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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Some people believe that the owners of dogs come to resemble the dogs themselves. That's OK in some cases, but not in others! What about churches—do they resemble the cities in which they are located? If we mean the fact that different people groups are in the city and also in the church, that is good. Or maybe a city is known for their art or their music or even their food, and those same things are found in the church, that could be a good thing. But a church located in ancient Corinth...would NOT like to be known as resembling the city!

Corinth was known for...well, I cannot say it out loud, this is a family oriented newsletter. Immoral behavior was everywhere. And, unfortunately, immoral behavior was everywhere in the church, too. If you can think of it...they were doing it. On top of the usual immoral things, they had other issues. Some were abusing their spiritual gifts. There were several nasty divisions in the church. The Lord's Supper had degenerated into little more than a shoving match for people scrambling to eat food. Someone was sleeping with a relative. Someone else filed a suit against another church member and took him to court. They had a bad squabble going on over the role of women in the church. They didn't

understand the resurrection. And so forth. It was a wild, childish, church. It was, as we might call it today, a hot mess.

But Paul had hopes for it! He hoped he could encourage them to grow up. He told them they were, "sanctified in Christ Jesus." He reminded them they were "called to be his holy people." (1 Cor 1:2) They weren't there yet, but Paul had them looking ahead to the day when they "will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"! (1 Cor 1:8) Think of it—all those issues, all those problems, all those scandals, all the squabbling—even THEY could be sanctified! Holy! Blameless!

If them, why not us? We have issues too. All churches do! So--our new series of messages is: "A Hot Mess > His Holy People"! Read 1 Corinthians with us.

Thanks for your prayers for LCC and for me! I am praying for you. God bless you and your family—

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SERMON SERIES

"Where Cultures Meet Christ"

APRIL MESSAGES

A Hot Mess > His Holy People

1 Corinthians

- April 8: "He Will", 1 Cor 1:1-9
- April 15: "Can't We All Get Along?", 1 Cor 1:10-17
- April 22: "Foolish or Wise?", 1 Cor 1:18-25
- April 29: "World or Spirit?", 1 Cor 2:6-16

Wednesday Menu

APRIL

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| 4 | Spring Break – No Meal |
| 11 | Spaghetti |
| 18 | Sloppy Joes |
| 25 | Tacos |

Missions Spotlight



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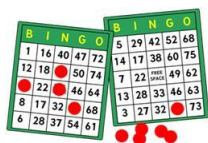
Georgia Tech Christian Campus Fellowship

Please remember all our campus ministries and the college students attending school as they prepare for exams and summer break. Many of our LCC youth are attending college and are hopefully involved in a campus ministry if their school has one. If you have a child that is in college we ask that you to encourage their involvement in campus ministries. It's a great way to meet other Christian students, continue to study the Word and have fun! Several campus ministries supported by LCC are UGA, GA Tech locally and En Vivo-Salamanca Spain.



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.

On Thursday, March 15th, we had 7 people join Mt. Carmel's Young-at-Heart for their St. Patrick's inspired Soup and Chili luncheon. We enjoyed a variety of soups and chili with assorted veggie tray items and desserts. We played several games of Bingo and managed to shout 'BINGO!' from our table several times. In the end, everyone won something. FYI – we have some very enthusiastic Bingo players (just ask JoeAnn or Yvonne or Dorie).



Next Event: Thursday, April 19

We will be doing our annual VBS preparation day on Thursday, April 19th. Please join us at 10:00 am in the FLC. We will have items ready for you to work on. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Bengtson at 404-403-5765. Afterwards, we will go out to lunch.



Upcoming Events:

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.

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.

Sisters of GRACE *Women's Ministry*



What could be more fun than a mystery? How about a mystery you share with your Christian Sisters? 52 ladies came together for fun. We went to see the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." We were not the only ones in the theater, but we did fill most of it. There were a lot of tears during the movie, but it was special to share it with so many of like faith. We went to Newk's for lunch, then back to the FLC for dessert and a devotion on Saint Patrick. Thank you so much to the Women's Ministry leaders who worked so hard to make this day so much fun. And if you missed it, you missed an opportunity to bond with other ladies at LCC. Watch for details on upcoming events!



If you are interested in the Women's Ministries, or even if you're just curious, call:

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LCC Music Ministry



Be Thou My Vision

Our music department celebrated new life in Christ with our program, “Be Thou My Vision” on March 25 in the morning worship service. When God is our vision, our view changes. We still have difficult times, but we know that they are only temporary. We still have struggles, but we know Christ has overcome even death. We know that God specializes in “Impossible Things” and “Nothing Shakes the Hope” we have in Him. It is truly our prayer that God will be our vision as individuals, families, and the church, through the darkest nights and the most joyous of occasions and that everything we do will bring Him glory.



