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# THE MESSENGER

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## Isaiah 43:1

BUT NOW, THUS SAITH JEHOVAH THAT CREATED THEE, O JACOB, AND HE THAT FORMED THEE, O ISRAEL: FEAR NOT, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED THEE; I HAVE CALLED THEE BY NAME,

YOU ARE MINE.



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### Join Us for Worship:

#### 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  
5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper (Adult Study) with Fr. Andrew  
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*



# “T’was the Night Before Christmas”



T’was the night before Christmas in all Bethlehem.  
The place was jam-packed, especially the inn.  
People and animals filled houses and fences.  
They’d all come to town because of the census.

Joseph and Mary arrived very late,  
Their trip complicated by a nearing due date.  
Joseph knocked on doors, hoping that maybe  
He’d find a warm place to deliver the baby.  
No rooms. No luck. No vacancy at all.  
Except out back in an unoccupied stall.

And there amid bridles, and dust, hay, and dung,  
He cleared out a place for the baby to come.  
No doctor, no nurse, no bed, or hot water.  
No clean sheets, no warm food, just animal fodder.

And that terrified mother and father-to-be  
Labored and sweated and waited to see  
If God’s promise was good – if they’d have a son,  
As the angel foretold: the Anointed One.

The baby arrived. Mary counted his toes,  
Then wrapped him up warmly in swaddling clothes.  
And laid him gently in a manger to sleep,  
When suddenly they heard the bleating of sheep!  
“Baa’s” broke through the peace  
and the still of the night  
As shepherds and flocks burst into sight.  
They came, they said, because they were told  
Of a babe in a manger in swaddling clothes.  
That angels and archangels sang, “Glory and Peace.”  
“We just HAD to come,” they said,  
and they fell to their knees.  
“It’s true,” they exclaimed, “Like the angels all  
said!”  
They laughed and they looked  
and they slapped their own heads.  
Then they left praising, and went out of sight,

The bleating of sheep faded off in the night.

Joseph pulled Mary close. They gazed at their son.  
A shiver went through them:

THIS ... THIS IS THE ONE!

Mary just marveled. Joseph’s eyes opened wide,  
To think that God’s Son was there by his side.  
A baby, so new, yet promised of old:  
The one that Isaiah and Micah foretold:  
“In Bethlehem born,” “a Son will be given,  
Wonderful, Counselor, Great God of heaven.  
He will reign on King David’s throne,”  
For the glory of God, and not for his own.  
A King! A King! YES! Yet one born to die.  
A servant and sacrifice – yet still God most high.  
The Savior. The Christ Child. Messiah and King.  
Is it any wonder the archangels sing,  
“Glory to God! Good will to all earth!”

Let’s join them to shout and sing of the birth  
Of Jesus, the Lord. He’s here in this place.  
Come worship, and seek him, and gaze at his face.

Come offer yourself; He’s given to us  
Love, joy, peace, forgiveness, and trust.  
He offers to heal, and to make us all whole.  
In spirit, in body, in mind, and in soul.  
It seems such a wholly impossible task,  
But he offers it freely. All we do is ask.

In these twelve days of Christmas,  
in word, bread, and wine,  
Let us meet Jesus, the King of Mankind.

I love you all,

# 2024 December Vestry Minutes

Sunday \* December 15, 2024 \* 2pm

**Present:** Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore, Junior Warden Lamar Powers, Clerk Joyce Taylor, Chris Brown, Beth Ann Carr, Mildred Dubic, Jean Pinder, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, Lionel Williams, and Dawn Wirbel; and Treasurer Bob Tate, and guest Don Greer.

**Absent:** Marie Tassy and Apprentice Rector Andrew Lazo

**I. FORMATION:** Chris Brown led Noonday Prayer. Based on *Building a Killer Team Without Killing Yourself or Your Team*, by Shawn Lovejoy, Chapter 14, we concluded our study by recounting what we learned and how it improved our leadership.

