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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Join us for regular Wednesday night activities, a meal and something for everyone else in the family during the New Year! No, wait, we can't do that yet. Join us for Choir and Orchestra rehearsals as we resume our wonderful LCC musical programs! No, wait, we can't do that yet either. Well, we do want you to join us as our Children's and Youth ministries resume all of their marvelous activities! No, wait...

LILBURN Christian Church

What CAN we do in 2021? The answer is...only the Lord knows! But that's always been true, hasn't it? And while 2020 was filled with never-seen-before challenges, He did lead us through the year, and we were able to do some things for His glory! We have resumed some of our In person activities! Worship on Sundays at 10:45 am and Wednesdays at 7 pm is happening! And worshiping Online is always available, for which we give God praise! More, our personal spiritual lives are not limited by the pandemic. Studying the Word, spending time with our Lord in prayer, even serving one another in love is always in season! Serving will

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require more thought and probably some safeguards, but it can be done! For instance, our Christmas Outreach project enabled us to feed several hundred people, and we praise God for that opportunity!

So, break out the noisemakers, party hats, and confetti--the New Year is here! And whatever we can do, we will do! Here's an uplifting passage: "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:16-17)

Thanks for being a part of LCC! I don't know what the New Year will bring, but I'm thankful that whatever happens, our Lord will be with us and that you and I will be going through it together--

Tony

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SERMON SERIES

Sunday Morning Messages

"That's My King!" A New Series from the Gospel of Matthew

Jan. 3: "My King's Flawed Family", Matthew 1:1, 17

Jan. 10: "My King's Example", Matthew 3:13-4:11

Jan. 17: "My King's High Cost", Matthew 7:24-27

Jan. 24: "My King Inspires Faith", Matthew 8:5-13

Jan. 31: "My King's Calling", Matthew 9:9-13 Josh Cox preaching

"Road Trip" Wednesday Night Series continues

Jan 6: "Athens: All the Latest Ideas", Acts 17:16-21

- Jan 13: "Corinth: A Year and a Half Under Attack", Acts 18:1-11
- Jan 20: "Ephesus: The Way of God More Adequately", Acts 18:24-28

Jan 27: "Troas: A Long Sermon...", Acts 20:7-12

Wednesday Menu

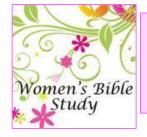
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In Person (when we can) & OnlineServices:

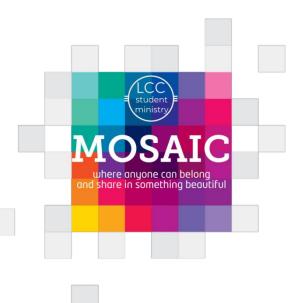
- Sunday School: 9:30 am for Adults, Teens and Family Sunday School for Children
- Sunday Worship: 10:45 am
- Wednesday Night Music and a Message: 7:00 pm for Adults



Please remember all our missionaries this upcoming year. Over the past year many have had to adjust how they can effectively spread the Gospel during the pandemic. It's been a challenge with the lock downs, but most have been able to find workarounds using Zoom etc. Please pray for an end to the pandemic, for our missionaries and for the work they continue to do to reach the lost as we go into this new year. People need Christ more than ever.



Ladies Tuesday morning Bible study will resume January 12, 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. Please contact Connie Barefield at 678-639-1837 for any questions. Happy New Year! Another year means more opportunities to grow in our faith and share it with others. That's not always easy to do, but it's a lot easier when we're trying together. That's one of the reasons the church (and a student ministry) is so important. We'd love for your middle and high schoolers to join us. As with most groups and organizations, because of the current circumstances, we're not always sure what our opportunities to meet will be like, but we strive to continue to be a people where anyone can belong and share in something beautiful. It seems like most people have an intrinsic desire to be loved and accepted. We seek to meet that need by encouraging students to follow Christ in a world that often rejects Him and welcome others in a world that often rejects them. There are currently two times every week in which we help students learn how to follow Christ and build up each other: 1) Join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:15 in the lower chapel. This month, we're beginning a study on Genesis. Students can join us in person (with



social distancing and masks) or on Zoom. 2) Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 for a time of worship, study, and playful interaction. WHILE WE MET IN PERSON DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, WE WILL BE DOING ZOOM-ONLY ON WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY. As an added measure of security, I change the



Zoom ID and passcode after each meeting, so please let me know if you would like the new link. We also try to gather at least once a month for some sort of groupbonding experience. On January 17th, we'd love for students to stay after church for some pizza and Nerf gun games. And in March, we have our annual Deeper Life Retreats at NGCC (these were rescheduled from their usual fall dates). Due to COVID, our plans may change, so be on the lookout for updates. In the meantime, we are here for you! If your students have games, recitals, etc., please share those dates and times with me so I can support them! If there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. Thanks! - Josh Cox (Youth Minister) joshuarcox@gmail.com 706-499-9773



Simplicity and Wonder

As I watched the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, 12/13/2020, two words came to mind: Simplicity and Wonder. This year has been horrible in many ways. Social distancing forced us to not have our annual Christmas productions. We were forced to stay away from group settings like choir practice and rehearsals. However, we were given a special opportunity to visualize the first Christmas through the lens of how simple and wonderous it really was.

