



# ~~CONNECTIONS~~

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I hope you are tracking along with us in our study of the Gospel of Mark! Our series is called "Jesus IS the Good News", and indeed, He is! Without Him, there IS NO Good News, no "Gospel"! And with Him, the Good News is mighty, mighty good!

Mark keeps Jesus front and center. He's always doing something. Or saying something. Healing someone. Taking on a group of naysayers. Taking on an impure spirit. Taking on a situation that seems ominously filled with danger and threat that would make the rest of us run for the tall grass. Jesus is brave! He is powerful! He doesn't say what anyone else says, or do what anyone else does. No one else COULD say and do the things He does and says!

Arturo Toscanini was a great conductor, one of the greatest of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. On one occasion the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, which he was leading, rose to their feet and cheered Toscanini at the end of a rehearsal of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*. After a moment when the applause began to recede, with tears in his eyes, the great conductor's broken voice cried out: "It isn't me...it's Beethoven!...Toscanini is nothing."

Ahh, he's on to something, isn't he? It isn't me. Or you. Or some expert or heavy hitter from out of town. It's...Jesus!...He is everything! In Mark, sick people learned this. Former fishermen and tax collectors learned this. A few hard-headed Pharisees learned this. Crowds learned it. Who knows, maybe I will learn it, and you, and all of us will learn it, too? Jesus IS the Good News! He is everything!

A song hits the nail on the head:

*For He's more wonderful than my mind can conceive*

*He's more wonderful than my heart can believe*

*He goes beyond my highest hopes and fondest dreams*

*He's everything that my soul ever longed for*

*Everything He's promised and so much more*

*More than amazing, more than marvelous*

*More than miraculous could ever be*

*He's more than wonderful, that's what Jesus is to me.*

See you Sunday—

Tony



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# SERMON SERIES

“Where Cultures Meet Christ”

## FEBRUARY MESSAGES

Our current series of Messages, “Jesus IS the Good News” from the Gospel of Mark continues in February:

Feb 4: “*The Touch That Tells*”,  
Mark 5:24-34

Feb 11: “*12 Basketfuls of Compassion*”, Mark 6:30-44

Feb 18: “*The Man Who Would Not Be Silent*”, Mark 7:31-37

Feb 25: “*The Brightest of Them All*”,  
Mark 9:2-13

## Wednesday Menu

### FEBRUARY

07 Chicken Tenders

14 Pizza

21 Chicken Pot Pie

28 Vegetable Beef Soup

### “Words of Grace”

We are grateful that so many are sharing “Words of Grace” in 2018 and letting us know that you are doing it by turning in the number you have shared with the tear-off response form on Sunday’s bulletins! This isn’t “bragging”, no one will know or publicize your count, but it is a great way to challenge yourself to continue to share Christ’s love on a regular basis with others! Remember, “Words of Grace” are:

- 1) An invitation to an LCC service or event;
- 2) What Christ can do for someone;
- 3) What Christ has done for you.

Keep up the spreading of Grace! We want to share 10,000 during 2018!



Please keep those in your prayers working at the Southwest Christian Care. They provide ALL of their services at NO COST to those they serve, thanks to the generous gifts from their community of supporters. One opportunity to serve coming up on May 5th is their annual Hustle for Hope. If you would like to participate in that, please visit their website to register. Funds raised will go towards the many programs they have available through this important ministry. Hospice Care, Children’s Respite, Senior Care and Spiritual Care.

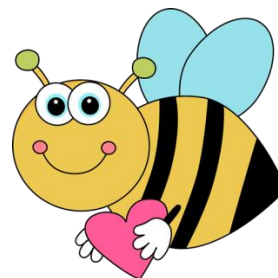


**Goodfriends** is for anyone who can join us! (young or not-so-young, young at heart or young in spirit). We enjoy an activity or an outing on the 3rd Thursday of each month (unless noted) from September thru July.

