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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Our new sermon series is called "Stepping Out of the Boat." That's an ironic title for me to use: I'm not much for stepping out of boats myself! I used to water ski some when I was younger, but I wasn't very good at it. I had a friend who was. He would, while still standing in the boat, grasp the end of the rope tied to the boat and literally just step out of the boat and start skiing! I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it. He would gradually work his way down to the handle at the end of the rope, skiing all the while. Oh, and by the way, he was barefooted, I suppose I should mention that! I never stepped out of a boat like that.

I never did it the way Peter did, either. He gets a lot of abuse for speaking before he thought, and he deserves some of that. And he did "sink" after just a few seconds of walking on the water. (You remember that story, don't you? Matthew 14:22-33 tells it.) But none of the other 11 got out of the boat at all! And his "seconds" of actually walking on the water are the only ones ever recorded, other than Jesus! Wonder what it felt like? Winds whipping, sea-spray all over you—had to be exhilarating, right? He'd never done anything like that before...I'm sure he regretted sinking, looking at the waves instead of Jesus, etc. But do you think he regretted him asking Jesus call to him, hearing that call, and stepping over the rail? I suspect he did not!

It wasn't easy for him to do that. Stepping out of the boat never is! The boat is safe. Reasonably dry. And, compared with the alternative of battling winds and waves, it's safe. The



boat is all we know. I feel a metaphor coming on, don't you? I suspect our lives are like that boat. OK, kind of dry, kind of safe, very familiar. We might gripe about our boats/lives, but we aren't likely to go over the rail any time soon.

But maybe we should! We should listen for Jesus' call, of course. We don't want risk for risk's sake! But I believe from the moment He first calls us to trust Him our lives with Him are a continual series of times when asks us to take a risk, to jump over the edge, to take on something way out of our comfort zone, something we've never done before! Might be something we abhor. Or something we fear. Or something that would be our last choice. Still, He is there. And we hear His call!

Churches have to take risks. Preachers do, missionaries do, Elders do, leaders do. And all believers... what of them? Them too. Over the side you go! Let's step out—together!

I look forward to this series, and to taking some risks with you! God bless you and yours—

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

## OCTOBER MESSAGES

“Stepping Out of the Boat”

1. Sep 25: “An Experience I Don’t Want to Miss”, Matthew 14:22-33
2. Oct 2: “Opportunity for Reward”, Matthew 25:14-30
3. Oct 9: “Please, Take My Whole Lunch”, John 6:5-14
4. Oct 16: “We Want to Give More Than We Have”, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
5. Oct 23: “Go Back and Win”, Acts 14:19-22
6. Oct 30: “I’m Not Dead Yet”, Philippians 2:25-30

## Wednesday Menu

October

5	Spaghetti
12	Chicken Tenders
19	Vegetable Beef Soup
26	Sub Sandwiches

Missions Spotlight



This month's mission focus is Christian City. They will be hosting a "Chair-ity" event for The Children's Village on Thursday, Dec 1, 2016, 5:30-8:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza, 201 Aberdeen Pkwy., Peachtree City, GA 30269 if you are interested.

Tickets will be available for sale Nov 1 and are \$55 each. For the past nine years, artists, business leaders, volunteers, and generous philanthropists from our community have gathered to celebrate and support The Children's Village at Christian City. In 2016, they will come together again to host the 10th Annual Chair-ity Event, benefiting neglected, abused, and otherwise homeless children who now live safely at The Children's Village at Christian City.



**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.

Due to lack of interest, the Goodfriends did not attend the fall kick-off at Mt. Carmel Christian Church.

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

Nov 17: Thanksgiving lunch at Mt. Carmel CC (speaker + food basket service project)

Dec 16: Friday evening performance at New London Theatre – The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Jan 19: In FLC – Soup lunch + speaker

Feb 16: Movie and Lunch

Mar 16: Gibbs Garden + lunch at Arbor Café

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

Note: The play in December will require advance ticket purchase. Sign-up sheet for each month will be at the Welcome Center. Questions? Please call one of the following:

Rosie 770-978-7774 or 404-403-5765

Glenda 770-614-5972

Betty 678-446-7926

Janet 540-819-3846



### **Next Event: Thursday, October 20, 2016**

The Goodfriends will be visiting the Atlanta Botanical Gardens to see 'Chihuly in the Garden', an exhibition of 19 spectacular works of art by internationally acclaimed artist, Dale Chihuly. We have a guided tour scheduled for 11:00 am. Cost is \$25.00 (non-refundable). The sign up sheet is located at the Welcome Center in the foyer. Please pay Rosie Bengtson or Betty Hubbard. We need a final count by Wednesday, October 12th. We will leave the LCC Family Life Center promptly at 9:30 am. You will also need money that day for lunch at Linton's Quick Café, plus gas and parking money for your drivers. Car-pooling is advised.

## *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.



**October 2 – Ekklesia at Gallilee Christian Church,**

activities begin at 4:00 pm, food served at 4:30 pm, and the program will begin at 6:00 pm. Choir, Orchestra and Tech Team are to be there at 4:00 pm for rehearsal.

For more information regarding Ekklesia, visit <http://ekklesia-nega.org/Newsletters/150220%20Newsletter.pdf>

In preparation for Ekklesia, we had 95 people in the Choir & Orchestra under the direction of Dwayne Wylds on Sat., Sept. 24 from various churches rehearsing for this special program.

