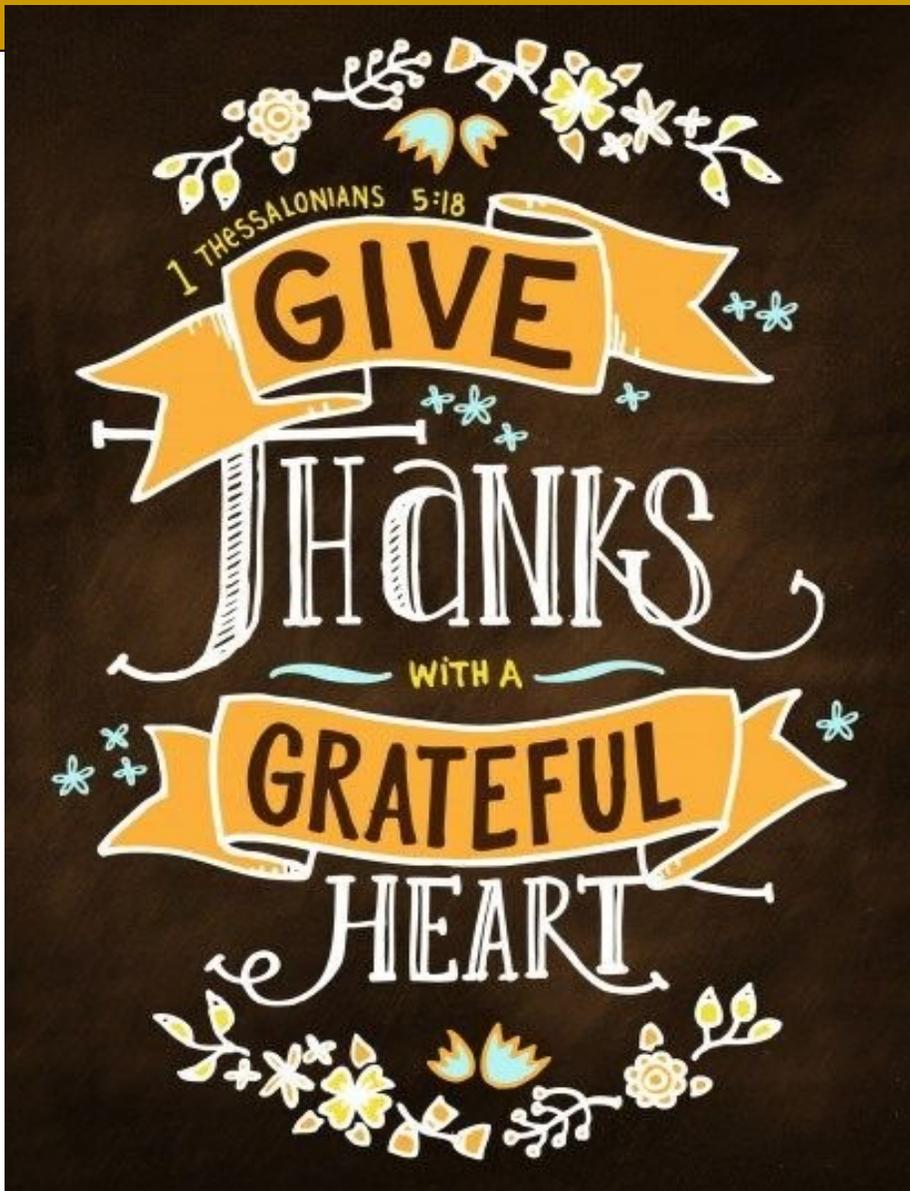


# THE MESSENGER

November 2019

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Psalm 107:1  
Give thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good; his love  
endures forever.



## Sunday Services:

8:00am.....Traditional Communion  
9:30am.....Family Communion  
9:30 a.m.....Sunday School  
11am.....Contemporary Communion  
4:00pm.....French Service  
7:00pm.....Casual Communion

## Wednesday

## Service:

10:00 a.m.....Casual Communion  
11:00 a.m. ....Bible Study

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## Please Tell Somebody!

IF YOU'RE SICK OR IN THE HOSPITAL, please tell somebody.

Decades ago, hospitals and doctors would call local churches and let them know if they had one of their parishioners as patients.

Those days are gone.

HIPAA privacy laws have medical folks reluctant even to answer "Yes" to "Is Debbie Rutherford still a patient there?"!!! (I ALWAYS call before I go to ensure you're still there and haven't been discharged.)

The Messiah family and I will not know you're sick or in hospital unless you tell us.

And we WANT to know...so we can pray for you, so folks can visit you (if you want visitors), and so we can bring you meals while you're recovering (if you want them).

If you're sick or in the hospital, PLEASE contact the parish office (at 407-656-3218 or [office@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:office@churchofthemessiah.com)) and let us know.

Sadly, we have had folks who got sick, had surgery, or spent time in the hospital, and got angry or their feelings hurt because no one visited them...but they didn't tell anyone they were sick.

Please don't let that be you.

We've also had folks who were disappointed when they got sick, missed several Sundays, and no one called them to check up on them.

I urge all of us to look around on Sundays and notice who's not in their usual spot and to reach out to see if they're okay.

But the reality is...few of us do that, and the clergy are usually focused on leading a dynamic worship service and not always aware that a seat is empty.

If you're sick or in the hospital – especially if you're sick enough to miss some Sundays – please call the office and tell someone.



*From the Rector*



I don't want to neglect you. Our other clergy don't want to neglect you. Your Messiah family doesn't want to neglect you.

But we need your help to let us know you're ill.

If you know you're going to have surgery or you're getting sick, please fill out a Yellow Card on Sunday and drop it in the Offering Plate when it goes by. That's the most effective way to get the message to the right folks.

