The questions and issues on their hearts as they prayed in that day are exactly the same questions and issues we have on our hearts as we pray. God's Word is contemporary! We are also in the midst of a Wednesday night series whose subject is...prayer! "Pray Like Jesus" is its title.

What's up with all the prayer talk? Prayer is our lifeline. Prayer is our oxygen. Prayer is our Social Media—with God. Prayer is our Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, email, texting, and anything else we might think of all rolled into one. Our Christian experience begins with prayer, as we connect with God and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, to save us. We surrender our wills to Him as we pray. Our confession of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God is a prayer. Baptism is a prayer, as we identify with Him and ask Him to make us new as we go down in the watery grave with Christ and then raise up to newness of life in Him. Prayer continues all of our Christian life. Prayer is our breath. We could never have a relationship with our spouses or our friends or our family without

communication, and prayer is our talking—and listening—to God.

The Psalmist cries out, "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*"(42:1-2) We feel him as he cries; we're thirsting, too! Satisfaction comes—in prayer. God is here, and we

meet with Him. Again, "*You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.*"(63:1) We find our portion, our healing, our satisfaction in Him; and we make that connection in prayer.

Pray with me, my brothers and sisters! As we pray, we commune with Him, find solace in Him, and are led and directed by Him. Lord, do a mighty work in and through us as we pray!

I'm praying for you, and am grateful for your prayers for me—

Tony



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SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

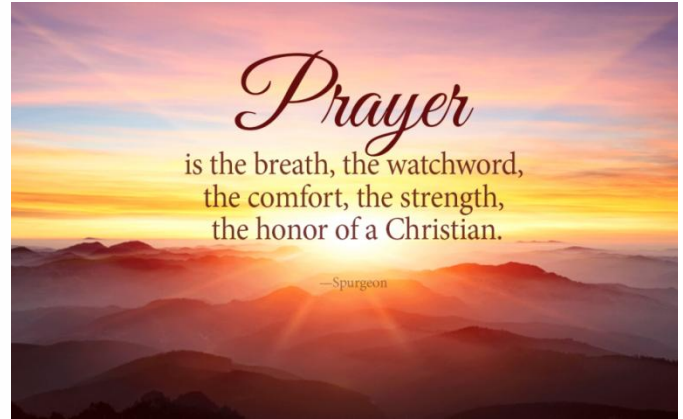
JULY MESSAGES

“A 3000 Year Old Prayer Book”

1. June 26: “How to Hear God’s Voice”, Psalm 119:57-64
2. July 10: “How to Ask for God’s Help”, Psalm 5:1-3
3. July 17: “How to Feel God’s Protection”, Psalm 116
4. July 24: “How to Receive God’s Forgiveness”, Psalm 32

Rick Cox from North Georgia Christian Camp will be preaching on July 3.

Shane Hankinson will be preaching on July 31.



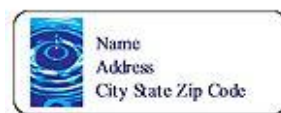
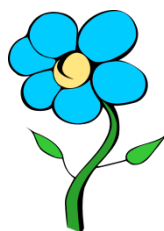
Mission Focus this month is North Georgia Christian Camp. Rick Cox will be preaching on July 3rd right after our morning service and providing a more detailed update. Many kids will be off to camp this summer, so please pray for their safety traveling and for them to have a positive experience that they will always remember. Camp for many provides an opportunity for many kids to hear about Christ for the first time while building bonds that last a lifetime!



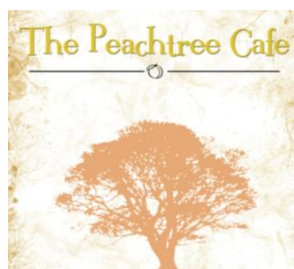
On June 16th, we had 12 Goodfriends meet in the FLC for a service project. Rosie Bengtson gave a short devotional entitled 'To be friends with God, you have to slow down' by Rick Warren based on Psalm 46:10. The NIV says "Be still and know that I am God". We invest time to develop earthly friendships. And if God is going to be our best friend, we have to give Him our best. We need to slow down, find a quiet place, open His word and invest time in our relationship with Him.

The Message version of Matthew 6:5-6 says this: "When you come before God, don't turn that into a theatrical production... Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense His grace."

For our service project, we made 108 tray cards to be delivered to Life Care Center of Lawrenceville in July. We tied silk flowers with ribbon, and glued scriptures to the front. We also glued a short message from the Goodfriends inside, and then decorated them with lots of stickers from address labels and other sources. We had a good time working on our second service project for this year. When we were finished, we shared our sandwich and salad lunch with 3 guests (Tony, Kandy and Dixie).



Next Event: Thursday, July 21st. We will meet in the FLC at 10:00 am and car-pool to Life Care Center of Lawrenceville (off Hwy 316 and Collins Hill Road). We will spend about an hour hand-delivering the 108 trays cards that we made in June to the residents there. After chatting with them, we will go to lunch at the Peachtree Café on Clayton Street in downtown Lawrenceville. 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 continued)

Note: The Goodfriends take the month of August off. If you have any ideas of things you would like to do, please give them to Rosie Bengtson, Betty Hubbard, Janet Curtiss or Glenda Middleton. The team will meet in August to discuss the next calendar of events (September, 2016 thru July, 2017). We have a list of all of the places we have been in the past 10 years. If you are interested in reviewing the list, please contact Rosie Bengtson.

