

### ~~CONNECTIONS~~

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## **MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

There's a town in Indiana named Normal. I wonder if it is? Are things "normal" in Normal? If they are, it is the *only* town where that is the case! Things haven't been all that normal at LCC. Or, maybe we should say, there is a New Normal here?

Some of our dearest brothers and sisters in Christ have not been able to be with us for worship, either at not at all or infrequently, since the pandemic hit in March of 2020. We're hoping and praying that they can come back now! And, there are always many people out there who don't have a church home, and I pray that they will come and make LCC the church home they've always wanted! Maybe they will come when you pray for them and invite them!

You can invite them any time, of course. But August 8 is as good a day as any. We've declared that day Welcome Back to Church Day here at LCC! We're planning an extra special service, with great music, and an uplifting message. We'll present Jesus, as we always do. He is the Way, the Truth, and Life, and we will be praying extra-hard that all will make a connection to Him that will change their lives forever! We'll even be offering Klondike bars after the service.

What do Klondike bars have to do with Jesus? Nothing. But if they can attract someone who will hear the Gospel, we're glad to give them out! Over a century ago William Booth, who was the founder of the Salvation Army, was criticized for using unorthodox methods in attempting to reach people for Christ. Booth was feisty, and refused to apologize: "If I thought I could win one more soul to the Lord by walking on my head and playing the tambourine with my toes, I'd learn how!" I agree with William Booth! Whatever we can do, within reason, to reach someone for the Lord, that's what we want to do.

I encourage you to pray for August 8! We hope it will be a big day for the Lord's Kingdom and for LCC. We are also praying for our Wednesday night program to be able to be resumed in August. Join us in prayer.

We love you and your family--thank you for being such a crucial part of our church's family! We care about you. God bless you all--

Tony

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#### In Person & OnlineServices:

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

and Children

- Sunday Worship: 10:45 am

## "Welcome Back to Church Sunday" is August 8!

We're planning a special day on August 8 as we are inviting everyone to come back to church! Because of the pandemic, and because of people traveling on vacation during the summer months, many of our people have been away. We're inviting everyone to come together again on August 8 as we celebrate our great Lord together! We will take the Lord's Supper together, have great music, an uplifting message, and then have Klondike bars after the service! Bring a friend and join us at 10:45 am on August 8.

#### **Wednesday Night Activities**

We hope to resume our Wednesday program, with a meal, Bible studies and activities for all ages, Choir and Orchestra rehearsals, etc. in August! Be on the alert for dates and times, and we'll keep you informed.





Please pray for Christian City. Covid had hit hard and the impact on the programs that they offer are still being felt. Christian City continues to work hard to extend Christ's call by providing housing, health care and crisis intervention, and one of the big ways they do that is by offering hope for youth in need of a stable home. They are starting to reopen their facilities, but because of government restrictions and past lockdowns, this has made it impossible to serve these youth in the same ways they have in the past. Due to remote learning and financial strain, they've had to adjust many of their programs in new ways.

As a result of all this, they reached out to their faithful sponsors for a one time give to help subsidize the shortfall of \$50,000.00. This included funds for staffing, rapid testing for the youth to come into the programs and added cost of PPE, additional cleaning services, and increased communication technology needs. Because the missions team felt strongly about helping with this need, funds were dispersed in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards this important mission. Please continue to pray for the important work being done by Christian City and the people whose lives are changed for Christ as a result of that work.



On July 24th the youth group went up to Helen Georgia and went tubing down the river. We had a fantastic time hanging out together and floating down the Chattahoochee. Afterwards we had some lunch and then headed back to the church.

One of the greatest things about doing youth ministry is an opportunity to give the kids things to do together, especially when it's something that is a confidence builder.

There are so many distractions in this world that lead to negative actions. As a church, it's important that we provide our youth with the opportunity to do something together that is positive. It brings them closer together and helps them solidify relationships with each other.

My ultimate hope is that in the end those relationships will lead to them trusting each other and helping each other grow spiritually.

#### Alex Aleman



















# Ice Cream Social

On Sunday evening July 25, we had an Ice Cream Social with homemade and purchased ice cream. We had plenty of servers, great decorations, great ice cream and lots of fellowship by everyone.



















#### **Berkmar High School Football Meals**

Football season is fast approaching! We are excited to provide meals to both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams at Berkmar High School for their upcoming games. We do have a schedule now. The first meal is August 13<sup>th</sup> and games will run into November. We appreciate the volunteers who have signed up to help. We will have a volunteer meeting on **August 1**<sup>st</sup> after Worship Service to discuss the scheduled meals and the process involved to make this happen. Even if you didn't sign up yet, there will be plenty of opportunities to serve in the coming months. Please contact Melissa Daniell at 404-357-1019 or Rosie Bengtson at 404-403-5765 with any questions.

Please continue to bring in bottled water and granola bars. They are always needed and welcomed.

#### **Berkmar High School Football Camp**

Through your generous donations to the Berkmar High School Football Fund, we had the opportunity to send three Berkmar Football players to Football Camp this summer. A total of 44 players from Berkmar High School were able to attend FCA this year.