Because telling one of our Clergy on a Sunday, "I'm going for surgery next month," will elicit empathy from us when you tell us...but is very likely to get forgotten by the end of the service, because we've been chasing Acolytes, telling readers how to pronounce a name, making sure we have everything ready for the service, checking in on parishioners we know have been having a tough time, and reaching out to meet new visitors – not to mention making sure we remember what we're preaching or which role we're playing in the liturgy. We are FOCUSED on the worship service on Sundays, and there's not always room in our brains for one more detail. Sorry!

If on a Sunday, you know you – or someone you love – are going to be in the hospital, please fill out a Yellow Card and drop it in the plate.

Because if you don't tell someone, we won't know.

I love you all dearly – as do all our Vestry, Clergy, Staff, and the folks on the Prayer Chain.

*Tom Rutherford*

## Who Ya Gonna Call

About any ministry in the parish (current 10.2019)

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Prayer Chain	Elise Bradford	407.876.2557	
Prayer Intercessors	Wally Stewart Karen Stewart	407.468.2545 407.625.7615	<a href="mailto:stewart3rd@aol.com">stewart3rd@aol.com</a>
Central Scheduling: Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, LEMs, LEVs	Mike Warren Bobbie Warren	352.241.8703	<a href="mailto:cotmservants@cfl.rr.com">cotmservants@cfl.rr.com</a>
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Communications/Publicity	Steve Borst	610.659.3902	
Habitat for Humanity	Bob Tate	407.656.3239	
Outreach	Paul Hickman	352.408.0487	
Pre-School	Barbara Ellerbe	407.654.8415	
Refugee Team	Murph Borno	407.413.4220	<a href="mailto:Louis.m.borno.civ@mail.mil">Louis.m.borno.civ@mail.mil</a>
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Transportation Aid	Joyce Taylor	407.222.1290	<a href="mailto:shadesfan@aol.com">shadesfan@aol.com</a>
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Youth	Murph Borno	407.413.4220	<a href="mailto:louis.m.borno.civ@mail.mil">louis.m.borno.civ@mail.mil</a>

# Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

October was such an exciting month at the preschool.

We visited The Crayola Experience where we got to learn about how crayons are made and explore with color.

We were visited by the WGFD. We learned about fire safety, and the children received fire hats, explored the fire truck and even got to man the fire hose.

Jason Robeke visited us from the Orlando Police Department. Jason spoke about stranger danger and gun safety.

The month ended with our Fall Festival on October 24. We had a pizza dinner with ice cream, played fall themed games and made a family craft for each family to take home.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

November upcoming events

Wednesday, November 20 – 9:15

SAC Meeting in the library

Thursday and Friday, November 21

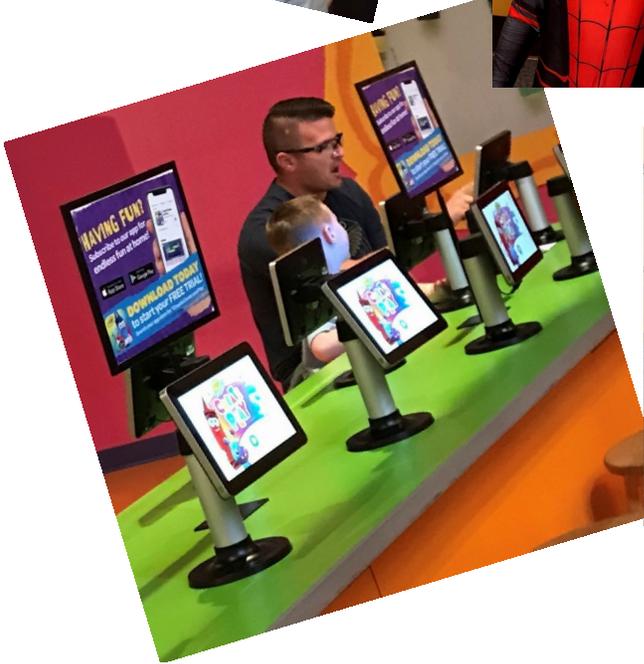
and 22 – 11 am -Thanksgiving

Feasts

November 25 – 29 –

Preschool closed for Thanksgiving



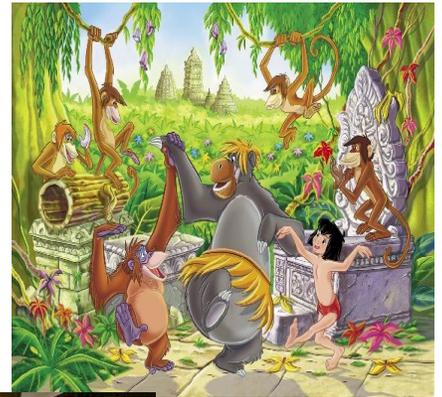




# SHINE KIDS

Angela Lopez, Children's Minister

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**AND HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS**



**NEXT COOKING CLUB THEME:  
TOY STORY 4 IN JANUARY**



**Menu:**

**Monkey bread**

**Chicken quesadilla**

**Guacamole, cheese dip**

**Banana nut bread, animal  
parfaits, pasta with pesto,  
parm. cheese and fire pep-  
pers. Garlic bread and salad**



**Jungle Book Cooking camp Crew: Austyn, Kylie, Sophie,  
Addison, Francesco, Amelia, Ryder, Aiden, Riley and  
Helpers Bailey and Osni**



