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Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) in the Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Contemporary) in the Parish Hall
4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (French & Creole) in the Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Diving Deeper (Adult Study) with Fr. Tom
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite III-Casual) in the Sanctuary

Wednesday Service:

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library

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*From the
Rector*



Let's Pay Off the Mortgage!



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Messiah,

We have a life-changing opportunity in our parish family!

The mortgage that financed building the Parish Hall, kitchen, nursery, library, restrooms, and offices is due to be re-negotiated this March.

In 2006, it was \$4.6 million for 25 years. We paid \$20,000 a month to start out and were able to re-finance it for \$12,000 a month for the past decade.

For the past 2 years, however, we have prepaid an extra \$10,000 a month to shave off 5 years of payments, so that in March, when the mortgage will be updated, we would owe only \$160,000.

Will you help knock that out and make our parish family DEBT FREE?

Several generous parishioners and friends of the parish have already given or pledged over half of that amount.

Will you please consider giving a gift on top of your regular giving to pay off the rest?

Expanding our campus in 2006 was the right thing to do, and we have used our facilities to change the world with Jesus for lots of children, individuals, families, and for our entire community in ways we never could have without our beautiful parish hall, friendly nursery, commercial kitchen, comfortable library, and sparkling restrooms.

The debt was worth it to be able to serve you and our area in all the ways we have, through our buildings.

But there were also lots of ways we have NOT been changing the world with Jesus, because our resources were tied up paying the mortgage.

There are a plethora of possibilities for what we can do with \$12,000 a month, if we no longer have to send it to the bank.

But that's an \$80,000 IF.

It cannot happen unless a bunch more of us step up and give.

Will you please be one of that bunch.

I love you all!

*Tom
Rutherford*



Messiah's Missionaries

We are representing our Church of the Messiah family and sharing the love of Jesus wherever we go!

Chuck and Deborah Grunder attended the Church of the Messiah in Fredericksburg, Virginia on November 30.

Mike and Wendy King attended the 9:30 am service at St John's Church to see Fr. Andrew and Christin Lazo and the 11:00 am service at Harvest Baptist Fellowship to see their nephew's baptism both in Tampa, Florida on November 23.

If you visit another church, please pick up a copy of the bulletin and drop it in Wendy's mailbox. Don't forget to add a note letting us know who you are and the location of the church. If you can, please send pictures to: Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com



Mike and Wendy King visit St. John's Episcopal in Tampa to see Fr. Andrew and Christin.

Steve and Kristen Coole brought their family to Messiah on November 30th. The Flaniken children and grandchildren filled up 3 tables at the 11:00 a.m. service. Kristen was so thankful to have her children and grandchildren at Messiah!



2025 December Vestry Minutes

Sunday * December 21, 2025 * 2pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Joyce Taylor, Junior Warden Lamar Powers, Clerk Don Grimes, Laura Buckner, Jean Pinder, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, Marie Tassy, Lionel Williams, and Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Chris Brown (with family in Michigan) and Don Greer (who is unable to drive)

I. FORMATION: Tom Rutherford led Noonday Prayer. Based on Luke 2:8-12, he invited us each to share how Jesus was born in our lives.

II. INFORMATION:

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. Junior Warden Lamar Powers reports:

- a) We are waiting on a quote from AMS to fix the existing ducts and install a damper at the youth hall air conditioning units.
- b) Three 4' by 6' fence panels will be installed to screen the youth hall and classroom air conditioning units.
- c) We are waiting on a quote from Heichel Plumbing to repair the hot water system in the parish hall.
- d) New track lights have been installed in the church.
- e) The parking lot lights will be changed from a timer to a photocell.
- f) One light in the kitchen is out. A new ballast will be installed.
- g) Some of the outlets in the parish hall are loose. They will be repaired.
- h) There is a loose step on the playground equipment. New screws will be installed.
- i) Door sweeps will be installed on the classrooms and on the youth hall.
- j) Lights on the covered walkway at the classroom building will be replaced.
- k) Father Soner's ceiling has been repaired.
- l) After two master plumbers were unable to fix the leak in the Parish Hall hot water system, I asked a company who did great work for Valencia College when I was facilities guy there to come do some magic. The cost will come out of my Maintenance budget.

