

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This year's Christmas series is called "Great Joy." Joy seems almost like a foreign concept these days, doesn't it? Even at Christmas! With the political unrest, everyone hates everyone else. With Covid still around, everyone is sick, or worried they will be. The economy doesn't look like a source of joy, inflation is making a much-dreaded appearance. Joy? Hah!

But the Bible doesn't just talk about joy at Christmas, but "great joy." In fact, King James calls it "exceedingly great joy", Matthew 2:10! We've forgotten how to laugh, well, maybe we should read the Gospels! Our smiling muscles have atrophied, well, perhaps there is a workout regimen for us in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John! You know people who only speak in angry tones, who never seem to utter hopeful, optimistic words? Are these laugh-deprived, non-smiling, morose talkers *us*? Perhaps reacquainting ourselves with Christmas and the coming of the Messiah would give us our mojo back!

When we read specifically of those Jesus came and ministered to we, find He had a genuine heart for poor people, sick people, weary people, and grieving people, just to name a few! All of those "conditions" are legitimate reasons to be down-in-the-mouth! And yet our Lord's coming means, among other things, "Great Joy" for them! Well, if them, why not me? You? Us?

A poet wrote years ago,  
*Never we needed Thee so sore  
 Since the first day began,  
 O come and knock at the world's door  
 Small Son of God and Man!  
 And if it open not to Thy Knock  
 Shrill crying in the cold,  
 Break down the heart hard as a rock  
 And enter and lay hold...  
 O, not in nineteen hundred years  
 We needed Thee as tonight...  
 There is not one green spot on earth  
 Where men nor hate nor grieve.  
 O Child, come to our hour of dearth  
 And bid the dead heart live.*

Yes, Lord Jesus! We welcome You, we desire Your coming--bring to us Your Great Joy! Bring it now!

I look forward to celebrating this Great Joy with you in December--

Tony

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# SERMON SERIES

Sunday Messages in December  
"Great Joy", Luke 2:10

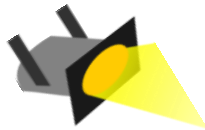
Dec 5: "The Poor", Luke 4:18-19  
Dec 12: "The Sick", Matthew 9:35  
Dec 19: "The Weary", Matthew 11:28  
Dec 26: "The Grieving", John 16:20

## Wednesday Menu

DECEMBER

- 1 Vegetable Beef Soup
- 8 Poppy Seed Chicken
- 15 Pork Tenderloin
- 22 Off for Christmas break
- 29 Off for Christmas break

Missions Spotlight



Recent update from Jesus Place. Please continue to pray for Jesus Place and the community they serve in the downtown area. Also please pray for John as he leads the mission while battling lung cancer and the affects of this. You can visit their site for a list of needs if you would like to donate, or if you would like to volunteer to help at the mission, contact one of the mission team members, or go to [lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions](http://lilburnchristianchurch.org/missions). See below for update.

What a wonderful thing it is each week to witness a place many homeless people call their "home church." Our attendance at service on Sundays has been consistent and growing. Our new time format (doors open for fellowship at 8:30 AM and service from 9:00-10:30 AM with the distribution of needs immediately following) has been a welcome change. As a bonus, we are now meeting needs all on the main floor (No more steps!). Men and women are coming to worship in a place where they are wanted, not just tolerated, and our volunteers are investing themselves, and it is great to see that growth happen. It's so much more than a place to sit and rest, a warm meal, and some much-needed clothing. This is where God connects people to each other and to His Son. This is [Jesus Place](#).

We are so thankful for your [generous financial gifts](#), the prayers you have prayed (especially those that have joined our [prayer team](#)), and the [in-kind gifts](#) you have given to bless those in need. And for the volunteers, you have been invaluable. Whether offering a choice of warm shirts, or sharing a personal prayer request and pausing to pray and offer a word of encouragement, you are so important to this ministry.

In our ongoing partnership with [Tri-Cities Church](#), we are continuing to affect hundreds of families in need and especially affected by the pandemic and growing inflation. God has been so good to entrust us with the resources and avenues to provide far beyond our own means. Since January, we have organized and distributed more than 20 tons of food.

On a personal level, there is so much to be thankful for. First, I am still here, and I know so many others who have battled lung cancer are no longer with us. Even though I have coughed every day since January 15th (more than 300 days), I count each day a blessing. I have been able to preach the Gospel for the last 3 months each week and have been able to baptize believers into Christ. One of these was one of my favorite people in the whole world, my precious daughter Sophia. I was privileged to be the first one to hold her after she was born and now the first one to hold her when she was born again.

