

THE CONNECTION

CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

September, 2017



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

KNOWING CHRIST TODAY

DIANE STANTON

Sundays, 6:00pm, Room 206 (Until Oct 29)

A study and discussion of Dallas Willard's book, *Knowing Christ Today*, in which he makes the claim that moral knowledge can be known.

Because Jesus is the greatest moral teacher ever, Christians have a responsibility to teach morality as truth, not just opinion.

Cost: Price of the book

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.

No cost

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

SANDY MERCER & PRAYER TEAM

9-10:30am - Sept 9, Oct 7, Nov 11

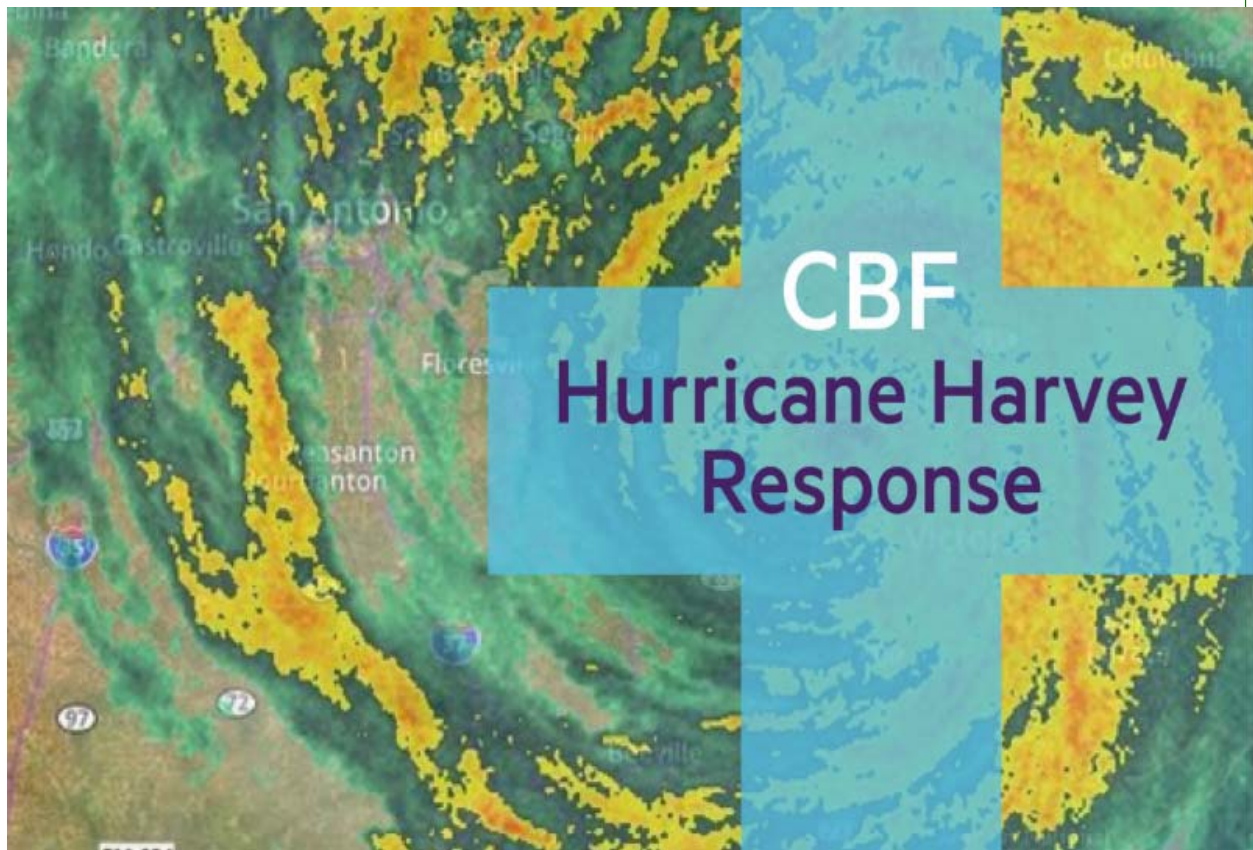
Join us for an hour and a half of breakfast and focused prayer.

All ages welcome!

Cost: Donations accepted.



COTD Serves Lunch at Daily Bread
Each day, September 4 - 8



[Click here to donate to CBF's
Disaster Response for Hurricane Harvey.](#)

Community
Cynthia McInvale
Contact: cmcinvale@churchonthedrive.org



**Thank you to all who donated, organized, and/or
Delivered school supplies to our local schools! You helped
Many children start the school year with a smile!**

Missions/Outreach

Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org

Core Day Camp

Core Day Camp is back for a second year and is deeply appreciated by parents! Core Day Camp is a camp for school age kids on the days public school is closed. Our first camp for the year is Monday, October 16. Your help is needed to make these camps a success! There are three ways you can help:



1. Volunteer - check in (7:45-9 AM), group assistant (9 AM - 12 noon or 1-4 PM), lunch and/or playground monitor (12-1 PM), or pick up (4-5 PM).
2. Teach a Special - have a gift or talent that you could share with the kids? We will pay you to teach.
3. Be a Camp Counselor - full day (7:30 AM - 5:15 PM) counselors are needed to ensure the safety of the participants.

