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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

What makes you happy? A famous *Peanuts* comic strip from years ago shows Lucy, thrilled by petting Snoopy, say, "Happiness is a warm puppy!" Well, maybe so! But what if we don't have a little dog around us just now, can we be happy? We're all different, so we might come up with different things. *Chocolate...a trip to the beach...Opening Day of baseball season...a check in the mail...seeing my grandchildren drive up...seeing the taillights from my grandchildren leaving...Just kidding about that last one!*

All of these things, and more, can lead to Happiness. But, their common denominator is, these are all things we receive, that we get. Sometimes we cannot get enough! We need a constant stream of "getting" to maintain the Happiness quotient. Sponges. Yes, we are.

And then there's that Bible verse we all know, Acts 20:35—"It is more blessed to give than to receive"! Now here's a radical thought: "What if that verse is true?" That would mean...you and I have been going about this thing all wrong! Happiness isn't about acquisition (of \$, of experiences, of our desires being fulfilled), but about giving stuff away! And what do we have to give? We have things, of course. And \$. But we also have time. And our prayers. And love. And encouragement. And an arm around someone's

shoulder. And cutting someone some slack. And food. And patience. And...how did Jesus put it? "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:37-40)

Seems like a win-win, doesn't it? Others, some of whom are hurting mightily, suffering through crises, or maybe just feeling lonely and needing someone to affirm them, receive something they truly need, and we, for our troubles, don't see our bank account hurt or suffer some sort of a loss, no; we get more than they do! We get...Happiness! Not by acquiring, but by giving things away! Who'd have believed it?

So, find someone and serve them! Find someone who needs something and give it to them! Happiness is there to be had, right here, right now...

Thanks for being a part of LCC! We are blessed (happy!) to have you! See you Sunday—

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SERMON SERIES

"Jesus Came to Serve" A Series from the Gospel of Mark

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. -Mark 10:45

Feb 2: "Safe in a Storm", Mark 4:35-41

Feb 9: "The Touch He Felt", Mark 5:21-

34

Feb 16: C.Y. Kim, preaching

Feb 23: "A Little Was Enough", Mark

6:30-44 Josh Cox, preaching

Wednesday Menu

5 Chicken Tenders

12 Poppy Seed Chicken

19 Shepherd's Pie

26 Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

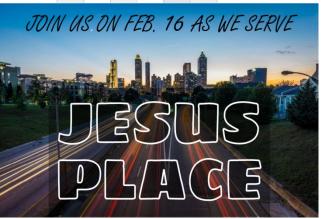




C.Y. Kim & his Wife, Patricia to be at LCC February 16

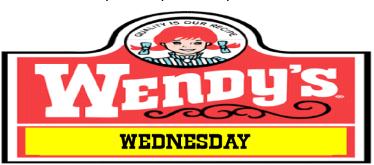
We welcome C.Y. Kim, missionary from CRAM (Christ Reaching Asia Mission), who will be here to speak at LCC on February 16! CRAM Worldwide exists to take the love of Jesus Christ to the people of Asia by meeting their physical and spiritual needs. C.Y. will share the exciting story of what Christ is doing through him when he visits with us. He will speak during Sunday School at 9:30 am in the Chapel, and then again during Worship at 10:45 am. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear him!





Our next Wendy's Wednesday is February 12th! Our adult leaders will transport 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.)

What a great start to a new year! We hosted a parent-child lunch as a way to shared our events and goals for 2020 (a HUGE THANKS to Paul & Rosie Bengtson for all their help with the meal). Below, you'll see our calendar. We also went ice-skating at the Ice Forum in Duluth (I'll include some pics in next month's newsletter). Also, as of February 1, you can enroll your children in camp at North Georgia Christian Camp! They are offering early birds rates: February (\$185), March (\$195), April (\$205), May (\$215), June/July (\$225). So go to www.christiancamp.net to register sooner than later. I'll be taking middle schoolers to Teener 1 (June 7-12) and high schoolers to Senior 2 (June 28-July 3). Our big event for February is a service project at Jesus Place, a homeless ministry in Atlanta. On Sunday the 16th, we'll meet at the church at 9am, drive to Jesus Place, worship with them, and help distribute items of need to the homeless. We'll return around 2pm. Students should bring money for a fast food lunch. In the meantime, keep me updated with games, concerts, etc. your children are involved in so that I can come support them! And know that I am here for you and your family! - Josh