The January event (joining Mt. Carmel for lunch at Buckner's Family Style Restaurant in Jackson, GA and shopping at Tanger Outlet Mall in Locust Grove) was cancelled due to our siege of Winter Weather.



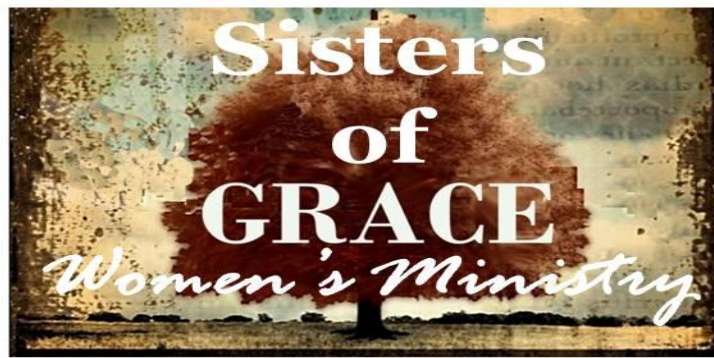
**Next Event:** Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Valentine luncheon at Mt. Carmel with a musical program presented by Dave and Teri Wilson. Lunch will be catered by Always Fresh Neighborhood Market & Restaurant. Cost for lunch is \$15.00 and must be pre-paid. Please give your money to Rosie Bengtson.



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.

# *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;  
Janet Curtiss 540-819-3846.



The Women's Ministry leaders had their annual meeting to discuss upcoming events. Following are tentative dates subject to change based on availability.

March 17, 2018	Ladies Mystery Fun Day
July 16 & 30, 2018	B.A.S.H. (Book and Salad Hour)
September 21 & 22, 2018	Gal's Get-A-Way
December 13, 2018	Ladies Christmas Party

More details will be forthcoming.

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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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. As of 1/31/2018, we have raised \$28,886.17.

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





# *LCC Music Ministry*



## **HANDBELL CHOIR**



Have you ever played bells before? Are you interested in learning to play bells? Do you want to be part of a new music ministry here at LCC? If you answered, “Yes” to any of these questions, THEN, WE NEED YOU! We are looking for new ringers, and now is the perfect time to check it out. Come join us Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 in the room above the office in the FLC. Or, you can contact Dave Wilson at [davewilson914@gmail.com](mailto:davewilson914@gmail.com) or 404-324-1076 for more information.

The Choir & Orchestra are beginning to work on our Easter program. Be a part of this program. Join us now. For more information, contact Dwayne at [dwayne@LilburnChristianChurch.org](mailto:dwayne@LilburnChristianChurch.org) or call 770-921-2993.





## Winter Jam

**Feb. 3, 2018**

**Cost - \$15 per person**

Register by January 24 deadline. Minimum of 10 people must be signed up.

Skillet is coming back to ATL along with Kari Jobe, Building 429 and others. This is a great concert you won't want to miss. Must sign up by January 24 so we can arrange transportation for everyone.

Join us Wednesdays for CAYAC  
Feb 7,14,21,and 28

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am  
as we study God's Word together  
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

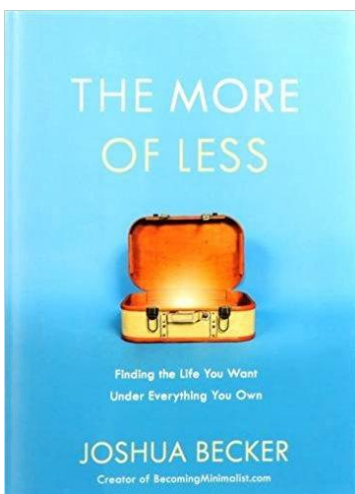


Cafe Five Fifty

Cafe Five Fifty is cancelled for February 11.  
Watch for future dates.

