

The MESSENGER

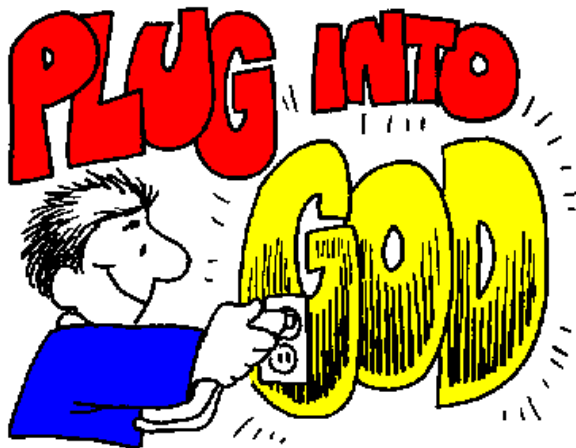
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**Visit the Ministry Fair
Sunday, September 10th
after all the services and see what GOD
is calling you to do.**

**Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift back to God.**



Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Rite III
11:30 a.m. Spanish Service
7:00 p.m. Rite III

Wednesday Service:

10:00 a.m. Rite II
11:00 a.m. Bible Study

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From the Rector



I don't know a lot about the Bible, but I WANT to!

If you've said that sometime in your faith journey, DIVING DEEPER is for YOU!

Diving Deeper is an adult group I lead on Sunday afternoons from 5-6pm in the sitting area of the Narthex outside the parish office.

We just finished a year-long study of the Old Testament, and on September 3, we launch a year-long look at the New Testament.

If you're thinking, "I have a hard time understanding the Bible," this group is for YOU!

If you're thinking, "I've never read the Bible, but I'd like to," this group is for YOU!

If you think, "I don't want to hear a bunch of boring names, dates, and empty history," this group is for YOU! The emphasis is on how the Bible speaks to us today and applies

to our lives NOW, and NOT that other stuff. It'll be energetic and interactive, and you'll leave each week with a deeper

appreciation of who God is and who we are as his children.

While you're there, stick around for supper in the Parish Hall at 6pm. You gotta eat! And this a sweet time to hang out with some of your Messiah family. Supper is simple with a donation jar to cover the expense of the food.

And if you missed church in the morning, or can't make church in the morning, we have Casual Communion at 7pm in the Church.

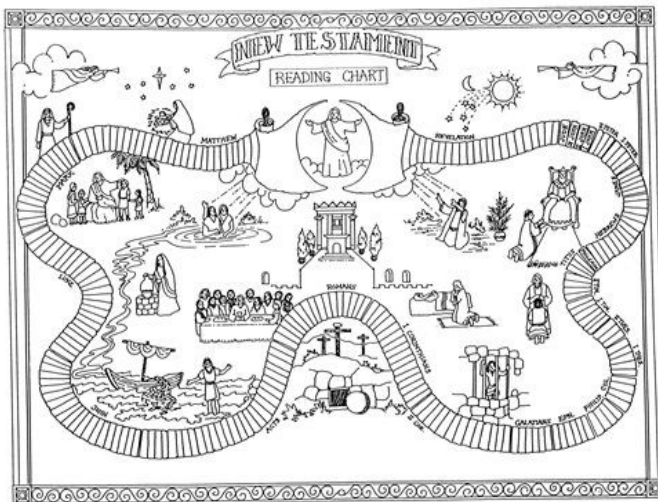
If you're looking for a way to Dive Deeper into faith, hope, and love, here's your chance!

AND there's food and a time to worship. What could be better than THAT?

Come for as much or as little as you like.

The Messiah – and some of his family – will be here and glad to see you!

I love you all.



Who Ya Gonna Call?

About any ministry in the parish (current 7/30/17)

LOVING GOD	Leader	Phone
Acolytes	Murph Borno	407-347-7094
Altar Guild	Trudie Carr & Betty Morgeson	407-299-2081/407-293-6912
Building Maintenance	Frank Chase	407-876-0308
Children's Ministry	Angela Lopez	321-287-9089
Lay Weeders Landscapers	Sarah Wolfe	407-656-4226
Music/Choirs/Band	Linda Ellison	407-417-4299
Prayer Chain	Elise Bradford	407-876-2557
Prayer Intercessors	Wally & Karen Stewart	407-656-3956
Technical Team	Lionel Williams	407-905-9295
Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors (Central Scheduling)	Mike & Bobbie Warren	352-241-8703

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR	Leader	Phone
Christian Service Center	Lynn Somers	407-656-2504
Communications/Publicity	Lionel Williams	407-905-9295
Habitat for Humanity	Bob Tate	407-656-3239
Home at Last	Bill Criswell	407-876-2472
Outreach	Doreen Stachowski	407-358-8039
Pre-School	Barbara Ellerbe	407-654-8415
Refugee Team	Murph Borno	407-347-7094

LOVING EACH OTHER	Leader	Phone
Casserole Patrol	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Coffee Hour	Kelley McRae	407-877-0463
Fun & Fellowship	Stacey Beck & Steve Borst	702-521-4077/610-659-3902
Grief Groups	Jill Brown	407-656-5776
Hurricane/Disaster Response Team	Murph Borno	407-347-7094
Kitchen Krewe	Lynn Somers	407-656-2504
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Library	Janie Walton	407-230-7913
Men's Supper	Wally Stewart	407-656-3956
Messiah Academy	Terri Wetherington	407-455-2832
Messiah's Way	Doreen Stachowski	407-358-8039
Name Tags	Elaina Paige	407-905-6217
Newsletter & Bulletins	LaVerne Woods	407-656-3218
Nursery/Child Care	Angela Lopez	321-287-9089
Office Angels	LaVerne Woods	407-656-3218
Parish Nurse	Barbara Knappman	407-656-7854
Pastoral Care	Joyce Taylor	407-222-1290
Transportation for those who don't drive	Joyce Taylor	407-222-1290
Wednesday Night Bible Study	Joe Wolfe	407-656-4226
Women's Dining Club	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Youth	Janie Walton	407-230-7913