	2020 EVENT CALENDAR			
•March 21	Laser Tag @ Laser Voyage (11am-2:30pm)	\$10		
•April 24-25	Leadership Retreat/Service Project @ NGCC	\$25		
•May 3	Nerf Day @ LCC (12-3pm)	\$5		
•May 17	Graduation Sunday			
•June 3	Wendy's Wednesday (after VBS)			
•June 7 <i>-</i> 12	Teener 1 Camp (6th-8th grade) @ NGCC	\$215		
•June 28-July 3	Senior 2 Camp (9th-12th grade) @ NGCC	\$215		
•July?	Service Project			
	Fast Food Lunch			
•August 9	Pool Party @ Jeff & Debbie Stephens'	FREE		
•September 18-20	Middle School Deeper Life Retreat @ NGCC	\$50		
October 4	College Prep Luncheon @ LCC (12:30-2:30pm)	FREE		
•October 28	Mosaic Costume Contest			
	Costume			
•October 31	October 31 Trunk or Treat @ LCC (11am-2pm)			
•November 6-8	High School Deeper Life Retreat @ NGCC	\$50		
•December 16	Mosaic Christmas Party			
	Bring something from sign-up list			



January Recap

The first month of the year flew by in KUC! Thank you to all who attended the parent's meeting on January 12th. It was nice for the parents to get to have some fellowship time with each over free lunch. I hope the calendars of events helps parents to plan and prepare for upcoming events. I do have a few minor changes to the schedule so feel free to grab a new one from the KUC counter. As always we will post important dates in the monthly newsletters, weekly bulletins and in the KUC a few weeks before they are scheduled (and on the website and FB for big events).

In January we also participated in a donation drive and service project day for a local organization called Helping Mamas, a baby supply bank for Georgia. We collected a bunch diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, strollers and a ton of gently used children's clothing from the congregation. Then, on the service project day, the kids and parents gathered all the donated supplies, bundled the diapers and labeled the bundles, and sorted and bundled clothes. The service project was done here at LCC and then delivered to Helping Mamas afterwards. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the drive, showed up for the service project day, and helped deliver it all to Helping Mamas. We have such a generous congregation, and I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve our community with all of you!!!

We have a new volunteer in the KUC, Karen Throckmorton. She is not exactly as she has been helping out in the nursery and with other things for a while now, but she is new to teaching our Sunday School Class. When you see her, please thank her for her dedication to teaching our precious children about God's word!







Sundays and Wednesdays in the KUC

Our preschool to 2nd grade Sunday School class will continue learning Bible Basics. The children are learning the books of the bibles, doing a review of each book. For our Wednesday night and Sunday Worship hour, the preschool/Kindergarten class and the 1st /2nd grade classes will continue going through bible. Our Later Elementary Class (3rd to 5th grade) are focusing on having a relationship with God.

Memory Verses for January:

Preschool/Kindergarten: "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground." -Psalm 143:10

 $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ grade: "How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you." -Psalm 31:19

3rd to 5th: A new memory verse is given each week. Check with children to see if they know it!! Parents, we hope that you will encourage your children to memorize scripture. To help incentivize, we will begin quarterly 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). We also encourage children to bring their bible every week, especially the 3rd to 5th grade class. If your child is in need of a bible, please see Allison.

Upcoming Events:

February 15: Parent's Night Out (6:30pm-9pm)

March 6-7th: Heaven on Earth Retreat. 2nd to 5th graders





READ THE BIBLE IN THE NEW YEAR!