# Activate Youth Ministry

October was a very busy and productive month. For fun we went on a smart phone photo-scavenger hunt in downtown Winter Garden. Teams earned points by getting as many photos as possible from a list that included Niagara Falls, Elvis, police vehicles, someone eating a bug, etc. Creativity and photo editing (limited) was allowed! The top two teams won gift cards to Chick-fil-A. We also had two life-issue lessons, one on struggling with fitting in and remaining true to your faith and walk as a follower of Christ, the other on social media and internet safety. The dialogue was awesome, the youth receptive to the topics, and offered great personal insight. We chatted briefly on the pitfalls of social media and dangers associated with posting photos and sexting. The social media/internet discussion had a direct tie-in to the ever growing issue of human trafficking, which is the second largest organized criminal activity in the world after illegal drugs, and continues to be on the rise. It is estimated there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally. Florida ranks as the third highest state in the US for human trafficking activity, and social media/internet is the tool of choice by perpetrators trying to groom and coerce potential targets (especially teens and young adults) for sex trafficking. Until we remove the supply (people-thru education) and the demand, (by making it dangerous and costly) it will be an ever increasing risk we need to keep our youth safe from. It is happening all around us, so beware, and educate and speak with your children about it. I provided them some resource material as well as scripture that speaks to every life being valuable. In November we will have an outing to Game Time in Ocoee. I am also planning a scripture based discussion on sex and sexual purity. I will send notification home prior in-case you or your child may be apprehensive about the topic.

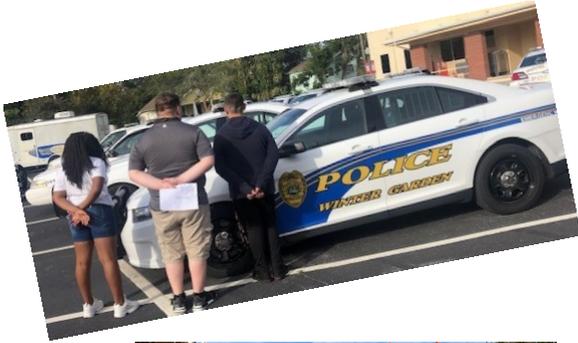
You guys have the most awesome kids, make sure you tell them often how much you, GOD, and their church family loves them!

Please feel free to contact me anytime at [youthminister@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:youthminister@churchofthemessiah.com) or (407) 413-4220, or via remind once you receive a link.

Grace and Peace

Murph Borno





# Digital Scavenger Hunt Downtown WG



## Messiah's Missionaries



If you are traveling and visit a church while you are away, please bring a bulletin with your name on it to the office so we can include it in the Messenger. If you aren't able to bring the bulletin in, call or email the office with the information.



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Port St. Lucie, FL  
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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*in*  
**FRENCH**  
*and*  
**HAITIAN CREOLE**

**EVERY SUNDAY AT 4PM**

*in the Church*

*"Taste and see that the LORD is good!"*

Psalm 34:8

**CHURCH OF THE**  
**MESSIAH**

241 North Main Street

## **Coin Jars For the Building Fund**

Some jars have started to come into the office.  
If you have a jar filled, drop it off anytime.  
Thank you for the collecting your change!



# On a Roll with Tim & Terri: Missionary Misadventures with Deacon Tim and Terri Wetherington

As we watch the incredible beauty of the leaves changing up here in the Blue Ridge Mountains, it led me to think about God's perspective on change.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

In this scripture, the writer was referring to when the Israelites had come out of Egypt and been in the wilderness, and God provided them with food and water as he delivered them to the Promised Land. When God said, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past," I don't believe he was saying to forget all about what he had done for them (and us) up to now. And certainly not to forget the lessons of righteous judgment he had shown them on so many occasions. I believe he was saying to not hold on to the things of this world because this world, and all things of it, will pass away.

There are a lot of wonderful personal memories, and important works by Godly men and women that we must revere. But God doesn't want us to *live* in former times or places. He does want us to hold on to former things where they glorify him, and where they help us move forward toward him. It's always okay to share a joyful moment reminiscing about the good old days - just be sure God is in that moment with you. When God is present in a moment's remembrance of the past, you can be sure that future blessings will flow from it. God promised: "I am doing a new thing!"

The word translated here as "new" was taken from the Hebrew word, *chadash*, which means a fresh, new thing. God's promise is not just something new, we're getting something fresh!!

But new things require change! Change always has an element of uncertainty. By definition, uncertainty means it's possible for bad things to happen. And that's scary.

I see this as another of God's calls for us to be faithful in his love. A loving Father would never bring a bad thing

hidden in a fresh wrapping. To enjoy the freshness of God's bountiful gifts, we must first let go of the stale things. Which of these had you rather have: Stale bread or fresh bread, stale milk or fresh milk, stale air or fresh air? Our God is a god of renewal! Our God is a god of fresh things!

Our God is a god of fresh starts! At the time of the arrival of Jesus in Bethlehem, the church world had become stale and stagnate. People had become weary of the rituals and cleansings, and the endless list of laws and ordinances, and sacrifices, and commandments they felt were impossible to keep. The church was in dire need of a fresh start! It had become a dreary, ritualistic, boring routine. It's sad when the church falls into routine.

One might think, "What's wrong with that, Deacon? I like to sit in the same seat. And those old songs bring me a lot of joy." There's nothing wrong with that...as long as you want more. Because God has so much more joy for you, if you will trust in the changes that he has for you!

Changing can be uncomfortable and anxiety ridden. The more we trust that God is with us, the less anxious we will be. But still, we have to be *willing* to change. *Are* we willing to change? ...to change from routine to fresh? ...from boring to exciting? ...from predictable and trusting in what *we* can understand to trusting *in God* who is beyond all understanding!?

I'm not an arborist. I don't understand much about trees. But I know that in the center of God's garden, he put a tree. And in the center of heaven, there's a tree. In a tree we can see all God's glory. And in a tree we can find faith in a loving God who never brings about a change without a plan for new growth.

Terri and I love you all, and we miss you. We pray that each of you feel the warm presence of a loving God as you embrace the changes in your lives.