FCA is a three-day, two-night camp where players go as a team to practice and refine their football skills, but also to have a chance to bond as a team and talk about faith in a safe environment. Below is the 2021 theme of FCA camp:

#### **PURSUE**

For many coaches and athletes, feelings of uncertainty, confusion, loss and disappointment can seem like an undeniable reality. However, the truth is that our identity in Christ is greater than our identity in sports. It's our confidence in Christ that wipes away any uncertainty of this world.

Much like we pursue our goals in sports, God does the same with us. He pursues us. He loves us and accepts us as we are. Success is no longer defined by our skills. With Him, we can leave the pressure of performance behind. With Him, we're already a winner. His sacrifice for us gives us significance. We have a new purpose when we play. We can pursue the mission He has paved for us; a relationship with Him.

I **Timothy 6:11** "But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

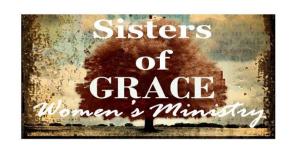








LCC created a Prayer Quilt ministry many years ago. However, due to COVID and other issues, we have not actively distributed prayer quilts or pocket prayer squares for over a year. If you are interested in knowing about how it works or helping revitalize this ministry, please contact Rosie Bengtson,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







## **MYSTERY FUN DAY**

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

# Hear Ye - Hear Ye

#### All Single Adults at Lilburn Christian Church

Do you have any interest in joining a group of single adults in some fun activities, such as lunching together after church, going to concerts, movies, plays, or other events? A trip together to see the Ark in Kentucky, or a get-away to the mountains or beach?

If this sounds interesting to you, join us for an organizational meeting and FREE lunch on Sunday, October 17 in the Chapel after the service, and bring your ideas.

This includes all of our single adults: male and female, widowed, divorced, or never married.

We are not "match-making", only providing for Christian fellowship!

# Read Thru the Bible

	AUGUST			SEPTEMBER	
1	Psalms 86-88		1	Isaiah 38-40	Ephesian
2	Job 21-26	2 Cor. 2	2	Isaiah 41-43	Ephesian
	Job 27-31	2 Cor. 3	3	Isaiah 44-46	Philippia
_	Job 32-35	2 Cor. 4	4	Proverbs 22:1-15	
5	Job 36-38	2 Cor. 5	5	Psalms 102-105	
)	Job 39-42	2 Cor. 6	6	Isaiah 47-50	Philippia
	Proverbs 20:1-15		7	Isaiah 51-53	Philippia
	Psalms 89		8	Isaiah 54-57	Philippia
	Ecclesiastes 1-4	2 Cor. 7	9	Isaiah 58-60	Colossia
0	Ecclesiastes 5-8	2 Cor. 8	10	Isaiah 61-64	Colossia
1	Ecclesiastes 9-12	2 Cor. 9	11	Proverbs 22:16-20	
2	Song of Songs 1-4	2 Cor. 10	12	Psalms 106	
3	Song of Songs 5-8	2 Cor. 11	13	Isaiah 65-66	Colossia
4	Proverbs 20:16-30		14	Jeremiah 1-2	Colossia
5	Psalms 90-92		15		1 Thess.
6	Isaiah 1-3	2 Cor. 12	16	Jeremiah 5-6	1 Thess.
7	Isaiah 4-6	2 Cor. 13	17	Jeremiah 7-9	1 Thess.
8	Isaiah 7-9	Galatians	1 18	Proverbs 23:1-14	
9	Isaiah 10-12	Galatians	12 19	Psalms 107-108	
0.	Isaiah 13-14	Galatians	3 20	Jeremiah 10-12	2 Thess.
1	Proverbs 21:1-15		21	Jeremiah 13-15	2 Thess.
22	Psalms 93-96		22	Jeremiah 16-17	2 Thess.
23	Isaiah 15-18	Galatians	4 23	Jeremiah 18-20	1 Timoth
4	Isaiah 19-21	Galatians	5 24	Jeremiah 21-22	1 Timoth
25	Isaiah 22-24	Galatians	6 25	Proverbs 23:15-35	
6	Isaiah 25-28	Ephesians			
7	Isaiah 29-31	Ephesians	s 2 27	Jeremiah 23-24	1 Timoth
8	Proverbs 21:16-31		28	Jeremiah 25-26	1 Timoth
9	Psalms 97-101		29	Jeremiah 27-29	1 Timoth
80	Isaiah 32-34	Ephesians	s 3 30	Jeremiah 30-31	1 Timoth
31	Isaiah 35-37	Ephesians	s 4		

<sup>\*</sup> Proverbs are Saturday Readings \*\*Psalms are Sunday Readings

## Prayer Requests

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

Barbara Johnson
Teresa Herring
Loetta Benton
Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
Annie Zirkle
Harrington McFadden

Juanita Hollis
Jack & Terri Randall
Phyllis Macheski
Herman Narcisso
The Cregger Family
Margie Wheeler &
Family



#### **Free Event**

Sponsored by Lilburn Christian Church

Guests will be admitted until seating capacity reached.

We do ask that you sign up for the Men's Breakfast to ensure we have enough food.

Contact us office@lilburnchristianchurch.org
Or call (770) 921-2993





The heavens are rejoicing at the baptism of Marissa Ammons on Sunday, July 25, 2021 by her Grandfather, Jeff Stephens.







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