

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I hope you are joining us in reading through the Bible in 2019! The subtitle of our efforts to read through the Scriptures, and the same title is on all of our messages in 2019, is "I Know This is True"! If we do, indeed, know that the Bible is God's truth, then, of course, it is worth our efforts at filling our minds with it!

We are packing all of the Gospels into Jan, Feb, Mar, and April. All the great stories of Jesus are flowing as we read. Our messages are crammed full of the stories we've heard all our lives. In February: The Sermon on the Mount, a woman caught in adultery and about to be stoned, the Prodigal Son, and Lazarus' (temporary!) death. Read! Join us!

Also, I wanted to encourage everyone to invite people you know who needs a church home to LCC. Emily Post was an etiquette expert years ago, and someone wrote her for advice: "What is the correct procedure when one is invited to the White House but has a previous engagement?" Replied Post, "An invitation to dine at the White House is a command, and it automatically cancels any other engagement." Are we inviting people to our buildings? Well, yes, and we want to keep them maintained and updated to receive guests. But it's more than that. Are we inviting them to our children's and youth programs? Of course we are, but it is more than lessons and crafts and more even than love received from caring adults. Are we inviting them to our service, with all of its components(music, prayers, Lord's Supper, message, offering, etc.)? We are, and we want our

services to be meaningful and interesting and a host of other things. But...it's more than even those things. Are we inviting them to meet and mingle with the LCC family? We are, of course, and we want to greet them and show love to them and be friendly and inclusive with them. But it's more than any of this. An invitation here is an invitation to meet with the Savior Himself. And a meeting with Him would trump a meeting with President Trump. That would be above the Super Bowl, or a doctor's appointment, or even a job offer or anything else one might conjure up!

Coming to church is...important. One cancels (or should) any other engagement to be here. It is life and death stuff. It is eternal in significance! Isn't it? Meeting with the Lord is the greatest thing that we can experience on this Earth. And if we can help facilitate that, then we certainly should! And we should share it with everyone we meet. Meeting with the President would be something. Meeting with Jesus would be "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine"!

See you Sunday—

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

Message Series for 2019:

**"I Know This is True:  
Thru God's Word in '19"**

**January – April: The Gospels  
February Messages**

- Feb 3:** "A New Way to Live",  
Matthew 5:17-20
- Feb 10:** "Stones, or Grace?",  
John 8:1-11
- Feb 17:** "The Baffling Father", Luke  
15:1-11, Josh Cox preaching
- Feb 24:** "A Good Death",  
John 11:1-15

## Wednesday Menu

**FEBRUARY**

- 6** Shepherd's Pie  
**13** Poppyseed Chicken  
**20** Chili Mac  
**27** Pizza

### LCC's Annual Chili Cook-Off/Men's Bake-Off

Prepare and enter your favorite chili in our contest! There will be categories for youth and adults, spicy and mild, exotic, etc. We also will have a men's bake-off for your favorite desserts. Everyone is welcome to participate in the trivia fun. There will be a sign up in the Foyer, so plan to be here for this great fellowship opportunity on Feb. 23. See flier on page 8.

*Missions Spotlight*



 **CHRISTIAN CITY**



Please remember all the great work being done at Christian City this month. Christian City has a children's village and is an established refuge for children in need of a loving home. They provide care for seniors whether you're looking for affordable retirement, for those who can no longer live alone, and for those who need nursing and rehabilitation services. They also provide home health services and hospice care. Christian City also operates a thrift store called Graceland Thrift Store that is open to the public. They offer high quality, gently used household items, clothing and furniture at affordable pricing to serve the community and raise funds for The Children's Village. Please pray for the good work being done through this Christ centered organization.

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Steve Dorey, former Music Minister of Antioch Christian Church is now Chairman of Graceland Ministries and has asked Ray Fumea and Dwayne to join him. They will be going on a mission trip February 13-23 with Graceland Ministries to Krakow, Poland. While there they will ...

**Listen** to what God has to say to them as they experience the culture and people of Krakow, Poland.

**Participate** in the outreach of Graceland Centrum Edukacji (Graceland Education Center) the English language school. They will serve as discussion partners and participate in the classes each afternoon and evening.