From our current campsite on  
Philpott Lake in Bassett, Virginia



Changing trees on the Blue  
Ridge Parkway

*If you would like to follow Terri and Deacon Tim on Facebook, you are invited  
to check out "On A Roll With Tim & Terri"*

## Vestry Minutes \* October 20, 2019 @2:30 p.m.

### Vestry Door Duty for November

Opener at 7:30am: Ron Bouton

Closer at 1pm: Paul Hickman

Vestry Meeting Host: Ron Bouton

## 2019 Vestry

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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, Clerk Joyce Taylor; Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Wendy King, John Peacock, Mary Kay Predmore, Brian Seguin, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel,

Absent: Junior Warden Ron Bouton, Senior Warden Don Greer, Treasurer Rodger Watson, Paul Hickman

**FORMATION:** Wendy King led Noonday Prayer based on Philippians 4:19. Tom Rutherford invited us to talk about how our 2020 Budget will help us change the world with Jesus; one child, one person, one family, one community at a time.

### **INFORMATION:**

#### **Staff Reports:**

**Staff Transition:** Elaina Paige resigned as Financial Minister as of October 23. She works part-time for her sister and part-time for us, and found she wasn't able to do both jobs well, so she appropriately stayed with her sister. She volunteers to help orient her successor. Tom Rutherford called 8 am parishioner Jane Cartelli to that position, and she started on October 17 with the same hours and compensation as Elaina. Jane was interested in the position and interviewed for it in August and is shadowing Elaina for a week to ensure a smooth transition.

#### **Children of the Messiah Preschool**

The financial report was emailed separately.

#### **Children's Ministry: Report by Children's Minister Angela Lopez.**

a) In Children's Church, the children are learning crazy but true stories from the Bible. They especially liked Herod and the worms from Acts 12:19-23 and Ehud and the fat king from Judges 3:12-30. We have moved onto HELP, calling in God in times of need. We have a good routine of one leader

teaching, one manning the computer and the other reviewing memory verses and being a helping hand. I love that the kids are getting more attention with 3 of us in there.

b) In SHINE we are doing a brief unit on BUGS, discovering how a bug can teach us about Jesus. We made a firefly craft and learned about letting our light shine for Jesus. We are going to learn about the praying mantis and ants next before moving on to Thanksgiving lessons. Ms. Regina Seguin will be preparing and presenting the lesson on Ants on Oct. 27.

c) Because it was time to prepare new lessons for the fall, I did not have time to read a whole book. I instead did a short study on racism in the Bible and in church. It felt like the right time as we are now a very diverse group in SHINE and have started noticing a bit of selective grouping going on. I am hoping to very subtly introduce inclusion, oneness and loving our neighbors into some of our lessons to hopefully counter what is happening in schools. I also attended an online conference on Church culture. The main ideas were building a culture of growth and maintaining health ministries. On Oct 24 I have another ministry conference, this one is strictly children and youth related and will be 4 hours long.

d) On Oct 20 I am hosting Jungle Book themed cooking camp and we are going to be talking about Genesis and how Adam was in charge of taking care of the animals. We will make breakfast, lunch, dinner and 2 snacks as well as table decorations.

e) My old computer was bogging down, since it didn't have the video capacity I need, so Father Tom got me a new one, and it is amazing! I cleared my laptop and passed it on to Murph Borno to use for Activate.

f) The outreach team is working on 2 projects right now.

(1) The Edgewood Children's Ranch Christmas party. We are trying to collect donations of toys to bless each home group with a group gift basket.

(2) We are also beginning our Thanksgiving food drive to provide meals to those in need at Dillard Street Elementary as well as friends in the community. There is a donation board in the narthex on the window. I will be seeking the help of SHINE and Activate kids to pack the baskets and help deliver them the week before Thanksgiving.

g) I submitted an itemized Budget Request for \$4,450 for 2020.

**Youth Ministry:** Murph Borno is leading ACTIVATE youth group and loving it. He submitted an itemized budget request for \$4,000 for Youth Ministry in 2020.

Messiah School for the Arts has several events on the horizon. They're all in the bulletin and Messenger.

**Office Minister:** Julie Altenbach reports: Since joining the Messiah Staff, I have been busy learning many things to keep the office and the parish running smoothly:

a) I learned how to produce the 4 bulletins for Sunday worship.

b) I produced my first Messenger and have started November's edition.

c) I feel strongly that an important part of my job is to offer hospitality to all who come to God's house. With that in mind, Angela Lopez and I created a hospitality center so that all who come in our church during the week, whether a parishioner, preschool parent, visitor, or prospective renter, feels welcomed.

d) I contacted every person who signed up to be an Office Angel and am working to schedule them all for shifts in the office. 27 members volunteered this year, and I am excited to get to know them better and work with them.

e) Vestry member, Brian Sequin and I met to discuss Messiah's Way. My Office Angels and I entered the information into Servant Keeper (our church management software) and create the spreadsheets for the leaders of the ministries.

f) We reformatted the bulletin boards to make them more interactive and up to date.

g) I have updated the website to make sure the information is current. I'm taking an online training later this to learn more, and I am posting on our two social media sites; Facebook and Instagram daily. The posts include events from the week, weekend, and preschool and on Sundays.

h) I am building relationships with my coworkers, parishioners, folks that rent from us, and those who come through only occasionally. My goal is to be available to listen, pray and help when I can.

i) Every day I come to Church of the Messiah with a prayer of thanks that God sent me here to work and serve. I am blessed and grateful.

**Messiah's Way:** Ministry Leaders received a list of the folks who volunteered in each area of ministry. PLEASE CONTACT THEM to orient them and put them to work. They start their new ministries December 1 on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

**2020 Budget:** Please email your Budget Requests to Tom Rutherford by the meeting on October 20. The Finance Committee will look over the requests in early November and present a Proposed Budget with their recommendations at the Meeting on November 17 for discussion, and for adoption at our meeting December 15.