## **II. INFORMATION:**

### **A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

#### **1. Junior Warden Lamar Powers reports:**

- A. The parish hall and church roof replacement is waiting on a permit requested three weeks ago from the city. We hope to have the permit within a few more days. There was a change to brand and color for the shingles. Our choice was not in stock but there is a better alternative that is Energy Star certified. They should be about the same price as our original choice.
- B. The lights in the Good Shepherd window were replaced with LEDs by Mike King, Paul Buzzonetti, Marc Boese, Robert Greene, CW Abell, and Wallace Stewart. They also replaced burned out lights in the church and in the foyer.
- C. Daniel Puterbaugh repaired toilets in the classroom building and the faucet in the sacristy ladies' room.
- D. Vacuum cleaners were repaired with new belts.
- E. A new actuator is needed for the chilled water valve on air handler 1.1 in the parish hall. This can wait until warmer weather and until the new budget is available (\$2,325).
- F. The porch swing outside the parish hall is broken. A new teak or cedar swing would cost around \$200.
- G. The City of Winter Garden is testing around town and forwarned us that we might have water pipes with lead in them, which would be unhealthy. I got the water tested, and there is no lead in our water!

#### **2. Outreach Team: Deacon Angela Lopez reports: None received**

### **B. Staff Ministry Reports**

#### **1. Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: None received**

**2. Facilities Ministry:** Stephanie Abell, Beth Ann Carr, and Jane Cartelli are partnering to review our rental policies and prices. Tom Rutherford is interviewing potential Event Ministers to be on site during rental events, and the Team decided we won't book any new rental business until February to give us time to solidify our policies and hire and orient Event Ministers.

#### **3. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:**

- a) Hosting and supporting the Southlake Home Educators Elementary Drama Club in November was awesome! That is the co-op that Giada and I attend, and I was very happy to be able to work with them to rent the facility. It helped them, and it helped COTM! They enjoyed being here, and many people have commented on the fact that we have a wonderful, loving community at Messiah. And we do!
- b) I have been keeping busy with all the advertising collateral for Advent and Christmas - and loving it!

- c) I have also been working with the evolving Facilities Ministry Team to hone the Rental Request form on our website, and the team will get me additional website updates as they have them. I sat in on their first meeting, and they have some great direction. Continuing to pray for some Event Ministers who are tech savvy and can serve in Audio Visual support functions for rentals down the road.
- d) Social Media Minister Yesika King continues to do a wonderful job with trying to grow our social media presence! Not an easy task!
- e) I am still hoping to revisit the budget for the website upgrade in the new year. For our purposes, if Worship Times will honor the reduced rate that they offered a few months back, I think that is our best bet since they provide such extensive support. I will get an updated quote from them in February, unless I am instructed to do so sooner.

**4. Music Ministry: Ricky Jackson** reports: None received.

**5. Office Minister Wendy King** reports:

- a) I attended Wensy Dubic's ordination to the diaconate on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Parishioner and professional photographer Jennifer Roper took our staff picture on the 20<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas postcards have been ordered. Those will be mailed out this week.
- c) Kevin Smith, our Insurance Adjuster, has continued to stay in contact regarding our roof replacement. Parishioner Larry Kulchar of Sunshine Roofing, has requested a permit and is ready to go as soon as city approves.
- d) Parishioner and plumber Daniel Puterbaugh completed the plumbing projects last month just before he and his family moved to North Carolina. The toilets on campus near the library, nursery, men's room, and kitchen have been repaired and we have some leftover parts for when the others need repair. Thank you, Daniel!
- e) The preschool was tented during the Thanksgiving break, and the teachers were able to move back into the classrooms on schedule.
- f) I printed the Preschool Pageant bulletins. Their pageant was December 10. The children were so stinking cute, and Deacon Julie Altenbach was the narrator.
- g) The new year for Messiah's Way began on the first of December. Thank you to all of our Office Angels that served this past year and have signed up to continue serving in the New Year. We have some new Office Angels that will be joining the team. They will start volunteering with us in the next few weeks.
- h) Dawn Wirbel and Cindi Shaffer are updating the Office Angel manual. This will be completed before the New Year.

**6. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe** reports the financial report was emailed separately.

**7. Interim Youth Minister Tom Rutherford** reports: Music Minister Ricky Jackson is launching a Youth Worship Band that will take the place of ACTIVATE and become our Youth Ministry for a while. He's hosting an informational meeting Sunday January 5 at 5pm in the Youth Room.

**C. Vestry Nominations:** We'll have a real election this time, since Marci Babione, Laura Buckner, Don Greer, Don Grimes, and Tom Headley agreed to stand for election for the 4 open positions. Ron Lancioni initially accepted the nomination, but when he heard we had 6 nominees, he bowed out to make room for someone else to serve in that capacity.