If you are interested in helping with Core Day Camp, contact Crystal Holic at CHolic@churchonthedrive.org.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Every Monday
7:00 pm
Room 302

English Classes

Every Wednesday
6:00-8:00 pm
Room 302



Re-Charge & Re-Energize Your Job Search

Thursday, September 14,
Fellowship Hall

Volunteers are needed to greet our guests, show them the way to the Fellowship Hall, help them park, and make them feel welcome! Contact Georgia Stuart at galee53@gmail.com to volunteer.



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who is helping to continue our partnership with Transformations Village in Bithlo!

Life of the Church

Church Office

Contact: btstern@churchonthedrive.org

welcome
to our newest members!



Chuck Keeler & Tanya Perrin



Made Known
Sunday, October 8, 5:00-6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Have you or someone you know faced the pain of miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, fertility issues, SIDS, or infant loss? *You're not alone.*

Made Known is an opportunity to remember and memorialize the child or children that may be known only to those hurting and to God. *Made Known* is a free event that is open to all - women, spouses, significant others, parents, grandparents, and friends. Questions? Contact Rev. Crystal Holic at [407-843-0140](tel:407-843-0140) or cholic@churchonthedrive.org



Concert for Susan Mikesell's
30th Anniversary at COTD
Sunday, September 17,
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Susan Mikesell, church pianist at Church on the Drive, came to our church in September, 1987, thereby making her our longest serving staff member, at 30 years. To celebrate this milestone, Susan will be giving a Piano Concert on Sunday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The concert will include a great variety of music, and many musicians will sing and play, including those from our music ministry, and some other

musician friends of Susan's. You are invited to come to the concert on Sunday night, September 17, to hear piano music featuring Susan and friends.

Cheers! at Ollie's

Begins Wednesday, August 23
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, September 9,
9:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall

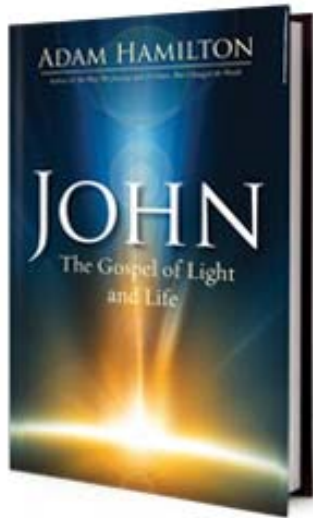
We are excited to share with you
some new prayer opportunities for the
coming year! For 2017-18 we have
planned three Saturday morning
prayer breakfasts from September
through November and three more
prayer breakfasts from February

through April. Each of these prayer times will have a focus of ministry or mission and will sometimes include a guest speaker. Everyone (men, women, youth, and children) is invited to participate.

Labor Day Holiday

The church office will be closed on
Monday,
September 4, in honor of Labor Day.





Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Led by Jack Mercer

A study of
John: The Gospel of Light and Life
by Adam Hamilton

October Connection
Newsletter Deadline
Friday, September 15

October



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

Fellowship Hall

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

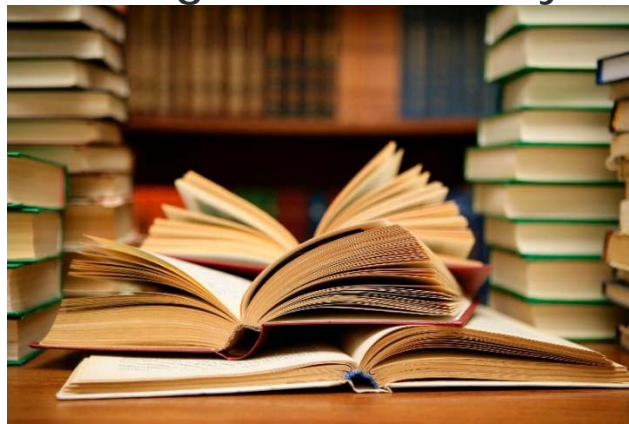
Contact her

at emwright@churchonthedrive.org for
more info.

Monthly Church Business Meeting
Sunday, September 24, 5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



A Page from the Library



A Woman's Walk with God by Sheila Cragg

Here is encouragement and help for where you are in your spiritual journey, rather than where you ought to be.

Far, Far Away by Tom McNeal

In a small town where nothing ever happens, everything is about to change!

