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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Well, we've never had a time quite like the present, have we? Businesses closed, churches closed (on Sundays), schools closed, stores and restaurants struggling, stock market in the tank, hospitals overwhelmed, bad news, seemingly without end! The number of new cases of sickness, and death, rising daily...few of us had heard of the Coronovirus in January; now it is all anyone is talking about!

We can pray. And we are! Thanks for your prayers! And we can worship online. It isn't anyone's 1st choice, but boy am I grateful for our Tech Crew, led by Deanna Scott, our Livestremers, led by Richie Morgan, and our music and worship leaders, led by Dwayne! I hope you have been joining us on Sundays at 10:45 am, and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm! Services are also available at our website after they are recorded.

And, it looks like we will keep doing church this way for a while! We'll keep you informed, we've been trying to make decisions on this a couple of weeks at a time. Stay connected with us! And I encourage our Mosaic and KUC young people and their families to stay connected on Facebook and elsewhere with Josh and Allison as they post messages. I am grateful for our Staff and our Elders! Long-suffering and hard-working and faithful, as always. And you. Your love as a people make going through even this hardship possible!

We thank you for your faithful giving during this challenging time. You can do it on the website, or by mail, and we appreciate you doing it.

We also encourage you to let us know when you need ministry! We cannot always come and visit, as we could in the past, but there are other ways we can help, and whatever help you need, we want to provide.

God bless you all! He will see us through, and we will get through this trial together!

Your brother, Tony



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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

April 5 "Forsaken for Us", Mark 15:33-39

April 12 Easter Sunday, "He Even Moved the Stone", Mark 16:1-8

April 19 "The Served Learn to Serve",

Mark 16:9-16 Josh Cox, preaching

April Program Changes

Our music program that was set for April 5, "3:16 The Numbers of Hope" has had to be rescheduled for another time, TBA. We appreciate all of our singers, musicians, and tech crew, and look forward to being back together again soon.

The Disciples' Service, April 9, will be done online. The Easter Egg event, April 11, and the Easter Breakfast, April 12, will not be done this year

Livestreamed Services

Remember to participate in our services on Sundays at 10:45 am, and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm! Services are on our website,

www.lilburnchristianchurch.org,

Facebook, and at other links on the website. Once recorded, services are available on the website.



Please remember all our missionaries and our country during this difficult time in our world. We've been in contact with most all of our missionaries, and as with all of us, they've had to make drastic changes to their ministries, and in some cases forced to leave their home, as with Brock and his family who are in Africa. They are planning to return, but for right now they're having to return to Florida temporarily. All have reported being well at this point, but, of course, all are in the business of reaching others for Christ as we are with Lilburn Christian Church. Please continue to pray the virus will subside and that God will heal our land. Also please continue to pray for our missionaries as they are having to be creative in their approach to reach others for Christ.





This has been a strange and challenging time for everyone. Know that I am here for you. If you're feeling afraid or overwhelmed, I'd love to talk with you. It's felt so odd not seeing our students every week. I'm trying to establish some sense of continuity though. I have ways to contact most of our students and am trying to do so a couple of times each week. If you're not receiving anything from me, that probably means I don't have your info, so reach out to me at 706-499-9773 or on Instagram, snapchat, or facebook. You can also look up Mosaic on Insta and snapchat. Additionally, I'm videoing a lesson each week, which will be posted on facebook. Instagram, and our website (https://www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/youth/). Growing up, fear dictated much of my life. I know these times are scary for many, so I wanted to share some stories from a book I read in college that really inspired me to face my fears. It's called The Barbarian Way. It was written by Erwin McManus, a pastor at a church in California

coincidentally named Mosaic. He shares stories from scripture, his own life, and awesome movies like *Braveheart* to encourage Christians to, as Barbarians, fight for the heart of our King! I hope middle and high schoolers (and maybe even their parents) will check out the new video each Wednesday. Feel free to comment on facebook and Instagram! It'd be cool to see some group discussion! I'm not sure how long we'll need to continue this, and I'm also not sure how our future events will be impacted. I'm sure we were all a little bummed to miss out on laser tag in March (we'll reschedule it though). As of now, we're still planning on going through with the events you find below. If any of our plans change, I'll let you know. In the meantime, keep well! I'm praying for you and am here for you. If there is anything I can do for you, don't hesitate to reach out. Finally, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

- Josh Cox, Youth Minister (Also, for the time being, my best email is joshuaracox@gmail.com.)





