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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

You've probably heard of the man who fell into a pit and couldn't get out. A series of people came by commented. A mathematician came by a calculated the pit's depth and told him. An IRS agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit. A self-pitying person told him, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit." An optimist said, "Things could be worse." A pessimist said, "Things will get worse." And so on. But none of this parade of passersby did anything to help him. Then, "Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted him out of the pit." I like this story.

But it's not as easy to help people get out of their "pit" as it might seem. We'd like to help...but how? We want to be compassionate. How can we do that—and provide help that is really helpful? There is a Peanuts cartoon that shows Snoopy sitting outside in the middle of a snowstorm. He is shivering, and Linus and Charlie Brown see Snoopy and his condition. They say, "There is Snoopy, let's go cheer him up." They go up to Snoopy and say, "Be of good cheer, Snoopy!" The next panel shows them walking off, leaving Snoopy in the same condition they found him, satisfied that they have "cheered" him up! Sometimes I wonder if my "help" is like that; maybe you've wondered that, too.

There's an interesting verse in 2 Corinthians, where God is called "the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." (2 Cor 1:3) Well, if God is the Father of Compassion, His children must be the Children of Compassion! How does He give birth to such "Children"? He's got His work cut out with some of us! We'd like to show mercy, but we're pretty selfish! We want to show compassion and help people, but we've got needs of our own, and don't know how to do it!

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 and watch God's process unfold! It's pretty surprising. He uses techniques that would never occur to us. But by the end, we see what He's up to. He wants to raise up a people who can help extract others from pits, who can help bring in people from out of the cold and give them cheer! He'll do it in us too, if we cooperate!

We think of helping others in November. We want to help. Join us in November as we consider the passage from 2 Corinthians, and seek God's power in us as He transforms us into Children of Compassion! We invite you to join us.

Thanks for being a part of LCC! God bless you and your family—

Tony

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SERMON SERIES

November Messages

"Children Of Compassion", 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

1. Nov 6: "The School of Trouble"

2. Nov 13: "The Definition of Comfort"

3. Nov 20: "What Despair Can Do"

4. Nov 27: "Overflowing Comfort"

Wednesday Menu

NOVEMBER

- 2 Spaghetti
- 9 Chicken Pot Pie
- 16 Tacos
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 30 Breakfast for Dinner

Missions Spotlight



Missions Trip to The Philippines:

Rosie Bengtson and Kim Simon participated in a two week Missions trip to attend the dedication of our sister church, New Nagcarlan Church of Christ, Poblacion President Roxas, North Cotabato, Philippines.

The dedication was held in memory of Paul Bengtson and was a beautiful service attended by representatives of Christ Reaching Asia Missions Worldwide, C.Y. and Patricia Kim and Sang Ho Kim.

More details will be given when we have a Missions presentation in the near future.













CHURCH OF CHRIST



LCC Music Ministry

Billy Murphy got us laughing and singing silly songs as he set the evening off to a great start.

Lifeline led an amazing worship concert with songs from the past and present. Cheryl shared her journey in Find My Way". Dwayne told of his path with "Jesus" from the past to "It's Gonna Be Alright " to encourage us now as we shine the light of God to others. Marla nailed the fast singing in the closing song "Through the Door". These musicians are amazing on their own, but together they are Band of One! Laughter, tears, worship music and fellowship. We need more of this in our lives. Thanks Lifeline.



















During the past few weeks we have had several of the Burmese visitors return. Some of the kids that were shy in getting involved have started to join in which is encouraging.

I took a few of the teen to the Zomi New Years festival last week to watch Thang and his friends perform a dance from their culture. It was amazing to watch.





I am also very proud of Christina. She has joined the Sunday school teaching rotation. Her desire to teach and her spiritual insight is so awesome to watch. I am one proud dad. Great job!!

Here are some photos from our costume contest on Wednesday, October 26.



Please keep a particular youth member in your prayers as they deal with some serious family issues. They need guidance. Pray that God gives me the wisdom to give them the correct spiritual advice.

