

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming GRACE

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

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# MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.

*Announcements and news for the week of Sept 20 - Sept 27, 2009*

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

|             |   |          |    |
|-------------|---|----------|----|
| TODAY       | Sunday Classes                          | 9:15     | am |
|             | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30    | am |
| TUESDAY     | Craft Nite                              | 7:00     | pm |
| WEDNESDAY   | Choir Practice                          | 7:30     | pm |
| THURSDAY    | Thursday Craft & Lunch Group            | 9:00     | am |
| SATURDAY    | YARD SALE                               | 8 am – 1 | pm |
|             | Baytree AA Group                        | 7:00     | pm |
| NEXT SUNDAY | Sunday Classes                          | 9:15     | am |
|             | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30    | am |

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING ... "God's Love, Our Response"

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 2009 Budget Goal  | \$ 134,486.00 |
| Goal per week     | \$ 2,586.00   |
| 2009 Goal to Date | \$ 95,692.00  |

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Offerings for 2009 Budget – as of 09/13 | \$ 98,691.00 |
| Offering on 09/13                       | \$ 2,599.00  |
| Weekly average for 37 week              | \$ 2,667.00  |

### Designated Offerings:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Building Fund                             | \$ 50.00   |
| Pine Tree House Debt Reduction Fund       | \$ 150.00* |
| * inc 2 memorials in honor of Paul Thiner |            |
| Memorials in honor of Andrew Dale Charos  | \$ 275.00  |

*"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" Matthew 5: 16*

## Pinetree House Property

Non-designated contributions for the Pinetree House are used toward monthly payment of interest and principle. Thank you for your gifts.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are a gift and a warm reminder of God's love to bloom where you are planted by Lisa Tinney in memory of Joyce Tinney's birthday (9/21). *Thanks for the gift of flowers to enhance our worship, and to glorify the Lord our God. To order flowers, please use the registry located on the stand in the hallway toward the fellowship hall.*

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER **Acts 2: 42**

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Steve Keller (9/25); Bernice Boughton (9/27), Jesse Sheeley (9/27), Daryl Sparks (9/28), Noah Whitten (9/28). Missed *on this list? Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.*

**ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES** The deployed from MAFB (several squadrons) Cheston Morgan, Afghanistan, Verla George's grandson in the Army. Keith Missildine, (Navy, New Jersey), Brian Sparks (Navy, R.I.), Kevin Sparks (AF, Florida)

### **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PATIENTS/SHUT-INS**

Mike Laigoia, Fellowship Home  
Charles Kluball, Fellowship Home  
Vi & Clarence Heidemann, homebound  
Mildred Evans undergoing rehab at home  
Margaret Rupp convalescing after gall bladder surgery

### **NEW JOYS & ON-GOING CONCERNS:**

Mary Kinchen, gall bladder surgery 9/21; Jack Hostetler, skin cancers, Jacquie Condon, congestive heart failure Kathy Lane's mother

### **LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

| Name                         | Concern/joy                | Requested by           | Relationship                       |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| June Orrison                 | cancer                     | Gloria Cook            | cousin                             |
| Belinda Judy                 | brain tumor                | Dorothy Hauge          | friend                             |
| Virginia Anderson            | Alzheimer's                | Betty Zipperer         | sister                             |
| Roy McDanielle               | lung disease               | Duane Hauge            | friend                             |
| Ricky Harrell                | needs kidney transplant    | Erin Jansen            | uncle                              |
| Elizabeth Rabon              | cancer                     | Erin Jansen            | grandmother                        |
| Linda Brightwell             | cancer                     | Tina Wright            | friend/co-worker                   |
| Diane McNamara               | breast cancer              | Pat Simpson            | niece                              |
| Maebeth Gerisch              | nursing home care          | Ed Gerisch             | wife                               |
| Melanie McDonald             | brain seizures             | Mary Kinchen           | cousin                             |
| Vickie Johnson               | health issues              | Dana Black             | mother                             |
| Bobby Joe Johnson            | health issues              | Dana Black             | step-father                        |
| Alyssia Ventura              | MS                         | Silke/PatrickDeeley    | daughter                           |
| Jake Tillman's grandson (12) | leukemia                   | Don Sullins            | friend                             |
| John Harris                  | multiple health concerns   | Jan Bristow            | friend                             |
| Christopher Stone            | pt recovery                | Pat Simpson            | grandson                           |
| Sally Carson                 | tests                      | Jack/Joanne Hostetler  | daughter                           |
| Ella Derr                    |                            | John Mitchell          | friend                             |
| Mike Ellis                   | diagnosed with leukemia    | Bo Miller              | friend                             |
| Joan Adams                   | post surgery complications | Ellen/John Mitchell    | friend                             |
| Steven Bridges               | leukemia                   | Lisa Tinney/Dana Black | friend                             |
| Edgar Vizcarondo             | cancer                     | Rae Hubbard            | friend                             |
| Jeff Griffin                 | colon cancer               | Don Sullins            | friend                             |
| Robert                       | health issues              | Duane Hauge            | brother                            |
| Gloria DeMillo               | blood clot in lung         | Dorothy Hauge          | friend                             |
| Billy Langdale               | circulation problems       | Pernell Jones          | neighbor                           |
| Ira & Louise Whatley         | cancer                     | Nancy Stewart          | parents of a friend                |
| David                        | cancer in throat           | Nancy Stewart          | son                                |
| Marilyn                      | kidney disease             | Linda/Gary Klement     | friend                             |
| Charli Butler (6mth)         | chemo treatments           | Wendy Tweeter          | friend of parents<br>Aaron & Jamie |
| Gerri and daughter           | liver disease and cancer   | Linda/Gary Klement     | friends                            |
| Nancy Golden                 | liver failure              | Teri Williams          | friend                             |

