



~~CONNECTIONS~~

Volume 137 Issue 1

October, 2017

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The War of the Roses. The War of the Frying Pan. The War of the Dirty Socks. The War of the Nasty Text. The War of the Cold Shoulder. The War of the Silent Treatment. The War of Escalating Snarky Remarks. You know about these wars, don't you?

I remember an old episode of "All in the Family", where Edith warned her daughter Gloria to stop the craziness she was sharing with her husband, Michael. She told Gloria that her own parents got in a spat over something small — "the syrup for the pancakes" — and, though they lived together for many years thereafter, things were never, never, never the same...

"The Crazy Cycle" is a video-based Bible study that attempts to help husbands and wives step back, look at their own relationship, and develop some understanding about how each can literally stop the cycle of escalating craziness that all too often is a regular feature of our home life. He says something. She says something back. She withholds something. He withholds something back. It gets worse and worse. No! There must be a better way!



There is. It's right there in the Scriptures! I look forward to sharing this series with you on Wednesday nights in October. We plan to meet at 7 pm on Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25, and if you are a Wednesday night regular, or have never come before, either way, this series is for you! If you are married, used to be married, might be married, or know someone who is married, this series can be a blessing for you! I hope you will come.

Marriage, it will come as no surprise for you to hear me say, is in trouble in the U.S. I think our church needs to stand for strong, healthy, Biblical, loving marriages, and do all we can to help husbands and wives love one another as our Lord teaches us we can. Lord, give husbands and wives strength!

Thank you for your prayers for me and for LCC! I am honored to be serving our Lord here alongside of you. God bless each of you—

Tony

LCC Staff:

Tony Dyer, Senior Minister

tony@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Dwayne Wylds, Minister of Music

dwayne@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Shane Hankinson, Youth Minister

shane@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Allison McAlister, Children's Director

allison@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Lynn Akins, Financial Secretary

lynn@lilburnchristianchurch.org

Church Office

office@lilburnchristianchurch.org

LCC Elders:

Jim Gurr:

770-925-8680

William Renshaw: 770-736-9460

Paul Bengtson: 770-875-9170

Richard Morgan : 770-338-9081

Sherman Wade: 404-867-6101

Jeff Stephens: 770-712-1172

Editor:

Kandy Davidson

Photographer:

Pam Straughan

Please email articles to
Office@LilburnChristianChurch.org
by the 23rd of each month!!

SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MESSAGES

**“He Has Made (Even) Me Glad!”,
Psalm 92:4**

- Oct 1: “Glad to Speak Out”,
Exodus 4:10-16
- Oct 8: “Glad to Give”,
2 Chronicles 24:4-14 Shane
Hankinson, preaching
- Oct 15: “Glad to Praise”,
2 Chronicles 29:27-31
- Oct 22: “Glad to Be Forgiveness”,
Psalm 51:1-11
- Oct 29: “Glad Before the Bloom”,
Isaiah 35:1-10
- Nov 5: “Glad to Be Together”,
Acts 2:37-47
- Nov 12: “Glad to Fix a Problem”,
Acts 15:1-1; 22-31
- Nov 19: “Glad for Weakness”,
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- Nov 26: “Glad to Be Poured Out”,
Philippians 2:17-18

Wednesday Menu

OCTOBER

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| 4 | Sub Sandwiches |
| 11 | Shepherd's Pie |
| 18 | Pizza |
| 25 | Vegetable Beef Soup |



Join us!
Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25
at 7:00 pm

**for this video based
Bible Study!**

During Wednesday nights in October we plan to offer a Bible study elective for adults called “The Crazy Cycle.” This series is designed to help us in our marriages find a way to break the cycle of anger and negativity that too often prevails in our homes, and get to a place of love and joy and health! Join us on Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 as we seek to strengthen out families.

**“He Has
Made
(even) Me
Glad”**





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.

Although most of our activities occur during the day, we would gladly consider doing something in the evening....

We also welcome your ideas! In our July meeting, we talked about the possibility of doing some game nights. Some suggestions included playing cards, board games, or puzzles.