**Participate** in Sequoia - the church plant that meets on their campus.

**Build friendships** with Polish adult students by engaging with them before, during and after classes, in their homes for meals and other opportunities that arise.

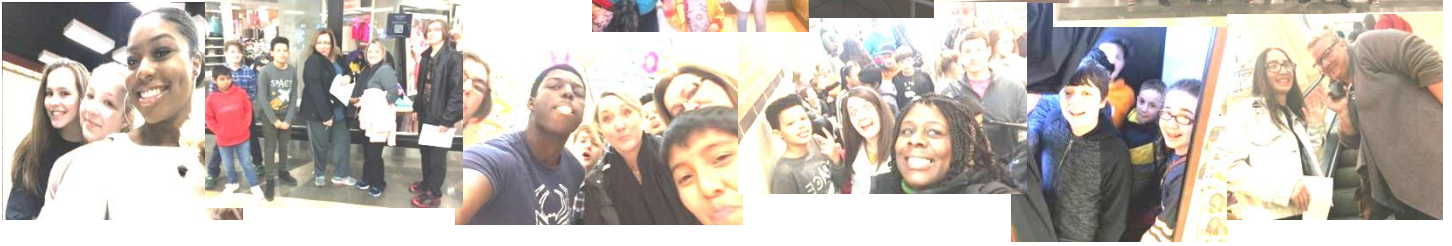
**Encourage the staff** that ministers at the school. Remember this trip will come part way through the winter months and their staff will be thrilled to see people who will encourage them with laughter, prayer, timely words of spiritual insight, and so on.

[Check out https://www.gracelandministries.com/](https://www.gracelandministries.com/) for more information regarding this ministry.





# STUDENT MINISTRY



Above are some of the many pictures we took during our Mall of Georgia Scavenger Hunt! I'm grateful for the enormous help provided by Nichol Ammons, Gary Chow, Ashley Cox, Lauryn Edmonson, Francine Jones-Snead, Fiorella Morgan, Laura Pettit, William Renshaw, Debbie Stephens, Jerron Straughan, Pam & Steve Straughan, and Myric Truitt! Because of them, everyone had a blast, and no one went missing!!! I also want to thank Tony's Sunday School class for donating and serving lunch during the Parent/Student Luncheon. They generously offered to take care of the meal and went above and beyond by remaining to clean up after we finished. If you weren't able attend, you can find a list of all 2019 youth group events (including their dates and estimated costs) at the welcome desk, the church's website, and our facebook page— LCC Youth (thanks Ammie Ventura for updating it). Below, you'll discover what we have going on in February. One of my goals for this month is to create a name for our student ministry. If your students have any suggestions, they're welcome to weigh in! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [josh@lilburnchristianchurch.org](mailto:josh@lilburnchristianchurch.org) or at 706-499-9773. Please know that I'm here for you and your family. Also, if your students are involved in extracurricular activities, I'd love to support them. Send me schedules for their concerts, soccer games, track meets, etc. Thank you! - Josh



The next Wendy's Wednesday for the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders is February 13th! Following an abbreviated lesson, our adult sponsors will transport our students to Wendy's at 7:30. They can be picked up at Wendy's before 8:25 or at the church after 8:30.



On Wednesday evenings, we'll be borrowing this well-know phrase from the famous playwright to help us understand the core values of our student ministry: 1) We are Surrendered, 2) We are Devoted, 3) We are One, and 4) We are Going. Essentially, we are **G-O-D'S** "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that [we] may declare the praises of Him who called [us] out of darkness into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9). As we discuss who we are in God through Jesus, we'll gain a better understanding of what is in a name. This series will culminate in the unveiling of a new name for our student ministry.



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

### Recap:

Josh and Allison set the bar really high this year. They gave the parent's goals, a new calendar, and inspiration for 2019. Parents and children went away with a great lunch, great fellowship and a full calendar. Thanks for starting the year off great.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Parent's meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. **Please give a special thanks to Tony's Sunday School class who served the lunch!!** If you were not able to make it to the meeting, be sure to stop by the KUC and pick up a schedule of 2019 Events.