Honestly, I don't know what the future holds for my health, but I'm so thankful for the living God has given me beyond my diagnosis and surgery. We are hopeful that my scans Christmas week are stable. But we know we have today. And today is a great day to give thanks to the Lord. For He is Good!

In the Goodness of God,- John Vernon



# LCC Music Ministry



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Join us for a time of fellowship as we bring in the Christmas Season.

**Who:** LCC Adult Singles Group

**When:** Saturday, December 4, 2021  
from 2:00 4:00 pm

**Where:** Home of Karen Throckmorton  
2507 Oak Barrel Drive  
Snellville, GA 30078  
770-361-5090

Bring a dessert or cookies to share.  
Bring canned goods to donate to Lilburn Co-Op.

Sign-up in the Foyer.

Carpooling is encouraged.





## Youth Pastoring can be humbling.

This past month I saw God work in some amazing ways.

With Tony having to stay home, I was given the opportunity to preach for 2 weeks. I was scared to say the least, but it was amazing to see God totally and completely give me what was needed. May all the glory go to God for those two Sundays. It was humbling.

That aside, on the 17<sup>th</sup> during youth group, I was struggling for something to talk about. I had just preached the Sunday before, and time was not on my side. I went into youth group with one question for the kids... No sermon. No serious topic. Just one question. "What is it in your life that you waste time on, that after you are finished, you realized that you could have spent your time somewhere else, or with someone else that would have been more beneficial?"

The kids spent the next 30 min, openly engaging in conversation in a way they had not done in the past.

Once again, God had us covered.

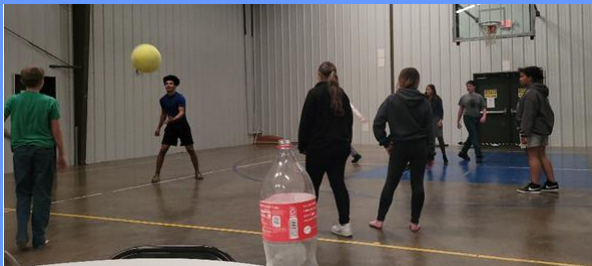
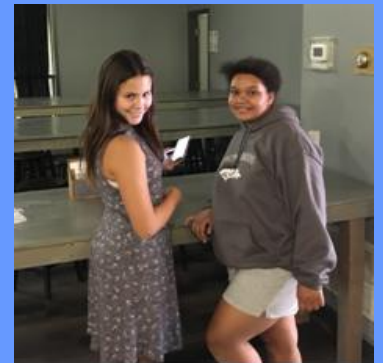
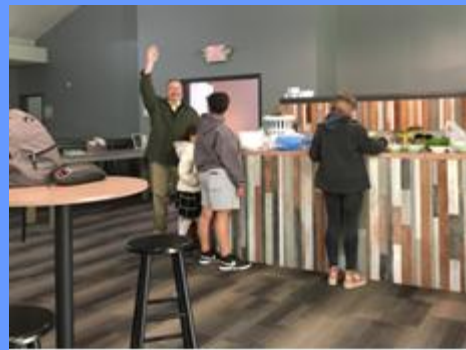
I continue to see God at work, both in our church and in our youth group, and I am eternally grateful for this ministry.

We held our first YAK (Youth After Church) Event on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.

We played some dodge ball, corn hole, tossed the football and ate lunch.

We had a blast just hanging out and building relationships. God is good, and I believe it's things like this that grow a close-knit youth group.

A big thank you to Pamela, Colin and Faith who helped make it possible.





Children's Ministry of Lilburn Christian Church

Hey LCC friends and family, please join our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Lilburn-Christian-Church-KIDZ-107795068326457>) to enjoy pictures and videos of our LCC KIDZ Group. On here we will post our pictures and videos weekly of our kids enjoying their activities and learning about our Lord. We will also post any announcements on here to inform parents of what we are up to each month.

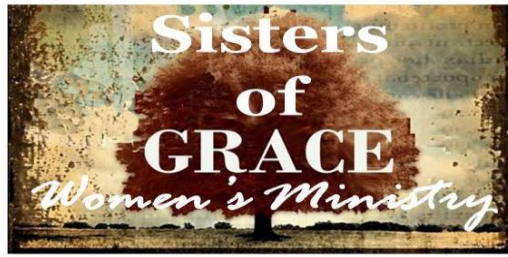
# DECEMBER

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS."

