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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

It's been a hard year and a half, but it appears that, for now anyway, that the Pandemic is at last losing its grip upon us! As a church, in addition to the difficulties we've borne in not getting to be together, wearing masks, and etc., we've also suffered with people in the church and connected to the church family who have had COVID 19. Recently, Dwayne Wylds has had a bad bout of it, which kept him in the hospital and at home for several weeks. Now, Dwayne has returned to be with us again! We are grateful for this, and it has been wonderful to be with him and Marla and Elliot again. I pray he will be 100% soon, leading our music as before!

During July we won't be having our regular Wednesday night Music and Message, but we plan to resume that during August. Hopefully our meals will resume too! And we have a couple of important dates I'd like you to pray about and participate with us in:

- 1. July 25 at 5 pm we plan a Fellowship Night, with singing and music and homemade ice cream!
- August 8 and 10:45 am we plan a "Welcome Back" Sunday, where we're going to encourage everyone to be together with us again! Pray for these two days.

We continue our search for a Children's Minister, thank you for your prayers for this. I know you join me in gratitude for Jamie Renshaw and our volunteers who have kept us going in this area! And, Alex Aleman has continued his work with our middle and high schoolers and that has been a great thing, too. I'm grateful that we had three different groups of LCC young people who were able to attend Church Camp this summer! Thanks for those of you who have made this possible.

As this is being written, plans are being finalized for the remodeling of our Church Kitchen! Thank you all also who have contributed to this important project.

Our new Sunday series of messages comes from Luke and is about the marvelous way Jesus included all sorts of people you and I might not have welcomed. The series is called, "Who Let Them In?", and Jesus continually surprises us with how wide open He threw the door! This series starts in late June and will go through August. On July 11 Alex Aleman will be preaching for us. Then, on July 18, one of our missionaries, Christopher Hylton at En Vivo (Salamanca, Spain), will be here to speak.

Thanks for being a part of LCC! Your prayers and presence mean everything to us! God bless you and your family—

Tony

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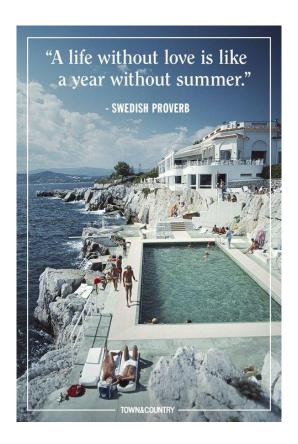


In Person & OnlineServices:

- Sunday School: 9:30 am for Adults, Teens

and Children

- Sunday Worship: 10:45 am







The mission team had another meeting in May and agreed that due to the crisis with Covid in India, we provided additional funds to our India missionaries to help with medicine etc. The situation is dire in that region, and many who work with the missions have passed away, so we feel this would be a great help to those in need. Please continue to pray for Kerala Christian Mission and Mid India Church Partners during this time. We're also continuing to evaluate new missions. We spend a great deal of time and research reviewing possible new missions, so please keep this in your prayers as well. Lastly funds were sent to CRAM in memory of Paul Bengtson because of his work with this mission and the many mission trips he took helping in those regions where CRAM has a presence. CRAM will use the funds to set up convenience stores that will employ several people a day and feed numerous families where they are located. Please pray for CRAM and specifically CY Kim and his wife Patricia who lead this mission.



"This past month, the LCC Youth Group had a fantastic time at Stone Mountain Park. They threw the football and frisbee on the lawn and watched the laser show. Then on Sunday the 27th, a group of kids went to Stephen's for a pool party and cook out. They had a blast.

We also had several of our Middle schools attend North Georgia Christian Camp June 13-18.

This core group of teens are getting closer to each other and to closer to God. They make a conscious effort to be at Wednesday night church, and are inviting friends to join in the fun and fellowship. We have had 4 visitors to our youth group in the past several weeks because our kids are inviting their friends. It's awesome to see them reaching out to their group of peers."













North Georgia Christian Camp

These are pictures of some of some of our Middle School campers enjoying a week at North Georgia Christian Camp.





A Loving Challenge

How did you come to know the love of God and Jesus? I had a godly mother who faithfully took my sister and me to Sunday School and church, read us Bible stories and taught us about the people in the Bible, and along with her, made sure we were actively involved in the ministries and activities of the church and the community. She answered our questions as best she could, and she prayed with us and over us. We knew that God was very important to her because she demonstrated it in every single thing she did.

