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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Our current series called "We Are Followers" might strike some as something unpalatable and weak. Followers are robotic and unimaginative. Followers are like lemmings that walk off a cliff just because someone else does. "I don't want to be a follower; I want to be a leader."

Today, "follower" has another kind of meaning. People on various types of social media have followers. Here is a list of those with the largest # of Twitter followers:

Katy Perry @katyperry. 92,025,609

Justin Bieber @justinbieber. 86,743,185

Taylor Swift @taylorswift13. 80,591,582

Barack Obama @BarackObama.

76,863,749

Rihanna @rihanna. 64,585,295

Kim Kardashian? Only #11! Instagram, though has a different list, and on this one Selena Gomez is #1 with 89 million

followers. What does that mean to be a follower of people like this? Some are just curious. Some like fashion or music. Some follow hoping to see a failure or scandal occur! And some genuinely like, adore, are fans of, and rabidly pay attention to everything the one they follow does.

Jesus isn't on social media, of course. But if He was, he wouldn't necessarily approve of "following" Him in this way. Following Him means actual movement on our part. A desire to relocate—perhaps geographically, certainly a spiritual change of trajectory—and go where He leads. The way He would put it, I think, is: "Don't 'follow' me because of my

robe or sandals or the length of my beard. Nor because you want to listen, only, to my latest teaching. Certainly don't 'follow' because you think it is cool or popular to do so. 'Follow' if you want to change your life. To follow me, you must 'Unfollow' everyone and everything else. I must be your #1 in every way. You must trust me. You must come after me. You must take up your cross. In that sense, 'follow' me."

Such following is not lemming-like, and it is certainly

not weak! It is strong and brave and decisive! At LCC, We Are Followers. And, it is a joy and an honor and an adventure to be such! As the old hymn says,

Wherever He leads I'll go,

Wherever He leads I'll go,

I'll follow my Christ who loves me so,

Wherever He leads I'll go.

I'm glad to be a follower with you! God bless you and your family—

Tony



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SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

SEPTEMBER MESSAGES

Message Series: "We Are Followers", Luke 14:25-27

- September 4: "We Declare", Mark 8:34-36
- September 11: "We Live", Hebrews 13:15-16
- September 18: "We Give", Luke 21:1-4

Wednesday Menu

September

07	Pizza
14	Lasagna
21	Tacos
28	Poppyseed Chicken



Kerala Christian Mission: The Missions Team met with Rajan Ipe during his visit to the States. We were very excited about the work Rajan and team are doing in India and New York City! Rajan spoke in depth about how they minister to people prior to them becoming a Christian. Because there are so many gods that the Hindu religion observes, there's a lot of counseling with individuals who are interested in becoming a Christian that entails them accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior ONLY and discarding all other gods they've worshipped in the past. Please continue to pray for Rajan and their mission to witness and spread the Gospel.

Other activities - on June 17th Rajan & Reni's grandson, John Abraham Chacko was baptized. Upon their return home, there was another baptism in their Dubai church during their visit there. Kids Zone was conducted in 10 different churches with a total of 625 children participating. This has really opened the doors for new families to visit. They've also started a girls home in Carmel and needs assistance to support girls. Housing relief was provided to widows and to those who have husbands that can't work due to the tsunamis. Please continue to pray for all the work being done through this mission!



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.



The Goodfriends kicks off our season with Mt. Carmel's Young-At-Heart senior adult group on Thursday, September 15th. We will meet at LCC in the Family Life Center at 11:00 am to carpool to Mt. Carmel Christian Church. We will enjoy a Soup and Chili luncheon, as well as a program including a performance by the Hi-Lo Chorus. Cost is \$10.00. Please pay Rosie Bengtson or Betty Hubbard. We will need a final count by Sunday, September 11th. You will find the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. If you plan on driving directly to Mt. Carmel, please indicate on the sign-up -sheet. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am.

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)

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 –

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

Glenda 770-614-5972

Betty 678-446-7926

Janet 540-819-3846

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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.

We'd like to say a big

**THANK
YOU**

Gerald and I would like to say thank you SO much for allowing us to serve here at Lilburn Christian Church for the past 6 years. It has truly been our pleasure. We have developed so many friendships while here and we have received so much love and support for not only ourselves, but our three sons as well. Our lives will be forever blessed because we met you. Change is always hard but we are certain that the great people of this Church will continue the task of loving and teaching children in the name of Jesus. Please continue to remember us in your prayers; you will forever be mentioned in ours.

KUC SINGS ON HOMECOMING SUNDAY!

All 1st-5th graders will sing in the 10:45 Worship Service on Homecoming Sunday, September 18th. On that day, children need to arrive in the KUC no later than 10:15. They will participate in the main Service that day but will sit together with the Children's Worship Leaders. If possible, please have your child wear a white shirt.



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.



CONSTRUCTION STILL IN PROGRESS

Robyn and Gerald might have resigned from their position on the KUC Labor Crew but none of the other workers have. In fact, we have several new recruits who have joined the work force to help continue “building God’s Kingdom one child at a time”. I am so grateful to those who serve so diligently in the Children’s Ministry. I pray that now, more than ever, you will remain faithful to your task and *“work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord”* (Colossians 3:23). Please help us show our gratitude to the following who have made a commitment to serve in the KUC as we move forward.