**D. Annual Reports:** Please email your annual ministry report from this year to **WendyKing@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com** by **Wednesday, January 8**

### III. DISCUSSION:

#### Pre-paying our mortgage principal.

- A. Last month, Treasurer Bob Tate recommended we quit pre-paying the \$10,000 a month on the principal due to our current Operating Deficit.
- B. In the discussion, Vestry questioned whether the number of the “1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Balance” on the Financial Report was the total we owe, or if there is another amount on top of that.
- C. Bob was asked to clarify that with the mortgage company. He did, and the amount he reports is the total balance of what we owe.
- D. To pay off the mortgage right now would cost \$493,056. If we continue to pay an additional \$10,000 per month on the principle until the end of the mortgage term in March 2026, (as we have previously decided) we will have a balance due then of \$160,000.

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

#### A. Diocesan Convention Delegates for January 24 & 25, 2025:

- 1. We chose Chris Brown, Beth Ann Carr, and Sandy Sparks as our Lay Delegates.
- 2. We chose Steve Borst, Wendy King, and Debbie Rutherford as our Alternate Lay Delegates.
- 3. Mary Kay Predmore will be there as a member of the Standing Committee, so we get an extra Lay vote!

- B. Based on the Finance Committee’s recommendation, the proposed budget was approved at the last meeting. The maintenance and repair budget was increased to \$70,000. Treasurer Bob Tate will update the Budget to be shared with the congregation in January.

### 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 MORE than expenses, DECREASING our DEFICIT for the year to \$181,942.54. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
- 2. **Building Fund Income** was MORE than needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage, other expenses, and the extra \$10,000 of month we’re prepaying on the mortgage, INCREASING our SURPLUS for the year to \$10,101.81.
- 3. **The remaining mortgage balance** is \$493,056.99, and our Cash and Brokerage accounts total \$541,150.79, putting us above water again!

The meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 3:25

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk



## 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 Church of the  
Messiah in Fredericksburg, Virginia on November 24.

*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:  
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## 2024 Financial Report

(as of November 30, 2024)

Operating Income.....	\$742,006.17
Operating Expenses.....	\$923,948.71
NET.....	(\$181,942.54)
All Building Fund Income.....	\$217,041.17
All Building Fund Expense.....	\$206,939.36
NET.....	\$10,101.81

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## Vestry Door Duty for January

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

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## Preschool Messenger – January 25

December was a very fun month at the preschool. We celebrated the birth of our Lord all month long. The children performed “Hold on to your Hat’s for over 200 parents and family. They were adorable and everyone had a wonderful evening sharing the good news of Jesus’s birth. Special thanks to Julie Altenbach for narrating the play and Helen Farnsworth for her accompaniment.

Christmas Shopping Day was held on Saturday, December 14. We had a smaller group of children than in years past, but it was a wonderful day for the children to play with each other while parents finished their Christmas shopping. The children participated in Christmas activities and made gifts for mom and dad.

Barbara Ellerbe  
Children of the Messiah Preschool Director

### Upcoming Events:

January 6 – Teacher Staff Meeting, 9:00 in the library

January 7- Children return to school

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

January 17 – Field trip to “a little bit of life farm”

January 20 – No School MLK Holiday



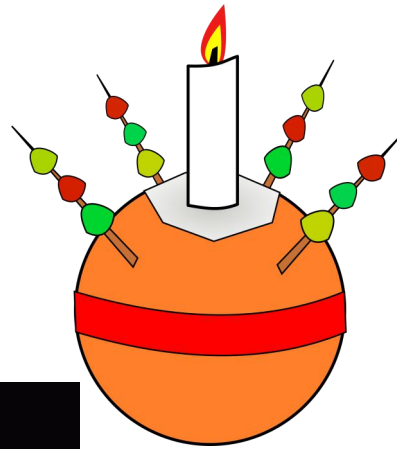
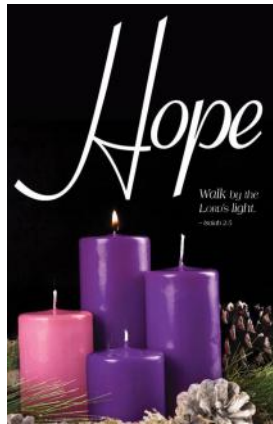
The preschool children donated 127 pairs of Christmas socks for the children at Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital. Even our little ones are sharing Christ’s love in the community.



# The Children of the Messiah Preschool Pageant "Hats off to Christmas"







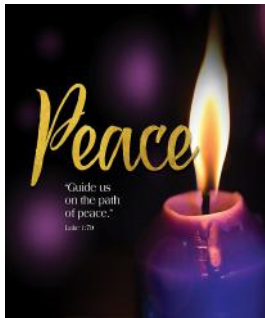
Advent 1 we had a Christingle service and each person made a Christingle to take home. We sang some fun songs and had a great time of fellowship.







