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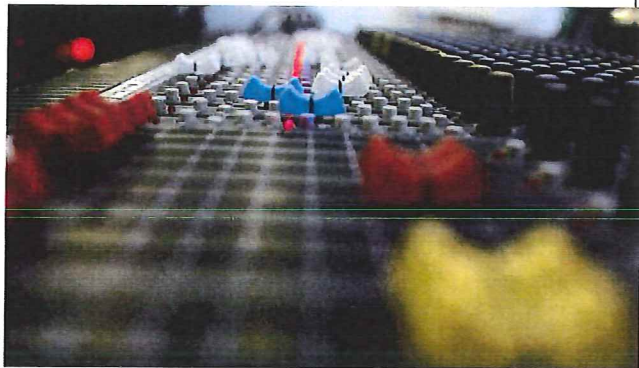
# THE CONNECTION

## CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

*Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard;...Psalm 66*

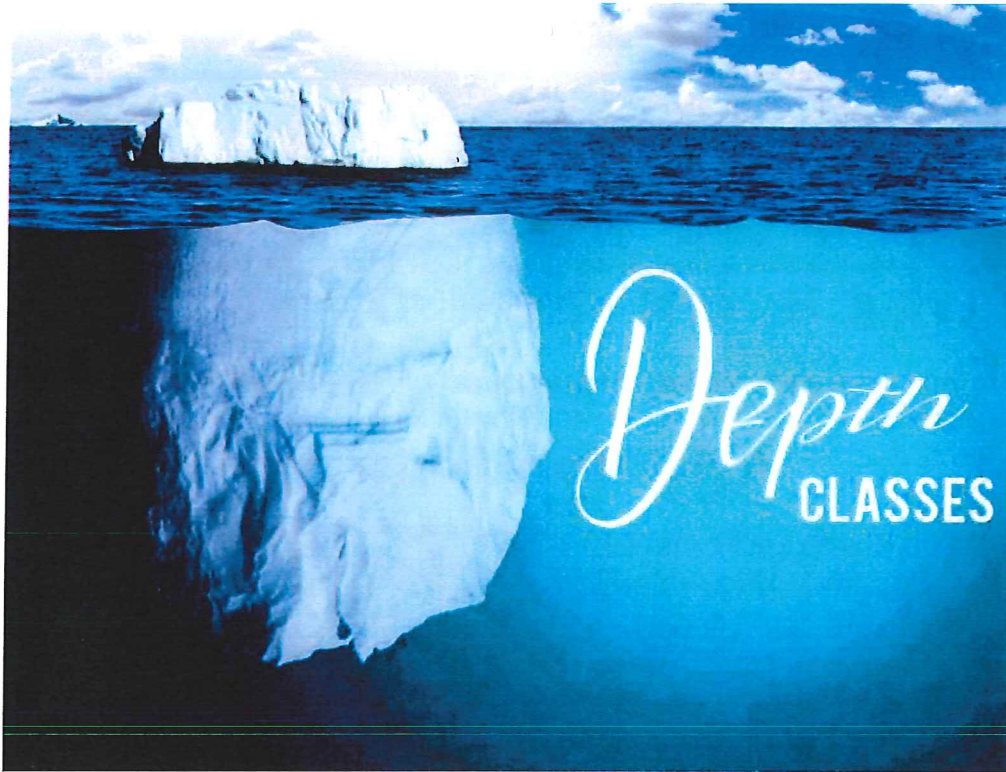
### A Note from Pastor Jack

Some of you have gently opined that the sound for Sunday Morning Worship could be improved. I agree! We have an antiquated system designed for a time and a worship style long past. The equipment is too old to be economically repaired and is clearly faulty. As a result, it is very difficult to control the sound levels



and textures of the Praise Band and Worship Leaders as well as the Choir and individual speakers. Finding a proper mix of all of these elements has become progressively problematic. All of us agree that hearing the Word and experiencing the music clearly, pleasantly and consistently is essential for effective worship. A modern sound system would enable us to comprehensively improve the worship experience by providing the ability to control each mic and instrument separately and with much deeper equalization. We are also working on placing a sound shield around the drums or replacing them with an electronic set to better control the volume. The new system and the drum changes will also eliminate feedback and abrupt volume changes and would finally give us the chance to correct and adjust the sound much quicker "on the fly". With a new system, we will also be able to attain a full sound with less volume overall and eliminate any muddiness from individual speaking mics. Replacing and modernizing the sound system is part of our Blue Water Commitment and while we work on the resources to do so, be assured that we "hear" your concerns and will address them as much as possible within the limits of our current equipment.