Sunday, August 20, 2017 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Door Duty for September:
Opener at 7:30am: Marci Babione
Closer at 1pm: Lionel Williams
September 17th Vestry Meeting
Host: Lionel Williams

2017 Vestry

Marci Babione, Children & Youth
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Rodger Watson, Treasurer
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All Staff and Vestry have mailboxes in the front office (behind the front desk) with their names on them. You may also contact them by leaving a note in their mailbox.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE NOTES
OR MONEY ON THE FRONT DESK
IN THE OFFICE.**

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Jr.
Warden Frank Chase, Marci Babione,
Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Don Greer,
Leo Henry, Paul Hickman, Doreen
Stachowski, and Sarah Wolfe.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson,
Sr. Warden & Clerk Joyce Taylor,
Paul Hickman, Elaina Paige, and
Lionel Williams

FORMATION: Marci Babione led
Noonday Prayer. Based on Romans
12:4-8, Tom Rutherford talked about
how the Messiah's Way helps us be
the Body of Christ by helping folks
exercise their gifts and talents for
God.

INFORMATION:

Vestry Ministry Team Reports:
Annual Parish Audit: Marci Babione
and Monica Pounds will work with
Treasurer Rodger Watson as the
Audit Team to do the canonically
required annual audit.

Outreach Team: Doreen Stachowski
reports:
We helped Deacon Tim with \$200 for
the prison ministry to purchase
snacks and drinks for the inmates
while they minister to them.

We re-registered with Dillard Street
Elementary as Partners In Education
and used \$400 in the budget for back
to school treats for the teachers.

We are Discussing having an event in
our church parking lot at Halloween
for people passing by on their way to
downtown Winter Garden.

Messiah's Way: Family packets are
assembled, and will be distributed
August 27 and September 3 and 10.

Ministry Fair is September 10 after
the morning services and before the
evening one.

Fundraising: The Voucher night at
Texas Roadhouse brought in about
\$100, and there's another Voucher
event coming in early September for
"Five Below," a store on Interna-
tional Drive where everything is \$5
or less. Parishioner Krysti Reif sets
these up as her ministry in the
Messiah family.

Ladies' Night Fundraiser will be
Thursday, November 9

No others received.

Staff Reports:

Facility: The Rental Report will be
emailed separately.

**Children of the Messiah Pre-
school:** Director Barbara Ellerbe
reports the school year began with
61 children from 55 families, and
we're off to a great start. The Finan-
cial Report was emailed separately.

Children's Ministry: Children's
Minister Angela Lopez reports:
In Children's Church we finished
up our summer lesson series on
"CEREALsly loving Jesus" and have
moved on to Dinosaurs! We enjoyed
a different cereal treat each week,
and are now moving onto dino
crafts, since I discovered we have
many dino lovers. In week 1 several
of the kids wore dinosaur shirts to
church to kick off the T-rex lesson.
We talked about not needing to
walk around with a T- rex on a
leash to give us courage because we
have God with us, and He gives us
strength and courage to face the
tough times in life.

The 9:30 and 11 o'clock service have
been averaging the same amount of
kids which is awesome! The 11
o'clock service used to be a much
smaller crowd. We have several
kids that are entering kindergarten
and will be moving into regular

Vestry Meeting Minutes continued

Children's Church. The nursery crowd has aged up so we have a new group of friends!

SHINE kids wrapped up our summer board game series and are now working on a back to school unit on how to be a Godly kid at school. Our lessons are based very loosely on the Diary of a Wimpy Kid book series. We started this off with the blessing of the backpack by Mother Tracy. There were children of all ages from entering pre-school to the first year of college.

Deacon Julie provided us with an end of summer treat: build your own Sundaes. Several parents stayed to enjoy the yummy treat with us. We held Messiah Mall and the kids took home some cool prizes! Many of the kids are working hard on their memory verses and I will need to restock my prize supplies to keep up with them!

We decided to join in the fun of rock painting and hiding. We each painted several rocks and I encouraged the kids to hide one at their school. I placed 2 so far at Target and they were found before I left the store. The kids have enjoyed looking for rocks with their families all over Winter Garden. It's a small simple way to bring a smile to someone and be a God sighting to them. In a few weeks we will be walking to Scoops for a treat and hiding the rest of our rocks!

Alice in Wonderland Cooking Camp was fantastic! I had 15 participants and 5 Activate volunteers. We cooked, cleaned, crafted, ate and played together all day. Some of the items we made were, mini pancake towers, scones, chicken salad, fruit salad, chocolate covered marshmallows, bangers and mash with onion gravy, and Yorkshire pudding. Our next 2 camps are scheduled for winter and spring.

I had a special outing with Evie Dugger to celebrate her SHINE milestone. She memorized all of her Bible verses, that should have lasted her from pre-K through first grade. Along with this she also earned several other SHINE awards. We had lunch, and she went to Build a Bear and made a cute stuffed bunny with a heartbeat. Now I have to come up with a new list of scripture for her to learn!