### Potential Vestry Candidates:

1. Vestry candidates must be active parishioners who tithe or are on their way to tithing.
2. Tom Rutherford will screen all suggestions to ensure they meet our criteria and do not have a pastoral situation in their life, such that being on Vestry might be detrimental to their or their family's health. He will invite all the possible candidates to stand for election and to attend a Vestry meeting, and the retiring Vestry members (Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Don Greer, and Paul Hickman) will contact each one personally to discover whether or not they'll consent to be a candidate.

**Diocesan Clergy Conference** is October 21-23 (Monday afternoon-lunch on Wednesday) at Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo. Tom Rutherford and Soner Alexandre will attend, and the rest of our Clergy are invited. Greer McBryde will cover the Wednesday morning Communion and Bible Study on the 23rd.

**Leadership Development:** The Messiah family has gotten to be known for cranking out competent clergy, and the Diocese is leaning on us to raise up new leaders.

1. Deacon Students: Archdeacon Kristi Alday asked us to take two students in the Institute of Christian Studies (the diocesan deacon school) for their 6 months of Field Education. Rusty Hazelrigg from Church of the Ascension and Nancy Dushensky from St Peter and St Luke's in St Cloud will join us December 1 on the first Sunday of Advent and will be with us for 6 months. Tom Rutherford and Deacon Julie Altenbach will be their mentors as they serve at the altar and around the parish.

2. Priests: Tom Rutherford just completed mentoring the Rev. Kevin Bartle through his first year as Rector of St Mary's of the Angels Church in Orlando and Richard Gonzalez as a priest with us. Tom met with each of them twice a month for a year to cover the entire Book of Common Prayer, most of the issues clergy face early in ministry, and lots of stuff they don't teach you in seminary.

# Vestry Meeting Minutes

**New Librarian:** Regina Seguin, who is a tenured librarian at Valencia College volunteered to take over our library. She has a vision to upgrade that whole ministry and has applied for a Sabbatical from her work at Valencia to spend 3 months revamping our library. If approved, that Sabbatical won't occur until the fall of 2021, but she's got big plans in the meantime, including revising our library policies, developing an online catalog of our resources, and publicizing that ministry to the parish family. She's asking for \$750 in the 2020 budget to begin the upgrade. Her request is in the hopper for the Finance Committee to consider.

**DISCUSSION** (to help make a decision next month) – (none):

**DECISIONS** (usually based on the Discussion last month)

**A. All Souls' Church Plant in Horizons West:** Before a new congregation may launch, they need permission from all the neighboring congregations. The form from our Vestry will be at the meeting for you to sign... or not. It reads "We, whose names are hereunder written, approve the organization of a new mission by Father Matthew Ainsley and planted by the Church of the Ascension. We support the launch of All Souls Episcopal Church in the community of Horizon West, Florida."

**B. Diocesan Convention Delegates:** Convention is Friday and Saturday January 24&25 at All Saints' Academy in Lakeland. We need 3 lay delegates – one of which needs to be a Vestry member. Dawn Wirbel volunteered to serve as our vestry delegate. Ideally, we will also have 3 alternate lay delegates. Tom Rutherford will recruit others as needed. Our Clergy are automatically delegates.

## MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT :

Minutes from the September meeting:  
**APPROVED**

September Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson:

1. Operating Account: Income was \$8,554.64 LESS than expenses and increased our year-to-date deficit to \$65,980.26. For comparison, our deficit this time last year was \$82,000. So we're ahead! PLEASE continue praying for God to provide.

2. Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$2,182.63 LESS than what we needed to cover the mortgage of \$12,891.97. We did not pre-pay any of the principal on the mortgage, for which we owe \$1.4 million.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Taylor  
Vestry Clerk

## CALENDAR STUFF FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

A. November Door Duty: Open at 7:30am Ron Bouton

Lock up after 1:00pm: Paul Hickman

B. November 2 (Saturday) @ 11am – Altar Guild Lunch

C. November 7 (Thursday) – Ladies' Night Out

D. November 17(Sunday) @ 2:30pm – Vestry Meeting hosted by Ron Bouton

E. November 22-25 (Friday-Sunday) – Men's Retreat at Camp Wingmann

F. November 28-29 (Thursday-Friday) – Parish Office closed for Thanksgiving

## 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT (As of September, 2019)

Operating Income .....	\$463,049.30
Operating Expenses .....	<u>\$529,029.56</u>
Net .....	(65,980.26)
ALL Building Fund Income.....	\$102,591.06
ALL Building Fund Expense .....	<u>\$140,498.20</u>
NET .....	(37,907.14)

Ron Bouton, our Junior Warden, is a Vietnam Veteran. Recently, he was chosen to participate in the distinguished Honor Flight. This is a nationwide organization that strives to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices.

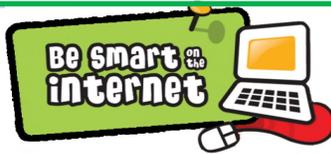
Ron, along with 23 other veterans and 24 chaperones met at OIA and flew to Baltimore. Once they landed, they were bused to Washington D.C. by a police escort.

They stopped at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, and the gravesite of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII. In addition, they were able to visit the Washington Monument at the Reflecting Pond, the Service Womens' Memorial, as well as the memorial for each person in the group's memorial for their war.

Ron was especially touched by the people in the airports they encountered. At each one, there was an Honor Guard and people applauding for the group. Upon his return home, he heard a familiar voice coming from the crowd cheering; our own Joyce Taylor.



**Veteran's Day is Monday, November 11th**  
To Ron and all our Messiah Veterans who have served, thank you for your service and sacrifices.



Hackers, spammers, and scammers are so prevalent today, but have to be careful. Information is the key to better secure your assets and identity.

### Tip #1– Don't Click that link!

If you receive an email stating they are with your bank, or credit card company and provide a link to click, to change your password or confirm your identity.

**DON'T DO IT!**

These are called phishing emails that want you to click so you are redirected to the hacker's phony site. Once you click and provide the information, the hacker has all it needs to access your accounts. Never click URLs within an email. Instead, call to confirm or type the correct URL in your browser.