### Sundays:

The toddler/preK class is learning about Jesus' life, family, and friends. Specifically, that Jesus was born and grew up in a family, just like us. The memory verse is: *"This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!"* Matthew 17:5b. Then for the second half of February and first half of March, they will learn about the miracles Jesus performed and learn that Jesus showed He is God through these miracles. The memory verse for this set of lessons is *"All things are possible with God."* Mark 10:27.

The K/1<sup>st</sup> grade class is continuing through the Old Testament. They are finishing up a series on the Major Prophets, learning about Ezekiel and Daniel. Next, they will take a look at some other special people in the bible, like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and Queen Ester. The memory verse for this class is: *"The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him."* –Lamentations 3:25

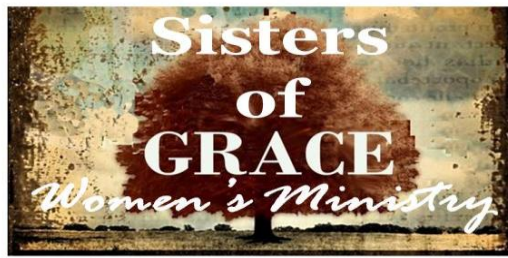
### Wednesdays:

All classes are continuing through our Believe Study. This month, we will first discuss sharing our faith and then we will begin learning about the Fruits of the Spirit, starting with Love, Joy, and Peace. They get a memory verse every week, which can be found on the Parent Take Home Sheet, and it will also be good for them to memorize Galatians 5:22-23.

**February 16<sup>th</sup> (6:00 to 9:30pm): Parent's Night Out.** Please sign up by February 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Cost: Free, Dinner included.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> (9:00am to 4:00pm): Heaven on Earth.** Please sign up by February 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Cost: \$20, Breakfast, lunch, snack and t-shirt included.





The Mission of the Sisters of Grace Women's Ministry is to "befriend women and give them a place to belong so they will come to believe in Jesus and become more like Him."

We want to encourage women of our church and community to draw into a closer relationship with God and with our sisters in Christ.

**Our Purpose is ...**

...to offer women the opportunity to know God and His Word through Biblical teaching and prayer.

...to offer women the opportunity to know each other through small groups and fellowship.

...to offer women the opportunity to know the joy of serving the Lord within the congregation and surrounding community.

The Women's Ministry Team Leaders provide opportunities for camaraderie, spiritual growth and service. Please watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin, monthly newsletter and during the pre-worship time on the video screen in the sanctuary.

Following are activities that are being planned for 2019. More details will be forthcoming as dates are finalized.

Mystery Fun Day –March, 2019

B.A.S.H. (Book & Salad Hour) Summer Book Club - July, 2019

Gal's Get-Away – September, 2019

Ladies Christmas Party – December, 2019

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		

**Attention All Ladies (or anyone interested in a fun craft project)**

You are invited to a 'Christmas in July' event.

**Hopefully, you took the opportunity to buy some great material in the last few months since we first announced our 'Christmas in July' Folded Fabric Christmas Ornament no-sew craft project!!**



Joann's Fabrics had some great sales and coupons during the month of November. Plus, holiday fabric will be on clearance before you know it!!

If you have not purchased your material, there is still plenty of time. We wanted to give you advanced notice so you can shop for fabrics you would like to use. You can watch for coupons and sales or go to Fabric World in Snellville.

It does not have to be Christmas prints, at all. Think fall colors, your favorite sports team colors, pastels for Spring/Easter or patriotic (red, white and blue)

By planning ahead, you can find appropriate fabric for the **next 7months**, including all of your favorite seasons and holidays. (Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July....)

We are trying to narrow down a date in July of 2019. We will let you know once a date has been approved on the church calendar. Several ladies from LCC learned how to make these a couple of years ago and we look forward to teaching you how to make them!!