This year I renewed our partnership with Dillard Street Elementary. We provided a pizza dinner for the teachers on Meet the Teacher night and have agreed to provide tutoring for their students again this year. We are signed up for few other events with them as well as committing to praying for them all year. I have also added Independence Elementary onto the list of schools where I am an Additions Volunteer. I am excited to lend an occasional hand in Deacon Julie's class as well as hang out at some of their special events.

All of my events from now through June 2018 have been submitted to Facilities Ministry Amy Paredes and are pending approval.

Youth Ministry: Youth Minister Janie Walton reports: Activate had a great week in North Dakota on our mission trip. Thank you to everyone for their prayers and financial contributions to help make it possible.

Our teenagers, as well as, some of our chaperones shared their mission trip testimonies at our four English-language church services and Mother Tracy shared her mission trip testimony at our Spanish-language service on Sunday, July 23. We also showed a video at the church services to show parishioners what we were up to while at Camp St. Gabriel and the surrounding areas.

Activate students participated in the Backpack Blessings and Sundaes on Sunday with Shine Kids' Club and ReVive Young Adult Ministry on Sunday, August 6.

Our North Dakota mission trip team members are being treated to a spa day at Creative Nails & Spa in Ocoee on Sunday, August 13 to thank them for all their hard work in North Dakota.

We are planning on kicking off our free tutoring sessions for students in grades K-12 sometime in September. We especially need tutors for pre-calculus, calculus, chemistry and physics.

Activate members will staff the Activate table at the Ministry Fair September 10.

There is no Activate meeting on September 17 due to the Parish Birthday Party.

Messiah Academy: Director Terri Wetherington reports: Attendance has doubled for the new year. Both students from last year are back, and we gained two more. That gives us one 5th grader and three 7th graders.

Our first field trip is August 21st. Father Tom and I are taking the students to South Carolina to view the Solar Eclipse.

Last year our field trip focus was on Sea World and oceanography. This year (due in large part to the generosity of one of our parents), the students will tour the world via Epicot. One of our student's parents can get up to five people into Disney, which gets us all in with the current student enrollment.

Vestry Meeting Minutes continued

I attended a Seminar on August 8 to learn how to move toward attaining accreditation. This will be of much greater importance when our students reach high school and will take a while to attain.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for Messiah Academy as we continue living out the Messiah Mission and changing the world one child at a time.

DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):

Financial Gifts: We continued discussing the best use for the matching funds from Disney and the gifts from the Britt Trust and Jess & Carol Green's estate.

The copper cooling fins on the Water Chiller Plant that air conditions the Parish Hall building have been deteriorating for several years, and the Carrier service guy has no explanation why. They have deteriorated enough that it's affecting the performance, and Carrier recommends replacing them soon. The cost to do that is \$19,140, and they come with a one-year warranty. We discussed our options and will make a decision next month.

DECISIONS (based on the Discussion last month):

The \$25,000 gift from Jess & Carol's estate is about what they gave every year, so Vestry decided to accept their bequest as their last gift to the Operating Fund.

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

Minutes from the July meeting: APPROVED.

July Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: APPROVED.

Operating Account: The month's income was \$13,619.46 LESS than expenses, which grew our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$78,798.60. Please keep praying.

Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$2,800.67 MORE than the \$14,709.16 necessary to cover the mortgage. The surplus was applied to the Contingency/Debt Reduction account.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 3:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Tom Rutherford,
Rector and Acting Clerk

YEAR TO DATE REPORT
(as of July 31, 2017)

Operating Income..... \$302,393.96
Operating Expenses..... \$381,192.56
NET (-78,798.60)

ALL Building Fund Income..... \$148,570.62
ALL Building Fund Expense.... \$148,570.62
NET (-0-)

Contingency-Debt Reduction.....-0-
NET -0-

Prayer for Provision:

Most gracious and generous Father, who gives us each day our daily bread, you have called this parish family to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love one another. We look to you to provide all the resources necessary to fulfill that call, whether they be spiritual gifts, human time and talents or material goods; Thank you for meeting all of our needs through your riches in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.



Help is needed to wash and iron altar linens once a month.

If you are interested, please contact Marsha Dymond at 407-491-4048

Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

The preschool held “Meet the Teacher” on August 14. Our preschoolers came to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms with the parents. We all had a great time.

Our preschool opened with Terri Hausler and Stacey Duppenhaler returning as our Pre-K teachers.

Jill Smicherko was promoted to Assistant Director and returned as our 5-day 3-year-old teacher.

Hannah Mohabir returned as our MWF / T-TH 3 year old teacher.

Marsha Dymond returned as our 2-year-old teacher.

Melody Wise returned as our Mom’s Day Out (Babies) teacher.

Candon Norton, Anndrea Strickland, and Samantha Recchia returned as teacher’s aides. We also added two new aides Noemi Gonzalez and Megan Chase.

Helen Farnsworth returns to teach music and Father Tom teaches Chapel. Missy Cottle returns as our Art Teacher.

The preschool opened with 62 children enrolled. We will be serving 59 families this year. We are full with the exception of our Pre-K classrooms.





Preschool Upcoming Events

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day – No School
Tuesday, September 12 and
Wednesday, September 13 – Picture Days
Wednesday, September 20 –
School Advisory Council Meeting 9:15 am

Scrip
Fundraising
for Your
Church



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Scrip is an ongoing fundraiser for Church of the Messiah. It allows families to raise money at no additional cost to you. Scrip is just another way to pay for *everyday purchases* using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You order gift cards at face value through your coordinator, or online (account needed). Gift cards are purchased from ShopWithScrip.com at a reduced price. The difference is an instant profit for Church of the Messiah. It's that simple!