I imagine each of you can look to a mother, dad, aunt, uncle, grandparent, or neighbor who invested time, energy, and resources to show you the love of God and Jesus. What an ETERNAL blessing it is to have people in your life who cared enough to share the gospel of Christ with you! Where would you be without their influence? Sobering thought, isn't it?

How will your children, grandchildren, neighborhood children come to know the love of God and Jesus? It certainly won't be through the internet, tv, video games, Tic Toc, Instagram, a music video or any other avenue of media. It won't come through a much desired toy or expensive gift. It will be through a deliberate and active demonstration that the Lord is very important to you in every single thing you do. They will learn to love God because YOU love God.

Ask God now, "What can I do or say to influence the children in my life for You?" Ask the Holy Spirit to provide opportunities for you to share your faith and to bring the little ones to church so they can learn that God loves them. God will answer that prayer, so be ready when He calls you into action!

Each Sunday, Lilburn Christian Church provides a nursery, Sunday School, and Junior Church to help educate your children about God's love and grace. The teachers prepare lessons, activities, and service projects for them. All we need is for you to bring the children! We'll continue to pray that you come.

Blessings, Debbie Dyer





Sunday, June 6

David & Rachel Solano brought their new son, Luca David to be dedicated.





As we take a short pause for summer break, just remember school will start before you know it. It also means football practice and scrimmage games - which means hungry high schoolers. So, once again we will be providing meals for the student athletes and coaches. This may be before practice or before games. We will set up a schedule as soon as we can. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. It's easy! Just enter your information so we can contact you and check off how you are willing to help. We treasure your prayers and donations, but we can really use your physical help for this project. Let us stand in readiness to serve!

On a side note: we are still collecting granola bars and fruit bars. The bin is in the foyer with the sign-up sheet!

Thanks, as always Melissa

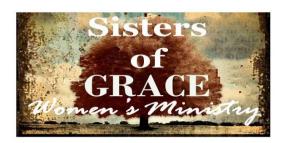


LCC created a Prayer Quilt ministry many years ago. However, due to COVID and other issues, we have not actively distributed prayer quilts or pocket prayer squares for over a year. If you are interested in knowing about how it works or helping revitalize this ministry, please contact Rosie Bengtson, email rosie.bengtson@aol.com or cell phone 404-403-5765.









July is the time for our Annual B.A.S.H (Book and Salad/Sandwich Hour). events sponsored by the Sisters of Grace Women's Ministry. This is a time of fellowship with other women as we enjoy a free meal and discuss books.

On July 13 at 6:30 pm we will meet in the classroom off the foyer (formerly called the Ladies Classroom) for a **SALAD** supper followed by a discussion of the non-fiction book "Driving Miss Norma". This is a true story of a women who is dying of cancer that trekked across America in a motor home with her son and daughter-in-law. Genie Hartman will facilitate this discussion.

The "S" in B.A.S.H. will be changed from Salad to <u>SANDWICHES</u> on July 27 at 6:30 pm also in the Gold classroom off the foyer. The book we will discuss is Max Lucado's first fiction book entitled "Miracles in Higher Ground Café".

Books are available at your local county library, or contact Cathy Wade if you would like for her to order these for you at the charge of \$13.00 for the two books. Please let Cathy know if you plan to attend so we have enough food for everyone. Her phone number is 404-867-6102. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

The Sisters of Grace Women's Ministry hosted two "Movie & Munchies" afternoon events recently for the ladies of LCC.

On May 1 the movie shown was "Overcomer" – the story of a teenaged girl who overcame many obstacles to win a high school cross country race through the prayers and encouragement of her paralyzed father as he gave her direction by recorded messages. She overcame the problems she faced and crossed the finish line 1" ahead of her nearest competitor. Marcia Heinz won a copy of this movie for getting the most correct answers on a "Oscar Movie Match Game".

"Breakthrough" was the movie shown on June 26. This was a movie based on the experience that showed the power of prayer and a mother's love and devotion to her teenaged son. Diana Apple was the winner of the "Leading Actresses and Actors Match Game".

These two events gave our ladies the opportunity to fellowship with one another after a long pandemic isolation period.









Our Ladies Tuesday morning Bible study, not only studies God's word, but we also have wonderful fellowship, and as you can see — lots of fun! We had our spring brunch/party at Connie Barefield's home. As tradition dictates, we do fun white elephant gifts. Lots of laughter doing that. We meet in the Ladies Sunday School classroom in foyer area starting at 9:45 - 11:30. We will meet through June and then break until August 10. Contact Connie at 678-639-1837 if you have any questions.











