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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Each Lord's Day at the close of our message we offer an opportunity to respond to the invitation and come forward and make a decision for Christ. Allow me to explain why we do what we do, and what we are asking people—including you!—to consider doing! Sometimes people come forward to ask for prayer, but usually they come forward to do one of 2 things:

- 1. Accept Jesus as their Savior, and be baptized or,
- 2. Become a member of LCC, having already become a Christian and been baptized before.

As you probably know, there is no Biblical "requirement" to come forward in a worship service. However, the Bible does teach us to publicly affirm our faith in Christ! We are taught in Romans 10:9-10 that, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." We typically ask the congregation to repeat with the person making a decision the wonderful confession, based on Matthew 16:16, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and I accept Him as my Lord and Savior." This is a thrilling moment when it happens! A new believer, or a long-time believer coming to be a part of a new Body of believers, all together affirming a love for Jesus together!

As you also know, we practice baptism by immersion. This is not to disparage other forms of baptism, but is simply to do what we believe was the New Testament practice. There is powerful imagery and meaning in such a baptism—listen to the words of Romans 6:3-5—"don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." As Jesus was laid in the tomb, and rose up to new life—so we identify with His death by being laid in the water, and then are lifted to a brand new life! This is a beautiful experience you won't want to miss! Certainly we are not saved by water, but by Christ; still, by His Own example (Jesus Himself was baptized), and the teaching of Scripture, we learn that baptism is the way those that are not saved show they want to unite their lives with Jesus and be saved. Peter spoke of Noah and the Ark, and then said: "this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."(1 Peter 3:21)

See you Sunday! And if you need to respond to the invitation of our Lord, I'll see you there!

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# SERMON SERIES

Message Series for 2019: "I *Know* This is True" continues

Aug. 4 "Proverbs 31 Wife: What

Makes a Valuable Woman?",

Proverbs 31:10

Aug. 11 "Elijah: How Did I Get Here?",

1 Kings 19:1-9, Josh Cox,

preaching

Aug. 18 "Manasseh: I'm Paying

Attention Now!", 2 Chronicles 33:1-11

Aug. 25 "Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abednego: A God Able to

Rescue?", Daniel 3:1, 8-15



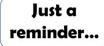
#### **AUGUST**

7 Spaghetti

14 Poppy Seed Chicken

21 Tacos

28 Sub Sandwiches



Churchwide Workday: August 17, 9 am- 12 pm

# Ekklesia, a Gathering of North GA Churches, is Sept. 8 at Galilee Christian Church on Jefferson

- 4:00 pm choir rehearsal
- 4:30 pm Food/Children and Youth activities
- 6:00 pm Worship, Jeff Walling is the speaker, and Dwayne Wylds and our Choir and Orchestra will be leading the service!

#### **BIG Date Coming in September!**

LCC's Anniversary Celebration is September 15! Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 am and Worship at 10:45 am! Then—

- 5 pm Concert, "This Hope"
- 6 pm Special BBQ Meal—bring favorite desserts!

# LCC Music Ministry

# **Upcoming Events:**

#### August

- 4 Orchestra/Take Note Practice, no choir, 9:00 am
- 7 CTO Rehearsals Start Back
- 14 Regular Rehearsal, 6:30 8:00 pm
- 18 CTO Practice for Christmas, 1:30 3:00 pm
- 21 Regular Rehearsal, 7:30 8:00 pm
- 24 CTO Practice for Ekklesia, 10 am Noon
- 28 Regular Rehearsal, 6:30 8:30 pm

#### September

- 4 CTO Practice for Ekklesia, 6:30 8:30 pm
- 8 Ekklesia at Galilee Christian Church, call time 4:00 pm
- 11 Regular Rehearsal, 6:30 8:00 pm
- LCC Anniversary Celebration: Worship 10:45 am, BBQ Dinner at 5:00 pm, This Hope Concert at 6:00 pm.
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### 'Christmas in July' was a big success!

We had 19 people meet in the Family Life Center for our Christmas in July event to make No-Sew Folded Fabric Ornaments. It was such a big success that we are thinking about doing it again next year! There was plenty of Christmas music to hum along to, as well as Christmas goodies to eat. There were lots of fun conversations around the tables as we cut out squares and pinned fabric, then finished off our completed Christmas ornaments with fancy ribbon. They turned out so pretty and so unique. Thanks to all who attended.