### Tip #2– Don't open unexpected attachments!

An email may be sent, that appears to be from someone you know that says, "I tried to send this before, did you get it?" There will be an attachment with the email. A hacker has used a friend's email and when you click you can be hacked. Your sensitive data may be at risk, and the hacker has control of your computer.

Parishioner, Dawn, Silvia, will be providing some important tips to stay safe while using the internet. They will be posted in the next few Messengers. We hope you find it helpful.

### Tip #3– Phone scams defined!

Automated (robocalls) and unsolicited calls continue to gain in number. The callers may pretend to be from the IRS, government officials, or even family members. If you have been scammed, contact the Attorney General's Office.

### Tip #4– Phone scams– once you've answered the line

Once you answer the phone to a scammer, they have the number and can sell it to other scammers. Even if it is a robocall and you press the button to unsubscribe, they have your number confirmed.

### Tip #5– Don't Answer the Phone!

Phone numbers can be spoofed, meaning you see a number that looks legitimate, but is not the actual number. If you don't know the number for certain, let it go to voicemail.

STAFFED BY PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

FOR ALL COM COUPLES

REFRESHMENTS FROM 6:30-7:00

Free Childcare!

Social Hour



RECONNECT & CHERISH

MARRIAGE  
MINI-RETREAT  
DATE NIGHT SERIES

08.30.19 | 6:30-8:30 | PARISH HALL

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/COMCherish>

## Marriage Ministry

### Mini-Retreats

#### With Jason & Michelle Alford

With this support, we have felt God's call to bring our spiritual gifts to our church family: Jason's faith and deep connection with others and Michelle's experience as a Roman Catholic Catechist and twelve years as an educator. Our marriage has been strengthened by our life in the church, and we want to both continue that strengthening and give that gift to others as well.

One of the most impactful experiences we have had as a married couple was a series of spiritual date-nights hosted by us in the mini-marriage retreats we attended last year. This is what we would like to bring to Messiah: a series of Parish Hall for couples of all ages to connect with each other, other supporting couples, and Christ.

**Date:** Friday, November 15th.

**Participants:** all married couples of all ages invited; 6 couples minimum, 15 couples maximum.

[mrsalford@gmail.com](mailto:mrsalford@gmail.com)

# COTM LIBRARY



Dear Messiah Family,

My name is Regina Sequin. I regularly attend the 7 pm service here at Messiah with my husband, Brian, and my children; Caroline (9) and Walter (6). I currently serve at a LEM at the 7 pm service and as a volunteer with SHINE, and now I'm excited to be serving as parish Librarian.

Serving in Messiah's Library is especially meaningful to me because librarianship is also my profession. I'm a librarian at Valencia College, West Campus.

My hope for the library is to be able to provide resources and services that will support our church ministries and help each person, child and family grow in discipleship, fellowship and worship. Is there a ministry you lead or love? Is there a church-or-faith-related topic you'd like to learn more about? Is there a story you'd like to hear? Our library is here to help!

In the coming months please look for regular features in The Messenger where I will highlight the library's offerings, as well as great resources you can find online and in the community.

I will also ask for your ideas.

Finally and most importantly, I ask prayers for me and the library. With Jesus' help we will be able to serve Him through this ministry.

Contact information:

[library@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:library@churchofthemessiah.com)



By Helen Farnsworth

This month I was privileged to read ***This Is The Day*** by Tim Tebow, well known to many of you as a star quarterback of the Florida Gators years ago, who pursued a career in professional football and then a career in professional baseball. He is also a gifted writer who challenges his readers to seize today, because life isn't just about *ONE* day, it's about *THIS* day. *THIS* is the day to:

Say YES to your dreams; Overcome a bad habit or character flaw;

See what God sees; Fight for what is right;

Change someone's life for the better and step closer to your dreams and goals.

He includes stories from his own life that illustrate these things, as well as some that represent opportunities missed for him. So it's an autobiography with spiritual goals in the forefront—a very inspiring book.

I also got around to listening to the Mercy Me CD, ***I Can Only Imagine***, which includes some songs that will sound familiar to regular attenders at Messiah, specifically "Word of God Speak," and of course others, like the title song—"I Can Only Imagine," that you will discover with delight (assuming you're unfamiliar with them). I'll be putting it in the Church library as well, so you can decide for yourself if you like it.



# Edgewood Children's Ranch

In the past, COTM has partnered with Edgewood Children's Ranch to share the love of Jesus with children in need. Many of the children on the ranch have never heard of Jesus before arriving on the ranch! There they attend youth group, chapel and have devotional time

## *How can you help?*

The outreach team will be providing pizza and several other ministries are contributing supplies. However, we need all ages to come and be helping hands!

We would also like to bless each cottage with a basket of gifts tailored to their age and interest. There are 6 cottages and 8 children in each. Here is how we are going to categorize the items:

-**Younger girls (8-11) crafts.** This can be anything like coloring books, paints, jewelry making kits, craft idea books, paper dolls. Girl themed lego sets.

-**Older girls (12-17) Disney** Books and Movies Disney live action movies (Lion King, Aladdin, Beauty and the Beast.) Gift cards to Barnes and Noble or Amazon, Chick fil A or Jeremiah's Italian ice.

We have been absent from their campus and would like to change that. Please join us as we plan a Christmas kickoff party for the 48 children and 12 cottage parents living at the ranch. We are taking a crew to provide dinner, make ornaments and sing carols with the ranchers. We would love to have you and your families join us on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

**Younger boys (9-12) builders' box.** Age appropriate Lego kits, k'nex, books with Lego characters, small construction kits, Nerf toys, AMC gift cards.

**Middle boys (12-14) Fishing and outdoor toys.** Poles, line, tackle gift cards for fast food, tennis balls, basketballs, outdoor games.