If you would like to gather in the evening with others of similar interests, please let us know!

We will not be pre-planning our events this year. We will continue to join Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart group whenever they have an activity that we are interested in. Unfortunately, the Young-at-Heart leadership team only plans their events a few months at a time.



We joined Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their Fall Kick-off on Thursday, September 21st. Lunch was catered by Always Fresh Neighborhood Market. We feasted on Pot Roast with Potatoes and Carrots, Squash Casserole, Pole Beans, Dressing and Gravy, with Dinner Rolls – followed by either Mixed Berry Cobbler or Apple Cobbler and Vanilla Ice Cream.

Their guest speaker was Paul Leslie, Senior Minister of McDonough Christian Church. Paul was a Timothy of Mt. Carmel Christian Church. His message was entitled 'Where's God?'. He spent some time sharing memories of his time at Mt. Carmel mentioning his youth coaches, church camp and other events that created his foundation as a Christian and thanked those in attendance for investing in the lives of young people. He took notice of how God weaves things together with events at his 'old' churches having impacts on his 'new' churches throughout his life. After all what is providence, but God always providing?

Interested?

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)

Here are some of the notes I took –

In time of tragedy, we ask where's God? Yet, it takes the adversities in life to trust God in our lives. Change happens, and we don't like change – even churches change...

Moses had led God's people only so far - then Joshua had some mighty big shoes to fill.

In Joshua, chapter 1, God tells His people to get ready to cross the Jordan River, so they broke camp.

Sometimes, we need to be willing to let go of the past and embrace the future.

Where was God? He was right there, ready to do something amazing.

Sometimes, God wants to do something so BIG, so that we could not even attempt to take credit for it.

In Joshua, chapter 3, we read that the Jordan River was at flood stage. Once the priests stepped into the water,

God stopped the water from flowing way upstream and it piled up miles away.

Sometimes, God works upstream and out of sight...

Do we let our circumstances paralyze us?

Remember, the leaders had to walk in faith and get their ankles wet..

Point 1: Take a step of faith (the very circumstance you think will swallow you up will become your greatest victory). A journey that should have taken them a few days took 40 years!

Point 2: Trust what you cannot see (God is always working upstream in our lives). Hebrews 11:1 says "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Point 3: Let go of what you cannot control. Get out of God's way.

Point 4: Trust God's timing. Isaiah 40: 31 says "Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weary."

=====

Next Event: Thursday, October 19th

We will be joining Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for a Soup and Chili luncheon, followed by BINGO!!

Upcoming Events:

No November Event

December 14th (second Thursday) – Christmas luncheon at Mt. Carmel

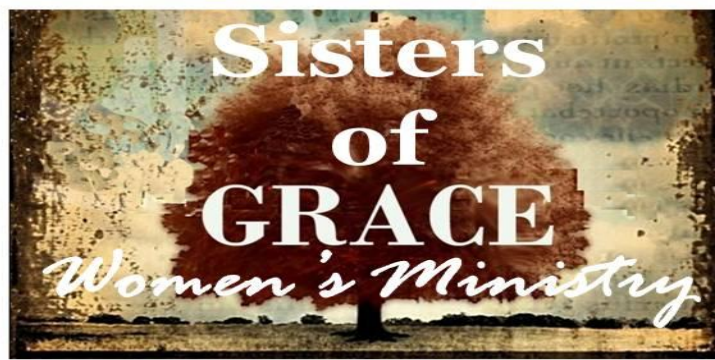
January 18th – Lunch at Buckner's Family Style Restaurant in Jackson, GA (with Mt. Carmel)

February 15th – Valentine luncheon at Mt. Carmel

The sign-up sheet will be put at the Welcome Center for several weeks before an event.

Any questions – call Rosie Bengtson at 404-403-5765 or 770-978-7774.





**Gal's Get-Away - October 20, 21, 22, 2017
Savannah, GA**

Our Retreat theme is "Lavender Springs Spa",
and we will be studying the Psalms.