Pastor Jack



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

## **THING 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.



## Operation Christmas Child

- **Kickoff** - Sunday, October 15, 10:15 a.m., during worship

Boxes, labels, and brochures will be available in the vestibule and in the hall opposite the Fellowship Hall.

- **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 shoe boxes to worship on Sunday, November 12, and put them on the altar.

- **Relay Week** - Monday, November 13 through Monday, November 10

Church on the Drive will be a Relay Station again this year. A relay station is a designated drop-off location for shoeboxes that have been collected by other churches, individuals, and community organizations. They bring their boxes here and we send them on to the next level, in Atlanta.

We will need volunteers during that week to unload and re-load vehicles, put labels and rubber bands on the shoe boxes, assign numbers to the shoe boxes, provide snacks for volunteers, and greet people as they come to drop off shoe boxes from their church or community organization. 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 in 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) or Rita Chaney ([ritaelizc@yahoo.com](mailto:ritaelizc@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## Sonshine Kids

Crystal Holic

Contact: [cholic@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:cholic@churchonthedrive.org)

**FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29  
4-6PM IN THE COURTYARD**



## Edgewater High School Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 13

**5:00 pm** - COTD will once again be the staging area for the beginning of the annual parade

**6:00 pm** - The parade begins at COTD and will travel down Edgewater Drive to EHS

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



### Sunshine Kids Wednesday Night Schedule

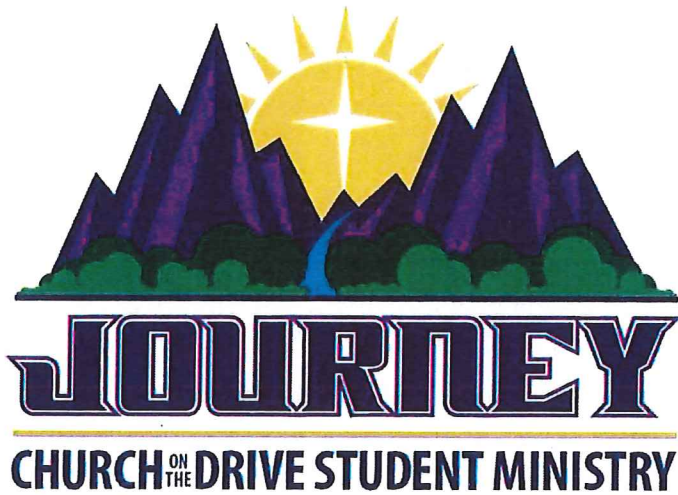
Faith Foundations, 6:15 -7:15 p.m.,  
Community Room

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

### Student Ministry

Rev. Josh Plant

Contact: [jplant@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:jplant@churchonthedrive.org)



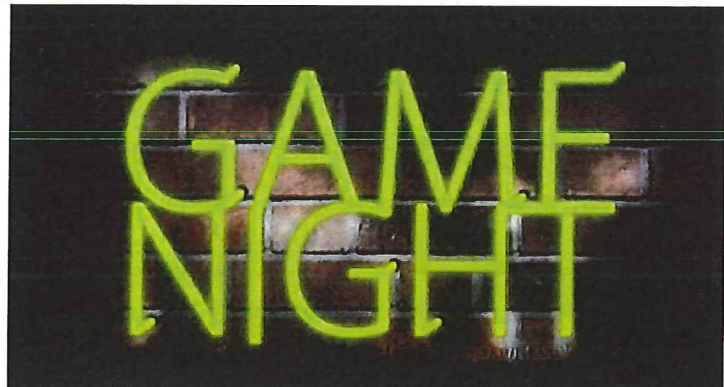
## Journey Sunday Night Schedule

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.

## Game Night

Sunday, October 15  
Contact [Josh Plant](#) for more  
information.