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Organ/Piano                           | Kay Vincent                         |
| Choir Director                        | Marjorie Fix                        |
| Worship Assistant                     | John Mitchell                       |
| Reader/Communion Assistants           | Hobe Hodge, George Vincent          |
| Children's Message                    | Cindy Sweeney, Tage France & others |
| Acolyte                               | Alina Sweeney                       |
| Greeters                              | Gary Klement, Victoria Benavides    |
| Nursery                               | Deanese Willis                      |
| Ushers                                | Lisa Tinney, Gary Klement           |
|                                       | George Vincent, Lisa Vincent        |
| Altar preparation/Chancel care        | Lou Grall                           |
| Sound tech                            | Volunteer                           |
| Custodians                            | Bob & Valerie Behnke                |
| Altar linen                           | Fran Sparks                         |
| Flower service                        | Helen Whitten                       |
| Flower beds                           | Whitten family                      |
| Grass cutting                         | Fred Daniels 245-0483               |
| Floor Maintenance Smith's Janitorials | Laverne Smith 229 387-6060          |
| Church Council.....                   |                                     |
| Kay Vincent, president                | Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary      |
| Gary Klement, co- financial secretary | Lisa Tinney, co-financial secretary |
| Kathy Lane, treasurer                 | Jeff Moxley, stewardship            |
| Cindy Mitchell, Christian E           | Bo Miller, property                 |
| Jolleen Christians, evangelism        | John Mitchell, worship              |
|                                       | Dana Black, youth                   |

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

|                    | <u>Sept 27</u>                                     | <u>Oct 4</u><br><b>LWML Sun</b>               | <u>Oct 11</u>  |
|--------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Reader:</b>     | J Mitchell   | C Pieplow                                     | E Sheeley  |
| <b>Com Assist:</b> | E Mitchell   | J Sparks                                      | K Sheeley  |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>    | N Meyer  | Z Moxley                                      | C Christians   |
| <b>Chancel:</b>    | L Tinney   | K Sheeley                                     | E Mitchell   |
| <b>Nursery:</b>    | M Foutz  |   | K Boles  |
| <b>Greeters:</b>   | C Sweeney<br>A Sweeney                             | P Jones<br>P Simpson                          | N Stewart<br>A Janney                                  |
| <b>Ushers:</b>     | J Hostetler<br>J Hostetler<br>R Behnke<br>V Behnke | M Foutz<br>K Boles<br>J Christians<br>S Adams | G Vincent<br>L Vincent<br>C Christians<br>N Williamson |

## **GRACE & PEACE FROM PASTOR RICHARD**

“THANK YOU”... Ed and Jesse Sheeley for the BarBQ chicken all enjoyed last Sunday, and “thank you” Cindy Sweeney and all those who helped make our Rally Day a special treat for the kids. Next big event: Oktoberfest, Sunday, Oct. 25, 5: 00 pm

### **CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?**

Having trouble hearing the speakers in church? We now have a solution from ADVANCED HEARING SOLUTIONS. Please ask the greeter or usher for a receiver and an ear bud or headset. Carefully read the instructions and warnings when using. PLEASE NOTE CAUTION FOR THOSE WITH PACEMAKERS. If you find the receiver helpful, you may want to consider purchasing your own ear bud or headset for \$16. The church has purchased 4 receivers and 2 ear buds and 2 headsets. Additional items can be purchased as needed. The cost of the complete system including 1 transmitter was \$924.48 and was purchased with undesignated memorials.

### **Admissions, Confessions**

It was a stark and disquieting day—the day he admitted that he didn't really believe in Jesus. He admitted it as he was reading the Bible and all he could think about were the questions he had swirling around in his head. The scripture said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). He admitted that he wasn't particularly interested in being a servant of anyone, much less of everyone.

He admitted it as he thought about all the questions he had about how the Holy Spirit worked through the waters of baptism and the bread and wine of communion. He admitted it as he thought about how on the surface he appeared to be a very "good" Christian. However, he knew that underneath that very thin veneer there was a man who lived stingily and cautiously, and not like someone who really ever believed in a transformative gospel.

He admitted that if he was truthful with himself, he didn't want to give away his hard-earned money to the poor. Sure, he desired to help the starving children in Africa—but honestly, he really, really desired a flat-screen plasma television.

He admitted that any shred of faith he had now was completely unrecognizable from the faith he had as a child or even as a younger adult. He thought that admitting all these things might spin his faith off into some void, that he might somehow become lost forever in a sea of unbelief with no way back.

Rather, it led him back home again. His admissions, his confessions, reminded him why he so desperately needed a Savior. By refusing to just play the part of a Christian anymore, he was coming closer to being the real thing than he had in a long time.

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