

Messiah Lutheran Church

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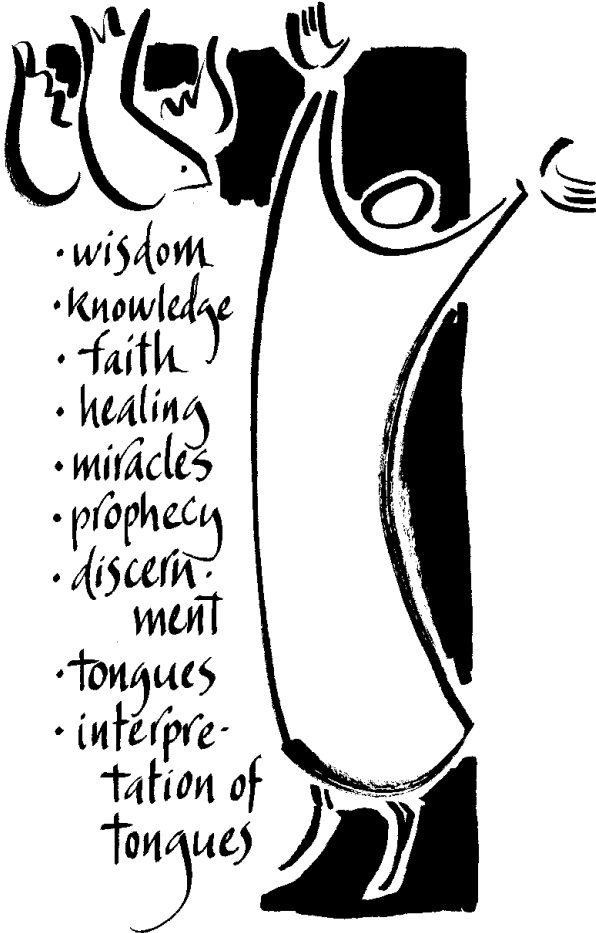
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Ministers: Every Member



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January 17, 2010
Proclaiming GRACE

**God's Riches At Christ's Expense
Est. January 3, 1956**

MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.
Announcements and news for the week of Jan 17– Jan 24, 2010
EVENTS THIS WEEK

Welcome in the Name of God's Beloved Son, Jesus the Messiah! Alleluia! Jesus revealed his glory changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana, and his disciples believed in him! Martin Luther said it is no less a miracle for you to believe in him. Alleluia!

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| TODAY | Sunday Classes | 9:15 | am |
| | 2 Sunday after Epiphany | | 10:30 |
| | | | am |
| | Thrivent Meeting | 5:00 | pm |
| | Western Sizzlin, Adel | | |
| MONDAY | Confession of Peter | | |
| | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins | | |
| | Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed | | |
| WEDNESDAY | Choir practice | 7:30 | pm |
| THURSDAY | Craft group | 9:00 | am |
| | Liftlifter | | |
| | Baytree AA Group | 7:00 | pm |
| SATURDAY | Baytree AA Group | 7:00 | pm |
| NEXT SUNDAY | Sunday Classes | 9:15 | am |
| | 3 Sunday after Epiphany | 10:30 | am |
| | Marriage Enrichment Small Group | 5:30 | pm |
| | Location: Pinetree House | | |

WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, OUR RESOURCES

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| 2010 Budget Goal | \$ 141,636.00 |
| Goal per week | \$ 2,724.00 |
| 2010 Goal to Date | \$ 5,448.00 |
| Offering for 2010 Budget – as of 1/10/10 | \$ 6,429.00 |
| Weekly average for 2 weeks | \$ 3,215.00 |

Designated Offerings:

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| Building Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Pine Tree House Debt Reduction Fund 2010 | \$ 25.00 |
| Pinetree House Debt Reduction in memory of Robert Nelson | \$ 500.00 |

“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 Loan Balance as of 12/21/09 \$79,589.77

ALTAR FLOWERS are a warm reminder of God's blessings and a gift for you. *Thanks for the gift of flowers to brighten this day and to glorify the Lord who richly blesses you! Please use the registry in the hallway across from the nursery to sign-up for flowers.*

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

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Nancy Sult 91/17); Leslie McGhin (1/18); Montine Foutz, Philip Pieplow, Phillip Nutt (1/21). Missed *on this list?* **Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.**

ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES Corey Christians, Afghanistan, 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

Charles Kluball, Fellowship Home
Vi & Clarence Heidemann, homebound

NEW JOYS & ON-GOING CONCERNS:

