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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Some people have an easy time of it. Their rooms are always neat and clean. Their shoes are always stacked neatly beside each other in their closets, the strings even tucked inside. There is nothing under their beds. They always do their homework without an argument. They enjoy their studies. They like their fellow students. They like their teachers. When it's time for work, they love their jobs (of course) and can hardly wait for the next day. Their parents are supportive and affirming. Their health is good. They can eat whatever they wish, and they weigh the same thing today they did on their wedding day, even when it is 30+ years ago. The tux or dress still fits. They look about 10 years (at least) younger than their age. Their car is always reliable. We notice when we ride with them that the tank is always  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, the mats on the floorboard are tidy, and there are no empty cans or cups, and certainly no old ketchup packs from McDonalds. The car's exterior always gives the impression that it has been washed and waxed recently. Their children send them loving notes on their birthdays and Mother's and Father's Day. And, they are joyful!

Of course they are! How would they like it in *my* room, dealing with *my* workload at school, or dealing with *my* crummy old boss! Let's see them rejoice then! Or what if for

5 minutes they had to put up with *my* parents, spouse, children, car, etc.—let's watch them laugh then! They have it easy.

We feel this way, don't we? The older I get the more that this, however, is proven to be false. Nobody has it easy. Sure, some people don't have the thorns *you* have, but *their* thorns are pretty formidable indeed! Some people don't have it easy. The difference in the rejoicers and the non-rejoicers is this: some people have learned the secret of rejoicing! Or, as Paul put it, "the secret of being content". (Philippians 4:12).



I'm looking forward to talking about this with you during the month of March! This is a "secret" I need and you need, too. We all know people in life's *worst* situations, and still they are chipper, happy, joyful! Lord, I want to be that! I want the people around me to feel the joy coming off of me and want to be around me so it will rub off on them!

See you Sunday—joyfully—

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

## MARCH MESSAGES

Our 2017 Series, “Great Joy”, continues with  
“Learning the Secret of Being Content”,  
Philippians 4:11-13

1. March 5: “When Something Valuable is Lost”
2. March 12: “When All Resources Are Gone”
3. March 19: “When I Am My Own Worst Enemy”
4. March 26: “When Death Comes to Call”

## Wednesday Menu

### March

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|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Vegetable Beef Soup   |
| 8  | Sub Sandwiches        |
| 15 | Roast Pork            |
| 22 | Hamburgers & Hot Dogs |
| 29 | Chicken Pot Pie       |

## Missions Spotlight



### Mid India Church Partners

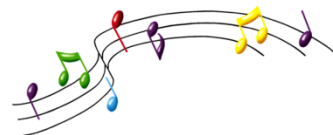


Most recent updates from fellow Christians in India. The old Community Hall building in Damoh was renovated and is now dedicated to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Community Hall is located in the Christian colony where most of the Christians in Damoh reside. This building is used for Sunday school and various activities of the church throughout the year, including senior citizen gatherings. We are thankful to God for this huge blessing to our ministry. They also had a special prayer meeting at the Masihi Mandli Church in Civil Lines, Bilaspur. There were many youth present from the community that were inspired by the message. Vivert taught on how to express Christian Faith when we are among other people in a proper manner. Please continue to pray for this ministry as they reach the lost in India and pray for their continued safety.



**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, February 16, 2017, we had only 4 Goodfriends join Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Valentine luncheon catered by 'Always Fresh Neighborhood Market'. We feasted on beef tips and rice, green beans, sweet potato casserole, salad and red velvet cake. After lunch, we sang along to music provided by Steve Roberts and his bluegrass band called Twisted Timber. JoeAnn Toney even won one of the door prizes!



## *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.

**Next Event: Thursday, March 16, 2017**

The Goodfriends will be going to Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, GA. We have a 10:30 am reservation, so we will leave LCC promptly at 9:00 am. **The minimum number required for the group rate is 10.** The group rate is \$16 + tax = \$16.96 (a savings of \$2 for seniors and \$4 for adults). Please pay Rosie Bengtson. The tram ride costs an additional \$5 + tax = \$5.30 (if you choose to ride). We will visit the Valley Gardens, Manor House Gardens and Japanese Gardens. We will have lunch at the Arbor Café. They serve reasonably priced sandwiches and salads. (See additional information and menu attached to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.)



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

### **Goodfriends Calendar: 2016 – 2017**

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: Gibbs Garden + lunch at Arbor Café (Note: group requires minimum of 10 tickets)  
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

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## ***Ask the Preachers***

***“How to Have a Happy Marriage”***

**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

**March 1: Tony Dyer**

**March 8: Mike McAlister**

**March 15: Clark Cregger**



# *Sisters of Grace*



**Saturday, April 22**  
**Mystery Fun Day**

**All ladies are invited.**

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		

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **March 1<sup>st</sup> Open Mic Night**

Bring your talent, any talent to share with the group.  
6:30- 8 PM

### **Cayac - Wednesdays in March 6:30-8 PM**

We are continuing our "Framework" series. Our theology is the framework for our Christian faith, so we are studying the essential theologies of Christianity.

