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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Many things we learn to do these days involve brand new material. 40 years ago no one knew what a smart phone was, or Facebook, or a million other things for which we all are learning new skills. A book or manual from a few years ago—or even a few months—might be worthless today. The best book on Prayer, though, is 3000 years old! It is called the book of Psalms.

The Psalms are, of course, songs, but if you look closely, it is hard to tell where the music stops and the praying begins! The Psalms are 150 chapters of people pouring out their hearts and souls to the Lord, yes in praise and worship, but also in prayer. The Psalms have talking going on (some of it sung) directed to the Lord. And that's prayer, isn't it?

I want, at the end of this month, to begin a new series on Prayer that I hope will answer, from the Scriptures, some basic questions that all of us ask. Universal questions! Young people want to know. So do old people. So let's ask them together and find answers in this series called, "A 3000 Year Old Prayer Book"! One old fellow said, "The angel fetched Peter out of prison, but it was prayer fetched the angel!" I'd like my prayer to be like that, wouldn't you? Well, let's learn how to ask for God's help. How do I know if it is God's voice I hear, and not another? Let's learn how we can

learn to hear God's voice! Pres. Lincoln said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." Let's go to our knees and learn how we can feel God's protection around us.

Tennyson wrote,

*Speak to Him then, for He hears,  
And spirit with spirit can meet;  
Closer is He than breathing,  
And nearer than hands or feet.*

Wouldn't it be something to learn how to have that kind of closeness to the Lord?

Pray, my brothers and sisters, pray!

Pray for your needs. Prayer for our church. Pray for our nation. Pray for me! I ask the Lord for Him to move at LCC in a mighty way and show the world just what He can do. He's been at that sort of thing for 3000 years. He still is.

God bless you and yours—

Tony



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# SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

## JUNE MESSAGES

### "God Sets Pray-ers Free":

- June 5: "Sin-Sick", Psalm 107:17-22
- June 12: "Storm-Tossed", Psalm 107:23-32
- June 19: Special Father's Day message

### "A 3000 Year Old Prayer Book" begins:

- June 26: "How to Hear God's Voice", Psalm 119:57-64



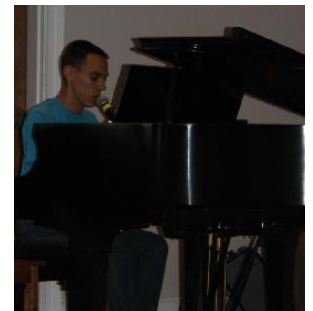
## Wednesday Menu

June 1	Hosted by LCC Staff
June 8	Hosted by our men
June 15	VBS
June 22	Hosted by CAYAC
June 29	TBD

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

New LCC band "THRIVE" leads an amazing prayer service!

National Day of Prayer was celebrated with an amazing, unifying, worship service on our property Wednesday, May 4th, 2016. All bible classes, youth activities and Choir practice came to a halt to join the service. It was a great time for all ages to worship together as our nation stands as one, in prayer.







On May 19<sup>th</sup>, we had 7 Goodfriends meet in the FLC at 10:00 am. Rosie Bengtson gave a short devotional entitled 'The Potter' using Jeremiah 18 and the words to a beautiful song we sing here at LCC called 'The Potter's Hand'. Remember – we are held in His hand and crafted into His perfect plan. Let's be molded, used and filled by Him for all of our days. Then, we went to [abc Pottery Art Studio](#) at Sugarloaf Mills, where we met up with 2 more Goodfriends.



We had reserved studio time, where we selected an un-painted bisque art piece to paint. Our selections were as varied as our personalities! (From Olaf, to a butterfly – from heart-shaped dishes and a couple of angels to a patchwork turtle.) We enjoyed our time together while we painted with the guidance of our paint assistant. Afterwards, we ate at [Athens Kouzzina](#), a Greek restaurant in the mall. (Continued on page 4)



## Interested?

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

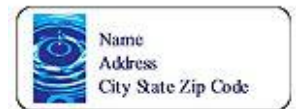
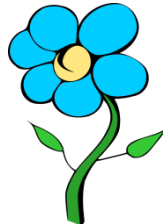
Any questions can be directly to Rosie Bengtson 770-978-7774 or 404-403-5765; Glenda Middleton 770-614-5972; Betty Hubbard 678-446-7926; or Janet Curtiss 540-819-3846.