2. Laura Buckner reports:

- a) For the Labyrinth, I have submitted a request for signage to Mathew's signs, but have not seen a draft from them yet. I have mosaic pieces to indicate the starting/ending point of the Labyrinth; I just need to glue them in place.
- b) I still need to order a plaque for the DOK bench and an informational sign for walking the Labyrinth. I can't find a silicone mold to keep the flames in place with resin. But I am working on it.
- c) The Watch Night service will be New Year's Eve (11pm-12am) with refreshments and a First Footing experience for those who attend. (A Scottish "Hogmanay" tradition)
- d) I hope to start the Clergy timeline photo wall in January.

3. One Blood is pleased with the two blood drives held at Church of the Messiah. One Blood's goal is 10 donations, and we have had 9 donations at each event. **Chris Brown** will continue setting up the blood drives every two months through the year.

B. Staff Ministry Reports

1. Children's Minister Megan Adlam reports:

- a) Kids' Club had their first Adventure Day on November 23rd, and it was a success! Father Tom took the boys in his Jeep, and I took a group of girls through the Apopka Wildlife Drive. Children completed a 'Wildlife Bingo Card' as they went through the drive. Afterwards, children got to make their own ice cream sundaes and play a few games together before parents showed up. Attendance for Kids' Club has been low, but Adventure Days seem to attract attention and bring more children. There will be one special event or Adventure Days monthly for Kids' Club. In January, I may look at changing the time of Kids' Club to later in the day to see if this positively impacts attendance.
 - b) Children's Church is going well with high engagement and high attendance during the 9:30 service. We are continuing to use the curriculum previously purchased.
 - c) The Children's Christmas Party is December 19th, and I have found so many wonderful volunteers who want to help. I'm going to continue handing out invites during Children's Church to get the word out. Our media team is also doing a great job advertising.
 - d) VBS is going to be preordered this coming week, and the search for volunteers will start. We are planning on doing the Rome VBS.
 - e) We are seeking costumes and volunteers for the Nativity Play during the Children's Christmas Eve service.
- 2. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli** is researching how to accept contributions through VENMO, Zelle, and Apple Pay, since few people write checks or carry cash anymore.
- 3. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna** reports:
- a) I covered some of the duties for Office Minister Wendy King while she was on vacation the week of 12/1.
 - 1. Bulletin edits and printing
 - 2. Flyer printing
 - 3. Prayers of the People update and printing
 - 4. Friday email and Narthex ads
 - b) Had my annual review with Fr Tom.
 - c) An area that I would like to grow within my position ministry is to create an education section on the website. There is a resource with free educational materials for use by churches and pastors that seems to be very well done. Fr. Tom is reviewing one of the New Believer resources now to see if he agrees.
 - d) Also going to meet with Fr Tom and Office Minister Wendy King to see if there are any other areas of her position that are better suited to my position so that she will be freed up to focus on the growth that has occurred in her position since taking on Facilities management and some other day-to-day operations changes.
 - e) All other areas are continuing as usual.
- 4. Office Minister Wendy King** reports:
- a) We rolled out the new Amplify church management software app to the Vestry on November 16 and to the rest of the Messiah family the following weeks. If you haven't received an email invitation please call the church office to let us know.
 - b) Assisted Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe with the formatting and printing of the Preschool Christmas Pageant bulletin and the Preschool tri-fold brochure.
 - c) The Preschool purchased a new fridge for the Youth Hall to replace the old one that died. I ordered and received the fridge since the school was closed for the holiday break. Thank you, Children of the Messiah Preschool, for the new fridge.

