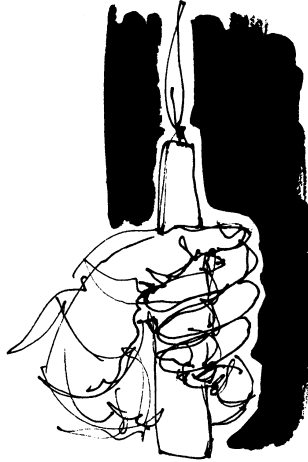


# Messiah Lutheran Church

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October 11, 2009  
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 Oct 11 - Oct 18, 2009*  
EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	am
	Evangelism meeting at Pieplow home	7:00	pm
MONDAY	Joyful Noise Lunch at The Scoop on Northside	11:45	am
	Church Council	7:00	pm
TUESDAY	Circuit Pastors in Tallahassee		
WEDNESDAY	Communion Instruction Class	5:00	pm
	Choir Practice	7:30	pm
THURSDAY	Thursday Craft & Lunch Group	9:00	am
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
SATURDAY	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	20 <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	\$ 103,451.00

Offerings for 2009 Budget – as of 10/04/09	\$ 107,268.00
Offering on 10/04	\$ 3,904.00
Weekly average for 40 week	\$ 2,682.00
Designated Offerings:	
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Pine Tree House Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 200.00

*"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 Balance as of 9/18/09 \$80,719.77**

Non-designated contributions for the Pinetree House are used toward monthly payment of interest (\$370) 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 Leslie McGhin in memory of Jason Lyle McGhin and Glenn Thoreson.**  
*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** Sunny Schilly (10/16 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:

Jack Hostetler, skin cancers

For flood victims in the Southeast, especially Atlanta area

Dan Jansen, hernia surgery on Oct. 16

Richard, Susan Keller's brother, surgery Oct 8 to open arteries in the heart.

### 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
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
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
Gerri and daughter	liver disease and cancer	Linda/Gary Klement	friends
Nancy Golden	liver failure	Teri Williams	friend
Denny Brown	cancer	Carrie Meyer	friend's dad
Rev. Thomas Mendenhall		Marjorie Fix	pastor in KS
Jane Frost	tests for Parkinsons	Linda Klement	friend
Warren Gee	prostate cancer		former member

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano	Kay Vincent
Choir Director	Marjorie Fix
Worship Assistant	John Mitchell
Reader/Communion Assistants	Ed & Kathy Sheeley
Children's Message	Cindy Sweeney, Tage France & others
Acolyte	Chandler Christians
Greeters	Nancy Steward, Alvina Janney
Nursery	Karin Boles
Ushers	George Vincent, Lisa Vincent
	Corey Christians, Nicki Williamson
Altar preparation/Chancel care	Lisa Tinney
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

	<b><u>Oct 18</u></b>	<b><u>Oct 25</u></b> <b>Reformation</b> <b>Sun</b>	<b><u>Nov 1</u></b> <b>All Saints Day</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	C Sweeney	L Welch	D Rockey
<b>Com Assist:</b>	M Mitchell	J Welch	D Rockey
<b>Acolyte:</b>	A Sweeney	M Gannon	N Meyer
<b>Chancel:</b>	P Simpson	V Benke	N Atkins
<b>Nursery:</b>	J Christians	J Jansen	N Stewart
<b>Greeters:</b>	R Behnke V Behnke	J Hostetler J Hostetler	J Willis D Willis
<b>Ushers:</b>	E Sheeley J Sheeley B Miller J Moxley	D Rockey J Willis B Boles K Boles	G Klement G Vincent L Tinney volunteer

**GRACE & PEACE FROM PASTOR RICHARD**

Coming soon! The annual Octoberfest party will be Sunday, October 25 at 5: pm. Brats will be prepared by yours truly. There's a sign-up sheet with suggestions as to what to bring.

**NOMINATION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL**

The position of President and Treasurer is up for election this fall. Both Kay Vincent and Kathy Lane have served 2 terms as president and treasurer and are ineligible for those positions. Nominations for these two positions can be made to any council member.

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?**

Audio receivers are available for those with hearing loss. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

**HOW TO LIVE AND SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE**

Join those who desire to grow in their skill of sharing Christ's love this evening at 7 pm at the home (1803 Sherwood Circle) of Pr. Richard and Cyndy Pieplow. -Jolleen Christians, Church Council, Evangelism

**THRIVENT MEETING... SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER**

Sunday, Oct, 18 at 5pm at the Western Sizzlin Steak House, Adel, GA (Exit 39 on I-75) Order of business: Election of Officers for 2010, and recognition of Volunteers. RSVP: Sandy Adams or Pr. Richard by Wed. Oct 14.

**HOSPICE OF SOUTH GEORGIA ADVISORY BOARD BBQ CHICKEN**

½ chicken, slaw, baked beans & bread prepared by Autry's  
Lunch pick up 11 am – 2 pm Dinner pick up 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
At Northside Baptist Church, 200 E Park Ave.  
\$7.50 per plate Advanced purchase only.  
Contact Hospice of South GA 249-4100 or Kay Vincent or Pr. Richard, former advisory board members.

AMOS IS SO CRABBY!



HE'S PREACHING TO PEOPLE WHO ARE RICH AT THE EXPENSE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR.



WELL, THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO ME. I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE NEW IPHONE!



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## Does Stuff Own Us?

She thinks about it when she's putting away clothes and she sees her closets absolutely stuffed. She considers it every time more leftovers have gone bad in her full refrigerator. It runs through her head when a household appliance breaks and she throws it away and then runs out to get a new one. She's been thinking about it as her car is getting older—it still runs just fine, but certainly a mini-van would be more comfortable now that she has two children and strollers and car-seats to carry around.

What has she been thinking about? She has been thinking about a question she overheard the other day: "Do we own stuff or does our stuff own us?"

She never had to think about it much before. The years prior to this she was just barely able to make ends meet. There wasn't much money coming in, and not a lot of extra "stuff" when she was a student and just starting her career.

But then some bills got paid off, she and her husband received raises, and now they've been faced with the nagging thought that how they treat the "wiggle room" they have in their budget says something about what they believe, about what is important to them.

She knows what Jesus says: "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Mark 10:21).

The rich man wasn't able to do it. She knows she can't either. But she needs to do something. She needs to start somewhere.

She gets out her credit card and a sticky note and a marker. In bold letters she writes, "Do I own stuff, or does my stuff own me?" She fastens the sticky note to the card and puts it back in her purse.

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