



# ~~CONNECTIONS~~

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition, when infinite joy is offered to us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.* -C.S. Lewis.

I would like to argue with Lewis about this assertion; I would like to, but I cannot! He is right. And he is right not just about those in the world! We here in the church, you and I, are too easily amused. Too easily distracted from the important — from the better things! “Heaven” is such a glorious promise. It’s joys and raptures and delights are far above anything we see or know. We are told that we will have bodies, real bodies. That there will be water, rivers, running pure. That fruit will abound, growing on gorgeous trees, available to eat. There will be lots of food, apparently, and banquets, feasts! That relationships will be resumed, only better, minus the sin. That our work and service will be productive and we will reign and rule with Christ.

Heaven is a motivator, to endure the tough things now. Heaven is a stimulus, to serving Christ and laying up true treasure. Heaven is a comfort, when those nearest

and dearest pass from our eyes. There is a marvelous story in the Old Testament about King Solomon. He was reputed to be fabulously wealthy and fabulously wise. A person of great wealth herself, the Queen of Sheba, went to check it out first hand. She was blown away: *“The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. How happy your people must be!”* (1 Kings 10:6-8) O, friends, don’t you know that now, even right now, those already in the presence of Christ, tasting the joys of Paradise, say with this Queen: *“Not even half was told me”!*

If you are hurting today, think of Heaven. If you are discouraged today, think of Heaven. I pray the Lord of Heaven will encourage and thrill all of our hearts with the truth of His Word about the marvelous Tomorrow he has prepared for those who love Him!

God bless you all—see you Sunday—

Tony



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# ***SERMON SERIES***

**"Where Cultures Meet Christ"**

## **MAY MESSAGES**

- May 1: "Everything is New",  
Revelation 21:1-5
- May 8: "Caught Up Together",  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- May 15 "Dreams Come True",  
Luke 6:17-23



## *Wednesday Menu*

### **May**

- 4 Medallions of Roast  
Pork
- 11 Poppyseed Chicken
- 18 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- 25 Spaghetti

Our regular Kitchen Crew will be off during June and July., however, we will continue to have meals during June.



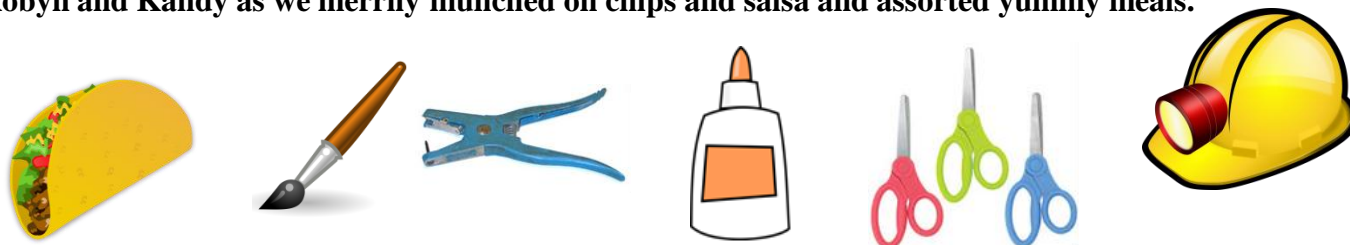
The Lilburn Cooperative Ministry has been blessed with great contributions which are so critical, especially at this time of year. LCC has been a significant part of that contributing team. For those who may be unsure of what to give and perhaps don't see the weekly emails, allow me to give you some ideas. Canned and non-perishable foods are the staple of what the food ministry gives to its clients. All manner of food is useful, especially canned meat, mac and cheese and soup. There are many other food and drink items that can be donated. There are non-food items that are also given out, such as personal hygiene items, dish and laundry soap. Gallon Ziploc bags are also always welcome. The Cooperative uses them to break down large bags of flour, sugar or rice into 1 pound bags to distribute. Please avoid leaving appliances and clothes. These items are best donated to the Salvation Army, Goodwill or other organizations that accept such items. When you are in your favorite grocery store, please grab one or more items for the Cooperative.