- d) Met with Junior Warden Lamar to discuss electrical and plumbing repair needs around the property and to share that we found termite activity in the church. Lamar met with Massey pest services while I was on vacation.
- e) The Amplify directory has been triple checked and is ready for printing and a few of the photo directories were updated with the updated addresses. Thanks to Paulette Isaacs, Dawn Wirbel, and Maureen Farrar for working on this project. Thank you, Tina Sydnor, for updating the spiral bound photo directories.
- f) I continued to meet with substitute Maintenance Minister Altagracia who has been cleaning our facility while Matthew Barrett has been out for injuries. Altagracia resigned on November 26th. DBS stepped into the gap and is cleaning two extra days a week (Monday and Thursday evenings) to cover the days that Altagracia was cleaning. I am meeting with the DBS manager on Monday, December 15th to discuss our contract and scope of work.
- g) Welcome Doug Romaine, our newest deacon. We set Doug up with an office mailbox, church email, nametags, an updated photo directory and Messiah swag.
- h) I ordered more of our church postcards and coordinated our staff Christmas photo for the Christmas postcards. Thank you Yolwenn Alexandre for taking our photo and Doug Ellerbe for being a back-up photographer. I worked with Hill Printing to create our Christmas postcards. Those were ordered and picked up on December 12th and will be mailed out next week.
- i) I went on vacation to celebrate my dad's 80th birthday. Thank you, Vita Mazzaluna, Tom Rutherford, Connie Kraft, Tina Sydnor, Carleen Flood, Paulette Isaacs, Sandy Sparks, Cindi Shaffer, Janice Hull, Becky Gossett, Regina Knappman, Mary Kay Predmore, Dawn Wirbel, Ron and Sharon Lancioni, and Maureen Farrar, for covering the office duties during this busy Advent season, so I could go on vacation.
- j) Barbara Ellerbe, Jane Cartelli, Vita Mazzaluna, and I are feeling so confident with our current Amplify knowledge about our current needs, that we postponed our next training to January and February.

5. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe's financial report was emailed separately.

C. Vestry Nominees:

1. Don Greer informed Fr. Tom that he is unable to continue his service on Vestry. This means we need to elect 4 people for 3-year terms and 2 people to finish the final 2 years of Tom Headly's and Don's terms.
2. Already said "Yes": Bob Greene, Paulette Isaacs, Ron Lancioni, Mary Kay Predmore, and Wayne Sparks for 3-year terms and Wally Stewart for the rest of Tom Headley's 2 years.
3. We're still waiting to hear answers from 6 potential nominees.

D. Seminarrians Jeremy & Garine' Adams will be in town over Christmas and are preaching at the English services on December 28: Jeremy at 8 & 9:30, and Garine' at 11am & 7pm.

III. DISCUSSIONS (to help make a decision next month):

A. Co-Rector Parish Profile Team to Search Team: SENIOR WARDEN JOYCE TAYLOR LED THIS PART OF THE MEETING.

1. The first draft of the Parish Profile was emailed to the Vestry for their questions, comments, and suggestions. Those were noted.
2. When Vestry accepts the final draft of the Parish Profile, at that point, Vestry appoints a Search Team.

- A. Everyone on the Profile Team but Patty Tate and Mildred Dubic volunteered to serve on the Search Team: Chairwoman Mary Kay Predmore, Chris Brown, Jason Eaton, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, and Joyce Taylor. Vestry agreed.
 - B. Profile Team recommends adding Yolwenn Alexandre to the Search Team to add a youth voice and one from the 4pm congregation. Vestry agreed.
 3. When Vestry accepts the final draft, it'll be shared with the congregation for their discussion and input, but not approval or disapproval, at the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 25.
- B. Using coffee mugs instead of Styrofoam to decrease Messiah's Environmental Footprint:** Chris Brown got some resistance from the Coffee Hour folks about using coffee mugs instead of Styrofoam. He's in Michigan visiting family and can't be at the meeting, so we'll bump this to January. In the meantime, Don Stanton hit up Health Central Hospital for 100 Orlando Health mugs, and they're considering donating them.

IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month):

A. Clergy Housing Allowance Resolution for the Rector was APPROVED.

B. 2026 Budget:

1. Last month we added \$60,000 to the budget to fund a full-time Youth Minister.
2. After doing Annual Reviews with each of the staff, Tom Rutherford:
 - A. Requested giving a merit raise of \$200/month (\$2,400/year) to Finance Minister Jane Car-telli in appreciation for how well she handles our money. The Finance Committee agreed and Vestry APPROVED.
3. Vestry APPROVED the Proposed Budget.