<p><b><u>DECEMBER 1ST</u></b> THEME: "JOY TO THE WORLD!"</p>	<p><b>LESSON 1:</b> JESUS CAME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD LUKE 1:5-20; 57-66</p>
<p><b><u>DECEMBER 8TH</u></b> THEME: "JOY TO THE WORLD!"</p>	<p><b>LESSON 2:</b> JOY CAME TO BRING JOY TO THE WORLD LUKE 1:26-55</p>
<p><b><u>DECEMBER 15TH</u></b> THEME: "JOY TO THE WORLD!"</p>	<p><b>LESSON 3:</b> JESUS CAME TO BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD LUKE 2:1-14</p>
<p><b><u>DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> &amp; 29<sup>TH</sup></u></b> THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY CLASS MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!</p>	<p>SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!</b></p>

EACH CHILD WILL GET TO VISIT "THE STORE" TO REDEEM THE POINTS THEY'VE EARNED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS THEY CHOOSE. HERE IS HOW KIDS CAN EARN POINTS:

ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAYS  
ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAYS  
BRINGING YOUR OWN BIBLE  
RECITING THE MONTHS BIBLE VERSE  
BRINGING A FIRST -TIME VISITOR  
PLAYING HANDBELLS OR SINGING IN CHURCH



**SAVE THE DATE**

## **LCC's Ladies Christmas Party**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021  
6:30 pm in the Family Life Center**

**Cost: \$8.00 per person**

**Sign-Up in the Foyer**

**Food, Fun, Craft Project, Door Prizes!**

For those of you who don't drive at night, we will gladly help arrange transportation.

### **Special Project: Bread Coffeehouse**

We will be collecting specific items on their shopping list:

- to stock their Student Pantry at Bread Emory
- to stock their Soup Pantry for Bread Oxford

Note: A list of requested items is in the foyer with the sign-up sheet.

Any questions, please contact:  
Rosie Bengtson 404-403-5765  
Janet Curtiss 540-819-3846

# Read Thru the Bible

## JANUARY

- 1 Genesis 1-3; Matt. 1
- 2 Genesis 4-5; Matt. 2
- 3 Genesis 6-7; Matt. 3
- 4 Genesis 8-9; Matt. 4
- 5 Genesis 10-12; Matt. 5:1-20
- 6 Genesis 13-15; Matt. 5:21-37
- 7 Genesis 16-17; Matt. 5:38-6:15
- 8 Genesis 18-19; Matt. 6:16-34
- 9 Genesis 20-22; Matt. 7:1-20
- 10 Genesis 23-24; Matt. 7:21-8:13
- 11 Genesis 25; Matt. 8:14-9:8
- 12 Genesis 26:1-27:29, Matt. 9:9-26
- 13 Genesis 27:30—29:14,  
Matt. 9:27-38
- 14 Genesis 29:15-30:43;  
Matt. 10:1-11; 1
- 15 Genesis 31, Matt. 11:2-19
- 16 Genesis 32-34, Matt. 11:20-12:8
- 17 Genesis 35-36, Matt. 12:9-30
- 18 Genesis 37-38, Matt. 12:31-50
- 19 Genesis 39-40, Matt. 13:1-23
- 20 Genesis 41, Matt. 13:24-43
- 21 Genesis 42-43, Matt. 13:44-14:12
- 22 Genesis 44:1—46:27,  
Matt. 14:13-23
- 23 Genesis 47:28—48:22,  
Matt. 14:34—15:29
- 24 Genesis 49-50, Matt. 15:21-39
- 25 Exodus 1-3, Matt. 16:1-20
- 26 Exodus 4:1—6:13,  
Matt. 16:21—17:13
- 27 Exodus 6:14—8:32,  
Matt. 17:14—18:11
- 28 Exodus 9-10, Matt. 18:12-35
- 29 Exodus 11-12, Matt. 19:1-26
- 30 Exodus 13-14, Matt. 19:27-20:16
- 31 Exodus 15-16, Matt. 20:17-34

