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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Our CTO's Christmas Program this year is called "What Kind of Throne", referring to the entrance into the world of the Lord Jesus, soon to be, whether the world liked it or not, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords! I look forward to the music and Scripture and worship this program will bring—here on Dec 8 at 10:45 am and 6 pm, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> at Hamilton Mill, and the 15<sup>th</sup> at Whistleville, both of these latter two are at 6 pm.

The Throne He came to occupy was quite different from what the world expected. Indeed, His 1<sup>st</sup> coming was...shocking! What kind of a king comes with no hoopla or noise, no pomp or ceremony? No apparent power, no ripples upon the world's ocean? My favorite Christmas poem is appropriate:

They were all looking for a king— To slay their foes, and lift them high. Thou cams't a little baby thing, That made a woman cry.

Yes, there is an unfathomable difference in the  $1^{st}$  coming, and the  $2^{nd}!$ 

As you know, we've been reading through and preaching through the whole Bible in 2019. It's time, in December, to tackle the book of Revelation! A mysterious book, yes, and a book with some bewildering things, yes, but also a book where it is quite clear Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming will be formidable! Ignore the 1<sup>st</sup> coming? Sure. No one will ignore coming #2! The King is coming, and, as we are told, "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him" (Rev 1:7). And, after a description of His blazing, magnificent appearance, and His booming, frightening voice, we are told, "His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead" (Rev. 1:16-17).

Quite a King! Read through Revelation with us. And our messages during December will focus on our coming King, and what He will do once He arrives!

I pray for a Merry Christmas for each of you and your families. I pray that our King will be the center of your own family traditions and celebrations, and that, together, our Church family will enjoy celebrating His Kingship. Much love and Joy to all—

Tony

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- 4 Roast Pork
- **11 Poppy Seed Chicken**
- **18** Vegetable Beef Soup
- 25 Christmas. no meal





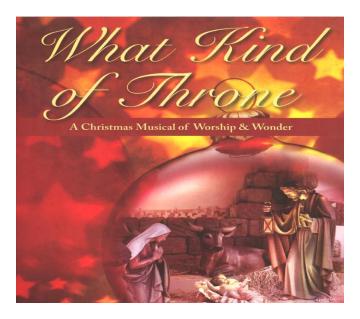
Please remember this very important ministry during the month of December. Southwest Christian Hospice provides comfort, encouragement and support, which is what hospice is all about. The hospice helps families dealing with end-of-life issues causing stress, exhaustion and being fearfully overwhelmed. Knowing their loved one is being cared for by a loving and experienced staff brings peace of mind and allows the family to rest and regain their strength. The Hospice HomeCare Program is based on a team approach to helping the terminally ill patient and their family. The program helps the patient achieve physical and emotional comfort so they can remain at home and focus on quality of life. Please remember this very important ministry during the month of December.







## Upcoming Events:



#### Hamilton Mill Christian Church

3809 Sardis Church Road Buford, GA 30519 678-714-7200 www.hmccfamily.com Sunday, December 1, 2019 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 8, 2019

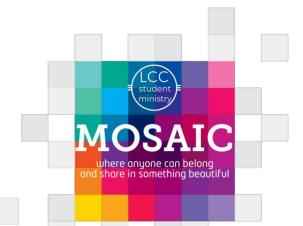
#### Lilburn Christian Church

314 Arcado Road Lilburn, GA 30047 www.LilburnChristianChurch.org

### 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

#### Whistleville Christian Church

83 Patrick Mill Road SW Winder, GA 30680 770-867-5746 www.Whistleville Christian Church.org Sunday, December 15, 2019 6:00 pm



We had an awesome weekend at Deeper Life Thrive! Our group, which consisted on 10 high schoolers and 4 adults, was challenged to live by Hebrews 12:1-3 (throwing off everything that hinders, running with perseverance, fixing our eyes on Jesus...). It was neat to see our students come together, realizing this race is a lot easier to run with others! Below, you'll find a picture of our group at the camp. You'll also find an image of Mosaic's goals (what our student ministry aims to do). We appreciate all the support and love you show our students! As always, let me know of any games, competitions, concerts, etc. your students will be in. And know that I'm here for you! Thanks! - Josh

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Nurture relationships with Jesus. Prenare students to share Jesus Our greatest need in life is Jesus. And knowing Jesus etter than anything. We want to help students know Christ and learn to take responsibility for their faith There will come a day when they graduate out of the aim to show students ho tudent ministry; we don't want them to graduate rom their faith too. To this end, our times togethe are Bible-based. We also encourage students to worl at this relationship on their own throughou ach week by studying scripture and praying gage with nonbelie Create an encouraging community **Develop willing leaders.** We seek to rear and and women who strive what means to follow Christ, intentionally elevate those around them, and selflessly serve with a willing spirit. This is why our core values are: 1. I am not my own authority. It's not about me. 3. I need somebody, and somebody needs me.



Our next Wendy's Wednesday is December 11th! We will be reverting to our former way, when our adult leaders transported the students to Wendy's at 7:30. Parents may pick up students at Wendy's by 8:25 or at the church after 8:30. If possible, send a little money with your student. (Regardless, we'll make sure everyone gets something.)