Will & Keely	Aldred	Jeff & Allison	McAlister
Diana	Apple	Robyn	McKinney
Rosie	Bengtson	Ian	Merrill
Yvonne & Melissa	Daniell	Karlyn	Miller
Eric, Heather & Jordan	Fox	Pam	Morgan
Lyn	Goeckel	Richie	Morgan
Jaime & Norfa	Gordilla	Alex	Nash
Dixie	Grimm	Ray & Sharon	Osuna
Beret & Shane	Hankinson & Family	Paul & Lisa	Pipkin
Genie	Hartman	Jamie	Renshaw
Betty	Hubbard	Michelle	Roberts
Jamie	Hux	Deanna & Tim	Scott
Ayanna	Jones	Jane	Sherwood
Mel	Jones	Abbe	Standridge
Vee & Naty	Khotphom	Pam	Straughan
Ann & Denise	Korb	Christian	Umberger
Karen	Lee	Cathy	Wade
Vicky	Levy-Harrison	Eric & Lauren	West
Ana	Linen	Margie	Wheeler
Ray & Jill	Lyew	Henriette	Wilke



September 24 - C&O Rehearsal for Ekklesia 10 am – Noon

October 2 - Gallilee Christian Church/Ekklesia at 6:00 pm

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

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

The evening service at Whistleville Christian Church on August 29, 2016 started at 6 pm with a hand shake to each choir member and a "Glad your here" from Music Director, Dwayne Wylds. The choir, orchestra and tech crew made up of 85 members from 5 area churches presented a set of songs that included hymns, as well as contemporary pieces. It was truly a Spirit filled worship!

By the 3rd song more chairs were being added to the back row!

You could fill the presence of the Holy Spirit as people raised hands and hearts to God. The service was closed with "How Great Thou Art", prayers, and a standing ovation from the congregation. People left encouraged to spread the gospel as they left the building Sunday evening.





Sisters of Grace

UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the date, October 21 & 22
for our Gal's Getaway at
Callaway Gardens.

Cost: \$100 (\$50 deposit due at registration with the
balance due by 9/18.)

Please register in the foyer, or see one of the
women listed below. If you would like to sponsor
a friend or your spouse, see Cathy Wade.

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

September

- 5 Labor Day
- 10 Lilburn Int'l Festival; LCC Work Day 9 am - Noon
- 11 Spanish Breakfast; AHG
- 15 Goodfriends
- 17 AHG Service Project
- 18 Homecoming
- 24 C&O Practice for Ekklesia 10 am – Noon
- 25 AHG 2-4 pm

October

- 1 Quilting Session
- 2 Spanish Breakfast; Ekklesia at Gallilee Christian Church at 6:00 pm.
- 8 Woodcliff Outreach
- 16 Teacher Appreciation Day
- 20 Goodfriends
- 21-22 Gal's Getaway at Calloway Gardens
- 23 AHG
- 28 Gwinnett College Graduation
- 30 AHG

Welcome New Member



Edward Bartline
8/7/16

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

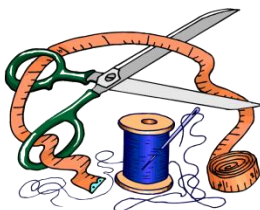
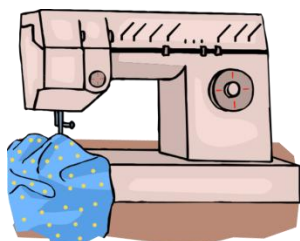
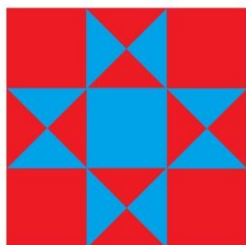
Monday:

- 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

Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry



We will be having a quilting session in the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 1st 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

POKEHUNT

Shane and his teens, along with all of his teen staff, hosted an outreach event Wednesday night August 3rd in Lilburn City Park.

We spent the evening meeting people who LIKED us on Facebook, serving soda and pizza. as well as looking down at our phones for POKEMONS!! If you don't have the app, just ask a teen or an Elder. Richard Morgan has it on his phone!

We fed and reached out to about 100 people. Marcos Pizza helped with the pizza and even donated gift certificates.

This was a multi - generational and multi-cultural event. We reached families, students and young professionals.

They will know you are Christians by your love - John 13:35. A few more people in our community received this love. They know Lilburn Christian Church cares about them!

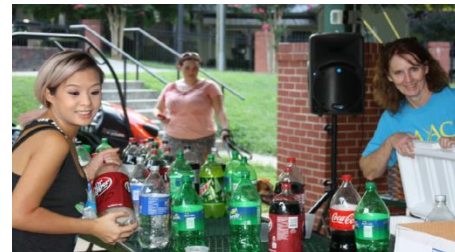
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<https://www.facebook.com/LCCLilburnChristianChurch/posts/1348648625165280>

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 Middle School student to go to the deeper life retreat this September 9-11. Only \$20.

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





Prayer Requests

Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Dotty Fulgham
Sami Lyew	Carl & Louis Johnson
Donna Hill	Russ Burchfield
Bob Collier	Connie Barefield
Jim Gurr	Connie Miller
Gary Korb	Glenda Middleton
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Barbara Johnson
Jamila Coleman	Donna Anderson
Sharon Townsend	Donna Stamm
Judy Steverson	Wayne Starling

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

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.

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 3 prayer beepers out.

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.

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HOMEcoming

**Where memories are
shared and remembered**

2016

Homecoming is right around the corner. It will be a covered dish so please bring a meat, 2 veggies, bread, dessert and drink. Bring enough for your family and extra for others.

Homecoming is about memories. We need everyone to bring "copies" of their favorite church memories. We need 2 pictures per person or 4 per family. Please make all pictures 4x6 only. You can give them to either Diane Shelton or Michael Rose no later than the Sunday before homecoming. Please put the date or year the picture was taken and who are in the pictures.

Volunteers are also needed. We need people to help get the food when it arrives and set it out before service lets out Homecoming Sunday. We need people for clean up as well. If you would like to help, please email Michael@piercedspike00@gmail.com with your name and number.