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# **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

I hate to be tentative about things, don't you? If someone says, "Maybe I'll come", we say, "Well never mind, didn't want you to be here anyway!" But sometimes we can't help it. Plans, in 2020 (and every year!) have to be revised, changed, adjusted. What seems sure, important, and a good idea can become unsure, unnecessary, and a terrible idea in an instant!

LILBURN Christian Church

But, for right now, we are offering In person worship on Sundays at 10:45 am and on Wednesday nights at 7 pm for adults! I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities. "Get them while they're hot!" And if you cannot, we understand, and encourage you to worship along with us Online.

Perennial things that sustain us in our Christian walk are prayer, worship, Bible study, and service. These things are crucial in a pandemic or anytime. And we can find ways to do them! The discipline of daily Bible reading and prayer have been a wonderful nourishment for me in my life. I don't like missing them any more than I like missing a meal! *The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul....The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart...They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than* 

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honey, than honey from the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:7, 8, 10) Worship can be a challenge these days, but anything this good we can find a way to do: "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. (Psalm 63:1-5) Serving the Lord by loving others isn't as easy as before either, but it can be done! A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)

Thank you for being a part of LCC! We love you and are praying for the day we can all be together again. Let us know how we can serve you--

Tony

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1		y Morning Message Series Younds of God", Isaiah 53:2-7
	Oct 4:	"My Price", 1 Peter 1:18-19
	Oct 11:	"My Freedom", Romans 3:21-26
	Oct 18:	"My Peace", Romans 5:1-2, 9-11
	Oct 25:	"My Brothers", Ephesians 2:11-22
	Nov 1:	"My Wounds?", Galatians 6:14-17
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#### In Person & OnlineServices:

- Sunday School: 9:30 am for Adults, Teens and Family Sunday School for Children
- Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
- Wednesday Night Music and a Message: 7:00 pm for Adults

Wednesday Menu

**Suspended Temporarily** 

### Wednesday Night Messages "Road Trip"

- Oct 7: "Handling Disagreements", Part 1, Acts 15:1-6
- Oct 14: "Handling Disagreements", Part 2, Acts 15:36-41

Oct 21: "A New Recruit", Acts 16:1-5

Oct 28: "An Open Heart", Acts 16:11-15



## NORTH GEORGIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

With the onset of Covid, the past five months have impacted the operation as a camp and retreat center as you can imagine. Not many churches and families have been willing or able to send their students away to camp or to have a retreat. For some it's a financial concern and for others, fear, anxiety and sickness have deterred plan-making altogether for what some would deem as "non-essential". However, even though the ministry of camp has been put on hold, the camp is still actively seeking God's will and trust in Him.

Even though they were only able to meet for a short time, at the end of Senior 2 camp, a young woman gave her life to Christ and was baptized into a new and complete life with Christ. One month later, they received word that another high school student made the same decision because of seeds planted during that same week of camp. The camp is moving forward to bring on an administrative assistant, Lauren Banks. Lauren has acted as a volunteer at the camp, served as Dean and has a degree from Toccoa Falls College with a degree in Children's and Family Ministry. LCC continues to partner and support NGCC and looking forward to when we can have our youth attend camp there again!



Fear will not stop us from worshiping our Lord and Savior. The LCC Bell Choir, led by Dave Wilson, wore gold mask to match their bells!

We worshiped to the sounds of angels as they played "Above All". Pam Straughan



Ali Morgan, Jamie Renshaw



Back row: Katherine Keahey, Shannon Melton, Sharon Keyes Front Row: Kathy Huddleston, Kandy Davidson



Cheryl Hendricks, Dottie Zetty, Rachel Solano, Sally Walsh



Once again, thank you to everyone who participated in the latest survey. Based on the responses, it seems like many remain uncomfortable with allowing their students to participate in in-person youth group activities. While LCC's "adult service" has resumed meeting in person, because of the survey results, Mosaic will continue to be online only on Wednesdays. Thankfully, we still have the capability to encourage one another by joining on Zoom! At least for this month, I invite our 6th-12th graders to join us for more **Challenges WITH Challenges!** Each week, our students will compete in some kind of challenge; they'll then be presented with some sort of spiritual challenge that ties into the competitive challenge. Currently, our spiritual challenges are coming from 1st Corinthians. We also invite middle and high

high schoolers to join us for **Sunday School** (either in-person or on Zoom) every Sunday at 9:30 am. Our current series is "The Doors," based on an Answers in Genesis study examining different doors found in scripture and how they tie into our stories today! Finally, Berkmar Football is back! Which means so is our opportunity to share love and encouragement with the players and coaches each week by providing their pre-game meals!

• If you want to join us on Zoom, contact me and I'll send you the link. For the sake of privacy, I am changing the link every Wednesday and Sunday.

• For those who join us in-person, we are practicing social distancing, encouraging mask-wearing, and providing hand sanitizer.