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## BOOK STUDY



**What:** A study of the book "The More of Less" by Joshua Becker

**Who's Invited:** Anyone

**When:** Monday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm on February 5, 12, 19 & 26.

**Where:** Home of Debbie Dyer at 1075 Windsor Place Circle, Grayson

**Hostess:** Debbie Dyer,  
404-414-1872,  
deborahleighdyer@yahoo.com

### More Info:

- ~ Books can be ordered on Amazon or christianbook.com
- ~ Read the first three chapters prior to each discussion
- ~ Bring your Bible, paper & pen
- ~ Parking is very limited. Carpooling is helpful.

Please let Debbie know if you can attend. We are looking forward to discovering what God has to tell us through this book.



*Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church*

Thank you to all who attended the Parents meeting. I hope it was helpful for parents to see what is going on in the KUC on Wednesdays and Sundays, to get a preview of the events we have planned in 2018 and ways for parents to get involved. See below for few of the upcoming events.

## March Service Project

The KUC will participate in a service project one Saturday in March. Stay tuned for more details.



ALL DAY RETREAT

AT LCC

APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>

9:30AM TO 4 PM

MORE DETAILS TO  
COME



**Summer Camp for 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**

**North Georgia Christian Camp**

(Please see Allison if you are interested or would like a list of other dates)



## 2018 Opportunities for Parents

- Be a KUC volunteer on Sundays or Wednesdays\*
- Chaperone or help with an event (e.g. Service Project, Heaven on Earth, VBS, Easter Egg Event, Trunk or Treat, etc.)
- Like to Paint? Seeking volunteers to Paint the KUC
- Help with Promotion of Events
- Donate supplies (e.g. construction paper, crayons, markers, glues, VBS supplies, Retreat supplies, play dough, etc)



# Prayer Requests

Geraldine Coleman  
Donna Hill  
Bob Collier  
Jim Gurr  
Terry Bissell  
Jamila Coleman  
Sharon Townsend  
Russ Burchfield  
Barbara Johnson  
Donna Anderson  
Diane Shelton  
Beverly Underwood  
Betty Hubbard  
Marge Renshaw  
Norah Nguyen  
Pat Benson  
June Strobino

Sara Williams  
John Panuska  
Denyse Galiothe  
Sandy Young  
Blake Fraser  
Sherman Wade  
Sarah Umberger  
Jeff Truitt  
Iya Davies  
Family of Richard Kloss  
Dennis & Sara Harris  
Steve Bryant  
Family of Harold Everett  
Brian McKenna  
Sandra Denton

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

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."  
- Max Lucado

## 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 two prayer beepers out.

### **Kevin and Grace Nguyen – 770-929-5157**

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Kevin and Grace Nguyen. Please pray that baby Norah receives a liver transplant soon. Pray that a donor is found that will be a perfect match. Pray for her parents while they wait for God's response. Thank you for your continuing prayers. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to them.

### **Gensie McDonald – 770-929-5130**

Message: Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Gensie McDonald. She has been diagnosed with bone cancer in her lower back. Please pray for the doctor as they decide the best course of treatment. Thank you for your prayers on Gensie's behalf. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

- 3 Winter Jam
- 24 Chili Cook-Off in FLC at 6:00 pm

### March

- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 17 Ladies Mystery Fun Day
- 25 C&O Easter Program at 10:30 am.
- 29 Disciples Service at 7:00 pm.
- 31 KUC Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am



**February 24, 2018**  
**6:00 pm in FLC**

### 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



**Erika Breece**  
**01/14/18**

### *New Member*



**Karen Throckmorton**  
**04/14/18**

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



### God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us  
Was not a bunch of flowers;  
It wasn't candy, or a book  
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,  
So He could freely give  
His sacrificial love for us,  
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and  
Instruction, good and true--  
To love our friends and enemies  
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,  
Let's thank our Lord and King;  
The reason we have love to give  
Is that He gave everything.

*By Joanna Fuchs*