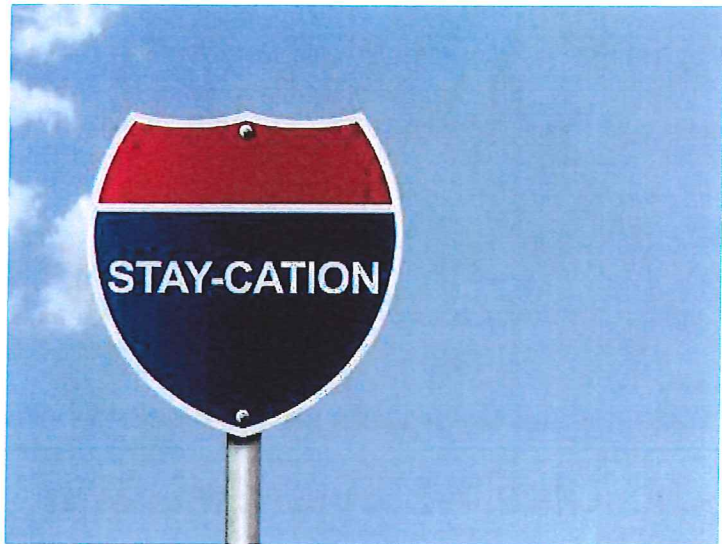
## Middle School Breakfast Club

Thursday, October 12 at  
8:00 am

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

## Staycation Retreat

November 17-19  
More info to come



### Adults

Josh Plant

Contact: [jplant@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:jplant@churchonthedrive.org)



### Trip to Bok Tower Gardens

Saturday, October 21

Contact [Rebecca Monfalcone](#) for more info

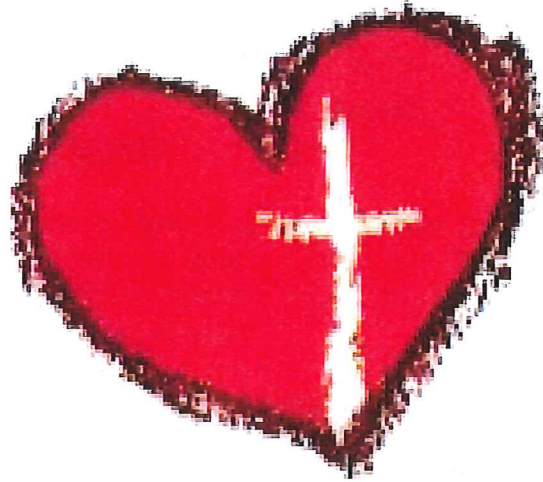
### Senior Adults

Debbie Hairel

Contact: [dhairl@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:dhairl@churchonthedrive.org)



**There will be no  
Young at Heart in  
October.**



**Fall Trip to Kentucky**  
October 9-13

## **Women's Ministry**

Crystal Holic

Contact: [cholic@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:cholic@churchonthedrive.org)

## Mom to Mom

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



Contact [Crystal Holic](#) 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](mailto:cholic@churchonthedrive.org).

## Community

Crystal Holic

Contact: [cholic@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:cholic@churchonthedrive.org)

*Lake Silver Elementary*



*Festival*

## Lake Silver Elementary Fall Festival

Friday, October 6

Volunteers are needed  
starting at 1:30 pm.  
[Click here to sign up!](#)

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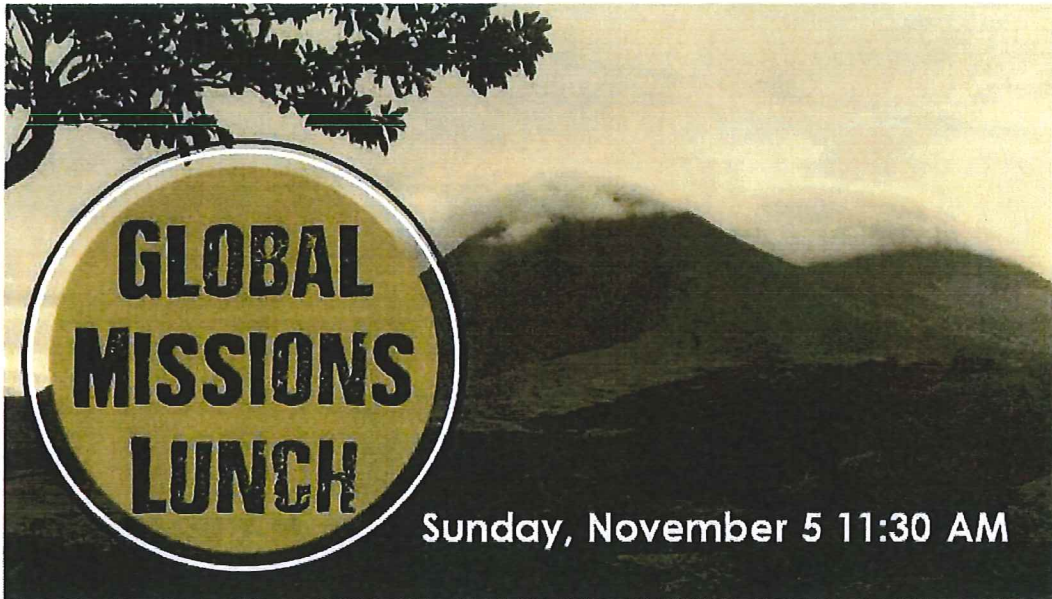
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### Missions/Outreach