God speed.

Alex Aleman Youth Pastor



The Recharged Christmas Elves did a great job of helping everyone with the Operation Christmas Child boxes in October. Boxes are due back by Nov. 6. Thank you for your participation. We will be delivering the completed boxes to their distribution center soon!















Recharged (Adult Singles)

It's been great developing some new friendships, connecting with each other, gaining strength and encouragement from one another and just hanging out together.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Nov. 6 after church

Lunch and Planning Meeting

Meet at Chili's Restaurant at the Shoppes at Webb Gin on Hwy. 124 in Snellville

Join us for lunch and fellowship as we begin to plan activities and events for 2023.

Saturday, Nov. 12
Southern Gospel Concert
Glen Haven Baptist Church in McDonough, GA
Cost: \$40 per person
Sign-up Sheet is in the Foyer.

<u>Month</u>	Date / Time	<u>Event</u>
November	Week of 11/13 – 11/19	Take OCC boxes to OCC distribution center (along with any remaining school supplies that were donated over the summer)
November	Saturday, 11/12	Gospel Music Concert, Glen Haven Baptist Church in McDonough, GA ** tickets will need to be purchased in advance.
December	To be determined	Christmas party or go to a Christmas play

Note: Watch for information in upcoming newsletter, email and the church bulletin.

Any questions? Contact Karen Trockmorton, Rosie Bengtson, Bill Michael, Marilyn Nelson or Beverly Miles.





GAL'S GET-AWAY-2022

Oct. 14 & 15, 2022

The Holiday Inn in Greenville, SC was invaded the afternoon of Oct. 14 by 22 ladies from Lilburn Christian Church as they met for their Annual Gal's Get-Away. Because of the covid pandemic, the event had to be postpones for two years, but at last they could join together in Christian fellowship and study. This year's theme was "Encouraging Words", and the Friday afternoon session was based on scriptures of encouragement. Following the study, a catered meal of Fajitas and all the trimmings was served. Homemade cake and cupcakes were supplied by Cindy Slater. The group then went to Roper Mountain Planetarium for an evening show. Some energetic souls played games afterwards. After a huge breakfast, the ladies met, and the morning session focused on "Be an Encourager".

The program was written by Lynn Akins and delivered by the Sisters of Grace Women's Leadership Team members. Groups of four researched and discussed scripture and personal thoughts. Trudy Daffron led the group in praise and worship. Teri Wilson and Katherine Keahey provided a skit on the best ways to encourage others. Following the morning session, the ladies went to the river and falls in Downtown Greenville for eating and shopping at the Fall on Greenville Festival.

The next event is our Ladies Christmas Party in the FLC on Dec. 8 at 6:30 pm. ALL LADIES AT THE CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fover.























Read Thru the Bible

NOVEMBER

- 1 Jer 12-14, 1 Tim 5
- 2 Jer 15-17, 1 Tim 6
- 3 Jer 18-20, 2 Tim 1:1-2-2:13
- 4 Jer 21-23. 2 Tim 2:14-26
- 5 Jer 24-25, 2 Tim 3
- 6 Jer 26-28, 2 Tim 4
- 7 Jer 29-30, Titus 1:1-2:10
- 8 Jer 31:1-32:25, Titus 2:11-3:15
- 9 Jer 32:26-34:22, Philemon
- 10 Jer 35-37, Heb 1:1-2:9
- 11 Jer 38-40, Heb 2:10-3:15
- 12 Jer 41-43, Heb 3:16-4:16
- 13 Jer 44-46, Heb 5:1-6:8
- 14 Jer 47-48, Heb 6:9-7:10
- 15 Jer 49-50, Heb 7:11-8:13
- 16 Jer 51, Heb 9:1-22
- 17 Jer 52, Heb 9:23-10:10
- 18 Lam1-2, Heb 10:11-39
- 19 Lam 3-5, Heb 11:1-22
- 20 Ezek 1-3, Heb 11:23-40
- 21 Ezek 4-6, Heb 12:1-17
- 22 Ezek 7-9, Heb 12:18-13:6
- 23 Exek 10-12, Heb 13:7-25
- 24 Ezek 13-15, James 1
- 25 Ezek 16, James 2
- 26 Ezek 17-19, James 3
- 27 Ezek 20, James 4-5
- 28 Ezek 21-22, 1 Pet 1:1-21
- 29 Ezek 23-24, 1 Pet 1:22-2:10
- 30 Ezek 25-27, 1 Pet 2:11-3:6