**Materials (per ornament – in case you want to make more than one):**

Polystyrene/Styrofoam ball (7 inch circumference, approx. 3 inch in height)

3 or 4 coordinated fabrics – dark, medium, and light hues work well

Select cotton blends

¼ yard of each color or you can buy fat quarters

Small prints work best (although solid colors work, too)

Dressmaker pins (these have small, flat heads – available at Walmart)

Ribbon (½ inch width)

Any questions: contact Rosie Bengtson or Pam Straughan





# LCC'S 13th ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF - MEN'S BAKE OFF



**Saturday, Feb.  
23rd**

**TIME  
6:00 pm  
in FLC**



Interested in being a judge,  
contact Shannon Goeckel at  
770-985-5353 or  
sgoeckel@aol.com.

**CATEGORIES:**  
Adults:  
Hot, Medium, Unique  
Kids  
Teens  
Best Dessert

**Bring Chili to FLC by 5:00 pm.**



# Prayer Requests

Bob Collier	Teresa Herring
Jim Gurr	Scott Phillips
Jamila Coleman	Jason Newman
Jasmine Coleman	Marcia Heinz
Russ Burchfield	Glenda Middleton
Barbara Johnson	Wayne Starling
Donna Anderson	Winnie Carswell
Diane Shelton	Bill O'Brien
Betty Hubbard	Mary Fuschetto
Sandra Amrhein	Trish Elkins
Gensie McDonald	Jill Lyew & Family
Sandra Denton	Robert Humphrey
Augustus & Mary Lakpor	Frank Umberger
	Norah Nguyen

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

## **Marcia Heinz- prayer beeper number is 770-929-5114.**

Here is the message you will hear -  
Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Marcia Heinz. She is recovering at home after recent surgery. Please pray for complete healing and the return of physical strength. Also, pray for wisdom as she and her doctor discuss her treatment plan. 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 two prayer beepers out.

## **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. The doctor is pleased with the treatment she has undergone so far. Please continue to pray for complete healing. 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.

## **Jamila Coleman - prayer beeper number is 770-929-5157.**

Here is the message you will hear –  
Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Jamila Coleman. She had surgery on her leg on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and it was successful. Her current prayer request is for pain management. Also, pray for God’s perfect plan to be accomplished in her life as she looks toward physical rehabilitation. Thank you for your prayers on Jamila’s behalf. Please press 1 and the # sign. Your prayer beep will be sent to her. Thank you.



Congratulations to Michael & Jenna Elmankabady on the birth of their son, Asher. He was born at 1:53 am on 12-18-2018. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Congratulations to the proud grandparents as well, Steve & Pam Straughan.



Jerron Straughan & Lauryn Edmondson on their engagement and upcoming wedding in March, 2019.



Congratulations to David & Debra Fulton on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Ruth. She was born at 1:21 am on 12-31-2018. She weighed 8 lbs 9 oz and was 20" long.

Chris Elkins & Rachel Curry on their recent engagement.



**Welcome to our newest members:**



**Karen Malcom &  
Jessie Deaton  
1/6/19**



**Bert & Mary Floyd  
1/6/19**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

- 3 Youth Super Bowl Party in the Chapel,  
5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 13 Wendy's Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- 16 Parent's Night Out 6:00 – 9:30 pm
- 18 President's Day Holiday
- 23 Chili Cook-Off/Men's Bake-Off, 6:00 pm

### March

- 02 KUC Retreat
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins!
- 13 Wendy's Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Special Election
- 22-23 Youth Campout

### Every Week

#### Wednesday Night Activities

We encourage you and your family to join us on Wednesday evenings as our meal and then activities for all the family resume on Aug 1! Here's the way our schedule looks:

- 5:45 pm Meal  
(Adults \$3, Children \$2, Family \$11)
- 6:30 pm Children and Youth Activities
- 6:30 pm Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

#### Sunday:

- 9:30 am Sunday School Classes
- 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:45 am Worship Service

#### Monday:

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

#### Tuesday:

- 9:45 am Ladies Bible Study

#### Wednesday:

- 6:30 pm KUC, Youth, Choir, Tech & Orchestra
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

#### Read Through the Bible With Us in 2019!

We encourage everyone to read through God's Word every year, but we are going to offer a different approach in 2019. We will be reading through sections of Scripture together as we go through the year. For instance, we will plan to read through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) during January-April. Cards with a reading plan will be available for you to begin this with us on January 6.



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

*A Valentine  
From God*

For God so lo **V** ed the world,  
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