## DECEMBER

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 Joel               | Revelation 2  |
| 2 Amos 1-2           | Revelation 3  |
| 3 Amos 3-4           | Revelation 4  |
| 4 Proverbs 29: 14-27 |               |
| 5 Psalms 142-143     |               |
| 6 Amos 5-6           | Revelation 5  |
| 7 Amos 7-9           | Revelation 6  |
| 8 Obadiah            | Revelation 7  |
| 9 Jonah              | Revelation 8  |
| 10 Micah 1-3         | Revelation 9  |
| 11 Proverbs 30       |               |
| 12 Psalms 144        |               |
| 13 Micah 4-5         | Revelation 10 |
| 14 Micah 6-7         | Revelation 11 |
| 15 Nahum             | Revelation 12 |
| 16 Habakuk           | Revelation 13 |
| 17 Zephaniah         | Revelation 14 |
| 18 Proverbs 31: 1-9  |               |
| 19 Psalms 145-147    |               |
| 20 Haggi             | Revelation 15 |
| 21 Zechariah 1-3     | Revelation 16 |
| 22 Zechariah 4-6     | Revelation 17 |
| 23 Zechariah 7-9     | Revelation 18 |
| 24 Matthew 1:18-2:12 |               |
| 25 Luke 2:1-20       |               |
| 26 Psalms 148-150    |               |
| 27 Zechariah 10-12   | Revelation 19 |
| 28 Zechariah 13-14   | Revelation 20 |
| 29 Malachi 1-2       | Revelation 21 |
| 30 Malachi 3-4       | Revelation 22 |
| 31 Proverbs 10-31    |               |

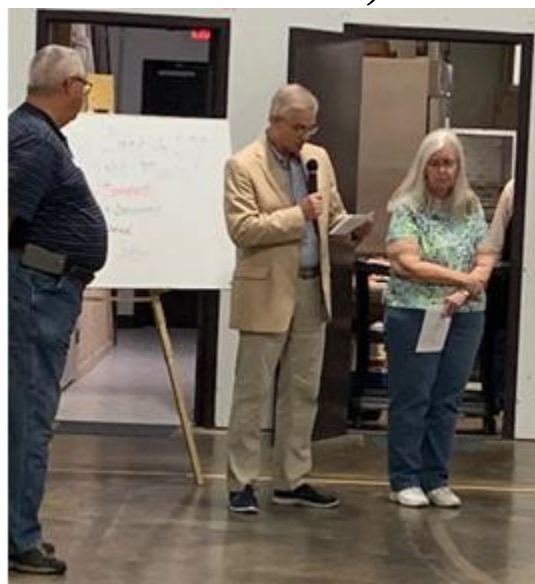
•Proverbs are Saturday Readings except for Dec. 31.

\*\*Psalms are Sunday Readings



# LCC KITCHEN DEDICATION

## November 3, 2021





# Upcoming

## EVENTS

### December

- 5 Congregational vote on 2022 budget; Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday; Main Street Concert in Sanctuary at 5:00 pm
- 9 Ladies Christmas in the FLC at 6:30 pm
- 11 CTO practice 10:00 am – Noon
- 12 CTO program at 5:00 & 7:00 pm
- 12 Christmas Outreach bags due
- 15 Youth Group Christmas Party 6:30-8:00 pm
- 18 Distribution of Christmas Outreach bags
- 19 CTO program at Whistleville Christian Church at 6:00 pm
- 22 No Wednesday night meal nor activities
- 24 Candlelight Communion Service at 6:00 pm
- 25 Christmas Day
- 29 No Wednesday night meal nor activities

### January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 5 No Wednesday night meal nor activities

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Barbara Johnson	Melissa Daniell
Teresa Herring	Art Zerges
Loetta Benton	Marcia Heinz
Linda Proctor	Betty Hubbard
Glenda Middleton	Pat Sheckells
The Cregger Family	Joe Fiorenza
Joe Renshaw	Gary Wilson and
Mary Fuschetto	Family

### Wednesday Night Program

We hope to resume our meals soon! Meanwhile, join us for these activities:

- 6:30-8:00 pm: Choir and Orchestra rehearsal
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Middle and High School Youth activities
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Children's Activities (drop off is 6:30 pm; activities begin at 6:45 am)
- 7:00-8:00 pm: Adult Bible study
- 7:00-8:00 pm: Small Group for 20's, 30's, and 40's

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The Berkmar Football season is over and what an amazing opportunity for LCC to serve. Here are highlights of what was accomplished:

The LCC Team made:

- 180 gallons of Mr. Paul's spaghetti sauce, with 140 pounds of ground beef and 120 pounds of pasta
- 214 loaves of bread, sliced and brushed with garlic butter.
- 250 hamburgers, 250 hotdogs, with 500 buns as well as one billion condiment packages
- 12 bags of lettuce with 10 bottle of ranch dressing.
- 975 Desserts
- 975 bottles of Gator Aid
- 2500 bottles of water
- 125 young men fed weekly
- 1 very happy coach Gary
- God was praised

All of this was accomplished with donations from LCC members and prepared in private homes while the LCC kitchen was under construction! What a great outreach to our community!

A huge TOUCHDOWN for LCC!!!

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