### **Sunday School- Sundays 9:30 AM**

This month we are studying the many names of God.



### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sat., Mar. 4** – C&O practice 10 am - Noon

**Fri., Mar. 10** Milligan College Choir Concert at LCC, 7:30 pm

**Sun., Mar. 19** – C&O Concert at Cornerstone Christian Church in Dawsonville, GA at 5:00 pm

**Sat., Mar. 25** C&O practice 10 am – Noon



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**Milligan College Choir**  
in concert

**March 10, 2017**  
**7:30 pm**

at  
**Lilburn Christian Church**





*Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church*



## **Easter Egg Event**

Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am at LCC.  
Bring your kids out for this great event.



**Sundays:** Kids will have an opportunity to be a part of the Easter Special that will be performed during church on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be rehearsing on Sundays during the worship hour in the KUC and will have one Saturday rehearsal with the choir and orchestra on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon. If you would like your kid to participate, please make sure they are here for rehearsals. Allison will be sending an email to the parents with more details. If you have any questions, please contact Allison.

**Wednesday Night:** In March, we are starting a new series on emotions, called "Loving God from the Inside Out".

**VBS:** We have scheduled VBS for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. "The theme is Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose." More details to come!

**NEED VOLUNTEERS:** If you would like to serve in the KUC, we could use you! We need help in the Nursery on Wednesday nights (will just need to serve 1 or 2 Wednesdays a month), pre-school Sunday school, working the counter and other areas. Please see Allison McAlister if you are interested.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## March

- 3-4 Scouts Pinewood Derby in FLC
- 5 Debra Fulton Baby Shower in FLC at Noon
- 10 Milligan College Choir Concert at LCC at 7:30 pm
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins; Kevin & Grace Nguyen Baby Shower in FLC at Noon; AHG
- 16 Goodfriends
- 19 C&O to Dawsonville
- 24 Movie on the Lawn, 6:00-8:30 pm
- 25 C&O practice 10 am-Noon; Memorial for Dale Brock at 2:00 pm
- 26 AHG

## April

- 1 Churchwide Work Day
- 9 Palm Sunday; Easter Program by our C&O and KUC; AHG
- 15 Easter Egg Event
- 16 Easter Sunday/Pancake Breakfast, no Sunday School
- 20 Goodfriends
- 22 Ladies Mystery Fun Day
- 23 AHG
- 27 Berkmar High School Graduation
- 28 Gwinnett College Graduation

## Every Week

### Sunday:

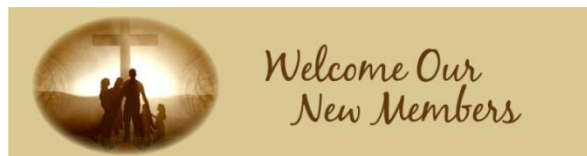
- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am KUC Sunday School Class
- 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 10:45 am KUC Children's & WEE Worship

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study



**Anita Crow & Steve Ramey**

**Dec. 4, 2016**

(photo was not included previously)



### "Movie on the Lawn"

**Friday, March 24**

**6:00 – 8:30 pm**

Bring lawn chairs, friends and family.  
We will be watching "Trolls".

Free Popcorn & Hot Dogs.

There will be a food truck available  
with other food items, so bring money  
for any purchases.



# 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
	Family of Dale Brock
	Janyce Perry & Family

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



Journeying through grief can be very confusing and lonely. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and would benefit being with others who are experiencing the daily challenges that grief brings, an 8 week Life After Loss - Grief/Bereavement Support group will begin on Wednesday, April 19th from 6:30-8:00pm and will meet for eight consecutive Wednesdays. All materials will be provided to each group member at no cost. For more information or to register, please contact Deana Porter at 404-918-6645.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Martha McKenna: number 770-929-5115**

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Martha McKenna. She has been diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer. She will undergo radiation for 4-6 weeks beginning March 2nd. Please pray for strength and stamina to withstand this course of treatment. Also pray for no side effects. Both Martha and Brian appreciate your prayers. Please press 1 and the # sign and your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

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**"LCC: Where Cultures Meet Christ"**

*The flowers are blooming in all their might,  
Everywhere there is a pretty sight,  
You know its spring, when you feel so good,  
You know its spring with colors of hope,  
Spring is the time to start afresh,  
It is the time when you feel refreshed,  
Spring is finally here,  
Happy spring season!*