CTO Fun and Fellowship

Ahoy Matey! Mark your calendar with a great big “X” for May 5. The Choir, Orchestra and Tech Team will set sail for an adventure on the High Seas! Be watching for more details. Please let either Kathy Huddleston or Teri Wilson know if you need childcare that night.



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

March Recap:

Thank you to all who came to the KUC service project/work day in March. We got a lot done! The kids emptied 1000 Easter eggs from last year, deep cleaned all the rooms and made some get well cards. After we were done, the girls decided to have a glitter war outside, and Rob had to use the blower to clean them off. The last part was not planned (LOL)! To quote Chloe, "who knew the work day could be so fun!"

We also had a great time at the Easter Egg Event. See that update in the next column.

We have had a lot of kids excited about our donut club on Sundays. Don't worry, even though our series on the 10 "do-nots" of the bible is over, we will continue the fun with a bread club as we start a series on "The Bread of Life". Over the next month or two we will have bread club from 9:30 to 9:50 where kids will get to enjoy a delicious bread (e.g. cinnamon bread, banana nut bread, muffins, etc.) for breakfast while they fellowship and learn more about the Jesus, the bread of life! We hope your children can join us!!!

Our Wednesday night activities have been on fire! Jill's class is really enjoying the video time with the elementary class for our series, "What's God's Plan", Ana's toddler class is finishing a series on respect, our elementary worship has been amazing and very powerful, we have babies in the nursery, and we are growing. One Wednesday in March we had 51 people in the KUC!!!! Wow, God!!!

Springing forward:



Heaven on Earth Retreat (April 14th): an all-day event here at the church for 2nd to 6th graders. We have an exciting day planned filled with games, worship, inspiring messages, fellowship and more! The cost is \$20 per child and includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner). There is still time to register. Please see Allison for more information.

Vacation Bible School (June 3-7th): Join us each night from 5:45-8:30pm. Our theme this year is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" More details to come.

Summer Camp (July 8th-12th): Allison will be the dean this week at North Georgia Christian Camp for rising 3rd to 5th graders. Please visit <https://www.christiancamp.net/summercamps/> for more details and other dates for other ages.

We need help in the KUC. If you would like to serve in the Children's Ministry, please see Allison. We have a lot of opportunities.

Easter Egg Event Recap

This year's Easter Egg Event was amazing! Over 70 Kids got to hear the resurrection story as they rotated through 12 fun and interactive stations! They got to hold a sword, lift a very heavy cross, feel a thorn from a thorny crown, smell spices that may have been used in Jesus' burial, get wrapped in toilet paper, and walk into an empty "tomb", among many other activities. They got to learn what Easter is all about and have fun while doing it. They even got to have fun in one of four traditional Easter Egg Hunts, eat lots of candy, and have their face painted. We also served free hot dogs and chips (first for the choir and orchestra after rehearsal and then for all the visitors). Kids went home with 12 eggs filled with items to remind them of the resurrection story, lots of candy, little toys and beautiful face paintings! We had 19 brand new families visit the church for the very first time for this event, along with 20+ of our families, and about 35 volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped with the stations, helped set up/clean-up, cooked/served hotdogs, painted faces, greeted the visitors as they were in the registration line, took pictures, helped with the egg hunts, and all those who donated candy! Thank you, God for the weather (cool and no rain), for sending new families to our church, and for the support from our church family!! To Him be the glory!

LCC's ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Prayer Requests

Geraldine Coleman
Bob Collier
Jim Gurr
Jamila Coleman
Russ Burchfield
Barbara Johnson
Donna Anderson
Diane Shelton
Beverly Underwood
Betty Hubbard
Family of
Marge Renshaw
Norah Nguyen
June Strobino
John Panuska
Blake Fraser

Sherman Wade
Jeff Truitt
Dennis & Sara Harris
Steve Bryant
Sandra Denton
Gensie McDonald
Ed Haney
Bruce King
Augustus & Mary
Lakpor
Mary Huppuch
Sandy Young
Patrice Evans
JoeAnn Toney
Henriette Wilke
Family of Leonard
Huddleston, Sr.

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



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 three prayer beepers out.

Kevin, Grace and Norah Nguyen -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.

Gensie McDonald – 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.

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. Please pray for physical strength to return and for complete healing after her surgery. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
- 19 Goodfriends in FLC
- 27 Gwinnett College Graduation at 5:30 pm

May

- 2 Grief Counseling Group begins
- 3 Berkmar High School Awards Ceremony 5:30 pm
- 5 CTO End of Year Party in FLC at 5:00 pm
- 18 Onward Day Care Graduation at 10:30 am

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 - **Balm from Psalms**

BAPTISMS



Randy Allen
3/18/18



Chloe Aleman
3/18/18

Photos will be taken April 1 and April 15 for LCC's Photo Directory. Please help us so we have a current photo and current contact information for the directory. Forms are in the Foyer.



Evie Morgan
4/1/18



Caleigh Morgan
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