We are planning to go the Atlanta Botanical Gardens in **October to see Chihuly in the Garden, an exhibition of spectacular works of art by internationally acclaimed artist, Dale Chihuly.**



Chihuly in the Garden includes 19 installation sites all set amongst the Garden's natural beauty. You will experience a kaleidoscopic of colors which the artist has become so famous for.

Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more. We have made a reservation for Thursday, October 20th at 11:00 am. The cost is \$24.79 per person (that's \$22.95 plus tax). Please let Rosie Bengtson know if you are interested in going. Non-refundable payment will be made when our reservations are confirmed. You will also need money that day for lunch, gas and parking for your drivers.

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We are putting together a team!!

We have just celebrated a graduation time for many people we know. According to the latest national statistics, only 11% of those from 17-25 years old, attend church or Sunday school, even just one time per month. And, here is the saddest statistic of all. Within 5 years of graduating from high school, 75% of those no longer attend church.....ANYWHERE!!!!!! So, if we put that into numbers, it's easier and even scarier to understand. For every 100 people, 11 will attend church only once per month and after five years from the day of graduation, just under 3 young adults will be attending church, anywhere. We are losing the greater part of a generation!!!

We are putting together a team to change this and make a difference. We need people with passion, energy, an urgency and a purpose!! And, it wouldn't hurt to have people with just enough of the "right kind" of stubbornness who would say, "I'm not going to let these statistics be true here at Lilburn Christian Church....not while I'm here"!! I'm asking for your help and volunteers to join our team for Young Adults on Sunday mornings, for two new classes. Our plan is in place however.....we need your help. You will work as a team and will not be alone in your efforts. We will be thinking, working, learning praying and having fun, "outside the box" as a Sunday school class. Join us and see how you can make a difference at LCC. Contact Byron@1stclassreunions.com or call 770-466-5269.



CAVE QUEST IS COMPLETE

**125 CHILDREN AND 100+ WORKERS
PRESENT**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO
SUPPORTED THIS PROGRAM.**

I wish I could list each person by name but that would be impossible. So many people helped to make VBS a great success.

Thank you to those who helped with decorations, meals, crafts, financial support, money, t-shirts, teaching, drama, Bible, Kid Vid Theatre, music, registration, missions, audio visuals, set up and tear down.

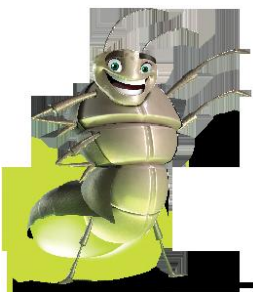
31 GOATS FOR C.R.A.M.

We collected more than \$1,550 to buy goats for Christ Reaching Asia Mission. The girls collected more money than the boys so Ms. Robyn's hair was dyed pink. I still have patches of pink to this day after numerous washings. Thank you Ali for that wonderful idea and thank you Lydia for your cosmetology skills.

A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO BAKED COOKIES!!!

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LCC Music Ministry

God has been so good to us this past season, and we are excited that He has opened many opportunities for us to minister to so many people. Our last concert was at Lester Road Christian Church, which was an incredible evening. It is amazing how much talent God gives us from the Churches that are represented:



Lester Road Christian Church
Whistleville Christian Church
Tyrone Christian Church
Bethel Christian Church
Gallilee Christian Church
Lilburn Christian Church



Here are some exciting moments from the evening.

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

Whistleville Christian Church on 8/28/16 at 6:00 pm

Gallilee Christian Church/Ekklesia on 10/2/16 at 6:00 pm

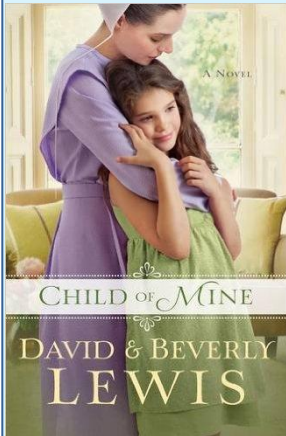




Sisters of Grace

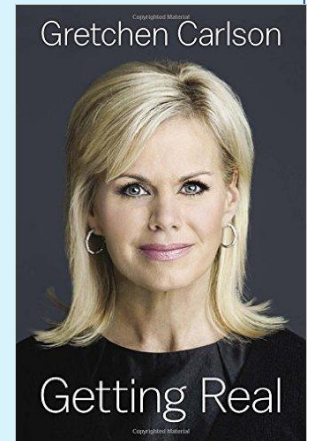
UPCOMING EVENTS

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Book and Salad Hour
(in someone's home)
July 11, 18 & 25
7:00 pm

Sign-Up in the Welcome Center.



Child of Mine will be hosted by Dixie Grimm and facilitated by Jami Baugus on July 18 & 25.