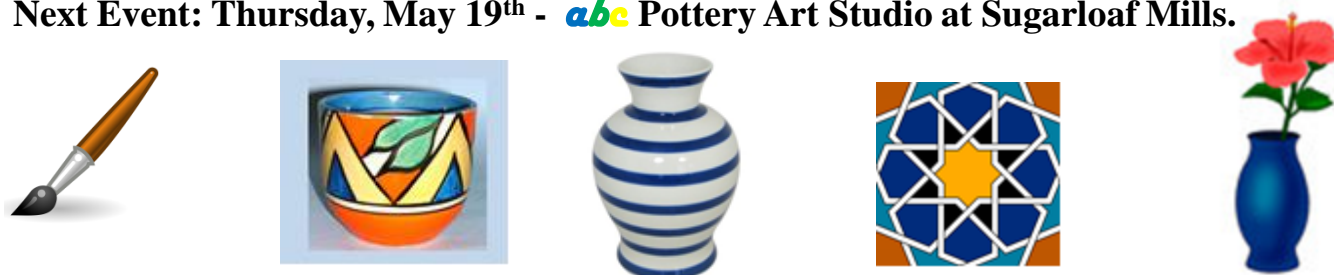
On April 21<sup>st</sup>, we had 11 Goodfriends (including 2 new ones!) met in the FLC at 9:30 am. Rosie Bengtson read a short devotional entitled 'A Merry Face' from the book Moments of Peace for the Morning. Proverbs 15:30 (MSG) - A twinkle in the eye means joy in the heart, and good news makes you fit as a fiddle. The last sentence says "Praise God today and people will know by your merry face that you have been in His presence."

We had a very merry time as we completed several VBS prep projects. We definitely had merry faces as we worked and laughed together! This was one of our 2 service projects for this year. We put stickers on cave helmets; we put stamps and address labels on postcards inviting families to VBS. We cut, we glued, we punched holes, and we spray painted toilet paper tubes (that will become cave bats).

Then, we went to AgaVero Mexican restaurant for lunch. We were happy to enjoy the company of Robyn and Kandy as we merrily munched on chips and salsa and assorted yummy meals.



**Next Event: Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - *abc* Pottery Art Studio at Sugarloaf Mills.**



We will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:00 am for a short devotion. Then, we will go to *abc* Pottery Art Studio at Sugarloaf Mills. We have reserved studio space from 11 am – 1 pm. Each of you will select an un-painted bisque art piece to paint. The cost will depend upon the piece you selected (see examples of some of the items available on the sheet of paper under the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center), plus a small percentage of the \$20.00 group fee that has been pre-paid for one of their assistants. Afterwards, we will eat at the Food Court at the mall so you will also need lunch money that day.

## *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.





# 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 42 DAYS LEFT!**

**SHIRTS ON SALE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> (\$5.00/\$8.00)**



Thank you for helping with supplies.

We do NOT need anymore toilet paper or paper towel rolls. We DO NEED



bottles of glue, 2 liter soda bottles, 48 boxes of corn starch, bottles of puff paint, flashlights, & spotlights. We will also ask for produce donations for the nightly meals during the week.

**VBS SET UP BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM.**

**WE WILL WORK EVERYDAY, ALL DAY UNTIL WE ARE DONE.**

**PLEASE JOIN US EVEN IF IT'S FOR AN HOUR.**



KUC Kids learn names for Jesus

# CAVE QUEST CREW

THE FOLLOWING LIST REVEALS VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS AS OF APRIL 25TH. PLEASE CHECK THE LIST TO MAKE SURE I HAVE YOU LISTED IN THE CORRECTION SPOT OR HAVEN'T ACCIDENTALLY LEFT YOU OFF THE LIST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AND YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST, PLEASE CONTACT ROBYN ASAP. ALL RED QUESTIONS MARKS REVEAL CURRENT JOBS THAT STILL NEED TO BE FILLED.

