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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

We've had a crew from our church catch a special vision of what the Chapel could be, and much work has gone into transforming its appearance! LCC's 1<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary was built and dedicated in 1977, and for many years served as the church's primary place of worship. God's Word was proclaimed there, uplifting music was shared, dramas were performed, a lot of children's activities were held, and who knows how many Baptisms took place there and how many lives were changed?

Now this space can continue to be used for the purposes of the Lord. I am very grateful for all of those who have worked hard, donated carpet and other building materials, and gave of themselves to make this happen. And more is to come! Thank you, all of you helpers, workers, and dreamers, who have made this possible. Meanwhile, the building is already being used. Youth activities are going on there, VBS was held there, and Sunday School goes on there each week. I would like us to use this new facility on Wednesday nights in July.

We plan a special 4-part series on the Lord's prayer each Wednesday at 7 pm in July. I hope you will make plans to join us. This series is powerful and uplifting, and I look forward to sharing it with you.

Also in July our Sunday messages from Galatians will continue. The theme from this marvelous book, "The Joy of Living Free", is one you need to hear. I need it, too. It is wonderful to be free! And it is terrible to be able to be free and not live that way. An Alabama slave was asked what he thought of the Great Emancipator Abraham Lincoln. He

said "I don't know nothin' 'bout Abe Lincoln cep they say he set us free. And I don't know nothin' 'bout that neither." That slave had an excuse—it took many decades after the Civil War

before freedom for the slaves filtered down and everyone of them could be free, and feel free. But we've been set spiritually free a long time ago! I hope you'll read Galatians with us and join us for this series. If we can Live Free—well, we ought to!

God bless you and your family. Thanks for your prayers for me and our church. I'm praying for you—

Tony

### FREEDOM

July Series  
"The Joy of Living Free"  
Galatians 5:1

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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 June 15<sup>th</sup> the Goodfriends joined Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Patriotic event called 'Celebrate America'. We had lunch catered by Old Hickory House Barbecue and sang military fight songs as we recognized veterans from each branch of the armed services. The special speaker was Carl Swearingen. He was very entertaining as he told stories of military heroes – some famous ones and some maybe not-so-famous, but well-loved by the folks from Mt. Carmel. Then, door prizes were given out. Two of our Lilburn folks (Rosie and Yvonne) were lucky enough to be counted in that number...

**Sign Up for Goodfriends - Thursday, July 20, 2017**

**Important Meeting** - We will meet in the Family Life Center at 11:00 am on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the future of The Goodfriends. Our attendance numbers are very small, and we ended up joining Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart group for several events in 2016 & 2017. Please come to this meeting prepared to talk about places you want to go or things you want to do in the future. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate what lunch item you will be bringing. We will be having sandwiches, chips & dip, cookies and drinks. Any questions – call Rosie at 770-978-7774 (home) or 404-403-5765 (cell phone).



As you can see by the 2016-2017 calendar of events below, we had several cancellations and many months with low attendance.

Sept 15: Kick-off with Mt. Carmel CC: Soup & Chili lunch (program + Hi Lo Chorus) – no attendance  
 Oct 20: Atlanta Botanical Garden: Chihuly exhibit + lunch / Linton's Quick Café – **cancelled** (min = 10)  
 Nov 17: Thanksgiving lunch at Mt. Carmel CC (speaker + food basket service project) – 8 attended  
 Dec 16: Friday evening performance at New London Theatre – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever = 17  
 Jan 19: Changed - Lunch at Buckner's and shopping at Tanger's Outlet Mall with Mt. Carmel CC = 14  
 Feb 16: Changed – Valentine lunch with Mt. Carmel CC + Steve Roberts Bluegrass band = only 4  
 Mar 16: Changed – Spring Garden lunch with Mt. Carmel CC + Dawn Hines, Master Gardener = 6  
 Apr 20: In FLC – Service project / VBS prep + lunch at AgaVero Mexican restaurant = 7  
 May 18: Oakland Cemetery Tour and lunch with Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart – **cancelled**  
 June 15 – Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart patriotic event called 'Celebrate America' = 7

**Note: Some important decisions will have to be made at our July planning session. If you are retired, semi-retired, work part-time, etc.. and have any interest in joining us, please attend the July meeting. If we continue to have poor attendance, we will no longer have monthly events.**

## *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.

# SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

## JULY MESSAGES

“The Joy of Living Free”, Galatians 5:1  
Continues

- July 2: “Free to Trust and Receive”,  
Galatians 3:1-9
- July 9: “Free to Be God’s Children”,  
Galatians 3:26-29
- July 16: “Free to Receive an  
Inheritance”, Galatians 4:1-7
- July 23: “Free to Bear Fruit”,  
Galatians 5:13-24
- July 30: “Free to Lift Others”,  
Galatians 6:1-5

## Wednesday Menu

JULY

There are NO Wednesday  
Night Meals in July.

Missions Spotlight



Mission Spotlight for July CRAM (Christ Reaching Asia Mission) Worldwide: Today CRAM is providing food, clothing and medical assistance to the poor in slums of Bacoar Philippines. Although the Philippines is a religiously free country, there were no churches in Bacoar. CRAM has established four churches which average a combined 1000+ in weekly attendance to teach the people about Jesus and lead them to grow in Him. They’re hoping to build and open a medical clinic where they can share God’s love through physical healing. Also please pray for the work being done in Cambodia and China.