Flight instructor Jack Livingston has been raising his eight-year-old adopted niece, Natalie, since the accident that took her parents' lives. When he travels, Natalie is tenderly cared for by her Amish nanny, Laura Mast, who loves the little girl as her own.

Eight excruciating years ago, Kelly Maines's baby was kidnapped. Determined to find her child, Kelly has tirelessly pursued every lead to its bitter end. And now, with the clock ticking, one last clue from a private investigator ignites a tiny flame of hope: Just a few miles away lives a young girl who matches the profile. Can this be, at long last, Kelly's beloved daughter?

Both books are available at the Gwinnett Co. Library, or you can purchase your own, or contact Cathy Wade for a good deal.

"Getting Real" will be hosted by Janet Curtiss and facilitated by Kathy Huddleston on July 11.

Carlson, host of Fox News Channel's *The Real Story* with Gretchen Carlson, offers a memoir of her life, so far. In a conversational tone, the author shares memories of growing up in Anoka, MN, with a family of Swedish descent, affectionately relating how her grandfather called her "Sparkles." She describes her childhood as a violin prodigy and eventual transition to pageantry, winning the 1989 Miss America pageant. (The violin was such a significant part of her life that she played it during her talent portion of the pageant.) Later, she notes that her "crown" was an asset and liability for her career as it gave her notoriety but caused her to be stereotyped as well. After graduating from Stanford University, Carlson went on to establish a career as a television commentator first on *The Early Show* on CBS and subsequently on *Fox & Friends* on Fox News Channel. She painfully relays how problems with a stalker plagued her, as did the sexual harassment she endured during her rise. Labeling herself a "culture warrior," Carlson details how faith guided her through her challenges.

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

Lynn Akins	770-923-6413	Kandy Davidson	404-697-7367
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		

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

3-8 N. GA Christian Camp for Middle & High Schoolers
4 Independence Day
21 Goodfriends
23 Ministry Team Leader Meeting 9-10 am

August

10 Normal Wednesday Night activities start back.
14 C&O practice 2-3:30 pm
28 C&O Concert at Whistleville Christian Church

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

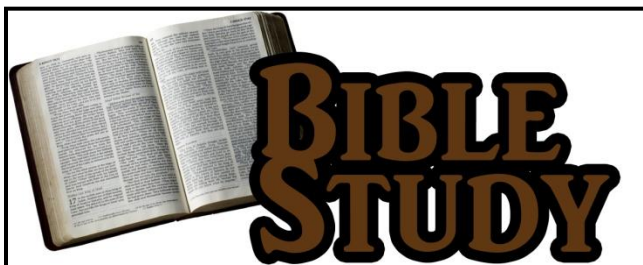
Monday:

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

Wednesday Night Activities June 29 – August 3



Wednesday Night Series: "Pray Like Jesus"

On summer Wednesday nights, we encourage you to join us for Adult Bible study, prayer, and praise at 7 pm in the Sanctuary! Our series is called "Pray Like Jesus", and we will study our Lord Jesus' teaching and actual practice of praying. We hope you'll come pray with us!

1. June 29: "Pattern", Matthew 6:5-15
2. July 6: "Preparation", Mark 1:35-39
3. July 13: "People", John 17
4. July 20: "Posture", Luke 22:39-46
5. July 27: "Persistence", Mark 14:32-42
6. August 3: "Passion", Matthew 26:36-46

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

4 years through 5th Graders
7:00—8:00 pm in the KUC



Wednesday Nights 5:30-8:30

Meal served at 5:30

June 22 Water Wars

June 29 Nerf Night

July 6 Relay Rally

July 13 Team Trivia

July 20 Video Game Gauntlet

July 27 Escape the Room

Bring Friends Score Bonus Points!!!



Prayer Requests

Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Scott Phillips
Sami Lyew	Carl & Louis Johnson
Donna Hill	Gaynell Hicks
Bob Collier	Dorrie Botteicher
Jim Gurr	Russ Burchfield
Gary Korb	Connie Barefield
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Blake Fraser
Jamila Coleman	Myric Wade Truitt
Sharon Townsend	Straughan Family
Diane Shelton	Connie Miller
Judy & Paul Steverson	Gary Wilson
John & Dotty Fulgham	Judy & Gensie McDonald

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

HAITI

Due to the high price of airfare and other complications, we were forced to cancel our Haiti trip this summer, however, we will still be raising \$4,000 to send for the painting of both churches in Remoussin and Trou Codon.

If you are interested in going to Haiti next summer, please get your passports now and prepare to have your airfare money ready by March 1, 2017 so we can buy cheap tickets.

CAYAC

We have a number of events in the planning stages for this summer. Please keep your ears open and your eyes on the bulletin. Most of our events will be family friendly-meaning parents and siblings are welcome to attend. See Wednesday Night Activities on page 9.

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.

Myric Wade Truitt: number 770-929-5130.

Message: You have reached the prayer beeper for Myric Wade Truitt and family. She suffered a miscarriage after an emergency appendectomy. Please pray for comfort and a speedy recovery as they mourn their loss. Please press the number 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to them.

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