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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

Well, we didn't think we'd still be having to follow "Social Distancing", staying in our homes, watching terrible numbers (sicknesses, deaths, unemployment, etc.) go up everyday, did we? As May begins this challenge continues. We'd like to call it "never seen before" or "unprecedented", but historically speaking, that's not true. There have been far worse epidemics and situations in times past! But it is a big thing for us.

I thank you all for the adjustments that you have made! Dwayne and our music team have had to drastically reduce their numbers, but he has a core who are continuing to give us great music two times a week. Our Tech Crew is reduced to Deanna Scott and Debbie Stephens, but their faithfulness is making a difference. And our Livestreamers are down now to Richie Morgan, but he is making our online services possible! Thank all these when you can.

Our Staff has had to change its way of doing things in massive ways, but their faithfulness is inspiring. Josh and Allison continue to find innovative ways to minister to our Teens and Children. Kandy keeps sending out emails, keeping up with things online, and doing great work from her computer. And poor Lynn's fingers are worn out from counting all the offering you keep sending in online or through the mails! What a praise that is!

I know all of you are chomping at the bit to get back together and back to service. I know that, for instance, if Dwayne asked for volunteers to show up to record some music, EVERY Choir member and EVERY Orchestra member would be here, along with EVERY Tech Crew and Livestreamer! And, EVERY nursery worker, EVERY youth helper, EVERY Communion preparer, EVERY Greeter, and etc., would be here with bells on!

I think we've all missed being together and missed praising our Lord together. I read about an old church in England that had a sign out front saying "We Preach Christ Crucified." Over time, ivy grew up and obscured the last word. The sign then said, "We Preach Christ." As the ivy continued to grow, soon more of the sign got covered, and it read, "We Preach." Then, ivy growth continued and you could only read one word, "We"...and it wasn't long before the church died.

I pray to God, not here! We remain, despite our distance, committed to Christ, and Him crucified and resurrected! Soon, Lord willing, we will be together again and can proclaim this wonderful message with full-throated power! Until then, He will see us safely through.

I look forward to seeing YOU again soon!

Tony

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## SERMON SERIES

## **INSPIRING SERVANT LEADERS**

**April 26** John the Baptist: "Preparing the Way", Matthew 3:1-17

**May 3** Peter and the Apostles: "Rejoicing After a Beating", Acts 5:27-42

**May 10** Eunice and Lois: "A Faith Worth Passing On", 2 Timothy 1:5

**May 17** Tychicus: "Sent to Encourage", Colossians 4:7-9, Josh Cox Preaching

**May 24** Epaphras: "Wrestling and Working for You", Colossians 4:12-13

May 31 "Phoebe: "Benefactor of Many", Romans 16:1-2

## **Wednesday Night Series:**

#### 7 of Satan's BIGGEST LIES!

...He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. -John 8:44

**April 15** "The Resurrection is a Myth", 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**April 22** "God Doesn't Mean What You Think He Means", Genesis 3:1-19

**April 29** "Your Past Determines Your Future", Luke 19:1-10, Josh Cox preaching

**May 6** "We Have All the Time in the World", Luke 12:13-21

**May 13** "God Accepts on the Basis of Good Conduct", Ephesians 2:1-10

**May 20** "The Physical Alone Will Satisfy You", 2 Samuel 13:1-15

**May 27** "Follow Your Heart", Colossians 3:1-4, Josh Cox preaching



## **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, <a href="https://www.lilburnchristianchurch.org">www.lilburnchristianchurch.org</a>, Facebook, and at other links on the website. Once recorded, services are available on the website.





We hope and pray you all are well! Remember that we are here for you. While we have certainly missed you all, we're glad that we have been able to establish a new kind of normal with Mosaic, and we would love for your middle and high school students to be a part of our digital student ministry! This is what that looks like:

- •SUNDAY SCHOOL on Zoom every Sunday at 10:00 AM
- •WEEKLY VIDEO LESSONS for students to watch are posted every Tuesday on our Facebook (LCC Youth) and our website (www.lilburnchristianchurch.org/youth)
- •SMALL GROUPS on Zoom each Wednesday afternoon (Middle and High School Girls @ 3:30, High School Boys @ 4:00, and Middle School Boys @ 4:30)
- •DAILY SCRIPTURE VIDEOS are posted on our Facebook & Instagram encouraging students to keep up with the church's reading plan (follow mosaic\_lcc on Instagram)
- •CHALLENGES are given periodically, encouraging students to remain excited and interacting (CONGRATS TO ABI VENTURA FOR WINNING OUR ONLINE EASTER EGG HUNT!)