V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Minutes from last month's meeting: APPROVED.

B. Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate: APPROVED

1. **Operating Income** last month was LESS than expenses, INCREASING our Year-to-date DEFICIT to \$152,804.43. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
2. **Building Fund Income** past month was MORE than needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage, other expenses, and the extra \$10,000 a month on the mortgage, DECREASING our DEFICIT for the year to \$31,562.89. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING. In addition, we received a gift of appreciated stock worth about \$49,000 that was designated toward paying off the mortgage. There was great rejoicing!
3. **Balance on the Mortgage** as of November 30 was \$193,275.53, and the Cash & Brokerage Account balance was \$390,625.01. Because of the gifts coming in toward the mortgage, Treasurer Bob anticipates we'll owe only an extra \$110,000, instead of \$160,000 to pay off the mortgage in March. Please keep praying.

VI. The meeting concluded in prayer at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Don Grimes, Clerk

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Vestry Door Duty for January

Opener at 7:30 a.m. ~ Lamar Powers
Closer after 1:00 p.m. ~ Chris Brown
Vestry Meeting Host ~ Chris Brown

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Preschool News

The month of December began with the preschool families collecting gently used and new toys for New Beginnings Charities. Our generous families filled up an entire truck with toys and household items for families in need.

The preschool held its annual Christmas Pageant on December 9. This year the children performed “The Littlest Christmas Tree”. We had 212 friends and family members attend the performance this year. The children were adorable and everyone had a wonderful time. The evening

ended with us singing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus and birthday cake. I would like to especially thank Paul Buzzonetti for setting up all those chairs. The preschool staff and parents were able to comfortably enjoy the evening because of Paul’s efforts.



On Saturday, December 13 the preschool held our annual fundraiser, Christmas Shopping Day. Parents can register their children for an extra day of care to finish up Christmas shopping or have a day to relax before the children are home for Christmas break. We welcomed 30 students on Saturday morning for a day of Christmas crafts, fun and games. Each child left with a present for mom and dad.

The month ended with a visit from Santa and Christmas parties in the classroom.

The preschool staff wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

Barbara Ellerbe
Preschool Director

Upcoming Events

January 5—Preschool Staff Meeting at 9am in the library

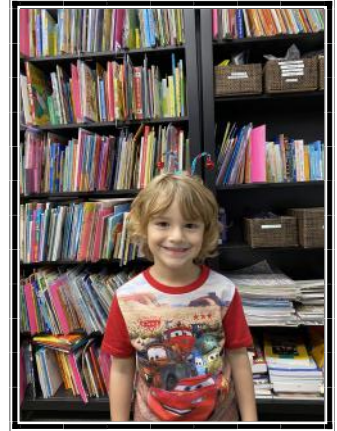
January 6 – Children return from Christmas Break

January 19 – MLK Holiday

January 21 – School Advisory Council Meeting 9:15 in the library



The Preschool families donated items that filled the New Beginnings truck.





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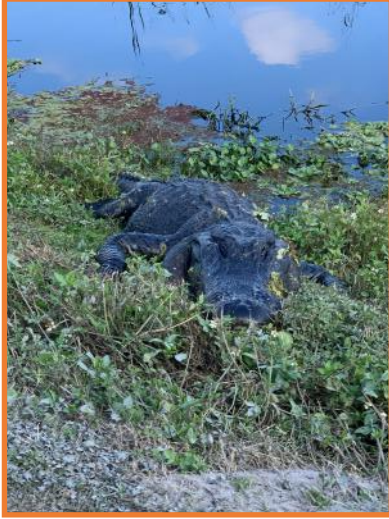
Santa came to visit the Children of the Messiah Preschool.



ADVENTURE
DAY!



