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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Change is hard. We are going through a time of transition in our Youth Ministry, as Shane and Beret Hankinson leave us and will pursue other opportunities in ministry. I praise God for the good things that our Lord did among us while Shane served with us. During his 7 years here many went

from LCC to Haiti on mission's trips, many young people went to retreats and camps, lives were changed, and our Chapel was remodeled. I am grateful, and we celebrate the love that was shared here during this time. I know you join me in praying for the Hankinsons, that our Lord guide and bless this next time in their lives.

I also ask you to join me as we move forward with our Youth Ministry! I and our church leaders are committed to seeking our Lord's help and power in establishing a vital and thriving Youth Ministry! We want to see an ever-growing, healthy, Christhonoring group of young people here at LCC.

With that in mind, we had a very helpful meeting on a recent Wednesday night for parents (and grandparents!) and young people, and made



plans for our immediate future. Our Sunday morning and Wednesday night youth times will keep roaring on as they always have. And there will be additional opportunities available for our young people--watch this space! Jeff Stephens is chairing a Youth Minister Search Committee, and he has already gathered several people around him

who will help in this important task. Pray for them, and for the Lord's guidance as we fill this vital role here at LCC.

I pray that the greatest days yet for LCC's Youth Ministry lie just ahead! I look to the day when our Children's Ministry is so large the kids won't fit in the rooms there, and we all have to cry out, "Why did we build that area so small?" And when the Chapel is bursting with praising teens, I hope we say that about that space, too! Pray--and get involved!

Thanks for your prayers for me and for LCC. March is a thrilling time—Palm Sunday and Easter are just around the corner! Our big Choir and Orchestra program is coming March 25. Share a Word of Grace and invite a friend!

See you Sunday— Tony

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SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

MARCH MESSAGES

Our current series of Messages, "Jesus IS the Good News" from the Gospel of Mark continues in March:

- Mar 4: "Empty Shouts", Mark 11:1-21
- Mar 11: "Watch!", Mark 13:32-37
- Mar 18: "A Death Like No Other", Mark 15:33-41
- Mar 25: Choir and Orchestra Program

Wednesday Menu

MARCH

- 07 Sub Sandwiches
- 14 Roast Pork
- 21 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- 28 Chicken Tenders

"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 remember all the great things being done by the Christian City ministry this month. Whether it's through their Children's Village, Safe Place for runaway teens and homeless youth, or the programs offered for seniors. Please keep them in your prayers this coming month. We also ask that you visit their website. You can link to them through lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions. Find ways to get involved with this very important mission!



<u>Goodfriends</u> 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.



We only had 5 people attend the February event, but it was very special. On Thursday, February 15th, we joined Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heat for their annual Valentine luncheon. Lunch was catered by Always Fresh Neighborhood Market & Restaurant. We had Chicken Pot Pie, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans and Salad. Dessert was either a Brownie or Strawberry Cake. The musical program presented by Dave and Teri Wilson was awesome! They sang solo and they sang together. Dave sang and Teri signed. Songs included 'Indescribable', 'Show Me How to Love', 'Love is Strong', 'I Will Be There', 'Trust His Heart', 'Via Dolorosa', 'How Great His Heart Must Be' and 'How Great Thou Art'. They also did a hilarious skit about a typical married couple. Topics included how to squeeze the toothpaste properly, how to put the toilet paper on the roller properly, who gets to control the TV remote, who should turn the thermostat up or down (as needed) and what's for dinner???

Door Prizes were given out and both Janet and Wally Curtiss won one....

Next Event: Thursday, March 15

We will be joining Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart group on Thursday, March 15th for lunch of various Soups and Chili - plus Bingo! If you are willing to provide soup, chili, toppings or dessert, please contact Rosie Bengtson at 404-403-5765. Please denote below if you will be meeting at LCC or driving directly to Mt. Carmel (address 6015 Old Stone Mountain Road). We will be leaving LCC at 11:00 am. If you drive yourself, lunch will be served at 11:30 am.





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.



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.

Goodfriends Cont.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, April 19th – Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart will be touring Christian City. Please contact Rosie Bengtson if you interested in going with them or doing something else.. Thursday, May 31st – (note: this is not the 3rd Thursday) – We will be joining Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for a tour of Oakland Cemetery and lunch. For those who cannot walk thru the cemetery, there will be an optional bus tour of the city of Atlanta.



February 24, 2018

And the winners are:

Medium Chili	Kathy Huddleston	
Unique Chili	Lynn Akins	
Hottest Chili	Paul Bengtson	
Children's Chili	Olivia Fox	
Men's Bake-Off	Paul Bengtson	

The Stripers team headed up by William Renshaw won the Trivia Game. The Olympians gave them a race to remember though.

Judges Yvonne Daniel, Josh Gordilla,

Bobby Rakowitz, Ana Smith











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 July 16 & 30, 2018 September 21 & 22, 2018 Gal's Get-A-Way December 13, 2018

Ladies Mystery Fun Day B.A.S.H. (Book and Salad Hour) 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		



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





EASTER EGG EVENT

LILBURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (314 Arcado Rd, Lilburn, GA) EVERYONE WELCOME

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH, 1:00-3:00 PM





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church





All Day Retreat

For 2nd to 6th graders

April 14th

9:30am to 6:30pm

Cost: \$20 (includes 3 meals and tshirt)

Register by March 18th

online @ lilburnchristianchurch.org/kids/ or in the KUC

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)



Geraldine Coleman Family of Donna Hill Bob Collier Jim Gurr Terry Bissell Jamila Coleman Russ Burchfield Barbara Johnson Donna Anderson Diane Shelton Beverly Underwood Betty Hubbard Marge Renshaw Norah Nguyen June Strobino John Panuska Blake Fraser Sherman Wade Jeff Truitt Dennis & Sara Harris Steve Bryant Sandra Denton Gensie McDonald Family of Ben Frazier Ed Haney Bruce King JoeAnn Toney & Family Family of Sara Williams

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

Betty Hubbard – prayer beeper number is 770-929-5114.

Here is the message you will hear -

Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Betty Hubbard. She is recovering from her recent surgery and has been transferred to rehab. Please pray for the therapists as they work with Betty. Also, pray for physical strength to return and for complete healing. Thank you for your prayers on Betty's behalf. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.



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 three prayer beepers out.

<u>Kevin, Grace and Norah Nguyen</u> -prayer beeper number is 770-929-5115.

Here is the message you will hear -

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. Thank you.

<u>Gensie McDonald</u> – prayer beeper number is 770-929-5130.

Here is the message you will hear – 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. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 10 Church-wide Workday, 9 am Noon
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 17 Ladies Mystery Fun Day
- 18 CAYAC Caving Trip
- 24 C&O rehearsal 10 am Noon
- 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

April

- 1 Easter Breakfast, Directory photos taken
- 2-7 Spring Break for Gwinnett County Schools
- 14 KUC Retreat 9:30 am 6:30 pm
- 15 Directory photos taken
- 27 Gwinnett College Graduation

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



Baby Dedication Lilia Hankinson Feb. 11, 2018



New Member



Richard Walker 12/24/17 Lilburn Christian Church 314 Arcado Road Lilburn, GA 30047 Phone: 770-921-2993 Fax: 770-921-6569





April 1, 2018



Disciples Service March 29, 7:00 pm Come pray and take communion with us!