Rainbow Fish to the Rescue! by Marcus Pfister

Rainbow Fish is torn between his newfound friends and a lonely striped fish who is not allowed to join the group. When a dangerous and hungry shark suddenly appears, what will he do!?

Come by the library and check out these books!

September Menus

September 6

Chicken Supreme
Glazed Carrots
Salad Bar
Rolls

Coconut Cake

September 13

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia
Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Cornbread
Salad Bar
Chocolate Ice Box Pie

September 20

Chicken & Yellow Rice
Green Beans
Salad Bar
Rolls
Butterscotch Cake

September 27

Baked Potato Bar
Chicken Tenders
Salad Bar
Rolls
Chocolate Cake

Senior Adults

Debbie Hairel

Contact:

dhairl@churchonthedrive.org

Young at Heart

Thursday, September 14, 10:30
a.m., Fellowship Hall

Entertainment by Tom Evan,
a Modern Day Minstrel.

Join us for food, fellowship, and great
music
of all kinds from Tom Evan!

Please note: There will be no Young at
Heart in October.





Fall Trip to Kentucky

If you're going on the Fall Trip to Kentucky, payments are due by Sunday, September 10!

Women's Ministry

Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org



Mom to Mom

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

Contact [Crystal Holic](mailto:cholic@churchonthedrive.org) for more information.

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.

Ladies Night Out

Monday, September 11
at 5:30 pm

Meet at Ale House on Colonial Drive (2600 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, 32803).

Questions? Contact Crystal Holic at cholic@churchonthedrive.org.



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 [Josh Plant](#) for more information.

Nerd Game Night

Saturday, September 30

5:00 - 9:00 pm

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





breakfast club

Middle School Breakfast Club

Thursday, September 14 at
8:00 am

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

Night of Joy
Friday, September 8



Children & Student Leadership Award Celebration

Saturday, September 16 at
6:00 pm

If you are a leader in our Children or
Student Ministries, you're invited to dinner
and a celebration!

Formal invitations will be coming soon.

Sonshine Kids

Crystal Holic

Contact: cholic@churchonthedrive.org

Weekly Family Story Time
Every Friday at 10:30 am
In the 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)

Children's Grand Re-Opening Bash Sunday, September 10 During Kids' Worship

Free giveaways, games, food, and a
great time to celebrate our new space!



Mommy & Me Saturday, September 23

Painting for all ages with Yes You
Canvas!
Cost: \$20 per person

SEPTEMBER 2017 CHURCH ON THE DRIVE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
						Professional Men's Christian Fellowship 9:a.m./Room 206 1 2	
	COTD Serving Lunch at Daily Bread (Christian Service Center)						Churchwide Prayer Breakfast 9:00 a.m./FH Servants for Christ C.G. Covered Dish Social 6:00 p.m./Room 302
	Labor Day Office Closed		Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205		Students - Night of Joy		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Properties Committee 4:00 p.m./Room 208 Personnel Committee 5:00 p.m.	Ladies Night Out 5:30 p.m./Ale House on Colonial Drive		Cheers @ Ollies 6:30 p.m.	Middle School Breakfast 8:00 a.m./Einstein Brothers Young at Heart 10:30 a.m./FH Re-Charge Your Job Search 6:00 p.m./FH		Students & Kids Volunteer Awards & Dinner 6:00 p.m./FH	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Benevolence Offering Finance Committee 11:30 a.m./Room 208 Susan Miikesell's Concert 7:00 p.m./Sanctuary	First Day of School for at COTD for Monarch Learning Academy		Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205	Quilters on Mission 9:30 a.m./Room 255 Nurturing Faith Board Meeting/10:00 a.m./FH		Kids - Mommy & Me	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Parent-Child Dedication Deacons' Meeting 3:30 p.m./Room 208 Business Meeting 5:00 p.m./FH COTD 101/6:00 p.m.			Cheers @ Ollies 6:30 p.m.		Monarch Academy Fundraiser 5:00 p.m./FH	Students - Nerd Game Night 5:00 p.m.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

KEY TO CALENDAR:

COTD = Church on the Drive

FH = Fellowship Hall

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

Prayer Time/8:30 a.m./Room 205

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

Core Day Camp

School is out on Monday, October 16 - what is your kiddo doing?! Well, COTD has you covered with Core Day Camp - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$10 per child; lunch & a snack included.

[Click here to register NOW!](#)



Coming Next Month...

- **Adult Advisory Council Trip to Bach Gardens** - Saturday, October 21
 - **Operation Christmas Child Kickoff** - Sunday, October 15
 - **Churchwide Prayer Breakfast** - Saturday, October 7
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A COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

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Orlando, FL 32804

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Address Service Requested

Sunday Services:

Community Groups – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.