When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop! GLSC offers over 750 retailers including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, travel, home improvement, and more including Universal gift cards like American Express, Discover, and Visa.

Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise funds, no matter how small, it all adds up! We have several families that purchase every week and we need you too!



Church of the Messiah WORK DAYS at Camp Wingmann!

Two Saturdays October 28th & December 2

We are scheduled for two volunteer work days to help out at Camp Wingmann doing general upkeep and any projects they may have. There is also a need for any carpenters who could make a few benches.

Plan to leave Church around 7:30am and return around 4pm.

If you are available and can help please contact Murph Borno at (407) 413-4220 or



Messiah's Missionaries



Jay & Marsha Dymond worshipped at Thompson United Methodist Church in Thompson, Ohio on July 9, 2017.

Linda White worshipped at First United Methodist Church of Valdosta, Georgia on August 6, 2017.

Tom Rutherford attended the Ordination of a Priest for The Rev. Lauren Larkin on August 19, 2017 at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando.

Fr. Tom & Debbie Rutherford worshipped at Iglesia Biblica Cristiana Church in Luperon, Dominican Republic on August 6, 2017, and Fr. Tom preached.

Debbie Rutherford worshipped at Riverland Hills Baptist Church on August 13, 2017 in Irmo, SC.

Joyce Taylor worshipped at St. Luke's in Shawnee, Kansas on August 20, 2017.

Please pray for our expectant
mother:
Garine Adams





Hello from Lira, Uganda! From Laura Cook



Hello from Uganda!

This past month has flown by! God has been doing so much work in teaching me and helping me learn and grow for whatever He has next.

At the end of July, beginning of August my family was here for a visit. I loved showing them around Uganda and they brought so much love from Church of the Messiah and I couldn't have been more thankful. THANK YOU to everyone who prayed over flights (it was rough!) and helped Pray them here, it meant so very much to me!

I've been back three months now and have had the opportunity to meet with some other ministries and share what Saving Grace does. I've also had the opportunity to spend more time working with another children's village in town, Otino Waa.



With Pati and Casey Cook at the Hippo Pool on Safari (those rock looking things in the water behind us are hippos!)



Casey and I stood up basically the entire safari. We were like small children again!

Missionary News



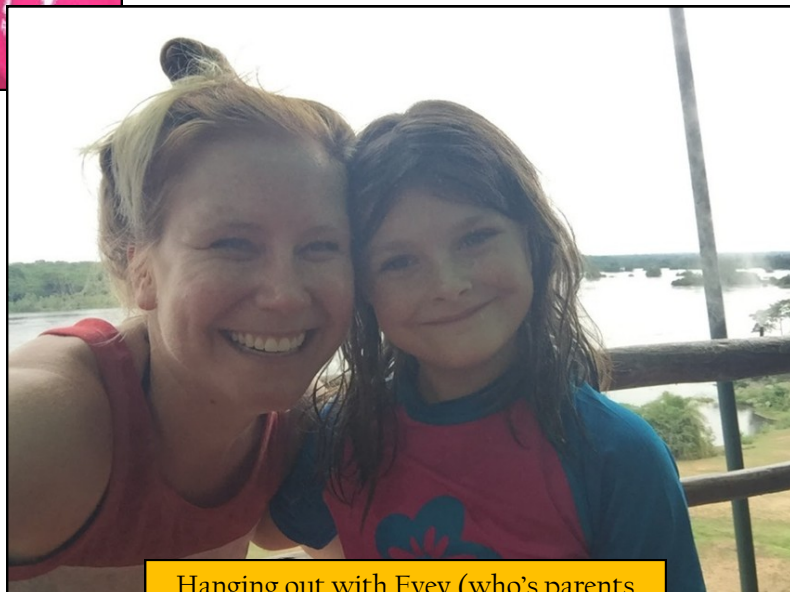
Casey + Donald became fast friends, he didn't want her to leave.



Mom and Casey were a huge hit with baby Gideon!



Pati, Yuventino, and Casey- Yuventino is one of the older boys at Saving Grace and loved sitting and chatting with my mom!



Hanging out with Evey (who's parents work at Otino Waa). I spend part of my week teaching her and her brother!

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Fall Session

September 17th through October 22, 2017



Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death is a grief group that meets one hour per week for six weeks to explore and wrestle with the impact of a loved one's death.

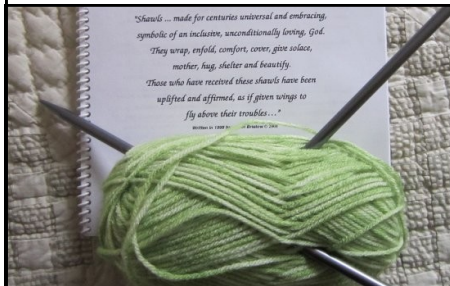
Details:

1. *Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death* (TVSD): 9-17-17 through 10-22-17
2. We meet in the church library from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.
3. Class size is limited to 6 or 7 participants.
4. Registration is required.
5. The charge for the book and course is \$20.00.
6. If you are repeating the class and still have your book, there is no charge
7. Facilitators are: Sarah Wolfe, Jill Brown, Linda Gold
8. If you have questions, please call Jill Brown at (407) 656-5776

Why might I come to this class?