We encourage all of you to attend and support all the churches involved in this wonderful ministry.

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Ever wonder what happens when you drop an item in the buggy? Let me answer that. First, the items go to our living room where we draw a line through the bar codes and check expiration dates. We unwrap multi-packs of cans. We throw away anything that is expired. We then count the number of food and non-food items so I can report back to you each week. On Tuesday morning, I take the donations to the Coop, make a shopping list and come back to my office to send you the weekly email. That's the whole process. So what is a good donation? Good donations are items that have a shelf life of several weeks. Of course new is best. Sample items like soaps and shampoos are also great. Items in closed containers are best. Oatmeal and grits as individual serving envelopes are great. Please avoid breads and pastries. The Coop gets a huge donation of those items from local stores and ends up throwing most of that away after a couple of days. Other donations for the Coop such as clothes and appliances have their own set of rules. If you want to donate such items, please call me first, and I will help you with that, or just drop those in the local Goodwill. Since we really focus on food and certain other short-term expendables, those are safer. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Steve Perry at 678-717-9818, and remember if we each grab a couple of things as we go through our favorite grocery store, we will have an incredible impact on those less fortunate. Finally, if you have a large number of items, as has happened in the past, give me a call, and I will come and get it so you don't have to pack it to the church on Sunday morning. May God bless each and every one of us more than we deserve!

Steve Perry, MSA, EA  
678-717-9818



# Sisters of Grace

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**October 21 & 22**  
Gal's Getaway  
Callaway Gardens

If you need transportation, please contact Cathy Wade at [memoe@bellsouth.net](mailto:memoe@bellsouth.net), 404-867-6102.

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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# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**

**7:00 PM**

Practices will be from 6:30-7:00 on Wednesday nights and on Sundays during the Worship Hour. There will also be important practices on December 19th and 20th in the Sanctuary.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November

- 5 Men's Cookout at 6:00 pm
- 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 8 General Election
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 13 AHG
- 20 LCC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner & Church decorating for Christmas
- 23 No Wednesday Night Activities
- 24 Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Outreach
- 27 AHG

## October

- 1 Quilting Session
- 2 Spanish Breakfast; Ekklesia at Gallilee Christian Church, activities starting at 4:00 pm.
- 8 Woodcliff Outreach 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 20 Goodfriends
- 21-22 Gal's Getaway at Calloway Gardens
- 23 AHG
- 28 Gwinnett College Graduation
- 30 AHG

## 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:

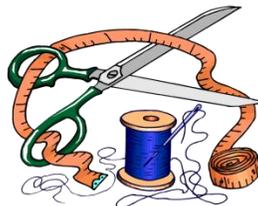
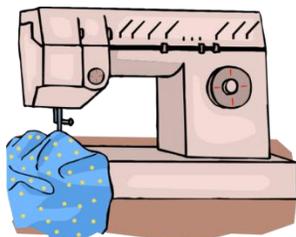
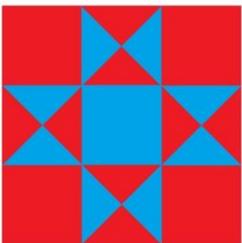
- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Deeper Life Retreats- Deeper life retreats are an incredible experience, a faith building weekend, a friend making weekend, a God worshipping weekend.

We want every High School student to go to the deeper life retreat this November 11-13. Only \$20.



We will be having a quilting session in the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Anyone interested in learning to quilt or in sharing quilting techniques and tips are welcome! If you are currently working on a prayer quilt or other quilting project, please bring it along with your sewing machine and any other materials or tools you might need. If you have scraps or extra pieces of material to share, please bring them as well. We will be finishing some quilt tops with batting and backing, as well as working on pocket prayer squares. We welcome beginners! Let Betty Hubbard or Rosie Bengtson know if you are interested.

# HOMECOMING

**Where memories were  
shared and remembered**

**2016**

Homecoming 2016 was a "scrapbookers" dream. It should have been titled wall of a thousand memories. Before, during and after the amazing lunch, people could be seen strolling down memory lane as they perused the 1000 pictures that lined the gym wall. Young and old were overheard sharing laughter and tears. Well done Diane and Michael!

Also well done was the worship service led by the Choir and Orchestra. The KUC children's choir joined the "Big Choir" for the amazing song "People of the Church"

We had an inspiring object lesson by 3 of our treasured widows, Pat Ferguson, Betty Hubbard and Jane Sherwood. They brought to life the widow's mite for every one in the room!

It was a great day to join our friends and family to remember times past and encourage the saints in the work still needed at LCC and for the Kingdom.

Pam Straughan





# Prayer Requests

## Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Dotty Fulgham
Sami Lyew	Carl & Louis Johnson
Donna Hill	Russ Burchfield
Bob Collier	Connie Miller
Jim Gurr	Glenda Middleton
Gary Korb	Barbara Johnson
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Donna Anderson
Jamila Coleman	Vicky Levy-Harrison
Judy Steverson	Trish & Earl Elkins
	Karlyn Miller

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

**BABY  
GIRL**



Please welcome Grace Kelly to the Turpin Family! Born September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pounds 8 ounces, 21.5 inches long.

## 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 2 prayer beepers out.

**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.

**Glenda Middleton: number 770-929-2008**

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Glenda Middleton. She was recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She will begin radiation therapy soon. Please pray for comfort and strength during this process and complete healing. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.

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