Apopka Wild Life Drive with the Kids' Club



Above: Rafi and Donny Grau build a Lego tower



Above: Becky Gossett & Children's Minister, Megan Adlam with the Kid's Club



Kid's Club Christmas Party





JANUARY

3 - Travis Smith
Tom Wirbel

4 - Yolanda Alexandre

6 - Craig Brown
Lily Groenendaal

7 - Vivian Johnson

9 - Lynn Neill

9 - Jason Taylor

10 - Melody Wise

11- Jeremy Adams
Stephanie Gunning
Angelica Gray

14 - Kathryn Jeffrey

15 - Dennis Range

16 - Lisa Borst
Lily Gold

16- Wally Stewart III

17 - Dianne Donaldson

Nikki Imes

20- Sue Cardaci-Grimes

21 - Trudie Carr

22 - Alex Hujik
Dick Lewis

23- Marcia Haye

Joel Lopez
Heather Lynn
Vince Snow

24 - Aaron Abney

Kessler McClanahan

25 - Mason Cottle

26 - Brandon Peavey
Janie Walton

27 - Betty Morgeson

30 - Barbara Ellerbe



8 - Bill and Tina Sydnor

10 - Jonathan and Janie Walton

16 - Greg and Karen Garland

19 - Marlene Cambridge-McCarthy

29 - Jay and Mary Kay Predmore



Please pray for our expectant mom,
Children's Minister, Megan Adlam.

"I chose you before I formed you in the womb;
I set you apart before you were born." Jeremiah 1:5



*We want to celebrate you! Please share birthdays, anniversaries, and new arrivals with us.
Call the Office at 407.656.3218 or drop a note in Wendy's Office mailbox.*

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. </div>				1 	2	3
Fr. Tom is on vacation Monday, December 29— Friday, January 2						
4 	5	6  6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Dinner Parish Hall Men’s Supper Youth Hall	7	8	9	10
11	12   5:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 2:00 pm Vestry Meeting 	19	20	21 7:00 p.m. B.A.M.M. Fire Pit 	22  7:00 p.m. Book Club	23 2026 Diocesan Convention 	24 2026 Diocesan Convention 
25  12:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Dinner	26	27	28	29	30  6:00 p.m. Vestry Retreat	31  9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Vestry Retreat

Sunday’s Schedule

8:00 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Nursery and Children’s Church
11:00 a.m. Rite III
Nursery and Children’s Church
1:00 p.m. Kid’s Club
in the Youth Hall
4:00 p.m. French Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Band
in the Youth Hall
4:30 p.m. Diving Deeper
with Fr. Tom in the Library
5:30 p.m. Community Sunday
Supper in the Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Rite III

Weekly Schedule

Monday: 5:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
 2nd Monday: 5:00 p.m. Brotherhood of St Andrew in the Parish Hall & Daughters of the King in the Youth Hall.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library
Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at predmoremarykay@gmail.com.

If you see an opening that you can fill, please email Mary Kay or call the office at 407-656-3218.

Sunday Servants 8:00 a.m.

8:00 am	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Lector	Joyce Taylor	Sandy Sparks	Alex Hujik	Wayne Sparks
LEM 1	Maureen Farrar	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Alleyne	Dianne Donaldson
LEM 2	Wayne Sparks	Mary Kay Predmore	Dianne Donaldson	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Dianne Donaldson	Wayne Sparks	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers & Greeters	Joyce Taylor Jay Predmore	Dan Kem Bob Tope	Alex Hujik Jim Farrar	Wayne Sparks Jay Predmore
P. Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Sandy Sparks	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope

Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Lector	Joe Eiden	Vince Truglia	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel
LEM 1	Chris Brown	Rodger Watson	Vince Truglia	Tom Buckner
LEM 2	Tom Buckner	Laura Buckner	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine
Altar Server	Melanie Field	Kendal Gilmore	Taylor Smith	Melanie Field
Crucifer	Becket Taylor	Addison Lynn	Ainsley Gilmore	Calvin Lambeth
Torch Bearer 1	Sloan Taylor	Donny Grau	Reese Smith	Donny Grau
Torch Bearer 2	Calvin Lambeth	Rafi Grau	Preston Smith	Rafi Grau
Ushers & Greeters	Ken Miller John Puchein	Beth Anne Carr Jean Pinder	Jay & Patti Williams	Alex Babcock Nicole Babcock
P. Intercessor	Elise Bradford	Doreen Stachowski	Don Stanton	Wally Stewart
Tech Slides	Laura Buckner	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown	Jim Farrar
Tech Sound	Vita Mazzaluna	Vita Mazzaluna	Aaron Abney	Maureen Farrar

Sunday Servants 11:00 a.m.