Crystal Holic

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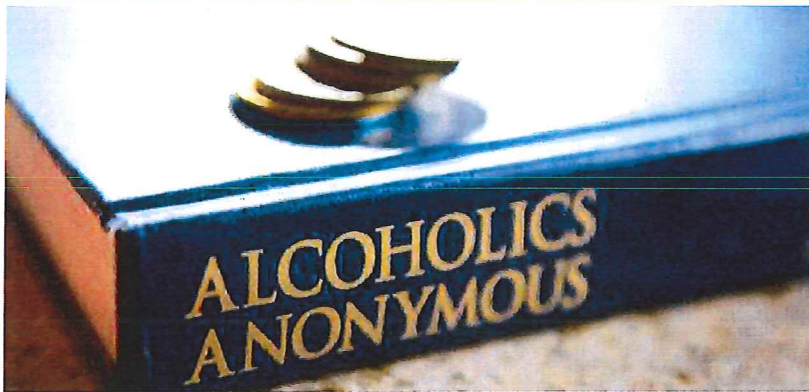
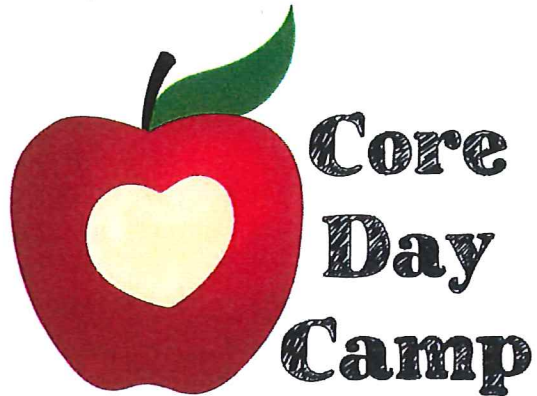
Join  
us as  
we  
have  
a  
panel

discussing the different ways people individually  
and in groups can help with missions locally and globally.

RSVP to the church office by November 1.

## Core Day Camp

All Core Day Camp dates  
have been cancelled.



## Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Every Monday  
7:00 pm  
Room 302

## English Classes

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



**You are invited to attend a FREE Job Search Seminar on Thursday Evening, September 14, 2017...**



Things have changed. Searching for a job in today's world is no exception. You are invited to attend our seminar. We will have several hot topics presented by industry professionals that will leave attendees with great tips and information for their job search, as well as networking, prizes, refreshments, and FUN!

Whether you are a professional, mid, or entry level job seeker, you can expect to be re-charged, encouraged, and engaged. Reserve your seat, mark your calendar, bring a few resumes just in case, and we will see you there!

**SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS:**

**Win the job with Emotional Intelligence Value and network based Job Strategies.**  
Presented by: *Dr. Farhat Noman, Ph.D., Director of O.T. Psychology, Center for Work Life, LLC*

**Personal Branding in the Job Search Process**  
Presented by: *Ryan Mackey, Personal Branding Strategist, Ryan Mackey Coaching & Consulting*

**DATE / TIME:**  
September 14, 2017 from 6:00-8:30 PM (suggested arrival time 5:30 PM)

**LOCATION / HOST:**  
Church on the Drive, Fellowship Hall, 1914 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32804

**RSVP REQUIRED:**  
Attendance is FREE. Attire is Professional Business. RSVP at [www.CFEC.org](http://www.CFEC.org)

Special thanks to the following event sponsors...



**CFEC Contemporary Job Search Seminar**  
Thursday, October 26,  
Fellowship Hall  
(Rescheduled from September)

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](mailto:galee53@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Music Ministry**  
Marlo Wright  
Contact: [emwright@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:emwright@churchonthedrive.org)

**Night of Spirituals**  
Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 pm

The Adult Choir will present a concert of spirituals, old and new! They will be joined by guest singers from Edgewater and Evans High Schools. Mark your calendar today.

This is an event you won't want to miss!