DECEMBER

- 1 Ezek 28-30, 1 Pet 3:7-4:6
- 2 Ezek 31-32, 1 Pet 4:7-5:14
- 3 Ezek 33-34, 2 Pet 1
- 4 Ezek 35-36, 2 Pet 2
- 5 Ezek 37-39, 2 Pet 3
- 6 Ezek 40-41, 1 John 1:1-2:11
- 7 Ezek 42-44, 1 John 2:12-3:3
- 8 Ezek 45-46, 1 John 3:4-23
- 9 Ezek 47-48, 1 John 3:24-4:19
- 10 Dan 1-2, 1 John 4:20-5:21
- 11 Dan 3-4, 2 John
- 12 Dan 5-6, 3 John
- 13 Dan 7-8, Jude
- 14 Dan 9:1-11:4, Rev 1
- 15 Dan 11:5-12:13, Rev2
- 16 Hos 1-5, Rev 3
- 17 Hos 6-9, Rev 4-5
- 18 Hos 10-14, Rev 6:1-7:8
- 19 Joel 1-3, Rev 7:9-8:13
- 20 Amos 1-4, Rev 9
- 21 Amos 5-9, Rev 10:1-11:10
- 22 Obd, Rev 11:11-12:17
- 23 Jonah 1-4, Rev 13
- 24 Micah 1-7, Rev 14
- 25 Nah 1-3, Rev 15-16
- 26 Hab 1-3, Rev 17
- 27 Zeph 1-3, Haggai 1-2, Rev. 18
- 28 Zech 1-4, Rev 19
- 29 Zech 5-8, Rev 20:1-21:8
- 30 Zech 9-14, Rev 21:9-27
- 31 Mal 1-4, Rev 22



November

- 6 Shoeboxes are due back
- 8 Election Day
- 9 Begin deorating for Christmas all week
- 13 Mainstreet Concert in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm
- 13 CTO at The Mansions for Christmas Concert at 2:00 pm
- 23 No meal nor Wednesday night activities
- 24 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 4 Congregational vote on 2023 Budget
- 4 Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday
- 8 Ladies Christmas Party in the FLC at 6:30 pm
- 10 CTO Rehearsal 10 am Noon
- 11 Christmas Program starting at 5:00 pm
- 18 Christmas Program at Whistleville Christian Church
- 21 No meal nor Wednesday Night Activities
- 24 Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28 No meal nor Wednesday Night Activities







Isabelle Osuna October 23, 2022

Prayer Requests

Teresa Herring
Loetta Benton
Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
The Cregger Family
Marcia Heinz
Richard Walker
Gensie McDonald

Emily Saxon Sandy Dunbar Terri Randall Rob Krakeel Pat Ferguson Melissa Daniell Dennis Heinz

Berkmar Ministry

Each Friday we prepare and serve meals to the Berkmar football team and the coaching staff. You can make contributions to this, or volunteer to help serve. We also receive water bottles and gatorade each Sunday for Berkmar. See Melissa Daniell if you would like to get involved.

Wednesday Nights

Each Wednesday night we have a Meal beginning at 5:45 pm, followed by Children's and Youth activities and Choir and Orchestra rehearsal at 6:30 pm. Adults have Bible study starting at 7 pm. Join us!



Congratulations to Josh & Lucy Vincent, and grandparents Huck & Kathy Huddleston. Christopher Logan Vincent was born October 23, 2022. He weighed 8 lb 6 oz and is 21" long.



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