

THE CONNECTION

CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

November, 2017



Operation Christmas Child

- **Collection Day - Sunday, November 12, during worship**

By filling a shoebox, you can be part of sending the Gospel to more than 100 countries, including refugee centers. Bring your shoeboxes to worship on Sunday, November 12, and put them on the altar.

- **Relay Week - Monday, November 13 through Monday, November 20**
Church on the Drive will be a Relay Station again this year. We will need volunteers during that week to unload and re-load vehicles, put labels and rubber bands on the shoeboxes, assign numbers to the shoeboxes, provide snacks for volunteers, and greet people as they come to drop off shoe boxes from their church or community organization.

The Relay Station hours are: Monday, November 13 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 17 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19 - 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 20 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Contact Donna Bradham if you would like to volunteer or if you just want more information.

- Trip to Atlanta Processing Center - Wednesday, November 29 - Saturday, December 2

If you really want to immerse yourself in Operation Christmas Child, consider taking the trip to the Atlanta Processing Center this year. While there, you will help sort, inspect, package, and ship millions of shoeboxes all over the world. This year, the trip starts on November 29 and ends on December 2.

At every shoebox outreach event the children and their families hear the gospel. What a blessing and opportunity we have to be a part of this great evangelistic outreach. Some changes this year - no candy or toothpaste may be included, and the shipping cost is \$9.00 per shoebox. Contact Debbie Hairel ([407-617-5001](tel:407-617-5001)) or Rita Chaney (ritaelizc@yahoo.com) for more information.



Followers of Jesus have always been expected to think deeply on how they might best live for Jesus. Our Depth Classes (formerly Adult Discipleship Training) help you do just that. If you would like to enroll in one of these classes for the fall semester, [please click here to print out the form, fill it out and drop it off in the church office or Cafe.](#)

THE GENESIS ANTHOLOGY & BOOK OF GENERATIONS

RICHARD ATKINS

Sundays, 6:00pm, Room 205

Textual analysis by scholars and computerized verification shows the hand of four authors for the book of Genesis. This seminar provides an examination of that authorship.

No Cost

THINC DIPHRUNTLY - HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MIND

TONI CARTER

Sundays, 6:00pm, Room 207

Thinking determines outcome more than anything else. Your actions, attitudes, and self-awareness all flow from the way you think

Cost: Price of the book

MOM-TO-MOM

CRYSTAL HOLIC

1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays, 6:15pm, Room 209

A Biblically based program designed around the Titus 2:4 teaching that encourages women in their relationships with their husbands and children. It includes quality instruction in parenting, small group discussion, and interaction between moms.

Cost: \$20 for materials

JUDGES AND RUTH (PRECEPT STUDY)

TONI CARTER

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, Room 206

An inductive study of Judges and Ruth in which the student will learn about our redeemer, advocate, and God's truths.

Cost: \$32.50 for materials

CHEERS

JASON HOLIC & JOSH PLANT

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Ollie's

Civil conversation about tough topics that affect our faith that we hope to invite others into.

Cost: Individual orders

ADULT BIBLE STUDY (ongoing)

DR. JACK MERCER & DEBBIE HAIREL

Wednesday, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Weekly Bible study directly following our Wednesday night dinner.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

SANDY MERCER & PRAYER TEAM

9-10:30am - Nov 4 – All ages welcome! Cost: Donations accepted.

Sonshine Kids

Rev. Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org

Daddy & Me Bike & Hike

Saturday, November 4, 10:00
am - 12:00 pm

Meet at the fountain in Blue Jacket Park, Winter Park
Bike or hike (really walk)
around the park with your kids!
Bring footballs and things to
play other outdoor games!
Pack your lunch and we'll
provide drinks &
desserts. Contact Amy Byrd
(amymeredithbyrd@gmail.com)
or Kera Appleton (ohkkk02@aol.com) for more details.



PASSPORTkids 2018

For current 3rd-5th graders
June 10-13, 2018 at Stetson
University in DeLand
Cost: Approx. \$350 per child

Interested? There will be 2 info
meetings early next year:

Wednesday, January 10
at 6:30 pm &
Sunday, January 14, at
11:30 am.

Both meetings are in the Community Room.
Mark your calendars now!