11:00 am	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Bob Tate	Giada Mazzaluna	Patty Tate
LEM 1	Lionel Williams	Marc Boese	Larry Cartelli	Lionel Williams
LEM 2	Karen Williams	Vita Mazzaluna	MK Predmore	Karen Williams
Altar Server	Jackson Groenendaal	Anastasia Switzer	Logan McRae	Savannah Armstrong
Ushers & Greeters	Steve & Lisa Borst	McRae Family	Mary Katulic Jay Predmore	Logan McRae Anna Switzer
Tech Slides	Lily Groenendaal	Lionel Williams	Donny Mazzaluna	Marc Boese
Tech Sound				

Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Lector	Jason Eaton	Larry Cartelli	Nancy Gordon	Odé Mendoza
LEM	Amy Raetz	Susie Marshall	Wendy King	Larry Cartelli
Altar Server				
Usher/Greeter	Steve Raetz	Terry Kraft	Cindi Shaffer	Amy Raetz
P. Intercessor	Susie Marshall	Chris Brown	Susan Marshall	Chris Brown
Tech Slides	Mike King	Jane Cartelli	Mike King	Jane Cartelli

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Visitor	Chris Brown	Don Stanton	Lionel & Karen Williams	Marc Boese

Readings

Readings	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
1 st Lesson	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 42:1-9	Isaiah 49:1-7	Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm	Psalm 84	Psalm 29	Psalm 40	Psalm 27
2 nd Lesson	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel	Mathew 2:1-12	Mathew 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Mathew 4:12-23



Fr. Tom, Mother Tracy, and Debbie.



Cursillo Ultreya
Friday February 6, 2026
Evening begins 6:30 pm with pot-luck meal
Church of the Messiah Parish Hall



An evening of Spiritual Renewal, Fellowship
Praise Music and good eating!
Musicians bring your instruments!

For more information contact:
Cherie Greene 407/704-9770, email: cheriegreene@msn.com
Cindi Shaffer 407-923-3010 email: cindishaffer25@gmail.com

The Messiah Worship Band at Light Up Winter Garden





The Outreach team had a blast putting on a Christmas party at



Thank You Messiah family for your toy donations. You donated 90 toys and 10 more were purchased with the



The Church of the Messiah Outreach gave a month's mortgage payment to Habitat for Humanity to give at their Christmas Party. Shandel Deleon won the prize!

Dear Church of the Messiah

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Church of the Messiah for your generous donation toward my January mortgage payment. Your kindness has been a true blessing to me and my child, and I cannot fully express how much this support means to our family. Because of your generosity, a tremendous weight has been lifted from my shoulders. Knowing that our home is secure has brought us peace, relief, and a sense of stability that is priceless. Your willingness to step in during this time has not only helped us financially, but has also reminded us that we are surrounded by compassion, faith, and genuine care.

*Thank you,
Shandel Deleon*



**THANK
YOU!**
♥

**Thank you to all who
gave the gift of life
during Church of the Messiah's
August & December blood drives!**



*Save
the
Date*

**The Big Red Bus
will return on
Sunday,
February 8, 2026**

Women's Supper
Tuesday, January 6th at
6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

 ANNUAL
FISH FRY

Soupapalooza

Men's Supper
January 6th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Youth Hall

Sign up in the Narthex

Sign up in the Narthex

Being a Messiah's Man

B.A.M.M

Men's Fire Pit!

Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Chris Brown
407-864-1708



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Sunday, January
25th at 12:30pm**

**in the
Parish Hall**



**We will begin with a potluck lunch.
Please come and bring a dish to share!**
See the homepage or scan the QR code
for the Perfect Potluck signup.