**Older boys (13-15) Fishing and sports** chain basketball net, UNO, outdoor ring toss, fishing gear.

**Older boys (15-17)** Marvel super hero theme board games, Marvel 1000 piece puzzles, Captain America Risk, snacks from around the world, gift cards.

We will be collecting NOW through November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Please Check Out**

**[edgewoodranch.com](http://edgewoodranch.com)**

To learn more about the programs and ministry of the ranch. We are looking to make monthly connections in a variety of ways such as cooking, fellowship, music, clean up, outings. **Please pray for the cottage parents:**

Loren, Maria, Gordon, Angela, Amos, Nadine, Julio, Kathie, Connor, Renee, Arnold, Chris Anne

*See or contact an Outreach team member for more information:*

*Doreen 407-717-5888*

*Angela 321-287-9089*



Ladies Dining Club

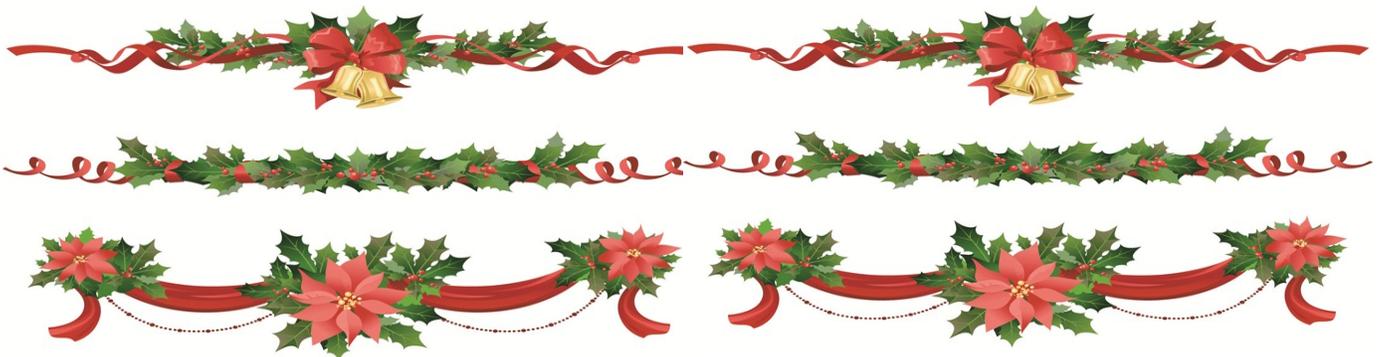
## SPECIAL DECEMBER GATHERING

Bring a Wrapped Christmas Decoration  
or Christmas Ornament  
Under \$10.00 in value  
And bring an Appetizer

Gathering will be held Dec. 3, at 6:30 PM

We will meet at the home of Tina Carter  
2517 Barra Ct., Clermont ( 4 Corners Area)

ATTENDANCE BY RESERVATION ONLY



# Mark Your Calendars



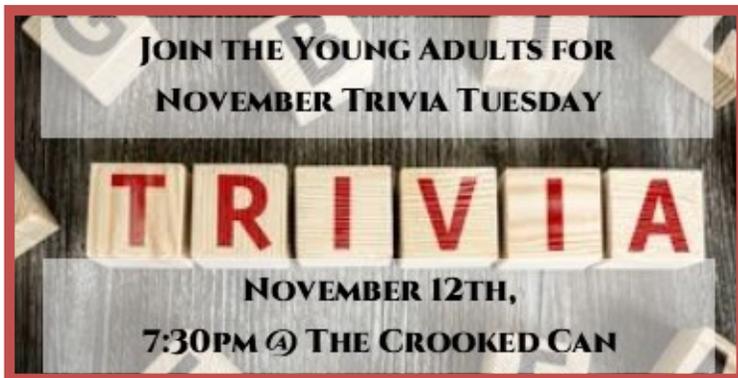
**November 7th from 6-9 pm in the Parish Hall**

**Invite your friends for a night of food, fun,  
fellowship and shopping.**

For more information contact the office or:

Marci Babione: [Mbabione@bkc-cpa.net](mailto:Mbabione@bkc-cpa.net) -407-489-2204

Annette Spigener: [Annette@thewrinkledegg.net](mailto:Annette@thewrinkledegg.net) -407-694-9651



**JOIN THE YOUNG ADULTS FOR  
NOVEMBER TRIVIA TUESDAY**

**TRIVIA**

**NOVEMBER 12TH,**

**7:30PM @ THE CROOKED CAN**

The logo for the Altar Guild, featuring the words 'Altar' and 'Guild' in a black serif font, separated by a golden chalice. The chalice has a flame above it. The entire logo is set against a white background within a yellow border.

## Altar Guild

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

**November 2nd from 11-1**

**Please contact:**

**Trudie at 407-299-2081**

**Or**

**Karen at 407-625-7615**



**Light Up Winter Garden**

**Friday, December 6th from 6-9**

**COTM Praise and Worship Band will be performing**

**SUNDAY SERVANTS 8:00 AM**

<b>8:00 Service</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> LEM</b>	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Steve Dunegan
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LEM</b>	Marvin Haughton	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase	Ellie Chase
<b>Lector</b>	Bill Bradford	Bradford Fisher	Aliena Gaye	Deborah Townsend
<b>Altar Server</b>	Aiden Morrison	Kayrah Elliot	Kayrah Elliot	Kayrah Elliot
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Ron Bouton Bill Bradford Carolyn Greer Elaina Paige	Pete & Nancy Glynn Jay & Marsha Dymond,	Ron Bouton Ansel & Ina Haughton Elaina Paige	Jay & Marsha Dymond, Pete & Nancy Glynn
<b>LEV Team</b>		Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Don Greer
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>		Nancy Barber	Elise Bradford	Elise Bradford