Weekly
Story Time
Every Friday
am
In the



Family
at 10:30
Library



Sunshine Kids
Wednesday Night
Schedule

Faith Foundations,
6:15 -7:15 p.m.,
Community Room

(For Kids PreK4-5th Grade; Childcare Provided for Kids Ages 3 & Under)

Student Ministry

Rev. Josh Plant

Contact: jplant@churchonthedrive.org



Journey Sunday
Night Schedule
Worship, Fellowship,
Gym Time, and more,
on Sundays,
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
All students in grades
6 - 12 are welcome!

Contact JoshPlant for more information.

Staycation Retreat

November 17-19

Contact [Josh Plant](#) for more information.



Middle School Breakfast Club

Thursday, November 9
at 8:00 am

Contact [Josh Plant](#) for more information.

Senior Adults

Debbie Hairel

Contact: dhairel@churchonthedrive.org

Young at Heart Lunch Out

Thursday, November 9

Meet in the Fellowship Hall at
10:30 am



Women's Ministry

Rev. Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org

Mom to Mom

1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays
at 6:15 pm. in Room 205



Encouraging, educating, and equipping women for the most important job in the world - parenting! Open to moms of all ages who have kids of all ages! Free children's activities occur simultaneously! For more information, contact Crystal Holic at cholic@churchonthedrive.org.

Community

Rev. Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org



JazzFest 2017

Saturday, November 4

6:00-11:00 pm

Along Edgewater Drive

Missions/Outreach

Rev. Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org



Sunday, November 5 11:30 AM

Lunch with Panel Discussion about missions opportunities globally & locally. Bubbalou's BBQ will be served for lunch.

Cost: \$6:00 for adults; \$4:00 for kids.

Fall We Serve Day
Saturday, November 11
9:00-11:00 am

Meet on the front steps of the church to help pack food bags to be sent to Puerto Rico.

**JOIN US AS
WE SERVE
OTHERS**



Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Every Monday
7:00 pm
Room 302

English Classes

Every
Wednesday
6:00-8:00 pm



Room 302

Music Ministry

Edith Marlo Wright

Contact: emwright@churchonthedrive.org

Children's Choir

Children's Choir rehearses each Sunday after worship until 1:00 pm. Lunch is provided. This is for 2nd-6th graders with unchanged voices. Interested in joining? We are adding more voices in January 2018. Info meeting on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00pm.



On December 17, the Children's Choir will give a FREE concert at College Park Towers at 12:30 pm!



Adult Handbell Choir Concert

The Celebration Ringers adult handbell choir will participate in a FREE concert Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 p.m., at Orlando Museum of Art.

Life of the Church

Church Office

Contact: btstern@churchonthedrive.org



Chris, Taylor, Lily & Deacon Plumblee

365 Prayer Initiative

The Prayer Team would like to invite the whole church to join us in praying for Church on the Drive (COTD).

Don't worry, you will do this individually, at home or wherever you like. The goal is to have every day of the year covered by at least one person praying for COTD. You pick when you want to pray, provide your email address and your preferred reminder type. Toni Carter will email the list to you the night before and send a reminder (text, email or phone). You pray when you want, one time or multiple times during that 24 hour day.

Please sign up after Sunday Worship by the Prayer Team banner, in your Community Group, or contact Toni Carter at tcarter@churchonthedrive.org or 407.721.4259.



Church Council Advisory Team Meeting

Sunday, November 5
4:30 pm in room 208

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, November 5
5:00 pm in room 208

Cheers! at Ollie's

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at
6:30 pm at
Ollie's on Edgewater Dr. (in
front of EHS)



We will have a civil conversation
about tough topics that affect
our faith that we hope to invite
others into!



Churchwide Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 4,
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

We are excited to continue
to share these prayer
opportunities with the entire
congregation. Each of
these prayer times will have
a focus of ministry or

mission and will sometimes include a guest speaker. All (men, women,
youth, and children) are invited to participate.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, November 5

Don't forget to **FALL BACK!**
Set your clocks back 1 hour
before you
go to sleep on Saturday,
November 4.





Veterans Day
Saturday,
November 11

A day to remember and honor our veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

*November
Connection*
Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday,
November 15

December



Monday Evenings, 6:15 -
7:15p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Edith Marlo Wright is teaching a
Zumba class here at COTD.