ALWAYS FIND
TIME FOR
THE THINGS
THAT MAKE
YOU FEEL
HAPPY TO BE
ALIVE.

Read Thru the Bible

| | JULY | | | AUGUST | |
|----|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | 2 Chronicles 17-19 | Romans 12 | 2 1 | Psalms 86-88 | |
| 2 | 2 Chronicles 20-22 | Romans 13 | _ | Job 21-26 | 2 Cor. |
| 3 | Proverbs 17: 1-16 | 1101114115 11 | 3 | Job 27-31 | 2 Cor. |
| 4 | Psalms 75-77 | | 4 | Job 32-35 | 2 Cor. |
| 5 | 2 Chronicles 23-25 | Romans 14 | <u>,</u> 5 | Job 36-38 | 2 Cor. |
| 6 | 2 Chronicles 26-29 | Romans 15 | | Job 39-42 | 2 Cor. |
| 7 | 2 Chronicles 30-32 | Romans 16 | 7 | Proverbs 20:1-15 | |
| 8 | 2 Chronicles 33-34 | 1 Cor. 1 | 8 | Psalms 89 | |
| 9 | 2 Chronicles 35-36 | 1 Cor. 2 | 9 | Ecclesiastes 1-4 | 2 Cor. |
| 10 | Proverbs 17:17-28 | | 10 | Ecclesiastes 5-8 | 2 Cor. |
| 11 | Psalms 78 | | 11 | Ecclesiastes 9-12 | 2 Cor. |
| 12 | Ezra 1-3 | 1 Cor. 3 | 12 | Song of Songs 1-4 | 2 Cor. |
| 13 | Ezra 4-7 | 1 Cor. 4 | 13 | Song of Songs 5-8 | 2 Cor. |
| 14 | Ezra 8-10 | 1 Cor. 5 | 14 | Proverbs 20:16-30 | |
| 15 | Nehemiah 1-3 | 1 Cor. 6 | 15 | Psalms 90-92 | |
| 16 | Nehemiah 4-7 | 1 Cor. 7 | 16 | Isaiah 1-3 | 2 Cor. |
| 17 | Proverbs 18 | | 17 | Isaiah 4-6 | 2 Cor. |
| 18 | Psalms 79-81 | | 18 | Isaiah 7-9 | Galati |
| 19 | Nehemiah 8-10 | 1 Cor. 8 | 19 | Isaiah 10-12 | Galati |
| 20 | Nehemiah 11-13 | 1 Cor. 9 | 20 | Isaiah 13-14 | Galati |
| 21 | Esther 1-2 | 1 Cor. 10 | 21 | Proverbs 21:1-15 | |
| 22 | Esther 3-6 | 1 Cor. 11 | 22 | Psalms 93-96 | |
| 23 | Esther 7-10 | 1 Cor. 12 | 23 | Isaiah 15-18 | Galati |
| 24 | Proverbs 19: 1-12 | | 24 | Isaiah 19-21 | Galati |
| 25 | Psalms 82-85 | | 25 | Isaiah 22-24 | Galati |
| 26 | Job 1-5 | 1 Cor. 13 | 26 | Isaiah 25-28 | Ephes |
| 27 | Job 6-8 | 1 Cor. 14 | 27 | Isaiah 29-31 | Ephes |
| 28 | Job 9-11 | 1 Cor. 15 | 28 | Proverbs 21:16-31 | |
| 29 | Job 12-15 | 1 Cor. 16 | 29 | Psalms 97-101 | |
| 30 | Job 16-20 | 2 Cor. 1 | 30 | Isaiah 32-34 | Ephes |
| 31 | Proverbs 19: 13-2 | 9 | 31 | Isaiah 35-37 | Ephes |
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^{*} Proverbs are Saturday Readings **Psalms are Sunday Readings



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

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Teresa Herring
Loetta Benton
Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
Gensie McDonald
Annie Zirkle

Dwayne Wylds
Carolyn Ballew
Harrington
McFadden
Dick & Juanita
Hollis
Joe Renshaw
Karen Malcom





FELLOWSHIP NIGHT 5:00 pm

Great music from our wonderful LCC singers and musicians!

Homemade Ice Cream!

Sign-up in the foyer if you would like to bring ice cream.





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