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

March Recap

We started off March great, with our favorite event of the whole year, the Heaven on Earth Retreat. Every year we focus on a part of the Lord's prayer, and this year our focus was "Our Father, who art in Heaven". God is our perfect Father in Heaven, and we are called his children. And even more, we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, are a family. It was our best retreat so far! We had 30 kids and 14 volunteers! We decided to start on Friday night this year and sleep at the church, which was really fun, even for the adults! We started with some fun activities, for boys, like nerf wars and shooting potato guns, and the girls had fun painting on canvas. Some of the girls' paintings are still on display in the KUC, so hopefully you will be able to check them out soon if you have not already. We also worshipped and prayed together and really enjoyed the fellowship time! Then on Saturday, we started with a big family breakfast and experienced a perfect day with joyful hearts, praises, prayers, and getting to know each other better through games and activities! I was completely blown away by how well the kids did on Friday night (especially the eight 2nd graders, some of whom had never spent a night away from home) and on Saturday. Everyone was kind and respectful, and we had some very precious moments. I watched a precious child cry over her sin and then pray out loud like never before. I witnessed a boy serve his peers by cleaning up after them at lunch (without being asked or prompted). Those are just a few of the amazing things we witnessed. For one of our exercises, everyone wrote down their sins and placed them on the cross. Many of these confessions brought me to tears in how sincere they were. I am working on finding a way to compile and share without revealing who wrote them. There were no cell phones, tablets or video games and everyone played well together, no one was left out, we truly were a family! I couldn't be prouder of your children! I pray it glorified and pleased our Father in Heaven most of all.

Thank you to all who contributed to this. We received over \$600 from the congregation, and we are so very thankful! You truly helped to bring Heaven to Earth! I want to mention the following volunteers by name, because they gave up their time to help, and they were needed and made a great impact: Jeff McAlister, Alex Aleman, Christina Aleman, Rob Hubbard, Daysia Smith, Richard and Pam Morgan, Paul and Lisa Pipkin, Ana Smith, Kris Smith, Jamie Hux, Tim Quey, Lydia Hankinson and Cameron Snell. If you see them, please tell them thank you for making the Heaven on Earth Retreat a success.

Shortly, after this amazing event, we had to make the decision to move services online, which is very hard. Wednesday nights are our favorite night of the week. I miss seeing your children in person, but this is a time I am very thankful for technology. It is easier than ever to stay connected without having to meet in person. It's not the same, but we are blessed to have it in times like these. I have been reaching out through texts, emails and calls, and I have even posted a video to our KUC Facebook page. I hope you all will stay in touch in these ways until we meet in person again. Please feel free to reach out any way possible and let your children know I love them and miss them. This will all be over soon! Also, if you are a parent of a KUC child and not a member of the KUC page, please let me know, and I love to add you. I am also posting some Seeds family Worship videos to keep your children memorizing God's word through song!

Prayers and Love to all!

Allison





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- □ 3. 1 Samuel 16-20
- $\Box 4. Psalms 39-41$
- □ 5. Job 27-28
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- □ 7. Mark 7-8
- \Box 8. 1 Corinthians 11-12
- $\Box 9. Exodus 5-8$
- □ 10. 1 Samuel 21-25
- $\Box 11. \qquad \text{Psalms 42-44}$
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- □ 14. Mark 9-10
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- □ 19. Job 31-32
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- □ 25. Psalms 48-50
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 - Job 35-46

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- □ 27. 11 Corinthians 11-13
- □ 28. Exodus 33-36
- □ 29. 1 Kings 1-4
- □ 30. Psalms 63-65
- $\Box 31. Proverbs 1$



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How silent it is for now, but there is a day acomin'.

UPCOMING TENTATIVE EVENTS

April

- 3 Spring Break Ends
- 8 Mosiac's Wendy's Wednesday, cancelled
- 9 Disciples Service at 7:00 pm, Live streaming
- 11 Easter Egg Event, cancelled
- 12 Easter Breakfast @ 9:15 am; Worship @ 10:30 am; Directory Photos, Cancelled
- 19 Directory Photos, TBD
- 24 Gwinnett College Graduation, TBD
- 24 Mosiac Leadership Retreat/Service Project @ NGCC
- 28 Berkmar Awards Ceremony

May

- 2 VBS Work Day
- 3 Mosiac Nerf Day, Noon 3:00 pm
- 13 Wendy's Wednesday
- 17 LCC Graduation Sunday
- 19 Primary Election
- 23 VBS Work Day
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday
- 31 June 3 VBS



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

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



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.





Kayla Smith 3/1/2020

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"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33