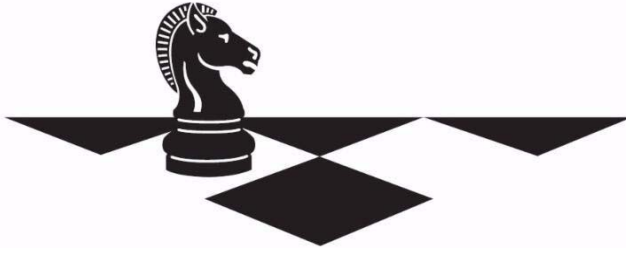
Contact her
at emwright@churchonthedrive.org for
more info.

**Monthly Church
Business Meeting**

Wednesday,
November 15
6:00 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

*Please note the change
in day and time.





Chess for All the Ages

Sundays, 4:00 pm
Room 205

Regardless of your age or knowledge of chess, you will enjoy learning the history of chess and basic and advanced strategies. Beginners are welcome!

Kids will quickly learn how to beat their parents.

The class meets every Sunday during the fall except on holiday weekends.

Deck the Halls

Sunday, November 26

5:00 pm

Come decorate the church for Christmas and enjoy dinner and fellowship!

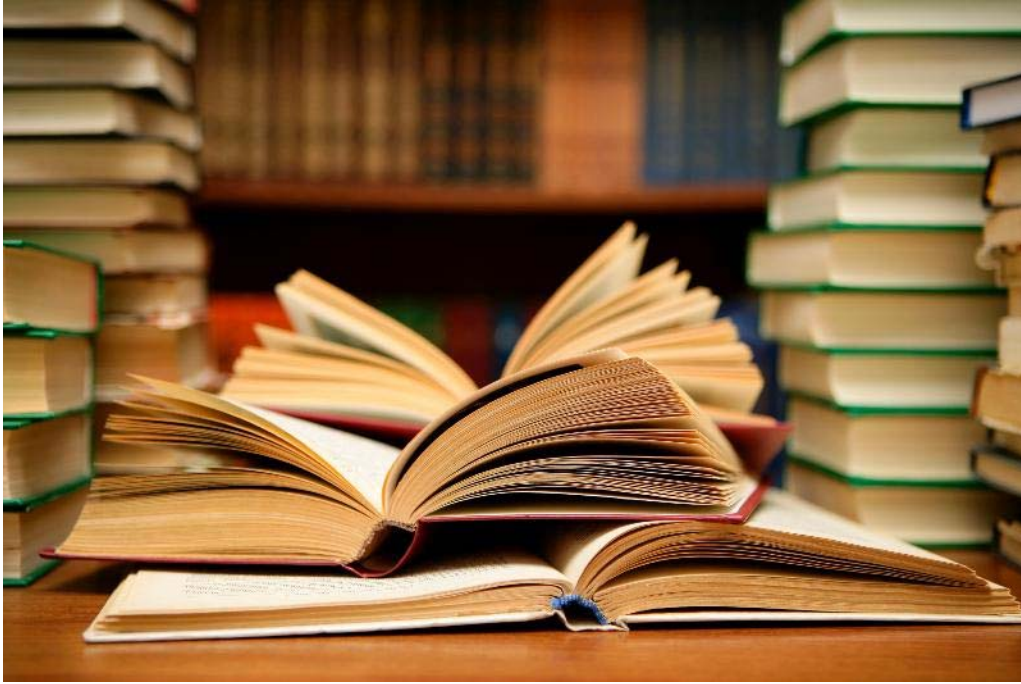


Thanksgiving Dinner:

Wednesday, November 15

No evening activities or meetings on Wednesday, November 22

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24



A Page from the Library

Opening Windows - Spiritual Refreshment for Your Walk with Christ Compiled by Max Lucado

Open your heart to the combined insights of some of today's most inspiring writers. You'll be captivated by their stories of inspiration.

Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath

Melissa, Amanda, and Frank's parents are leaving on a trip to Paris. But the babysitter becomes ill. They reluctantly call Mr. Anderson's sister, Sally. An adventure begins.

Mary's First Thanksgiving by Kathy Jo Wargin

It's Thanksgiving time and Mary wished they could go back to Ireland when her father tells a story of how the Pilgrims struggled when they first came to America. But five kernels of corn helped the Pilgrims survive and made their faith stronger.

Be thankful for what you have!

Marion Billingsley



November Menus

November 1

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia
Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Salad Bar/Corn Bread
Chocolate Ice Box Pie

November 8

Chicken Supreme
Glazed Carrots
Salad Bar/Rolls
Cake

November 15

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 22

No Dinner or Evening Activities

Coming Next Month...