• Also, if your middle and high schoolers are involved in any activities (band concerts, football games, etc.), I'd love to come support them— if that's an option. Please keep me informed!

Let me know if there is anything we can do for you and your family. We are here for you and praying for you. Thank you for loving our students and supporting this ministry! - Josh

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Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

Hope everyone is well. Hope school is going well for you kids. We are still not yet meeting in the KUC but look forward to bringing back children's services soon. And even though we are not meeting in the KUC, at the end of August, we did start a family Sunday school in the FLC, and we have really enjoyed getting to know our new families there (The Goodwins and the Coullettes). If you have not been able to make it, we would love for you to join us this month. Look below if you would like more information about this class. We also want to continue to encourage families to attend in person worship when they are ready. Don't let the fact that we don't have separate children's services discourage you from coming. We will even have some sermon notes pages for kids with clipboards to help follow along during the service. Pick yours up from one of the greeters at the table.

I recently sent out a survey asking parents for the input about in person KUC services and activities, as well alternate options for meeting together (e.g. via zoom). Please complete the survey if you have not already if you would like to provide your input. Thank you to all who have completed so far.

Some other exciting news though, is that we are hoping to give the KUC a little makeover. Deanna will begin painting soon! Let us know if you are interested in helping out with that.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do for you. We will continue to pray for our families and your children!



Partnering with parents to nurture faith in our children and in our homes.

We are currently offering a Family Sunday School class. A new Sunday school class for parents and their children so they can worship and learn together! We have family activities, a lesson, worship, challenges and prizes and more! We hope and pray that all families with children will join us from 9:30-10:30 in the FLC. We hope this will be a great opportunity for us to partner with parents to nurture faith in our children and in our homes.

\*Please note this is a family Sunday school class and that parents are required to attend with their children. At this time, we will not be allowing parents to drop their children off. It will be a great experience for both the parents and the children.

Please be in prayer for this special opportunity!





#### **OCTOBER**

- $\square$  1. Numbers 29-32
- $\Box$  2. II Chronicles 11-15
- □ 3. Psalms 117-118
- $\Box$  4. Proverbs 28
- $\Box$  5. Jonah
- □ 6. Acts 3-4
- $\Box$  7. Hebrews 5-7
- $\square$  8. Numbers 33-36
- $\Box$  9. II Chronicles 16-20
- □ 10. Psalms 119
- □ 11. Proverbs 29-30
- □ 12. Micah
- □ 13. Acts 5-6
- □ 14. Hebrews 8-10
- $\Box$  15. Deuteronomy 1-3
- $\Box$  16. II Chronicles 21-24
- □ 17. Psalms 120-121
- $\Box$  18. Proverbs 31
- □ 19. Nahum
- □ 20. Acts 7-8
- □ 21. Hebrews 11-13
- $\square$  22. Deuteronomy 4-6
- $\Box$  23. II Chronicles 25-28
- □ 24. Psalms 122-124
- $\square$  25. Ecclesiastes 1-2
- □ 26. Habakkuk
- $\Box$  27. Acts 9-10
- □ 28. James 1-3
- $\Box$  29. Deuteronomy 7-9
- $\Box$  30. II Chronicles 29-32
- □ 31. Psalms 125-127

IN THE NEW YEAR!

#### NOVEMBER

- $\Box$  1. Ecclesiastes 3-4
- $\Box$  2. Zephaniah
- □ 3. Acts 11-12
- □ 4. James 4-5
- $\Box$  5. Deuteronomy 10-12
- $\Box$  6. II Chronicles 33-36
- □ 7. Psalms 128-130
- $\square$  8. Ecclesiastes 5-6
- 🗆 9. Haggai
- □ 10. Acts 13-14
- □ 11. I Peter 1-3
- $\square$  12. Deuteronomy 13-15
- □ 13. Ezra 1-5
- □ 14. Psalms 131-133
- □ 15. Ecclesiastes 7-8
- □ 16. Zechariah 1-7
- □ 17. Acts 15-16
- □ 18. I Peter 4-5
- $\square$  19. Deuteronomy 16-19
- □ 20. Ezra 6-10
- □ 21. Psalms 134-136
- $\square$  22. Ecclesiastes 9-10
- □ 23. Zechariah 8-14
- □ 24. Acts 17-18
- $\Box$  25. II Peter
- $\square$  26. Deuteronomy 20-22
- □ 27. Nehemiah 1-4
- □ 28. Psalms 137-139
- $\square$  29. Ecclesiastes 11-12
- □ 30. Malachi



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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.



#### LCC Prayer Wall

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.





#### Mark & Joanna Daniel, Samuel & Joseph 9/13/2020

The Goodwin family was introduced to LCC through the worship services led by Dwayne and our LCC C&O over the years at Ekklesia. I heard them say they loved the biblical teaching from Tony, and the kids were having a good time in the bible based lessons at the Family Bible Study led by Allison. They will be a welcome addition to our church family! Pam Straughan

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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9