

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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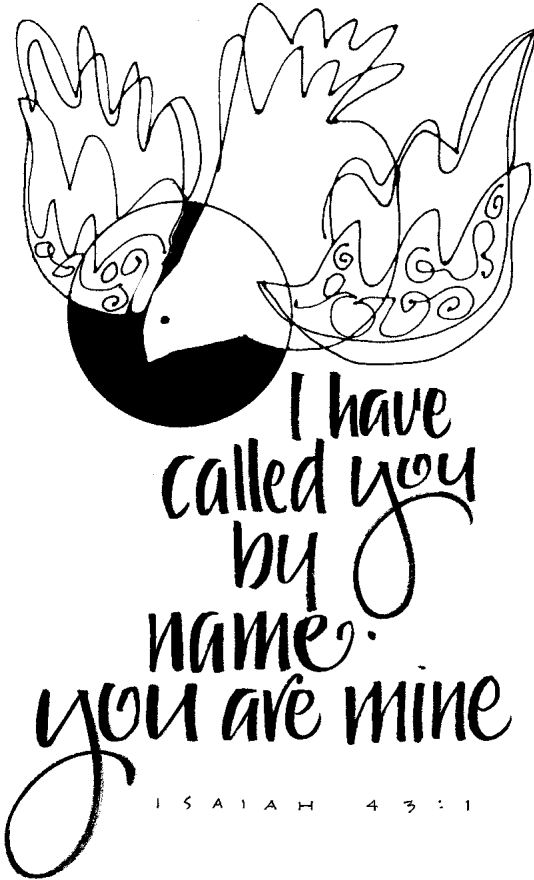
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January 10, 2010  
Proclaiming GRACE  
God's Riches At Christ's Expense  
Est. January 3, 1956

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.  
*Announcements and news for the week of Jan 10 – Jan 17, 2010*  
**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Welcome in the Name of God’s Beloved Son, Jesus the Christ! Baptism is the beginning of a new story. It was for Jesus; it is for us. God claims us as sons and daughters, fills us with the Holy Spirit, and promises to travel the path with us – a path that will bring us home.

TODAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	Baptism of Our Lord		10:30
	am		
MONDAY	Joyful Noise Lunch	11:45	am
	Church Council	7:00	pm
WEDNESDAY	Choir practice	7:30	pm
THURSDAY	Craft group	9:00	am
	Pack up Christmas decorations		
	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
SATURDAY	Baytree AA Group	7:00	pm
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	am
	2 Sunday after Epiphany	10:30	am
	Thrivent Meeting	5:00	pm
	Western Sizzlin, Adel	RSVP Sandy Adams or Pr. Richard	

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

2010 Budget Goal	\$ 141,636.00
Goal per week	\$ 2,724.00
2009 Goal to Date	\$ 2,724.00
Offering for 2010 Budget – as of 1/03/10	\$ 3,483.00
Weekly average for 1 weeks	\$ 2,724.00
An offering for 2009 budget	\$ 91.00

### Designated Offerings:

Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Pine Tree House Debt Reduction Fund 2010	\$ 222..09
2009	\$ 20.00

*“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**

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Acts 2: 42

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** Mike Dauphinais (1/12); 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:

Nancy Stewart requests prayer for Karen Hoover in MI with bone cancer  
Mike Ellis diagnosed with leukemia, friend of Bo Miller is doing well and is removed from the list.

### 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
Jake Tillman's grandson (12)	leukemia	Don Sullins	friend
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
Jeff Griffin	colon cancer	Don Sullins	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	Susan Keller	brother
Richard	heart disease	Dr. Brad Meyer	nurse's child
McKenzie Brownlee	(age 2) leukemia AML	Norene Olsen	stepmother
Doris Olsen	(age 94) congestive heart	Carrie Meyer	grandmother
Betty Hesemann	(age 90)	Rae Hubbard	friend at LHS
Sheila Knight	recovering from a fall injuring her brain	Dorothy Hauge	sister
Ruth Cornelius	back surgeries		

## WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano	Kay Vincent
Choir Director	Marjorie Fix
Liturgy Assistant	John Mitchell
Acolyte	Nick Meyer
Reader/Communion Assistants	Charlotte and Katie Black
Greeters	Jack & Joanne Hostetler
Nursery	Janie Jansen
Ushers	Jeff Kraushaar, Zach Kraushaar
	Tage France, Bryce France
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.....	
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

	<b>Jan 17</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun.</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan 24</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>Jan 31</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> <b>Epiphany</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	H Hodge	J Mitchell	E Sheeley
<b>Com Assist:</b>	G Vincent	E Mitchell	K Sheeley
<b>Acolyte:</b>	C Christians	S Spencer	Z Moxley
<b>Chancel:</b>	E Mitchell	N Atkins	L Tinney
<b>Nursery:</b>	J Hostetler	D Kraushaar	V Behnke
<b>Greeters:</b>	J Willis D Willis	J Sparks P Simpson	C Miller B Miller