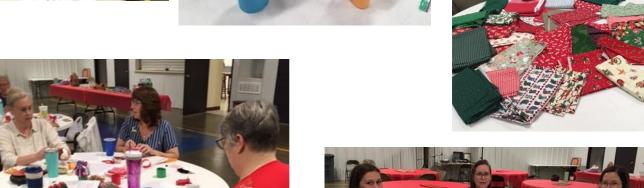
















#### **July Recap**

We took a group of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to camp July 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. We had 13 campers and 4 volunteers from our church who joined churches from all over for an exciting week at North Georgia Christian Camp. The week was full of fun (including games, contests, swimming, team building, canoeing, rock wall climbing, bow and arrows) and most importantly of week of growing closer to God. The kids learned about amazing bible heroes, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, David, Peter, and the greatest superhero of all, Jesus! We learned a little Greek, spent time alone with God during devotion and prayer and time, heard some amazing bible stories and lessons, worshipped and spent time loving others! It was a very impactful week. I pray God will continue to grow the seeds that were planted and that kids will remember this week forever. I pray they will all return next summer for another moving week of camp. Thank you to the parents who sent trusted us with your children and for letting pour into your kids for the week. And a big thanks to all who have contributed to help send these kids to camp. I will post pictures of camp on the KUC Facebook page soon. Also, parents who registered their children for camp, should have received an email from the camp with a link to pictures. Please see Allison if you did not receive the link.

#### **Sundays:**

For the preschool class, kids will continue learning the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They will be learning a song that teaches them Galatians 5: 16 and 22 for their memory verse. "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh; But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

For the K-1<sup>st</sup> grade class, kids will continue and finish a series on the Beatitudes, eight blessings promised to those who seek Jesus and live for him. The Beatitudes can change the way we look at life and help us to live in a way that honors Jesus. **Memory Verse:** "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

#### Wednesdays:

We are kicking our Wednesdays night off with another Back 2 School Bash. I will be praying for another great year of Wednesday night activities. If your kids are not currently attending our Wednesday program, I hope they will join us this year. I pray the kids will grow and learn more about our amazing Savior, Jesus! Please see Allison if you have any questions about our Wednesday night program. Also, see Allison, if you would like to help on Wednesdays!

# STUDENT



This is the group of high schoolers we took to North Georgia Christian Camp in July. Nine students and three adults (thank you Tatiyanna Pickney and Buddy Compton for all your help)! I think the twelve of us would agree it was one of the most encouraging (and exhausting) weeks of our lives! Plus, one of them made the decision to follow Christ! We baptized Tori in the camp's pool, along with twelve other campers! We can't wait to return to NGCC next year!

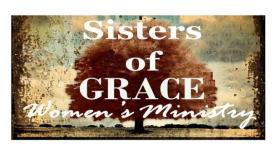
Though summer is ending and another school year beginning, we have a lot to be excited about! First, the youth group has a tubing trip planned for Saturday the 17th of this month. We'll meet at the church at 9:15 that morning and drive to River Tubing in Duluth. We'll take the two hour ride, during which we'll stop and have a picnic lunch. We should return around 2:00 that afternoon. The cost is \$10 (if you need help covering that, let me know, and we'll take care of it). Second, IDENTITY, North Georgia Christian Camp's Middle School Deeper Life Retreat, is September 6-8! We'll be answering the question: Who Is Jesus? More details to come! Then we have events like



PAINTBALL in September, a CORN MAZE and the community-wide TRUNK-OR-TREAT in October, and THRIVE (the High School Deeper Life Retreat) in November! And of course, WENDY'S WEDNESDAYS on the second Wednesday of each month. All of that in addition to enjoying Wednesday evening meals again, as well as the routine of meeting regularly! Speaking of which, we'll be covering a lot of basics on Wednesdays with questions like: What is faith? Who was Abraham? What is sin? Who was Moses? Our goal is to discuss these topics in an interactive way that both engages the students minds and tugs at their hearts. Please keep me informed of athletic events, band concerts, etc. that your children are involved in so I can support them! And if there is anything I can do for your family, I'm here for you! Thanks! - Josh