FEBRUARY

MARCH

□ 1.	Job 9-10	□ 1 .	Job 17-18
□ 2.	Isaiah 23-28	□ 2 .	Isaiah 45-50
□ 3.	Matthew 11-13	□ 3.	Matthew 23-25
□ 4.	Romans 9-10	□ 4.	1 Corinthians 1-2
□ 5 .	Genesis 20-23	□ 5 .	Genesis 36-39
□ 6.	Judges 1-6	□ 6 .	Ruth
□ 7.	Psalms 15-17	□ 7.	Psalms 27-29
□ 8.	Job 11-12	□ 8.	Job 19-20
□ 9.	Isaiah 29-33	□ 9 .	Isaiah 51-55
□ 10 .	Matthew 14-16	□ 10 .	Matthew 26-28
□ 11 .	Romans 11-12	□ 11 .	1 Corinthians 3-4
□ 12 .	Genesis 24-27	□ 12 .	Genesis 40-43
□ 13.	Judges 7-11	□ 13.	1 Samuel 1-5
□ 14 .	Psalms 18-20	□ 14 .	Psalms 30-32
□ 15.	Job 13-14	□ 15.	Job 21-22
□ 16 .	Isaiah 34-39	□ 16.	Isaiah 56-61
□ 17 .	Matthew 17-19	□ 17 .	Mark 1-2
□ 18.	Romans 13-14	□ 18 .	1 Corinthians 5-6
□ 19 .	Genesis 28-31	□ 19.	Genesis 44-47
□ 20 .	Judges 12-16	□ 20 .	1 Samuel 6-10
□ 21 .	Psalms 21-23	□ 21 .	Psalms 33-35
□ 22.	Job 15-16	□ 22 .	Job 23-24
□ 23.	Isaiah 40-44	□ 23 .	Isaiah 62-66
□ 24.	Matthew 20-22	□ 24 .	Mark 3-4
□ 25.	Romans 15-16	□ 25.	1 Corinthians 7-8
□ 26 .	Genesis 32-35	□ 26.	Genesis 48-50
□ 27 .	Judges 17-21	□ 27 .	1 Samuel 11-15
□ 28.	Psalms 24-26	□ 28 .	Psalms 36-38
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		□ 31.	Mark 5-6



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Steve Simon
Jami Baugus & Family
Genie Hartman &
Family
Phillip Sudduth

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 1 prayer beeper 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. Please pray for improved circulation and complete healing in her right leg. Also, she has a follow-up appointment with the plastic surgeon in January. 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.

WELCOME to our newest MEMBERS!



Hal and Lois Rodgers 1/12/2020



BAPTISM



Christian Broom 1/12/2020

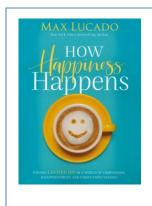
Robert and Wanda Humphrey 1/26/2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

March

- 2 Memorial for Jami Baugus' Mom, Patricia Benson
- 8 Ministry Team Leader Meeting, 8:00 am; Memorial for Geraldine Coleman at 4:00 pm
- 9 Glory Gal's Luncheon in Chapel
- 12 Mosiac's Wendy's Wednesday
- 15 KUC Parent's Night Out
- 22 Chili Cook-Off/Men's Bake-Off in FLC, 5:00-7:00 pm
- 24 Life Line Screening in FLC
- 29 Leap Year



"How Happiness Happens" Series for Adults On Wednesday Nights

Join us at 7 pm on Wednesdays as we have a Bible study from "How Happiness Happens", a book by Max Lucado. The uplifting "One Another" passages in the New Testament teach all of us the true source of the Happiness we crave. Everyone is welcome!

6-7 KUC Heaven on Earth Retreat in FLC & Chapel

8 Glory Gal's Luncheon in Chapel

11 Mosiac's Wendy's Wednesday

21 Mosiac – Laser Tag 11 am – 2:30 pm

24 Primary Election

30 Begins Spring Break

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

Thursday:

7:30 pm Five Forks AA Meeting in Chapel

Friday:

7:30 pm Five Forks AA Meeting in Chapel



The Sisters of Grace Leadership Team will be meeting soon to discuss our activities for this year, so watch for more information as it is finalized.

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

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