# MOSAIC STUDENTS Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 pm In the Chapel

Bring a \$5, wrapped, gender-neutral gift



Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

#### **November Recap**

The preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are doing so well memorizing the books of the bible, and our new Sunday school teacher, Vicki Fontana, has been a wonderful addition to our Sunday school team. I also would like to mention two other new members to the KUC Volunteer crew that have been serving for a few months now and doing an excellent job, Vicki Rockmore (nursery) and Judy Jarrett (preschool/Kindergarten teacher). I am so thankful for all those that serve in the KUC. We usually have 11-12 volunteers each Sunday, and about 12 every Wednesday. We have a total of 46 members who serve in the KUC and each and every one of them is very much needed and appreciated! Check out this picture of Judy Jarret's class on the first Sunday of November! If you are interested in serving in the KUC, please see Allison. We still need help in the nursery and a Sunday School teacher!



#### Sundays and Wednesdays in the KU

#### Memory Verses for December:

Preschool/Kindergarten: You say, "I choose the appointed time; it is I who judge with equity." - Psalm 75:1

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade: The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. - Exodus 14:14

Parents, we hope that you will encourage your children to memorize scripture. To help incentivize, we will begin monthly drawings for each age group. Each week your child can be entered into a drawing up to four times (one for reciting the verse, one for being here, one for bringing their bibles, and one for bringing a friend). The drawing will take place at the end of each month.

# **Fall Festival**



































## THANKSGIVING OUTREACH















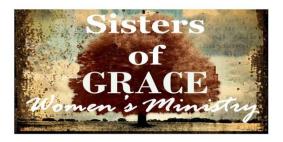
What a joy it is to be a part of our Thanksgiving Outreach project where this year our Lord gave us the privilege and opportunity to feed over 1,000 people! Our leaders led, our cooks cooked, our phone and computer people did their work, our helpers helped, our givers gave, well over 150 people showed up and cooked and cleaned and assembled and delivered meals, and our Lord was praised! Thanks to all who were a part of it!













# TIMELESS LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS



**Annual Ladies Christmas Party** 

December 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm

in the Family Life Center

Cost: \$5.00 per person and includes dinner.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer.

All ladies are invited!

For our Service Project we will give Gift Cards to Lilburn Co-Op for them to give to those in need of clothing, food, or Christmas gifts. We also will give Gift Cards to Josh and Allison for them to use for our KUC and Youth programs. We are suggesting Gift Cards in increments of \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 from places like Kroger, Publix, WalMart, Target, Dollar General/Tree, etc.

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		



Bob Collier Jim Gurr Jamila Coleman Jasmine Coleman Barbara Johnson Diane Shelton Betty Hubbard Sandra Amrhein Gensie McDonald Teresa Herring Scott Phillips Jason Newman Marcia Heinz

Glenda Middleton Wayne Starling Robert Humphrey Jeff Truitt Augustus & Mary Lakpor Cathy Wade Milton Shiver Peggy Newton Donna Stamm Jeff Denney Sharon Keyes Wally Curtiss Larry Hobgood

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





Memphis Cox 11/3/19



Ramir Laflore 11/20/19



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.

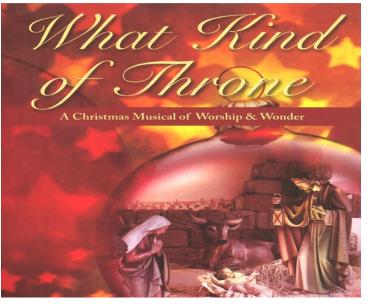


Norah & Isaac Nguyen, Children of Kevin & Grace Nguyen 11/3/19

Join Lilburn Christian Church this holiday season where exciting things are happening.



Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater to church on Sunday, December 1. Bring your camera to have your picture taken at the photo booth.



Christmas Program Sunday, December 8 10:45 am & 6:00 pm



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## December

8 CTO Concert at LCC, 10:45 am & 6:00 pmEvery WeekSunday: 9:30 am 9:30 am Sunday School Classes, Bell Choir Practice12 Annual Ladies Christmas Party in FLC, 7:00 pm10:15 am 10:45 am Vorship ServiceCoffee & Fellowship 10:45 am Worship Service18 Youth Christmas Party in the Chapel at 6:30 pm 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm10:15 am 7:00 pm 9:45 am 9:45 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm KUC, Youth, Choir, Tech & Orchestra 7:00 pm10 Men's Bible Study10:15 am 7:00 pmKUC, Youth, Choir, Tech & Orchestra29 De-decorate LCC 30 31 New Year's Eve10:15 am 10:15 am 10:45 am 10:4	<ol> <li>New Year's Day</li> <li>Men's Breakfast in the Chapel</li> <li>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</li> </ol>	14 KUC Cookie Bake 10 am – Noon in FLC	
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#### Nativity Poem/Song (to the tune of 'For the Beauty of the Earth')

When I survey the Nativity, where the Infant Savior lay Do I glimpse Mount Calvary – to the cross when He was slain?

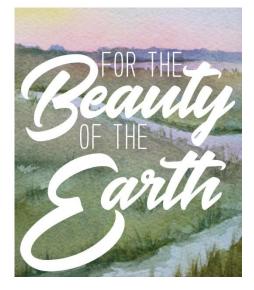
Do I hear the angels sing? And see camels bearing kings? Do I see the shining star, guiding shepherds from afar?

Hallelujahs ringing near - as Mary holds her baby dear. Do I see the cows and sheep? Do I feel God's love so deep?

Come and see without delay, Joseph kneeling in the hay. See the manger filled with love, as God watches from above.

When I survey the Nativity, I see a glimpse of eternity. I must bow on bended knee – knowing that He died for me....

Words by Rosemary Bengtson (Written for the 2009 Ladies Christmas Party)



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