- The presence of God is with you.
- It is a safe place – to voice your emotions, your doubts, your hopes.
- Even though the journey may be long and arduous, there are companions with you each step of the way. You are not alone.
- Wounded and broken hearts are comforted, healed, held in the care of Jesus.
- Memories are freed from the oppression and effects of guilt.
- Light can enter even the deepest and hidden crevices of darkness.
- God's purpose is working in your life and is revealed by His Will and in His Time
- Spring emerges in places where a hard cold winter has been in place too long.
- Hope emerges, faith replaces despair.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you know of someone who is in need of special prayers for healing, body or soul, please let the Monday Ladies' Knitters know.

Contact:
 Marsha Dymond (407-491-4048) or
 Trudie Carr (407-299-2081)
 for further information.
 Monetary donations are
 accepted for the cost of yarn.



Seniors First

needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to the elderly. They especially have a volunteer shortage in West Orlando. Please contact Lorraine Shumaker at 407-615-8982 or lshumake@seniorsfirstinc.org if you can help. There is more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Coin Jars help the Building Fund



The mason jars on the credenza outside the offices are one of our fundraising ways you can help our Building Fund.

Take a jar home, put your spare coins in it, and when it's full bring it to church with your name on it. Your annual giving statement will include this gift. Take another jar and repeat.



Free Blood Pressure Screening Sunday on the second Sunday of each month

Barbara Knappman, our Parish Nurse and volunteer health care professionals from our congregation will take your blood pressure and offer educational resources about what the numbers mean after each service.



1st Sunday of the month is BAG SUNDAY

Please bring non-perishable food items to church for the Food Pantry at the Christian Service Center in Ocoee. They particularly request

- ♥ **canned beef stew**
- ♥ **spaghetti and meatballs**
- ♥ **peanut butter**
- ♥ **Jelly**
- ♥ **dry soup mixes or canned soup**
- ♥ **macaroni and cheese dinners,**
- ♥ **canned tuna, etc.**



MESSIAH KNITTERS:

Bring your knitting needles (or any other type of needlework) and join a group of knitters for fellowship in the foyer outside the Offices on

MONDAYS FROM 3-5:00PM



children's ministry

By Angela Lopez
ifrog1980@gmail.com

Backpack blessings

We had children from entering pre-K through first year of college come to get their backpacks blessed for the upcoming school year. Deacon Julie provided us with back to school build your own ice cream Sundays. It was a wonderful way to end our summer!





SHINE KIDS CLUB'S SUMMER FUN

COOKING CAMP



Alice in Wonderland cooking camp was a huge success! We had 15 participants and five activate volunteers!

We made mini pancake towers, scones, English muffin breakfast sandwiches, tea sandwiches for lunch, fruit salad, cake, brownies, chocolate covered marshmallows. And for dinner we made traditional bangers and mash with peas and Yorkshire pudding. Some of our picky boys decided to have mac & cheese for dinner.

For a craft we designed our own mugs that the children took home to bake so the colors would be permanent. We also played a lot of Disney trivia along with freeze tag, statue and the short game of hide and seek outside! Stay tuned for more information on our next camp which will have the theme of the Princess and the frog!



children's ministry

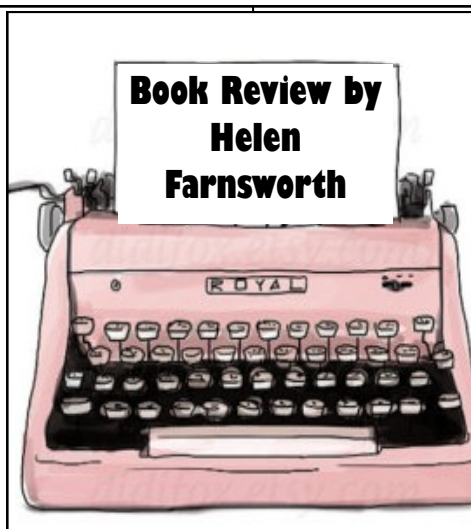


This month I had the privilege of rewarding Evie Dugger for completing the entire kindergarten through first grade list of Bible verses.

Evie completed all of her verses in her very first year of SHINE as a pre-K student! She also earned other awards throughout the year such as enthusiastic singer, Lords prayer award, and an award for always praying in closing circle!

Because of her hard work and all of her participation she was treated to lunch at Chick-fil-A and a trip to Build a Bear where she stuffed an adorable bunny!

I hope that Evie will continue to hide God's word in her heart and grow ever closer to Him. I especially enjoyed singing along to Z88.3 with her on our drive.



This month I got my C. S. Lewis “fix”: I read Alister McGrath’s *If I Had Lunch With C. S. Lewis* and *A Grief Observed* by C. S. Lewis himself (originally published under a pseudonym).

I expected *If I Had Lunch With C.S. Lewis* to be an imaginary dialogue, which it wasn’t, But nonetheless, it still covers his views on: 1) The Meaning of Life; 2) Friendship; 3) A Story-Shaped World: Narnia and the Importance of Stories; 4) Faith: Aslan and the Christian Life; 5) The Art of Apologetics; 6) A Love of Learning: Education; 7) Coping With Suffering: The Problem of Pain; and 8) Further up and Further In: Hope and Heaven. The whole time he zeroes in on what he calls “The Great Panorama,” or God’s Big Picture. I particularly like the quote used in the very beginning concerning the meaning of life:

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

C.S. Lewis “IS THEOLOGY POETRY?”

The book gives a good overall view of Lewis’s views and writings, and makes one hungry for more.