**Director** – Robyn Hudson

**Administrative Assistant** – Kandy Davidson

**Button Maker** – Kandy Davidson

**Decorations** – Pam Straughan, Christian Umberger, Mary Toyloy, Gerald Hudson, Eric McKinney, Gary Chow

**“Cavequest” Sign** – Eric McKinney

**Nursery (Night Lights)** –Christian Umberger, ??????????????????

**2's (Fire Flies)** – Debbie Dyer, Chelsea Bailey, Alysse Osuna

**3's (Glow Worms)** – Michelle & Rylee Roberts, Ana Linen

**4's (Star Lights)** – Jamie Renshaw, Abbe Standridge, Lydia Hankinson

**5's (Lightning Bugs)** – Jill Lyew, Lauren West, Sophe Goodwin

**K/1st (Gleamers)** – Jeff & Allison McAlister

**1st/2nd (Beamers)** – Ashley Scott, Jenna Straughan

**3rd/4th (Sparklers)** – Robyn McKinney, Schyler Umberger, Dakota Harris

**5th (Shiners)** – Shane and Beret Hankinson

**Bible Drama** (Bible Explorations) - \*Keely Aldred, Max Umberger, Ian Merrill, Brandon McAlister, Lainey Pettit, Khalia Sorrell

**Elementary Crafts** (Cavernous Crafts) - \*Lynn Akins, Lisa Pipkin, Kandy Davidson, Alex Nash, Jan Kloss

**Preschool Crafts** (Cavernous Crafts) - \*Rosie Bengtson, Yvonne Daniel, Debra Fulton, Anna Heinz, Karlyn Miller, Elizabeth Umberger

**Recreation** (Spelunker Sports) – Heather, Eric & Jordan Fox; Dylan Francis; Russell Hudson

**Elementary Kid Vid Cinema** (Dark Den Theatre) – Andre' & Kristin Turpin

**Preschool Kid Vid Cinema** (Dark Den Theatre) – Richie & Ali Morgan

**Meals** (Cave Dweller Diner) - \*Shannon Goeckel, Paul Pipkin, Vicky Levy-Harrison, Paul Bengtson, Connie Miller, Ana Smith, Bobby Rakowitz, Sandra Pilgrim

**Dining Crew** – (drinks & clean up) – Kristopher Smith, ??????????????????????

**Photo Booth** (The Dark Room) – Byron Davidson, Larry Daffron, Joyce Bissell

**Photographer/Slide Show** – Pam Straughan

**Music** (Stalactite Start-Up) - \* Carrie Aleman, Christina & Chloe Aleman, Teagan Merrill, Gary Chow, Penny Newman, Sydney Jackson, Rian Hubbard, Lainey Pettit, Ruby Reyes

**Audio/Visuals** – Deanna Scott

**Registration** (Entrance Chamber) – Pam & Richard Morgan, Gerald Hudson, Tammy Hubbard, Ellie Bryarly

**Missions Moment** – Paul Bengtson

**Skits** – Trudy Daffron, Shane Hankinson

**T-Shirts** – Gerald Hudson

**T-Shirt Table** – Betty Hubbard

**Runners** – Natalie and Brandon Kloss, Ayanna Jones, Kristopher Smith, Mary Toyloy, ??????????????????????

**Parking Crew** – Brian & Martha McKenna, Rob Hubbard, Larry Daffron, ??????????????????????

**Transportation** –Andre' Turpin, ??????????????????????



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### HAITI MISSIONS TRIP 2016

July 10-22

Cost: \$950

As of now we have 7 people signed up to go to Haiti.

Our trip dates are July 10-22. There is still room for a few more team members. If you are interested, please contact Shane asap.

**May 25th Welcome New 6th Graders:** We will have a special Wednesday night celebration in honor of our new 6th graders.