**(Goodfriends Continued)**

**Note:** We only have 2 more events on the Goodfriends Calendar. Then, we 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. We 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.

**Please note:** for the June service project, we need your help. Most of you have probably received address labels in the mail that you won't use. If you have any with pictures of flowers, birds, bird houses, other animals, or anything else you consider decorative, please save them and give them to Rosie Bengtson, Janet Curtiss or Betty Hubbard. We will be cutting off the picture and using them to decorate the tray cards we are making for Life Care Center of Lawrenceville.

**Next Event:** Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: We will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:00 am for a short devotion. Then, we will be making tray cards to be delivered to Life Care Center of Lawrenceville next month. We will share a sandwich lunch in the FLC after we are done. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate what you will bring for lunch.



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As many of you have seen in other emails, Kay Whithear, the director of the Lilburn Cooperative Ministry is fighting cancer. Most members of the church have never met this fine woman. She is the overall director of this ministry. She interviews those in need, is active in fund-raising and ensures the thrift store and the food pantry work well. She is the driving force behind all the good work that is done. Please keep praying for her as she fights cancer. Also please keep the food pantry in your prayers and on your food list. As summer comes, people vacation and get involved in family activities and may forget the needs of our neighbors who are less fortunate. Some in our congregation have an eagle eye for super specials. A couple of weeks ago, I had three cases of vegetables that were marked way down. When you see those, please scoop them up. The food is current and can really help. Thanks to all.

Steve Perry, MSA, EA  
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# CAVE QUEST VBS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>-THURSDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

[www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/kids\\_events](http://www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/kids_events)

**REGISTER NOW! ONLY 11 DAYS LEFT!**



**SHIRTS ON SALE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**  
**(\$5.00/\$8.00)**



We are almost there, and now all we need are donations of produce for the salad/potato bar and apples and watermelons for the children.

**VBS SET UP BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM.**  
**WE WILL WORK EVERY DAY, ALL DAY UNTIL WE ARE DONE. PLEASE JOIN US EVEN IF IT'S FOR AN HOUR.**

## **VBS STAFF INFO MEETING**

**Friday, June 10th from 7:00-8:00 in the Chapel.**

All adults not volunteering during the week are invited to join us for the meal and an adult Bible study.

**PRE PAY FOR MEALS** - Since this is an outreach program, we do not charge for the meals each night. We spend approximately \$1.50 per person per meal and do appreciate donations to help with the cost. Checks can be made out to LCC with "VBS Meals" written in the Memo.

**1st-5th GRADERS SINGING IN ADULT SERVICE ON June 12th**

**Wear your VBS T-shirt**



# GIRLS GONE CAMPING

Our AHG Lilburn Troop took their first camping trip on May 14-15. They had 36 mothers and daughters from 16 different families attend the trip. The trip was filled with hiking, scavenger hunts, crafts, learning to put up tents, building a campfire and cooking on an open fire. There was a Worship service on Sunday morning and the Explorers and PiPa's cooked breakfast for the rest of the Troop.



The final meeting for the 2016 year was on May 22nd. We are very proud of our Troop and the success of our first year. We look forward to another year starting in the Fall. Thanks to all the Board Members, Parents, Supporters and Leaders who helped this year. We also appreciate LCC for giving us this opportunity.



See Ms. Robyn about registering for camp. We have several kids already signed up to attend camp at North GA Christian Camp. See Ms. Robyn if you need financial assistance.



## 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 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.



Mission team happenings! Mission Team met on Sunday 5/18/16, and here are a few highlights of the meeting:

- We have several missionary visits coming up!
- Rajan Ipe with Kerala Christian Mission in India- dinner with Mission team on Sunday 5/22
- Rick Cox with North Georgia Christian Camp Preaching July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Kevin Payton meeting with Mission Team after church July 10th.
- We're also working with all the local missions in Georgia to coordinate visits by the end of the year. We'll keep you posted!

The Mission Team manages our missionary relationships, as well as the overall communication with each of them. We pray for them regularly, communicate with them often, and we hold them accountable for financial responsibility with the funds provided to them. The team meets quarterly after church, and we communicate a lot through email. We'd love to have you as part of our team! If you're interested in joining please contact Jeff Stephens ([jcs58@comcast.net](mailto:jcs58@comcast.net)).