Advent 2 we blessed the manger and made a manger ornament for our tree. Our themed snack was Baby Jesus in a blanks and ham and Baby Jesus wraps.



Advent 3 we "stained" our own nativity set which we called Welcome Baby Jesus party. Everyone was so creative and worked really hard to make each one special. Advent 4 will be family movie night! Journey to Bethlehem





# Jesus loves us SNOW much, Christmas party at COTM





# Christmas Party

At Edgewood  
Children's  
Ranch with the  
Outreach team!





# JANUARY

1– Jean Bossicot

3– Travis Smith  
Tom Wirbel  
Reagan Wise

4– Yolande Alexandre

6– Craig Brown  
Lily Groenendaal

7– Andrew Bradenburg  
Vivian Johnson

9– Lynn Neill  
Jason Taylor

10– Melody Wise

11– Jeremy Adams  
Angelica Gray

14– Kathryn Jeffrey

15– Dennis Range

16– Lisa Borst  
Wesny Dubic  
Siobhan Faughnan  
Lily Gold  
Wally Stewart III

17– Nikki Imes

20– Sue Cardaci-Grimes

21– Trudie Carr

22– Alex Hujik

23– Joel Lopez  
Heather Lynn  
Vince Snow

24– Aaron Abney  
Kessler McClanahan

25– Mason Cottle

26– Brandon Peavey  
Janie Walton

27– Aiden Carroll  
Betty Morgeson

30– Barbara Ellerbe



3– Joe and Sarah Wolfe

7– Andrew and Christin Lazo






8– Bill and Tina Sydnor

10– Jonathan and Janie Walton

29– Jay and Mary Kay Predmore

*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 black; padding: 5px;">                     Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off                      Friday– Fr. Andrew’s Day Off                      Office Hours:                      Mon - Fri 9:00 am-5:00 pm                 </div>			1  Have a safe and happy New Year! Church Office is Closed	2	3	4
5  Bag Sunday for Christian Service Center	6	7  6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Dinner Parish Hall & Men’s Supper Youth Hall	8	9	10	11
12	13  5:00 p.m. Parish Hall	14	15 6:00 p.m. B.A.M.M Fire Pit 	16	17	18  Diocesan Meeting
19 2:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting 	20	21	22	23  7:00 p.m. Book Club	24	25
26  5:30 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Dinner	27	28	29	30	31  6:00 p.m. Vestry Retreat	Feb. 1  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*  
**4:00 p.m. French Service**  
**4:30 p.m. Shine Kid’s Club**  
*in the Youth Hall*

**5:00 p.m. Activate Youth Group**  
*in the Youth Hall*  
**5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper**  
*with Fr. Andrew in the Parish Hall*  
**6:00 p.m. Simple Supper**  
*in the Parish Hall*  
**7:00 p.m. Rite III**

**Monday:** 5:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

**Tuesday:** 10 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 7:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at [predmoremarykay@gmail.com](mailto: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 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Lector	Tom Headley	Aliena Gaye	Sandy Sparks	Christin Lazo
LEM 1	Joyce Taylor	Frank Chase	Wayne Sparks	Don Greer
LEM 2	Dianne Donaldson	Maureen Farrar	Gretchen Tope	Mary Kay Predmore
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Dianne Donaldson	Mary Kay Predmore	Wayne Sparks
Ushers & Greeters	Alex Hujik/ Dan Kem	Wayne Sparks/ Jay Predmore	Joyce Taylor/ Alex Hujik	Jay Predmore/ Dan Kem
P. Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Sandy Sparks	Christin Lazo

### Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Lector	Lynn Redmond	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel	Joe Eiden
LEM 1	Vince Truglia	Chris Brown	Mary Lynn Levine	Rodger Watson
LEM 2	Stacey Beck	Rodger Watson	Lynn Redmond	Stacey Beck
Altar Server	Melanie Field	Emma Hayes	Lily Levine	Reese Smith
Crucifer	Reese Smith	Addison Lynn	Francesco Kulchar	Taylor Smith
Torch Bearer 1	Taylor Smith	Kendall Gilmore	Allegra Kulchar	Calvin Lambeth
Torch Bearer 2	Scarlet Excaliber	Ainsley Gilmore	Calvin Lambeth	Scarlett Excaliber
Ushers & Greeters	Beth Ann Carr/ Jean Pender	Jay and Patti Williams	George and Anida Daniel	Tom, Laura and Calvin Buckner
P. Intercessor	Susan Kiehm	Doreen Stachowski	Linda Gold	Elise Bradford
Tech Slides	Laura Buckner	Sam Lynn	Jim Farrar	Wilna Brown
Tech Sound	Aaron Abney		Maureen Farrar	Chris Brown