- **Harp Concert & Reception** - Sunday, December 3, 3:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Musical** - Sunday, December 10, during worship
- **Christmas Eve Services** Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.
AND 11:00 p.m.

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor

Dr. Jack Mercer

Associate Pastor

Rev. Josh Plant

Minister of Community Outreach

Rev. Crystal Holic

Minister of Church Administration

Cynthia McInvale

Minister of Senior Adults

Debbie Hairel

Director of Music

Edith Marlo Wright

Instrumental Music Associate

Abby Mejeur

Audio/Visual/Lighting Technician

Brendan McCarty

Ministry Assistant

Colleen Cart

Ministry Assistant

Betsy Stern

Director of Food Services

Shelley Garza

Custodian

Calvin Gilley

Custodian

Dan Rudolph

Ongoing Activities

Monday

TNT Elite Hoops/2:30 p.m./CLC Gym

Zumba! Class/6:15 p.m./FH

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting/7:00 p.m./Room 302

Tuesday

Ministry Team Meeting/2:15 p.m.

TNT Elite Hoops/2:30 p.m./CLC Gym

Community Group-Conway/7:00 p.m./Cristi & Paul Valdes' Home

Wednesday

TNT Elite Hoops/2:30 p.m./CLC Gym

Wednesday Night Dinner/5:00 p.m./FH

Adult Bible Study/6:00 p.m./FH

English Literacy Ministry/6:00 p.m./Room 301

Knitting Group/6:00 p.m./Room 207

Praise Team Rehearsal/6:00 p.m./Sanctuary

Faith Foundations for Kids (Pre-K4-5th Grade/6:15 p.m./Community Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal/7:00 p.m./Music Suite

Thursday

TNT Elite Hoops/2:30 p.m./CLC Gym

Highway 28 Band Rehearsal/6:45 p.m./Room 211

Community Group for Young Adults/7:00 p.m./Sandy & Jack Mercer's Home

Community Group-Winter Park/2nd & 4th Thursdays/7:00 p.m./Aixa Catala's Home

Friday

Family Story Time/10:30 a.m./Library

TNT Elite Hoops/2:30 p.m./CLC Gym

Men's Basketball League/6:00 p.m./Gym

Saturday

TNT Elite Hoops/9:00 a.m./CLC Gym

Community Group-Far East/10:00 a.m./2nd & 4th Saturdays/Bill & Margaret Osteen's Home

Sunday

Library Opens/8:30 a.m./Library

Living Water Café Opens/8:30 a.m./Café

Community Groups/9:00 a.m./Various Rooms

Worship Service/10:15 a.m./Sanctuary

Kids' Bells Rehearsal/5:00 p.m./Room 302

Students - *Journey*/5:30 p.m./Gym, Student Wing

Depth Class: Knowing Christ Today/6:00 p.m./Room 206

Depth Class: The Genesis Anthology & Book of Generations/6:00 p.m./Room 205

Depth Class: Thinc Diphuntly/6:00 p.m./Room 207

Wind Ensemble Rehearsal/7:00 p.m./Sanctuary

NOVEMBER 2017 CHURCH ON THE DRIVE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						Daddy & Me/ 9:00 a.m. Meet at Baldwin Park Professional Men's Christian Fellowship 9 a.m./Room 206 Jazz Fest 6:00 p.m./Edgewater Drive
			1	2	3	4
Daylight Savings Time Ends 2:00 a.m. Communion Sunday Missions Emphasis Lunch 11:30 a.m./FH Church Council 5:00 p.m./Room 206						Veterans Day Fall We Serve Day 9:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast 9:00 a.m./FH Servants for Christ C.G. Social 6:00 p.m./Room 302
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection 10:15 a.m./Sanctuary Properties Committee 4:00 p.m./Room 206	Operation Christmas Child Relay Station Open					
					Students - Staycation Retreat (DNow)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Operation Christmas Child Relay Station Open						
Students - Staycation Retreat (DNow)						
Benevolence Offering Finance Committee 11:30 a.m./Room 208			NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Deck the Halls Deacons' Meeting 3:30 p.m./Room 208 Business Meeting 5:00 p.m./FH			Trip to Operation Christmas Child Atlanta Processing Center			
26	27	28	29	30		
			Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205			

KEY TO CALENDAR:

COTD = Church on the Drive

FH = Fellowship Hall



A COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

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407-843-0140

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Address Service Requested

Sunday Services:

Community Groups – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.