*Gingerbread
Wishes*

*Save The Date!
Thursday
December 14th*

The theme for this year's Ladies Christmas Party is Gingerbread Wishes. For our craft, we will be decorating Gingerbread Man wooden ornaments. If you have any small/thin rick-rack or lace, tiny buttons or other items suitable for this craft project, please contact Rosie Bengtson or Janet Curtiss. If you happen to see any of those items at garage sales or even Fabric World, please consider getting some and donating them for this purpose. Also: our service project will be collecting items for a non-profit organization called 'Honor the Homeless'. Please be on the lookout for the following items and come prepared!

Men's sizes:

Men's jeans or Khaki's (no dress pants)
Men's underwear/boxer shorts
Men's shirts/T-shirts (no dress shirts)
Men's socks & shoes (no dress shoes)
Men's coats/jackets

Ladies sizes:

Ladies pants (jeans/slacks)
Ladies button-down shirts/T-shirts)
Ladies panties & bras (especially larger sizes)
Ladies socks & shoes (no dress shoes)
Ladies coats/jackets

Other items: Blankets, flat sheets, plastic shower curtains, comforters, quilts

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		

LCC Music Ministry



HOMECOMING CONCERT

110%. That's what the worship leaders gave this Sunday!!! This unique choir and orchestra is a combination of 8 churches. Some of the members are 15 minutes away, some an hour. Near and far they have rehearsed together and separately to lead us in worship.

God was exalted, we were encouraged. When that happens, the church is strengthened!

It was great to worship and fellowship with new friends and old friends.

Special thanks to Lynn Knight, Jasmine Coleman and all the helpers who decorated, cleaned and feed over 300 people.

I've been eating pot luck at this church for many years, and this was some of the best dishes and desserts we've ever had!

Pam Straughan



If you've got pain,
He's a pain taker.

If you've got chains,
He's a chain breaker.



He opened wide the
gates so we could
walk into all the joy
and spender of
heaven.





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

Thank you to all the kids who attended the LCC church wide workday. We had about 10 kids show up to help Allison organize and clean the KUC area!



Sundays and Wednesdays

If you would like to help in the KUC, we could use your help. Help is needed in the nursery on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Please see Allison for more details!



Rian Hubbard was baptized on Sunday, September 17, 2017.

The Hubbard and Scott family are very proud of her! Her KUC /LCC family, as well as all the angels in heaven were rejoicing about her decision to make Jesus the Lord of her life.





CAYAC

Come As You Are Church

2017 Fall Retreat

North Georgia Christian Camp
531 Christian Camp Lane Clarkesville, GA 30523

**Friday November 17-
Sunday November 19**

GOURMET FOOD & SNACKS!!!

Exciting Games

Movie in the Woods

\$25

PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 25
No registrations accepted
after November 1st

Meet at LCC @ 6PM on Fri Nov 17
Get picked up from LCC @ 3PM on Sun Nov 19

Questions? Call Shane 770-906-3303

Sunday October 29



We had such a great time last year with Trunk or Treat, and 200 of our neighbors agree that we should do it again.

This year it will be bigger with 24 trunks, a hot dog stand, great lighting, music and a tour of our new Café Five Fifty offering pumpkin spice lattes.

Please join us by hosting a trunk.

Choose a theme, a game/activity and a treat.

See Shane or Allison to sign up.

Missions Spotlight



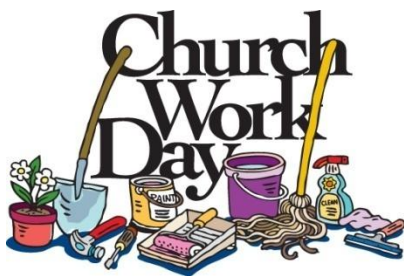
Please pray for Rajan and his family. Kerala is in the monsoon season and according to their most recent Facebook post it was still raining hard and a viral fever spread as an epidemic killing over 600 people. His family was infected with "Dengue" a strand of viral fever. Reni (his wife) and others were hospitalized. Please pray for the work going towards the children's home. Funds are needed to help build a compound wall due to nineteen dogs that are in the streets and sleeping on their doorsteps. The concern is of the safety of the children. The political situation in India is changing fast. We now have a former RSS (Hindu extremist organization) as the New President and BJP (Hindu political Party) leader as the New Vice President. B.J.P has over 2/3rd majority in the Parliament. We will not be surprised if within a few years India will be declared a Hindu Nation. But that is OK with us. Nothing happens in this world without the knowledge and permission of "Our Father in Heaven". Whatever He permits is for the ultimate good of His Children.