### Sunday Servants 11:00 a.m.

11:00 am	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>Lector</b>	Patti Tate	Bob Somers	Jennifer Groenendaal	Paul Buzzonetti
<b>LEM 1</b>	Marc Boese	Lionel Williams	Marc Boese	Mary Kay Predmore
<b>LEM 2</b>	Vita Mazzaluna	Karen Williams	Giada Mazzaluna	Steve Borst
<b>Altar Server</b>	Giada Mazzaluna	Logan McRae	Jackson Groenendaal	Ana Switzer
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Lionel and Karen Williams	Mary Katulic	McRae Family	Lionel & Karen Williams
<b>Tech Slides</b>	Evie Dugger	Christopher Borst	Josie Weiss	Marc Boese
<b>Tech Sound</b>	Will Dugger		Lily Groenendaal	

### Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>Lector</b>	Amy Raetz	Larry Cartelli	Nancy Gordon	Jason Eaton
<b>LEM</b>	Susie Marshall	Wendy King	Amy Raetz	Steve Raetz
<b>Altar Server</b>	Violet Eaton	Violet Eaton	Violet Eaton	Bob Greene
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Cindi Shaffer	Stephanie Abel	Amy Raetz	Terry Kraft
<b>P. Intercessor</b>		Susie Marshall		Susie Marshall
<b>Tech Slides</b>	Mike King	Jane Cartelli	Mike King	Jane Cartelli

### Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>Visitor</b>	Marc Boese	Steve & Amy Raetz	Lionel & Karen Williams	Don Stanton

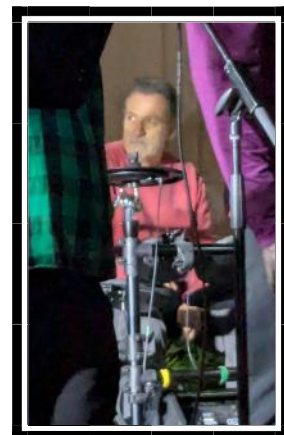
### Readings

Readings	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 84	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21

# The Messiah Worship Band at Light Up Winter Garden



The Messiah Worship Band with guest singers: Ricky Jackson, Steve Sylvia, River and Sky Brightstar, Debbie Rutherford, (Father Tom is playing the guitar hidden behind Violet), Violet Eaton, Toria Eaton, Leo Henry, (Paul Buzzonetti is playing the drums hidden behind Leo), Tom Knappman, Craig Brown, and Patty Tate







On November 12, We welcomed into the Church of God through the sacrament of Baptism Mia Ann Hockenull, daughter of Thomas and Laura Hockenull.



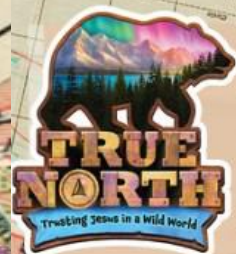
Our Office Angel, Becky Gossett, made Advent greenery for the photo boards in the Narthex.



Lamar Powers, our Jr Warden (who is not pictured), gathered a group of men to re-lamp the Good Shepherd window,



Thank you CW Abel, Paul Buzzonetti, Bob Greene, Mike King, and Wally Stewart.



**VBS 2025**  
**Supply drive**



Now collecting supplies for  
VBS 2025!

We will be going on an  
Alaskan Adventure as we find our  
True North - Jesus!

To donate supplies, scan the QR code to visit the VBS Registry site.

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Angela  
[angelalopez@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:angelalopez@churchofthemessiah.com)

**Deadline March 15th**



## **Come Fellowship with your Messiah Family and Friends**

The First Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.



**Ladies' Dinner Soupapalooza**  
in the Parish Hall.

**Men's Fish Fry** in the Youth Hall.

Sign-ups for both are in the Narthex!



**Being a Messiah's Man**

**B.A.M.M**

**Men's Fire Pit!**

**Wednesday, January 15**

**at 6:00 p.m.**

Contact Chris Brown

407-864-1708

## **Messiah Book Club**

Will meet on  
January 23  
at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Library.

We will discuss:  
***Being Mortal***  
by **Atul Gawande**

