



*A parish family: Loving God, Loving our Neighbors, Loving One Another*  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Messiah,

In most congregations, if you volunteer to do a job in the church, you can easily find yourself stuck doing that same job till Jesus comes back. That's NOT how we operate here.

In Church of the Messiah, each of us prays and asks the Messiah what He'd like us to do to love and serve Him, our neighbors, and each other in the next year. We then volunteer to do that for a year, and if we like it, we can volunteer to do it again the next year. If we don't like it or get tired of it, we can retire from it with dignity, and choose to do something else the next year. That's The Messiah's Way! Everybody gets to do what they like doing... and do it for God!

Enclosed are 4 things for you to read and pray over:

1. **Who Ya Gonna Call?** (On the back of this letter) A list of all the leaders of all the ministries in the parish. If you want to find out about what we do or how we do it, or if you want to talk to someone before you volunteer, these are Who Ya Call or email.
2. **Ministry Catalog** that describes the options and ways to plug into the Messiah Family. This is for you to read and pray over, then to talk about to discern what the Lord might be calling to you to do for him in the next year. If you wonder how you'll know, it'll be by what strikes your fancy, what catches your attention, what prompts some curiosity or a spark of excitement. THAT'S the Holy Spirit nudging you.
3. **Messiah's Way Time & Talent Commitment Sheet** for each person in your family elementary aged and up. Put an X on the line in front of the one(s) you're interested in, and return the sheet(s) on September 17 or 24.
4. **Messiah's Way Financial Commitment Sheet** for your family. Please pray and listen to the Lord for what He'd like you to give financially in the next year. The Bible asks for at least a tithe – 10% of our income – and promises that God will be generous with us as we are generous with him. Please indicate what you'll give to the Operating Fund (which is for the day-to-day expenses of the parish) and to the Building Fund (which covers the monthly payments for our building). Please return this sheet September 17 or 24.

God wants to change the world through us. He will do that as we offer ourselves – our time, talent, and treasure – as living sacrifices to him through The Messiah's Way.

If you have questions please call the Church's office at 407-656-3218 or email me.

I love you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Rutherford".

Tom Rutherford