In that moment: We saw with our own eyes as Mary gazed at God's Son in her arms. In that moment: We saw with our own eyes as the shepherds focused on the Living Word of God. In that moment: We saw with our own eyes as the wise men bearing gifts beheld their King.

A quote from Tony's sermon: Seeing for yourself will lead to confident trust.

As we close out 2020, I pray that each of you thank God for sending His son to save us, unworthy as we are. Look closely in your heart. Seek forgiveness when you have hurt or upset someone. Cherish every moment with your loved ones. As a new year begins, be determined to share God's word and be the best parent, shepherd, or wise counsel you can be. Have confident trust in Him to guide and direct you.

In His love, Rosie Bengtson





Covid-19 failed to dampen the Christmas spirit at Lilburn Christian Church on December 15 as 36 women gathered for Brunch and Fellowship.

Eagles Landing Restaurant prepared the food, and the Women's Ministry Leadership Team served a traditional meal of scrambled eggs, vegetable quiche, bacon & sausage, grits, hash brown potatoes, fruit, french toast, orange juice and coffee.

Lynn Akins gave an inspirational devotional on "A Simple Christmas". Tracy Phillips sang a solo and then led the group in singing some Christmas carols. A craft followed with each lady painting and decorating a wooden or ceramic Christmas ornament under the supervision of Tracy. Ten of the attendees took home door prizes, which were the candle centerpieces from the tables.

The service project was Lilburn Co-Op, and they were given \$605.00 in gift cards donated by those in attendance. Even masked and distanced, the love and friendship flowed throughout the Family Life Center, and the spirit of Christmas was evident.



Read Thru the Bible

JANUARY

1	Genesis 1–2	Matthew 1
2	Proverbs 1:1–19	
3	Psalms 1-4	
4	Genesis 3–5	Matthew 2
5	Genesis 6–8	Matthew 3
6	Genesis 9-11	Matthew 4
7	Genesis 12-16	Matthew 5
8	Genesis 17-19	Matthew 6
9	Proverbs 1:20–33	
10	Psalms 5–8	
11	Genesis 20–23	Matthew 7
12	Genesis 24–26	Matthew 8
13	Genesis 27–29	Matthew 9
14	Genesis 30–33	Matthew 10
15	Genesis 34–36	Matthew 11
16	Proverbs 2	
17	Psalms 9–12	
18	Genesis 37-40	Matthew 12
19	Genesis 41-43	Matthew 13
20	Genesis 44-46	Matthew 14
21	Genesis 47–48	Matthew 15
22	Genesis 49–50	Matthew 16
23	Proverbs 3	
24	Psalms 13-17	
25	Exodus 1–4	Matthew 17
26	Exodus 5–8	Matthew 18
27	Exodus 9–12	Matthew 19
28	Exodus 13–15	Matthew 20
29	Exodus 16–19	Matthew 21
30	Proverbs 4	
31	Psalms 18	

FEBRUARY

1	Exodus 20–22	Matthew 22
2	Exodus 23–25	Matthew 23
3	Exodus 26–28	Matthew 24
4	Exodus 29–31	Matthew 25
5	Exodus 32–34	Matthew 26
6	Proverbs 5	
7	Psalms 19–21	
8	Exodus 35–37	Matthew 27
9	Exodus 38–40	Matthew 28
10	Leviticus 1–4	Mark 1
11	Leviticus 5–7	Mark 2
12	Leviticus 8–10	Mark 3
13	Proverbs 6:1–19	
14	Psalms 22-24	
15	Leviticus 11–12	Mark 4
16	Leviticus 13–14	Mark 5
17	Leviticus 15–17	Mark 6
18	Leviticus 18–20	Mark 7
19	Leviticus 21–24	Mark 8
20	Proverbs 6:20-35	
21	Psalms 25–27	
22	Leviticus 25–27	Mark 9
23	Numbers 1–2	Mark 10
24	Numbers 3–4	Mark 11
25	Numbers 5–7	Mark 12
26	Numbers 8–10	Mark 13
27	Numbers 11–13	Mark 14
28	Proverbs 7	



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

Jim Gurr	Linda Proctor
Barbara Johnson	Family
Betty Hubbard	Jeff Truitt
Teresa Herring	Joanie Hobgood
Robert Humphrey	Juanita Hollis
Mary Lakpor	Sandy Dunbar
Sharon Keyes	Jim Twitty
Janet Curtiss	Marcia Heinz
Loetta Benton	

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 1 Happy New Year
- 5 Election Run-Off
- 12 Ladies Bible Study Resumes at 9:45 am in Sanctuary
- 17 Youth activity after Worship service

Every Week

Sunday:

9:30 am	Sunday School Classes, Bell Choir	
	Practice	
10:45 am	Worship Service	
Monday:		
7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study	
Tuesday:		
9:45 am	Ladies Bible Study	
Wednesday:		
7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study	



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.



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