# *Sisters of Grace*

## **B.A.S.H.**

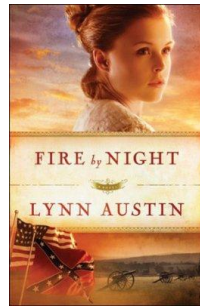
(Book and Salad Hour)

B.A.S.H., our Ladies Summer Book Club has chosen the above books for this summer. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you would like to join us.

**DATE:** MONDAY, JULY 17th 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Home of Laurie Cole  
2985 Meadow Gate Way  
Loganville, GA 30052  
770-634-0710

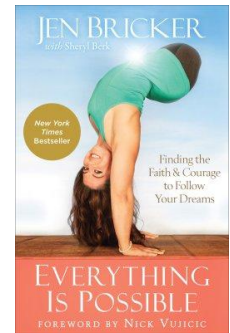
**FACILITATOR:** Dixie Grimm



**DATE:** MONDAY, JULY 24th 7:00 pm

**WHERE:** Janet Curtiss  
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Grayson, GA 30017  
540-819-3846

**FACILITATOR:** Laura Pettit



### **Gal's Get-Away - October 20, 21, 22, 2017 Savannah, GA**

Our Retreat theme is "Lavendar Springs Spa", and we will be studying the Psalms.

As you know, the major portion of the cost of the Get-Away goes towards lodging, so we are trying something new.

#### **COST:**

Single:	\$269 per person
Double:	\$150 per person
Triple:	\$131 per person
Quad:	\$111 per person

The costs include two breakfasts, one lunch, room for two nights, and materials for the Get-Away. You are responsible for getting your own roommates.

All LCC ladies are encouraged to attend. It is a great time of spiritual renewal and Christian fellowship, so Save the Date and start saving funds for your Get-Away. Registration begins August 6 with 50% deposit. The balance is due Sept. 24.

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

Family Movie Night July 14 starts at dusk. Bring lawn chairs.  
Please be in prayer for the Haiti team. They will be in Haiti  
July 16-27



Ben Hankinson and Julia Murphy  
are getting married July 29.

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## Goodfriends “Celebrate America” Event Photos





*Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church*



June was a busy month in the KUC, starting with Vacation Bible School. So many of you showed up to help and brought your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends! There were about 90 volunteers each night and 85-96 kids each night! Each night, I would look around and see people welcoming visitors, helping with registration, leading worship, taking pictures, directing cars, cooking dinner, helping serve kids dinner, cleaning, teaching kids about Bible, inspiring each other, helping with crafts, playing games, and most importantly loving the children! THANK YOU, CHURCH, for making VBS a success!

After VBS, our rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders moved up to CAYAC on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will definitely miss having them in the KUC.

Sundays:

We are very excited to welcome all the new families. Our classes have been full and Sunday and we hope to keep it going. We just finished up the series on the Lord's Prayer on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will begin a new series going through the bible, beginning with Genesis.

Wednesdays:

#### KUC/CAYAC SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN JULY

July 5th: KUC/CAYAC Fun night\*, 6:45-8:00 pm

July 12th: KUC/CAYAC Fun night\*, 6:45-8:00 pm

July 14th (Friday): Family Movie Night: 8:00pm (movie will start at dark)  
- (more details to come)

July 15th(Saturday): CAYAC Girls swim party (more details to come)

July 19th: KUC/CAYAC Fun night\*, 6:45-8:00 pm

July 26th: KUC/CAYAC Fun night\*, 6:45-8:00 pm

August 2nd: KUC/CAYAC Kick-Off event 5:45pm (more details to come)

August 5th (Saturday): CAYAC Tubing Trip in Helen (more details to come)

\*KUC/CAYAC Fun Night: We will have a fun activity planned each Wednesday in July. Activities may include, a nerf night, a water balloon night, kickball, Frisbee golf night. Please have kids wear shorts and T-shirts and tennis shoes. On the 12th, please wear bathing suits, t-shirts or clothes/shoes that can get wet. Parents are welcome. All kids 6 and under must be accompanied by a parent or adult.





# *LCC Music Ministry*



The Choir and Orchestra were so excited to lead our worship the last Sunday in June that honored our first responders and military personnel. We had approximately 20 first responders and military personnel in attendance during the morning worship. We thank them for taking time to join us, and we hope they felt like their attendance was appreciated by all of us at Lilburn Christian Church. **THANK YOU** for your service.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> – Concert at Antioch Christian Church, Watkinsville, at 6:00 p.m**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – Homecoming concert, 2:00 p.m.**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – EKKLESIA at Galilee Christian Church, Jefferson**

**REMINDER:** Choir and Orchestra will be taking a break the month of July.



# Prayer Requests

## Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Vicky Levy-Harrison
Donna Hill	Janyce Perry & Family
Bob Collier	Sheryl Peace
Jim Gurr	Glenn Botteicher
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Diane Shelton
Jamila Coleman	Beverly Underwood
Sharon Townsend	Patrice Evans
Carl & Louis Johnson	Frank Umberger
Russ Burchfield	Dennis Heinz
Barbara Johnson	Betty Hubbard
Donna Anderson	Sandy Amhrein

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 no prayer beepers out.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

- 4 Independence Day
- 20 Goodfriends in FLC

### August

- 2 C&O starts back.
- 6 C&O Concert at Antioch Christian Church, 6 pm
- 9 Our normal Wednesday Night Meals start back, along with our regular programs

### 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



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