<b>Ushers:</b>	E Sheeley	G Vincent	W Tinney
	J Sheeley	L Vincent	L Tinney
	B Miller	N Williamson	G Klement
	J Moxley	volunteer	volunteer

**Grace and Peace from Pr. Richard**

Thank you very much, Church, for your gracious prayers and support this week while Cyndy is recovering from surgery on her broken ankle. Surgery went well. Six screws were installed in a plate on one side and 3 screws are holding the bone in place on the other. She has about 3-4 weeks with no weight bearing on that ankle and then about 3-4 weeks with a boot and therapy. + + + Congratulations to Jeff Moxley who announced this week that he has joined a partner in forming a new business: Innovate Engineering Solutions, LLC to provide business development services. Best wishes on your new firm. + + + Update on retirement. The forms are in hand and it takes about 90 days to process. The projected date is March 31.

**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.  
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.

**2009 Bazaar Funds:**

Our 29th annual bazaar was more of a success than we possibly could have hoped for. We are so blessed to have people willing to share so much of their time and talents to make this event such a success. Can't begin to thank Nan and her group for all they do, the Tuesday craft group that met during the summer months was a lot of fun and helped out Nan with ideas. We were able to support many of our former mission projects along with several new ones. Last year we were able to support a Jewish

organization that provided solar cookers for the women in Dubai, plus another \$50 for Camp Good Mourning in addition to the other projects.. This year we had \$5000 ( with the help of Thrivent Financial in the amount of \$800) to distribute to local and other requested missions. Again thanks is so little to say for all the work and support from everyone in the congregation. God has truly blessed us to be able to do this every year. 2010 Bazaar will be our 30th , hopefully it will be the best ever!!!

District 10%.....\$500  
LAMP.....\$500  
New Horizon Shelter.....\$500  
Hospice of So. GA &  
Camp Good Mourning.....\$500  
Soup Kitchen .....\$300  
Meals on Wheels.....\$500  
Bazaar 2010 .....\$800  
Emergency Fund.....\$100

New Missions:

House of Grace in Sparks...\$100  
Dakota Ranch.....\$100  
Food Ministry ( thru 1st Baptist)...\$300  
Behaviorial Health.....\$100  
Cameroon (request for computer) \$300  
Central Asia Institute promotes peace with education to girls in Pakistan & Afghanistan, info for this is on bulletin board....\$300 ("Three Cups of Tea")

Total \$4900 ( remainder of funds will go to General Fund)  
Lenten meals will be funded thru general fund since the majority of money spend is returned thru love offerings.

Thanks again for all your support, we hope to contniue this worthwhile project to help support local missions and those close to our hearts in other states and countries. God has blessed us so we may be able to help others....

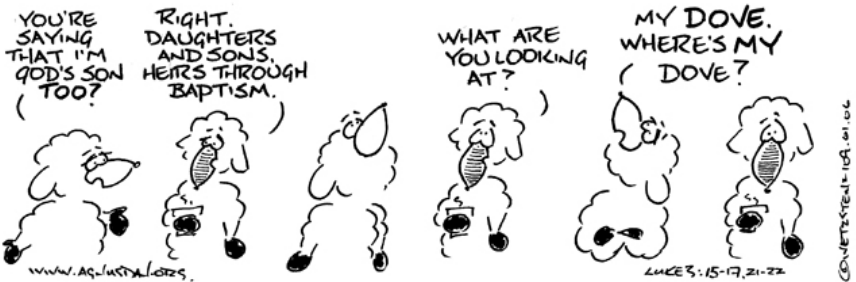
Your Sister in Christ, Sandy

**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.*

### **THRIVENT CHAPTER MEETING**

The first meeting of the South Central GA Chapter of Thrivent Financial will be held next Sunday, January 17, 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.



## Filled with Expectation

When Hollywood advertises its latest film release, short clips or "teasers" give us previews of the upcoming action. But how many times have you gone to that new movie, teased into anticipation, lured by false promises, only to walk out of the theater disappointed by the actual product?

In today's gospel, the people know the Messiah is coming. The preview of the Messiah comes not through a thirty-second promotion but through the provocative teacher John the Baptist. John has been stirring the crowds with his words, inviting them to repent and be baptized, leading them to wonder whether *John* is the Messiah they've been expecting. John answers the crowds' questioning with a solid No, saying that while he prepares the way for the Messiah, he is not the one: "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals" (Luke 3:16).

Unlike some movie teasers, the Savior's preview in John the Baptist is not a series of false promises, but a building up of expectations leading to tangible hope, a true prophet whose message has substance. Jesus--the man with the sandals--is baptized by John. Jesus prays and heaven is opened, the Holy Spirit descends in bodily form like a dove, and a voice from heaven speaks clear words: "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Luke 2:22).

The real thing is better than the previews. Today Jesus' baptism story invites you to be baptized, to remember your baptism, to hear that voice call your name, to share with Jesus the title of beloved child of God. A movie shows an imagined story to entertain us, but Jesus invites us to real water splashed in the name of God. This is a true story to leave us filled with expectation.

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