### MISSION CONNECT - ROMANIA

Connecting willing servants and visionary churches with Mission opportunities in Romania

Mission Connect has decided to stop funding Romanian ministers and are redirecting their efforts to 4 specific missions. MISSION CONNECT, through our supporters, has supported some of these men for 10 years or more. It is now time for them to be supported by the Churches they serve. For one more year, we will support 9 men at 50% of what they were being paid. After that, they will be financially independent of American money. We have given them the year to get their financial matters lined up. So far, the response from our supporters to this change has been positive. The next phase of MISSION CONNECT in Romania will be to support Projects. Experience has taught us that it is a better investment of mission funds to support groups of people, rather than individuals. The four projects are: 1). The Efrata Church in Lugoj, 2). The Bread of Life Church in Mondial (Moan'dee-awl), 3). The Sacrifice Church in Craiova, 4). Grace Christian School

Please visit their web site for more information on these particular projects.

<http://themissionconnect.org/>



A full classroom for Sunday school in the Brickyard.



Manuela (r.) and Elena (l.) are the children's teachers.



Students are learning English using Christian materials as their text.



The elderly are fed a warm, healthy meal every day.





# *Sisters of Grace*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### B.A.S.H.

#### **Book and Salad Hour (in someone's home) July 11, 18 & 25**

If you would like to host one of our Book Studies,  
please contact one of the Women's Ministry Leaders.  
We are looking for leaders for one fiction and one non-fiction book.

Our Mystery Fun Day began with a Hometown lunch in the FLC – things like Kentucky Fried Chicken, Boston Baked Beans, Hawaiian Coleslaw, Idaho Potato Salad and Southern Sweet Tea. Then 39 ladies pile into cars and off to our other surprise. We arrived New London Plaza to the theatre where we saw “Our Town” play. Everyone had a great time, and we look forward to our Gal's Get-Away to Callaway Gardens in October.



Save the date, October 21 & 22 for our  
Gal's Getaway at Callaway Gardens.  
More information will be provided as  
details are finalized.



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

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Pat Ferguson 770-466-5212  
Betty Hubbard 678-446-7926  
Cathy Wade 404-867-6102

Kandy Davidson 404-697-7367  
Dixie Grimm 404-932-5990  
Pam Morgan 404-697-4293

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May

- 1 AHG
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 8 Mother's Day
- 19 Bethsada Awards Ceremony; 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Graduate to CAYAC; Goodfriends
- 20 Onward Day Care Graduation
- 22 LCC Graduation Sunday; AHG Court of Awards
- 24 General Primary Election; Last Day of School for Gwinnett, & Walton Counties
- 25 Bethseda Awards Ceremony; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation to CAYAC
- 28 VBS Work Day
- 30 Memorial Day

Outdoor spring party - yep it really is a spring party. Nothing can stop this group from having a good time!! Thank you Earl and Trish Elkins for being such gracious hosts.



## June

- 3 Spring
- 4 Nuygen wedding (Kevin & Grace)
- 6-10 VBS Set-up
- 12-16 VBS
- 19 Father's Day
- 29 Wed. Night meals stop for the Summer

## 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







# Prayer Requests

## Prayer Needs

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Geraldine Coleman     | Scott Phillips       |
| Sami Lyew             | Carl & Louis Johnson |
| Donna Hill            | Straughan Family     |
| Bob Collier           | Gaynell Hicks        |
| Jim Gurr              | Harold Everett       |
| Gary Korb             | Joe Fiorenza         |
| Joyce & Terry Bissell | Dorrie Botteicher    |
| Michael Rose          | Jean Hudson          |
| Jamila Coleman        | Russ Burchfield      |
| Sharon Townsend       | Frank Umberger       |
| Diane Shelton         | Blake Fraser         |
| Judy & Paul Steverson | Connie Barefield     |
| John & Dotty Fulgham  | Blanche Barefield    |

## Prayer Bleepers:

**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.**



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

## BAPTISM



**Brian Arroyo**  
**April 17, 2016**

## New Members



**Serge Mutamba**  
**April 24, 2016**



**Wilfredo & Carmen**  
**Sabator**  
**April 24, 2016**



**Augustus & Mary Lakpor**  
**April 24, 2016**

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**"Mission Trip to Lilburn"**