Team members are: Danette Green, Rosie Bengtson, Jamila & Jasmine Colman, Jan Kloss, Jeff & Debbie Stephens

Please pray for those missions mentioned!



# Class of 2016

## Congratulations

### Our 2016 Graduates:

Mary Toyloy  
Tomi Lyew  
Ryan Hudson  
Dylan Francis  
Amy Huddleston  
Skyler Umberger  
Tatiyanna Pickney  
Stephanie Saenz

We honored 8 graduates of high school, college and military on May 22, 2016. All 8 of the graduates, along with their families, joined the teens and youth workers for a breakfast in their honor. We fed about 100 people with the help of Paul Pipkin, Lynn Knight, Rosie Bengtson, Patsy Gurr, Glenda Middleton and the Juniors in high school who baked casseroles.

Thanks for all the help, Pam Straughan and Shane Hankinson,



BE who you are  
& SAY what you feel.  
- Dr. Seuss

growth the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their own dreams.  
- e.e. cummings

it takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.  
- e.e. cummings

got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.  
- Irish Saying

JUST do it! wherever YOU GO GO with all your HEART.  
- Confucius

happiness itself contains the germ of happiness.  
- Pearl S. Buck

go for it now. the future is promised to no one.  
- Wayne Dyer



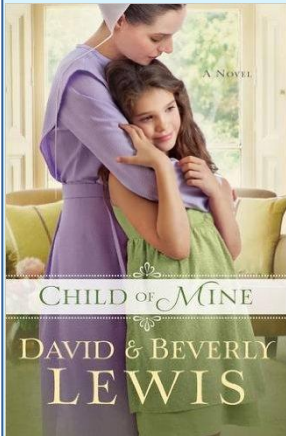




# *Sisters of Grace*

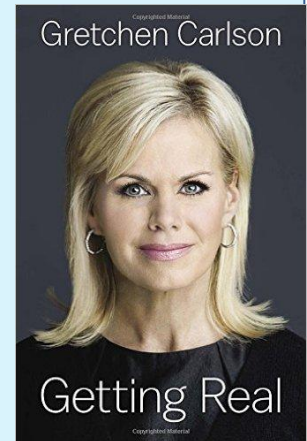
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### B.A.S.H.



**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

## June

- 3 Spring
- 4 Kevin & Grace Nguyen Wedding
- 6-10 VBS Set-Up all week
- 10 VBS Teachers Meeting
- 12-16 VBS
- 16 Goodfriends' Service Project
- 18 C&O Rehearsal 10 am – Noon with other churches
- 19 Father's Day
- 26 C&O Performing at Lester Road Christian Church with other churches
- 29 Wed. Night Meals stop for the Summer

## July

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

## 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

**Please welcome Jeff Stephens  
as our new Elder.**



There are six strings on a guitar.  
6 is the smallest perfect number  
6 points on the star of David  
6 days of creation  
and now  
6 elders at LCC



**BABY  
DEDICATION**  
5/8/16

**Liam Neal Halford**  
**Son of Stephanie &  
Chris Halford**





# Prayer Requests

## Prayer Needs

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

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:



We have issued 2 prayer beepers. One to the Feliciano family and one to Connie Miller.

If you are not familiar with them, they work like old fashioned beepers. However, instead of entering a phone number for a return call, you just enter the number 1 and the # sign. The beeper goes off and shows the number 1. So the recipient only knows that someone just prayed for them. It has been a great source of comfort for many of our LCC members in the past.

### **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.

## LCC Music Ministry

Our Choir, Orchestra and Tech Team will be performing at Lester Road Christian Church on Sunday, June 26 at 6:00 pm. We would love for all of you to join us. There will be a practice on Sat., June 18 from 10:00 am – Noon.

The C&O will be off during the month of July.

When life has you down

and troubles are all around

no matter the time of day

get on your knees

and pray!

quote by deborah ann







**Trudy & Larry Daffron**  
**5/8/16**



**Carrie & Alex Aleman**  
**Christina & Chloe**  
**5/8/16**



**Kitty Rausmann**  
**5/8/16**



**Barbara Schonhardt**  
**5/29/16**



**Marcia Heinz**  
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**To our LCC Dads:**

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**