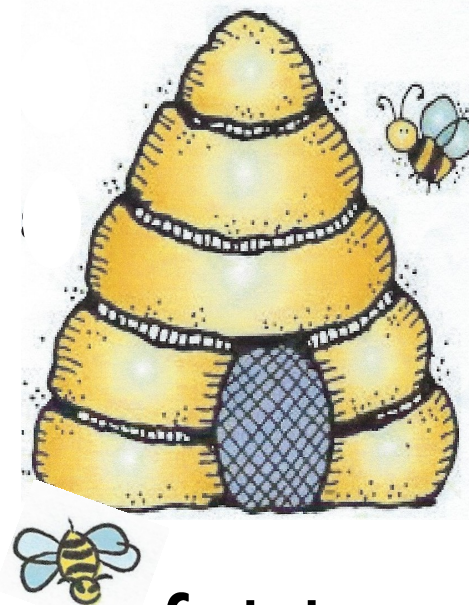
I partially satisfied this hunger by reading *A Grief Observed*. This was born of a journal that Lewis kept after his wife of only a few short years died a painful death from cancer.

It is the raw crying out of a soul in abstract pain, that can only find relief by railing at God. He questioned not His existence, but His goodness, wondering if He might be, after all, some divine Sadist that enjoyed watching His creatures suffer. He even quotes Jesus: “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?” And He wonders if Jesus’ sufferings were another cruel joke. He works his way through all this, and realizes that he must worship God above all, no matter what, and look forward more to seeing Him in Heaven than to seeing anyone else, even his beloved wife.

For those who are grieving I would think this would be a comforting book, knowing that someone of even C.S. Lewis’s caliber was not immune to “impious” thoughts, if you wish to label them that way. I don’t. The Spiritual “Stand By Me” concludes one of the verses, “Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me,” and He does.

This book can be found in the *Complete C.S. Lewis Signature Classics*, which should be in the church library. I highly recommend both it and the McGrath book. Neither is very long, and both are high powered.

LOCAL RAW Honey FOR SALE



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YOUTH



by Janie Walton

ACTIVATE!

Our Activate students at Camp St. Gabriel on our first day there



Mission Trip

Activate had a very productive week on our summer 2017 mission trip to North Dakota from Saturday, July 15 to Saturday, July 22. Our mission trip team cleaned, cooked, fixed, painted, prepped the camp cabins and grounds, chaperoned, participated and lead worship at Camp St. Gabriel and St. James' Church on Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Reservation.

We were blessed to have an opportunity to serve the students in Standing Rock, as well as help with the upkeep of Camp St. Gabriel and work on tiny houses at St. James' Church.

On Sunday, July 23, our Activate students and chaperones shared their mission trip testimonies at our four English-language church services and Mother Tracy Dugger shared her mission trip testimony at the Spanish-language service. We also showed a video created by Deacon Julie Altenbach with photos and videos provided by varying members of our mission trip team at the church services for our parishioners to get a glimpse of our week in North Dakota.

A group shot with everyone's hair braided courtesy of hairstylist, Kara Altenbach



Noah Altenbach repairing a window screen

The girls cleaning up after one of the meals.



Our group camp photo!

More Youth News

Jessica Brueggeman, Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno and Hayley Scandura making lemonade.

Activate members after enjoying burgers at a local North Dakota restaurant on the Friday before we left for home.

We are very grateful to our parishioners for all of their prayers and financial contributions to this year's mission trip fund. Thank you for partnering with us to spread the love of Jesus to the people of Standing Rock.



A special thank you from me to all the mission trip adult chaperones—Deacon Julie Altenbach, Murph Borno, Mother Tracy Dugger and Father Tom Rutherford! It makes my job much easier to have a great team of adults to be examples of Christ to not only the teenagers during camp, but also to our Activate students! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to serve God by serving others! I truly appreciate each and every one of you and am grateful to all of you for helping to make this year's mission trip another success!

The Borno family, Jessica Brueggeman, Natasha Brueggeman and Brittany Kolacki, and the Altenbach family giving their testimonies.



More Youth News

Dinner Outing

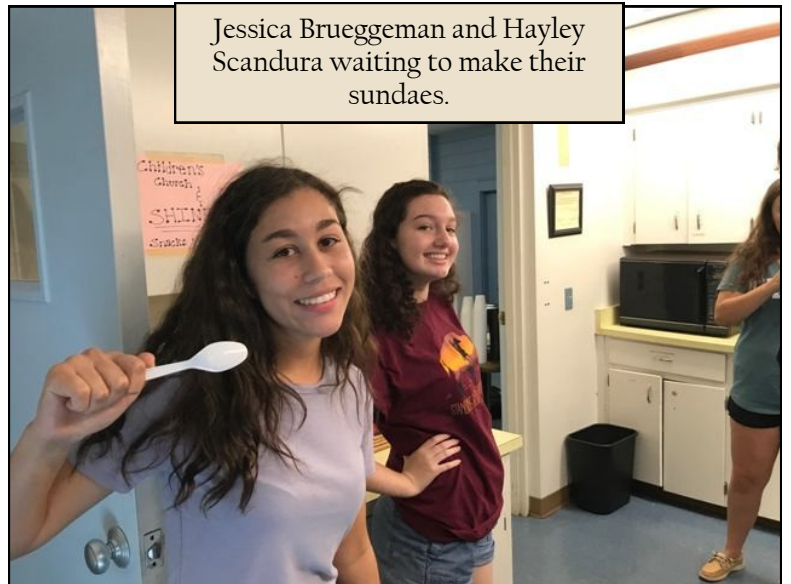
Activate had a dinner outing to Culver's Restaurant in Winter Garden on Sunday, July 30. We had a great meal of burgers, chicken, shakes, malt and frozen custard! To top it all off, our Activate students received a huge compliment from a retired teacher about how wonderfully behaved they were at the restaurant!