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 |
| Linda Brightwell | cancer | Tina Wright | friend/co-worker |
| 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 |
| John Harris | multiple health concerns | Jan Bristow | friend |
| Sally Carson | tests | Jack/Joanne Hostetler | daughter |
| Steven Bridges | leukemia | Lisa Tinney/Dana Black | friend |
| Edgar Vizcarondo | cancer | Rae Hubbard | friend |
| Robert | health issues | Duane Hauge | brother |
| Ira & Louise Whatley | cancer | Nancy Stewart | |
| Charli Butler (6mth) | chemo treatments | Wendy Tweeter | friend of parents |
| Nancy Golden | liver failure | Teri Williams | friend |
| Denny Brown | cancer | Carrie Meyer | friend's dad |
| Rev. Thomas Mendenhall | | Marjorie Fix | pastor in K former member |
| Warren Gee | prostate cancer | | |
| Richard | heart disease | Susan Keller | brother |
| McKenzie Brownlee | (age 2) leukemia AML | Dr. Brad Meyer | nurse's child |
| Doris Olsen | (age 94) congestive heart | Norene Olsen | stepmother |
| Betty Hesemann | (age 90) | Carrie Meyer | grandmother |
| Karen Hoover | bone cancer | Nancy Stewart | in MI |
| Jo Ann Freeland | hospital | Nancy Stewart | sister-in-law MI |
| Terry Luecke(?) | tumor in back removed | Don Sullins | friend |
| Elizabeth Manley | | Dorothy Hauge | friend |
| Ruth Cornelius | | Dorothy Hauge | friend |

WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

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| Organ/Piano | Kay Vincent |
| Choir Director | Marjorie Fix |
| Liturgy Assistant | John Mitchell |
| Acolyte | Chandler Christians |
| Reader/Communion Assistants | Hobe Hodge and George Vincent |
| Presenter of the children's message | Carrie Meyer, Pr. Richard |
| Greeters | Deanese & Jeff Willis |
| Nursery | Joanne Hostetler |
| Ushers | Ed Sheeley, Jesse Sheeley |
| | Bo Miller, Jeff Moxley |
| Altar preparation/Chancel care | Ellen Mitchell |
| 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 |

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| Church Council..... | |
| Dick Rockey, president | Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary |
| Gary Klement, co- financial secretary | Lisa Tinney, co-financial secretary |
| John Mitchell, treasurer | Jeff Moxley, stewardship |
| Cindy Mitchell, youth | Lisa Vincent, property |
| Jolleen Christians, evangelism | Norene Olson, worship |
| | Dana Black, Christian Ed |

WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

| | <u>Jan 24</u> 3rd Sun Epiphany | <u>Jan 31</u> 4th Sun Epiphany | <u>Feb 7</u> 5th Sun Epiphany |
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| Reader: | J Mitchell | E Sheeley | B Miller |
| Com Assist: | E Mitchell | K Sheeley | C Miller |
| Acolyte: | A Sweeney | S Spencer | Z Moxley |
| Chancel: | N Atkins | L Tinney | V Behnke |
| Nursery: | D Kraushaar | V Behnke | N Stewart |

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| Greeters: | J Sparks | C Miller | M Rupp |
| | P Simpson | B Miller | M Evans |
| Ushers: | G Vincent | W Tinney | D Rockey |
| | L Vincent | L Tinney | J Willis |
| | N Williamson | G Klement | K Boles |
| | volunteer | volunteer | B Boles |

Grace and Peace from Pr. Richard

What has caught my attention lately is the generous “givers” within this Church. The offerings for our operational expenses and our mission support was \$140,390 or \$5,904 over the 2009 goal of \$134,486. Our God is so awesome to bless this church with generous hearts. Thank you for your support of this ministry in 2009 and for your continued support of paying down our debt on the Pinetree House and a 2010 ministry goal of \$141,636. Here’s one example of the challenges we face. The cold spell affects your home heating bill. The church’s too. Propane gas bill for service on 12/04 and 12/30 is \$571.42. Tuesday morning I could smell gas in the fellowship hall. The tank was low, the pilot went out, and so another refill costing about \$400. We have no control of the weather or these costs, and we have to keep the heat on so that pipes inside don’t freeze. Our trust is that God will provide, and hopefully this cold spell will soon end. To God be the glory and Lord, help us to be good stewards of all your gifts of time, talents, and resources.

Small Group Opportunities Beginning in January/February:

Marriage Enrichment group will meet the 4th Sunday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Pine Tree House starting Sunday, January 24. Participants are asked to bring a wedding photo to our first gathering. Facilitator: Jolleen Christians

Men’s Bible Support group starting in February. Location and time to be announced. Facilitator: Joe Mitchell.

Stress Management Bible study group will begin Sunday, January 31, at the Pine Tree House. Facilitator: Lisa Vincent

Sign up sheet for the groups are located on the table in the entryway. Information about other small groups being offered will be provided when available.

THRIVENT CHAPTER MEETING Today

The first meeting of the South Central GA Chapter of Thrivent Financial will be held today 5 pm, at the Western Sizzlin in Adel, GA (Exit 39). All Thrivent members are encouraged to attend and to be involved in Care in community and congregations projects. Happy New Year, Ethel Walker, chapter president, Peace, Tifton.

THEY WERE SMART TO INVITE JESUS TO THEIR WEDDING!

I'M SURE THEY HAD NO IDEA.



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JESUS IS JUST BEGINNING TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO BE THE ONE BY WHOM ALL THINGS CAME INTO BEING.*



YEAH. BUT WATER INTO WINE? TALK ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE PARTY!

WE ALWAYS DO.



*JOHN 1:3

JOHN 2:1-11

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