Because of the current restrictions, our May events will be rescheduled at dates to be determined. These include **NERF DAY** and **GRADUATION SUNDAY**. As of now, **CAMP** is still on for this summer, though both I and the camp acknowledge there is a good chance those plans will either change or be cancelled completely. However, if you're able, I encourage you to go ahead and register for camp (KNOW THAT REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN IF CAMP'S PLANS CHANGE OR IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE SENDING YOUR CHILD WHEN THE TIME ARRIVES). Encourage your students to stay involved! We'd love to see them on Zoom on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Message me for the Zoom Meeting ID and password. If you're a parent or student not receiving texts from me, please send me your number so I can keep you updated. Thanks! Hope to see you soon!- Josh Cox/Youth Minister/joshuarcox@gmail.com/706-499-9773





## KUC Parents,

I really missed getting to see your children in April! I miss not getting to see their smiles, hearing their stories and watching their zeal for learning about our Lord and Savior. I hope that while we are not meeting in our church building, that you are taking time with your children to read God's word, to teach them, memorize verses and pray with them. Parents, you are called by the Lord to teach your children to love the Lord your God with all your heart and to teach them diligently (see Deuteronomy 6:4-9). I want to encourage you and help you with this. I am posting an easy 15 minutes lesson every week on the KUC facebook page. These lessons have very little prep, and while they may seem short and simple, it opens up the door for you to start conversations and share with your children. I am praying for each of your families. Please reach out and let me know if you need anything, whether it be questions about the lesson, tips for the lesson, additional resources to help teach your children, prayer, or if you (or your child) just want to say hello. Please don't hesitate, I will enjoy hearing from you. I promise!

I miss all of you and I am praying for your families. While this world is burdened with many kinds troubles, we can take heart and know our Lord has overcome them all, including this present time of trouble. I cannot wait for May 31st!

## **Event updates:**

**Vacation Bible School** will hopefully be rescheduled for July and not cancelled. I will let you know as soon as a decision is made on when it can be rescheduled.

### **Summer Camp:**

Right now, you can register for **summer camp** 100% risk free (i.e. if camp is canceled, you can get your money refunded). . See more details regarding their Covid-19 response and Register at <a href="https://www.christiancamp.net/">https://www.christiancamp.net/</a>.

Ashley Cox is deaning Beginner 1 (2nd to 4th graders), June 18-20.

Allison and Jeff are deaning the Middler 3 (3rd-5th graders), July 5th-9th.

Let us know if you need assistance with registration costs. Please don't let cost be a reason your children don't attend. We want all children to be able to attend summer camp and we are happy to offer assistance!



# READ THE BIBLE IN THE NEW YEAR!

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## **MAY**

# □ 1. 11 Samuel 5-9 □ 2. Psalms 51-53 □ 3. Job 35-46 □ 4. Jeremiah 27-31 □ 5. Mark 15-16 □ 6. 11 Corinthians 4-5

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- □ 9. Psalms 54-56 □ 10. Job 37-38
- □ 11. Jeremiah 32-36
- □ 12. Luke 1-2
- □ 13. 11 Corinthians 6-8
- □ 14. Exodus 25-28
- □ 15. 11 Samuel 15-19
- □ 16. Psalms 57-59
- □ 17. Job 39-40
- □ 18. Jeremiah 37-41
- □ 19. Luke 3-4
- □ 20. 11 Corinthians 9-10
- □ 21. Exodus 29-32
- □ 22. 11 Samuel 20-24
- □ 23. Psalms 60-62
- □ 24. Job 41-42
- □ 25. Jeremiah 42-46
- □ 26. Luke 5-6
- □ 27. 11 Corinthians 11-13
- □ 28. Exodus 33-36
- □ 29. 1 Kings 1-4
- □ 30. Psalms 63-65 □ 31. Proverbs 1