**SUNDAY SERVANTS 9:30**

<b>9:30 Service</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> LEM</b>	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Anthony Beckford	Susie Marshall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LEM</b>	Susie Marshall	Erin Hinz	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck
<b>Lector</b>	Jay Williams	Kevin Cochrane	Lynn Passilla	Sharon Puchein
<b>Altar Server</b>	Chelsea Borno	Chris Brown	Yolwenn Alexandre	Kelsey Beck
<b>Crucifer</b>	William Greenwell	Katy Babcock	Elijah Roberson	Francesco Fulvi
<b>Torch Bearer</b>	Evan Candes & Elijah Roberson	Ryder Bakios & Francesco Fulvi	Evan Candes & Melanie Field	Ryder Bakios & Annalisa Puchein
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Horace & Jacquie Williams, Jay & Patti Williams	Alex Babcock George & Anida Daniel Tom Stachowski	Chuck & Deborah Grunder Christopher & Heather Lynn	Jim & Lynn Passilla John and Sharon Puchein
<b>LEV Team</b>	Mike & Bobbie Warren		Jim & Lynn Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Sharon Puchein	Wally Stewart	Susan Keihm	Wally Stewart

**SUNDAY SERVANTS 11:00**

<b>11:00 Service</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> LEM</b>	Vita Mazzaluna	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe	Lionel Williams
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LEM</b>	Karen Williams	Stacey Jamail	Roni Pavan	Vita Mazzaluna
<b>Lector</b>	Terri Anthony	Paul Buzzonetti	Leo Henry	Patty Tate
<b>Altar Server</b>	Giada Mazzaluna	Yolwenn Alexandre	Delilah Brueggeman	Giada Mazzaluna
<b>Greeters/ Ushers</b>	Steve Brueggeman Mary Katulic Paul & Patty Robertson	Lisa Borst Richard & Kelley McRae	Steve Brueggeman Paul & Patty Robertson Karen Williams	Richard & Kelly McRae Mary Katulic Joe Wolfe
<b>LEV Team</b>	Lionel & Karen Williams	Lionel & Karen Williams		Lionel & Karen Williams

**SUNDAY SERVANTS 7:00**

<b>7:00 Service</b>	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
<b>LEM</b>	Regina Sequin		Marvin Haughton	Regina Sequin
<b>Lector</b>	Wendy King	Steve Borst	Tori Eaton	Helen Farnsworth
<b>Altar Server</b>	Kara Altenbach	Caroline & Walter Sequin	Isabella Figueroa	Kaitlyn O'Brien
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Raul Lopez	Brian Sequin	Tina Sydnor	Mary Pounds
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Wendy King		Wendy King	Brian Sequin

**Readings**

	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 10</b>	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 24</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Daniel 7:1-3; 15-18	Job 19:23-27	Malachi 4:1-6	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm	149 BCP 807	17 BCP 600	98 BCP 727	46 BCP 649
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Ephesians 1:11-23	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	2 Thessalonians <b>3:6-13</b>	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel	Luke 6:20-31	Luke 20:27-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:33-43



# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m. Women Only: Tuesday 6:30pm Men Only: Thursday 6pm</b>				<b>Overeater's Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in Library. OACFI.org</b>	1	2 Altar Guild Luncheon 10-2 in the Youth Hall
<b>3 BAG SUNDAY</b> *8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine and Activate 5:00 Diving Deeper Daughters of the King 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	<b>4</b> MSftA Lessons	<b>5 Fr. Tom's Day Off</b> Men's Supper in Parish Hall @6:30 Ladies' Supper Club at Servandos @ 6:30	<b>6</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 6 pm Bible Study (library)	<b>7</b>  <b>Ladies' Night Out</b> Parish Hall 6-9	8	9
<b>10</b> *8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine and Activate 5:00 Diving Deeper Daughters of the King 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	<b>11</b> 	<b>12Fr. Tom's Day Off</b>	<b>13</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 6 pm Bible Study (library)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Marriage Retreat 6:30-8:30 	<b>16</b> Alzheimer's Support Group 4:30-5:30
<b>17</b> *8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine and Activate 5:00 Diving Deeper Daughters of the King 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	<b>18</b>	<b>19Fr. Tom's Day Off</b>	<b>20</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 6 pm Bible Study (library)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> *8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine and Activate 5:00 Diving Deeper Daughters of the King 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	<b>25</b>	<b>26Fr. Tom's Day Off</b>	<b>27</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 6 pm Bible Study (library)	<b>28</b>  Office Closed	<b>28</b> Office	<b>30</b>

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Lamar Powers  
Debbie Rutherford
- 3 Julie Altenbach
- 4 Sherri O'Brien
- 5 Elijah Roberson
- 6 Lynne Passilla
- 7 Linda Ellison
- 8 Joshua Lopez
- 10 Steve Borst  
Stuart Carter  
Bailey Imes
- 12 William Pearce
- 13 Ellen Chase  
Doreen Stachowski
- 14 Derek Cho-Sam  
Amy Eiden  
Rebekah Lucey
- 15 Nathan McRae  
Sean Wise
- 16 Susan Kiehm  
Johanna Watson
- 17 Bibi Cho-Sam
- 18 George Daniel  
Alexa Jean-Giles



*Pray for our Expectant Mothers*

*baby on the way*

Nichole Tate  
(Patty Tate's Daughter-In-Law) due in December with twins

- 20 Erin Hinz  
Laird-Michael Hinz
- 21 Minette Roberson
- 22 Ashley West  
Violet Eaton  
Rodger Watson
- Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno
- 23 Victoria Eaton
- 24 Kathy Quesenberry
- 27 Donna McGarvey
- 30 Isma Davidson



- 14 Richard & Barbara Gore
- 16 Tom & Dawn Wirbel
- 19 Jay & Marsha Dymond
- 23 Brian & Erin Hinz
- 27 Frank & Nancy Kolski



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 the 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
month/day/year

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

# This Month at COTM