Activate students and Kylie Walton at Culver's Restaurant.

Backpack Blessings & Sundaes on Sunday

On Sunday, August 6, Activate participated in our Backpack Blessings event along with Shine Kids' Club and ReVive Young Adult Ministry. Our students had their backpacks blessed by Mother Tracy Dugger for the upcoming school year. After the backpack blessings, our students enjoyed "Make Your Own Sundaes" courtesy of Deacon Julie Altenbach.



Jessica Brueggeman and Hayley Scandura waiting to make their sundaes.

Cooking Camp

The *Alice in Wonderland* themed cooking camp lead by Children's Minister, Angela Lopez, was held on Tuesday, August 8 in the Parish Hall and Parish Hall kitchen. The camp participants made breakfast, lunch and dinner foods inspired by the movie, *Alice in Wonderland*. They also got to decorate their own mugs, play games and enjoy the movie.

Our high school Activate students helped with the camp by assisting with cooking techniques, cleaning and general chaperoning duties.



Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno and Kara Altenbach making mini pancakes.

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17
1st LEM	Greg Chandler	Deborah Townsend	Don Greer
2nd LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Janie Walton	Frank Chase
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Sandi Johnston	Suzanna Leigh
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____
Torch Bearers	_____	_____	_____
Greeters/Ushers	Ron Bouton, Jay & Marsha Dymond, Trudie Carr	Pete & Nancy Glynn Elaina Paige, Joyce Taylor	Ron Bouton, Carolyn Greer, Ansel & Ina Haughton
LEV Team	Dawson Peacock	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock
Prayer Intercessor	Annette Spigener	Annette Spigener	Annette Spigener
9:30 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17
1st LEM	Terri Wetherington	Greg Chandler	Janie Walton
2nd LEM	Ginger Sirola	Erin Hinz	Susie Marshall
Lector	Kevin Cochrane	Lynne Passilla	Sharon Puchein
Altar Server	Maddy Wirbel	Zackary Cho-Sam	Aiden Brandenburg
Crucifer	James Wirbel	Brady Paluzzi	Zackary Cho-Sam
Torch Bearers	Lena Candes & Katy Babcock	Gwen & Jossy Wirbel	Georgia Gold & Katy Babcock
Greeters/Ushers	Alexander Babcock, Anthony Beckford, Lisa Borst, Christopher Carr	Ken Miller, Sam Lynn, Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jim & Lynne Passilla John & Sharon Puchein
LEV Team	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Jill Brown	Susan Kiehm

Please remember: If you are scheduled to serve in any function and have a conflict, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
Thank you!

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17
1st LEM	Janie Walton	Brittany Kolacki	Greg Chandler
2nd LEM	Joe Wolfe	Lionel Williams	Stacey Jamail
Lector	Norm Anthony	Terry Anthony	Leo Henry
Altar Server	Delilah Brueggeman	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Richard & Kelly McRae, Paul & Terry Hickman	Paul & Patty Robertson Ethan Kallesen, Karen Williams	Richard & Kelley McRae, Lionel Williams, Sarah Wolfe
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	—	Sam Katulic	—
7:00 P.M.	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17
LEM	Janie Walton	Regina Seguin	Marvin Houghton
Lector	Wendy King	Tori Sullivan	Janie Walton
Greeter/Usher	Brian Seguin	Tina Sydnor	Mary Pounds
Altar Server	Noah Altenbach	Kara Altenbach	Joel Lopez
Lectionary	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Genesis 50:15-21
	Psalm 26	Psalm 119:33-40	Psalm 103
	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12
	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 24	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8
1st LEM	Marvin Haughton	Janie Walton	Mary Kay Predmore
2nd LEM	Ellie Chase	Steve Dunegan	Greg Chandler
Lector	Mary Lynn Levine	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Kylie Walton	Kayrah Elliott
Crucifer	————	————	————
Torch Bearers	————	————	————
Greeters/Ushers	Elaina Paige Bob Somers Jay & Marsha Dymond	Ron Bouton, Pete & Nancy Glynn Trudie Carr	Ansel & Ina Haughton Bob Somers
LEV Team	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock	Don Greer
Prayer Intercessor	Annette Spigener	Annette Spigener	Annette Spigener
9:30 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 24	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8
1st LEM	Ginger Sirola	Erin Hinz	Susie Marshall
2nd LEM	Terri Wetherington	Rodger Watson	Janie Walton
Lector	Pattie Range	Dawn Wirbel	Steve Borst
Altar Server	Grayson Range	Kelsey Beck	Chelsea Borno
Crucifer	James Wirbel	Brady Paluzzi	Zackary Cho-Sam
Torch Bearers	Lena & Evan Candes	Katy Babcock & Evan Candes	James Wirbel & Ayden Cho-Sam
Greeters/Ushers	Tom Stachowski, Rodger Watson Horace & Jacquie Williams	Alexander Babcock, Anthony Beckford, Lisa Borst, Tom Wirbel	Chuck & Deborah Grunder Sam Lynn, Christopher Carr
LEV Team	Rodger Watson	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Sharon Puchein

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Thank you!