## **JUNE**

□ 1 <b>.</b>	Jeremiah 47-52
□ 2 <b>.</b>	Luke 7-8
□ 3.	Galatians 1-3
□ 4.	Exodus 37-40
□ <b>5</b> .	1 Kings 5-9
□ 6 <b>.</b>	Psalms 66-68
□ 7 <b>.</b>	Proverbs 2-3
□ 8.	Lamentations
□ <b>9</b> .	Luke 9-10
□ 10 <b>.</b>	Galatians 4-6
□ 11 <b>.</b>	Leviticus 1-3
□ 12 <b>.</b>	1 Kings 10-13
□ 13.	Psalms 69-71
□ 14 <b>.</b>	Proverbs 4
□ 15 <b>.</b>	Ezekiel 1-6
□ 16 <b>.</b>	Luke 11-12
□ 17 <b>.</b>	Ephesians 1-3
□ 18.	Leviticus 4-6
□ 19 <b>.</b>	1 Kings 14-18
□ 20 <b>.</b>	Psalms 72-74
□ 21 <b>.</b>	Proverbs 5-6
□ 22 <b>.</b>	Ezekiel 7-12
□ 23.	Luke 13-14
□ 24 <b>.</b>	Ephesians 4-6
□ 25.	Leviticus 7-9
□ 26.	1 Kings 19-22
□ 27 <b>.</b>	Psalms 75-77

Proverbs 7

Luke 15-17

Ezekiel 13-18

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□ 29.

□ 30.





LCC has another new Mission! Bethshean Mexico Mission. Bethshean Mexico Mission is located in Estancia de Animas, México. The town of Estancia de Animas is approximately a two hour drive due west of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, which is north of Mexico City. It is situated on a high, flat plateau with an average elevation of 6,000 feet and has a resident population of approximately 4,000.

Ninety percent of the houses in Estancia are made of adobe with surrounding adobe walls. Estancia de Animas is influenced by the local steppe climate. There is little rainfall throughout the year. The temperature there averages 62.06 F. The rainfall there averages 17.4 inches. Estancia de Animas was first established as a railroad station where people brought their cattle to load onto the boxcars. The original name of the town was Estancia de Animales, which translated means Station of Animals. When the town began to grow up around the railroad station, people did not want their town to be known as the Station of Animals so they changed the name to Estancia de Animas, which means Station of Souls.

The mission has a nursing home, medical exam rooms, dental exam rooms, evangelism, supports mission teams and provide education seminars. The Mission is run by Chris Garcia who had a passion for the Mexican people most all her life and has led this mission for 40 years through God's blessings to what it is today. She ventured out on faith to go to Mexico and as Director of a student home in San Luis Potosi, Chris recognized the needs that were needed there. The Ministers of Bethshean Mission and families: Abdiel, Ricardo, Ruben, and Manuel and Chris ask that we pray for them. Other prayer request she had apart from the virus crisis, she said they have cartels they contend with. Please also pray for the churches: Maravillas, Villa Gonzalez, Loreto and Sauceda. These churches are under the Mission. The ministers are working faithfully to mature and grow these churches. Also please pray for Dr. Freddy Martin and his nurse wife Carol. They plan to move to Mexico and open the Bethshean Clinic.

Connect to their web site through Lilburnchristianchurch.org or through Facebook!

## UPCOMING TENTATIVE EVENTS

May

## June

19 Memorial I	Day I	Holiday
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31 Back to LCC's in person events

3	Wendy's Wednesday
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- 9 Primary Election
- 7-12 Teener Camp for Middle Schoolers (6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- 14 Glory Gal's Luncheon
- 21 Father's Day
- 27 On Level Ground
- 28 Classic Sunday Night, 6:00 pm
- 28 Senior 2 Camp for High Schoolers (9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- 29 Life Line Screening



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 Augustus & Mary Lakpor Jeff Truitt Cathy Wade **Janet Curtiss** Steve Simon Phillip Sudduth Terri Randall Sharon Keyes & Family Jamie Renshaw & Family Pat Ferguson & Family Debra Adkins Jessie Mae Deaton Linda Proctor & Family Rosie & Paul Bengtson & Family

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



## **Prayer Beepers Discontinued**

LCC has used prayer beepers for many years. They have allowed us to anonymously notify those people who carried them that our prayers were sent heavenward on their behalf. However, we believe that their time of practicality has come to an end.

We appreciate all of our prayer warriors who used the prayer beepers in the past. Since we have access to newer technology, we encourage you to use the Prayer Wall available on our website. To submit a prayer request, just click on the Create prayer request button. After you enter your information about the prayer request, you have the option to choose how you want the prayer request shared (Public Visibility), as well as anonymity. Please take a moment to read the existing prayer requests and respond by clicking on the 'Praying Hands' icon. There is also an option to share the prayer request or email the person who submitted it.

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