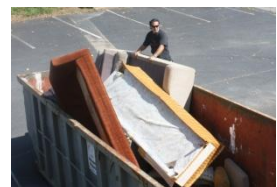
Pray for those living in the low areas affected by the flood and disease. Thanks to IDES for providing food packets and medicine. Relief work is progressing.



CARMEL GIRL'S HOME IN KERALA HAS ADDED NEW CHILDREN



Saturday, Sept. 9 was workday with a lot of work with some fun and fellowship thrown in. We had about a dozen kids show up to help with yard work and cleaning the KUC. Many hands make a lighter load and when those hands are kids there is some laughter too. Denise Hines, Eric West and Allison spent a lot of their time overseeing the work of our young people. Deanna was ready with a list of chores for all ages. The lunch was awesome and several of our crew went back for seconds. Our property looked well loved when we were done!
Pam Straughan





Cafe Five Fifty

located in the Lilburn Christian Church Chapel

Cafe Five Fifty is a community coffee house, game room, meeting place and entertainment venue. Our goal is to join with the community of Lilburn to support the Lilburn Co-Op as we provide live entertainment and free coffee. What a great reason to make this your regular Sunday evening destination.

Bring some canned goods to donate to the Lilburn Co-op and a couple bucks for brownies and cookies. The coffee is and always shall be free. Entertainers coming up are:

Sunday, Oct. 1	Cameron Portwood
Sunday, Oct. 8	Jacob Elliott
Sunday, Oct. 15	Graham Parris
Sunday, Oct. 22	Kiera Olm

* * * * *



Our “Raise the Roof” Campaign continues as we strive to raise \$250,000 for our recent Sanctuary renovations. Donations can be placed in the special envelopes in the pews, or funds can be placed in the offering with “Raise the Roof” added so we know those funds are for this campaign. We have currently raised over \$18,552.00.

Thanks for your help, as this enables us to continue to serve Christ here.



Lots of noise as the old roof comes off and the New Roof goes on.

We could probably come up with several biblical analogies about that!

Pam Straughan





Prayer Requests

Prayer Needs

Geraldine Coleman	Betty Hubbard
Donna Hill	Marge Renshaw
Bob Collier	Norah Nguyen
Jim Gurr	Ken Akins
Joyce & Terry Bissell	Pat Benson
Jamila Coleman	June Strobino
Sharon Townsend	Sara Williams
Carl & Louis Johnson	Richard Kloss
Russ Burchfield	Wally Curtiss
Barbara Johnson	Terry Randall
Donna Anderson	Donna Stamm
Diane Shelton	Eric West
Beverly Underwood	Schyler Umberger

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

1	Ekklesia
14	Life Line Screening by appointment only
20-22	Ladies Gal's Get-Away in Savannah, GA
27	Gwinnett College Graduation, 7:00 pm
29	Trunk or Treat

November

05	Daylight Savings Time Ends
10-11	High School Deeper Life
17-19	CAYAC Fall Retreat
23	Thanksgiving Outreach

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 no prayer beepers out.

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
---------	-------------------

Tuesday:

9:45 am	Ladies Bible Study
---------	--------------------

Wednesday:

5:45 pm	Meal
6:30 pm	KUC, CAYAC, C&O practice
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study

Lilburn Christian Church

314 Arcado Road

Lilburn, GA 30047

Phone: 770-921-2993

Fax: 770-921-6569

We're on the web:
www.lilburnchristianchurch.org

"LCC: Where Cultures Meet Christ"



Fall
Harvest
Autumn
Thankful
Blessings