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	SEPTEMBER 24	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8
1st LEM	Sam Katulic	Joe Wolfe	Lionel Williams
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Brittany Kolacki	Stacey Jamail
Lector	Nadia Henry	Stacey Jamail	Claudia Kallesen
Altar Server	Malina Lawrence	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis	Malina Lawrence
Greeters/Ushers	Paul & Terry Hickman, Joe Wolfe, Ethan Kallesen	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Patty Robertson	Ethan Kallesen, Karen Wil- liams, Joe & Sarah Wolfe
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams
Prayer Intercessor	---	---	Sam Katulic
7:00 P.M.	SEPTEMBER 24	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 8
LEM	Regina Seguin	Janie Walton	Marvin Houghton
Lector	Larry Book	Helen Farnsworth	Kristen Jackson
Greeter/Usher	Becky Fulmer	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin
Altar Server	Noah Altenbach	Joel Lopez	Kara Altenbach
Lectionary	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Isaiah 5:1-7
	Psalms 145	Psalms 25	Psalms 80
	Philippians 1:21-30	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14
	Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46

YOUNG ADULT NEWS



Looking for a fun evening out?

Trivia Tuesday is September 26th, at 7:30 pm, at the Crooked Can! Come join us as we compete in a general knowledge trivia game and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

Revive will not be meeting in September due to Financial Peace University



Celebrate Church of the Messiah's 67th Birthday

Sunday, September 17th

4:30—Children's games

5pm—Bring a dish to share

Rock n' roll band



MEN'S SUPPER



All the men of the church are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food to prepare.

**Tuesday
September 5th
6:30pm
Meet in the Youth Hall
September chef is Frank Chase**

Messiah's Way Packets — please pick up your family's Messiah Way Packet. In it will be a Commitment Sheet for each member of your family to choose how you'd like to serve in 2018 and one Financial Commitment Card for your family.

September 10—The Ministry Fair will be in the Narthex and hallway to give you a glimpse of all the ministries of our parish family, and to give you a chance to talk to folks involved in them.

September 17—Our Parish Birthday! We celebrate 67 years of serving God in West Orange County. Please bring back your Commitment Cards to one of the worship services as a birthday present, and join us for children's games starting at 4:30 and dinner afterwards.

September 24—If you haven't yet returned your Commitment Sheets, please do so.

October/November—You'll be oriented for what you volunteered to do.

December 3rd First Sunday of Advent—You start your new gig!!

**Women's Dining Club
Tuesday, September 5th
6:30pm**

**Corellis Pizza & Pasta
1042 E. Highway 50
in the KMart Plaza,
just before where Hwy. 27
crosses Hwy. 50 in Clermont**

**COMING
UP**

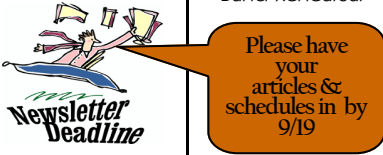
ON OCTOBER 10TH 4-8PM

Spoletto Restaurant in Windermere donates 15% of all dedicated purchases to Church of the Messiah. We need a minimum of 20 rsvp guests by October 7th to get this deal. You will need to let the cashier know you are with Church of the Messiah.

To RSVP visit: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/33851-church-of-the-messiah-at-spoletto>

SPOLETO
MY ITALIAN KITCHEN

SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m. ALSO Tuesdays: Women only 6:30pm Wednesdays: Men only 6:30pm</p>					1	2
<p>3 BAG SUNDAY 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11:30 Spanish 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3</p>	<p>4 LABOR DAY Preschool and Church Office closed</p>	<p>5 Fr. Tom's Day Off Men's Supper 6:30 Women's Dining Club 6:30</p>	<p>6 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 11am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Alicia Morris & John Wessels Wedding 1pm</p>
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		<p>Preschool Picture Days</p>				
<p>17 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11-12 TVSD 11:30 Spanish 2:30 Vestry Mtg 5:00 BDAY PARTY 7pm Rite 3</p>	<p>18 Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex</p>	<p>19 Fr. Tom's Day Off</p>	<p>20 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 11am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
		 <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>Please have your articles & schedules in by 9/19</p>				
<p>24 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11-12 TVSD 11:30 Spanish 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3</p>	<p>25 Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex</p>	<p>26 Fr. Tom's Day Off</p>	<p>27 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 11am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Marit Cairns
- Kelley McRae
- Regina Seguin
- 4 Susie Marshall
- Ken Miller
- 8 Beatrice Hosten
- 9 Natasha Brueggeman
- Paul Daniel
- Kim Holt
- Anna Clare Wilkinson
- James Wirbel
- Karalynn Wirbel
- 12 Jenna Gold
- 13 Alice DeRosa
- 14 Teri Jones
- Lauren Robertson
- 15 Melissa Adams
- Debbie Wilkinson-Borno

- 17 Linda Gold
- Lilly Paredes
- Sharon Puchein
- 18 Chris Carr
- Judy Jamerson
- 19 Doug Ellerbe
- 21 Marsha Dymond
- Callon Norton
- 22 Adam Shriver
- 25 Eileen Ford-Gilbert
- Malina Lawrence
- Robert Weiss
- 26 Matthew Fiallo
- Mary Pounds
- 28 Mary Ann Collings
- Jessica Winters
- 30 Bill Bradford
- Anndrea Strickland




- 4 Mike & Nichole Paluzzi
- 6 Tom & Debbie Rutherford
- 10 Joseph & Amy Eiden
- 12 Sam & Mary Katulic
- 17 Larry & Jane Cartelli
- 18 Mike & Wendy King
- 24 Ansel & Ina Haughton
- 27 Dennis & Stacey Jamaal
- Jim & Lynne Passilla



If you're not listed for a birthday or anniversary, please call the church office at 407-656-3218 and give us information for you and your family; or fill out the form to right and drop it in the offering plate.

Please only give information for those family members who are attending Messiah. Our computer requires the year for date of birth and wedding anniversaries.



Your Name _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Spouse _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
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