### Gal's Get-Away September 27, 28, 29

September 27, 28, & 29 is fast pproaching and final plans are being made for the Annual Women's Ministry Gal's Get-Away in Nashville, TN. At the present time, there are 25 women registered and paid. Several more are "if-fy" so it looks as if there will be a good group attending. The study "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha's World" will be held in the meeting room at the Comfort Inn & Suites on Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday morning. Saturday afternoon and evening are open for free time to visit some of Nashville's attractions or simply relaxing and enjoying some quiet or fellowship time, or perhaps catching a shuttle at the Grand Ole Opry or famous Ryman Auditorium or visit the Hermitage, President Andrew Jackson's home located a few miles from Nashville. The Country Music Hall of Fame nd the Museum of several entertainers are located in the heart of downtown Nashville. For some free entertainment, take a stroll through the Opryland Hotel or State Capital or perhaps see a show at the Trinity Broadcasting Studio in Hendersonville, a suburb of Nashville.

This should be a great weekend of learning, looking, laughing and living. Will you join us? Contact Cathy Wade at 404-867-6102. All money must be paid by August 25!

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
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Betty Hubbard	678-446-7926	Pam Morgan	404-697-4293
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Robert Humphrey
Peggy McCord
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Kandy Davidson
Ellie Bryarly
Peggy Newton
Annie Zirkle
Jeff Truitt
Clare Mescher
Donna Stamm

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



We currently have 2 prayer beepers out. We have updated the messages as follows:

**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 is home now after several weeks of rehab. Her current prayer request is strengthening in her legs and Godly confidence to walk. 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.

**Gensie McDonald** - prayer beeper is 770-929-5130

Here is the message you will hear — Hello, you have reached the prayer beeper for Gensie McDonald. She is continuing chemo-therapy as a precaution, although there are no signs of cancer at this time. 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.









Please remember all the kids returning to school and going to college this month. Also if you know a student attending Georgia Tech or UGA make sure you encourage them to get involved in one of the campus ministries there. Also please pray for ev Vivo in Spain. They have moved to a new location. You can find out more about all of these ministries at our web site <a href="http://www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions/">http://www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions/</a>. Lastly please remember our back to school bash! The missions team is sponsoring the back packs and with the help of all of you, we'll be able to help those children who may not have everything they need in terms of books supplies for back to school so thank you!

# WELCOME to our newest MEMBERS!



Chris and Peggy Newton June 30, 2019

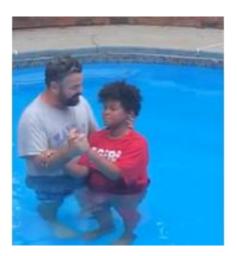


Christopher and Vickie Fontana July 7, 2019





Tori Hamm July 7, 2019



Kelis Smith July 15,2019



Congratulations to Celia Renshaw and Michael Lamberton on the birth of their daughter on July 30, 2019. Her name is Carolynn Marie Lamberton. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/4" long. Also, congratulations to the proud grandparents, William and Jamie Renshaw.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# August

- 4 Bridal shower for Jamie Belden in Chapel at noon
- 7 School starts back, regular Wed. night activites resume
- 10 Men's Breakfast, 8-10 am
- 13 Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study starts back
- 17 Youth Tubing; Church-wide Work Day 9 am Noon
- 18 CTO Practice 1:30 3:00 pm for Christmas
- 24 CTO Practice for Ekklesia 10 am Noon

# **Every Week**

#### **Sunday:**

9:30 am Sunday School Classes, Bell Choir

Practice

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

# September

- 4 CTO Practice for Ekklesia 10 am Noon
- 6-8 Deeper Life Retreat for Middle Schoolers, NGCC
- 8 Ekklesia at Galilee Christian Church
- 14 KUC Parent's Night Out; Men's Breakfast 8 10 am
- 15 LCC Anniversary Celebration with This Hope Concert
- 21 Youth Paint Ball
- 22 Bridal shower for Denise Korb in Chapel at noon
- 27-29 LCC Gal's Get-Away in Nashville, TN
- 29 CTO Practice for Christmas 1:30 3:00 pm

#### **Wednesday Night Activities**

We encourage you and your family to join us on Wednesday evenings for our meal and then activities for all the family. 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



Join us on September 15, 2019 as we celebrate Lilburn Christian Church's 47 year anniversary with Worship at 10:45 am, This Hope Concert at 5:00 pm and BBQ dinner at 6:00 pm.

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