## Life of the Church

Church Office

Contact: [btstern@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:btstern@churchonthedrive.org)

### 365 Prayer Initiative

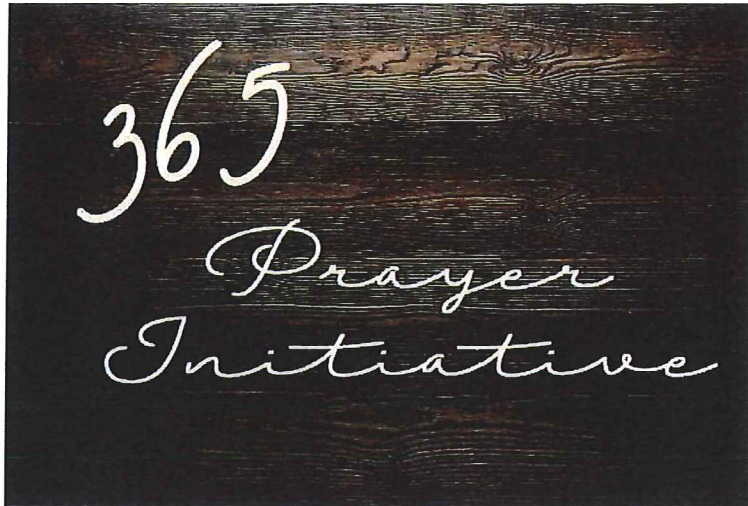
The Prayer Team would like to invite the whole church to join us in praying for Church on the Drive (COTD).

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 Prayer Team banner, in Community Group, or contact Toni Carter at [tcarter@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:tcarter@churchonthedrive.org) or 407.721.4259.

We greatly appreciate your participation and look forward to the awesome things God will do at Church on the Drive when all His people here are praying. Thank you and God Bless. COTD Prayer Team





**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](mailto:cholic@churchonthedrive.org).

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## **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!

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## **Churchwide Prayer Breakfast**

**Saturday, October 7, 8:15 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

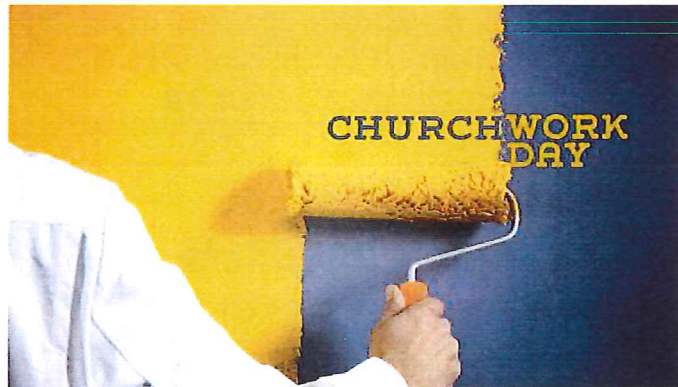
prayer times will have a focus of ministry or mission and will sometimes include a guest speaker. Everyone (men, women, youth, and children) is invited to participate.

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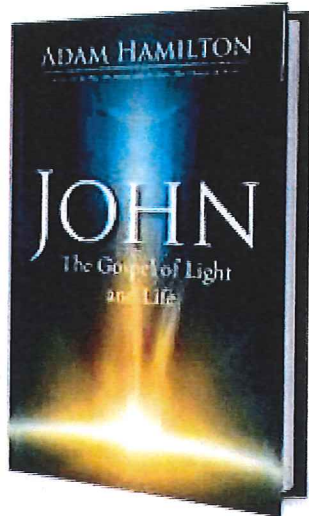
## **Churchwide Work Day**

**Saturday, October 7  
Immediately following the  
Prayer Breakfast  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall**

We will painting and sprucing up our campus. We will also be working alongside the Monarch Academy family; they are having a painting day too! Contact Larry Baker ([larry.baker60@yahoo.com](mailto:larry.baker60@yahoo.com)) for more information.







**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

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**November Connection  
Newsletter Deadline  
Friday, October 13**

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**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](mailto:emwright@churchonthedrive.org) for more info.

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## **A Page from the Library**

### **Navigating Public Schools by Stephen Williams**

A public school teacher, Stephen Williams saw firsthand the challenges facing Christians in public schools. He desires to equip parents to protect their children's faith and world view.

### **Rush Revere and the First Patriots by Rush Limbaugh**

Rush Limbaugh takes you back to Boston in 1765. You'll meet fierce supporters of liberty like Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Paul Revere.

### **This Is the Day by Nancy White Carlstrom**

This is the day the Lord has made. Tiptoe out into the morning world and skip through the dew diamonds. Give thanks and hum your praise with buzzing bees.

Drop into the library and see these new additions to our collection!

*Marion Billingsley*



## **October Menus**

### **October 4**

Meatloaf  
Loaded Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Salad Bar  
Rolls  
Banana Pudding

### **October 11**

BBQ Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Mac & Cheese  
Garlic Toast  
Salad Bar  
Chocolate Ice Box Pie

### **October 18**

Stroganoff Meatballs Over Noodles  
Buttered Carrots  
Salad Bar  
Rolls  
Oatmeal Cake

### **October 25**

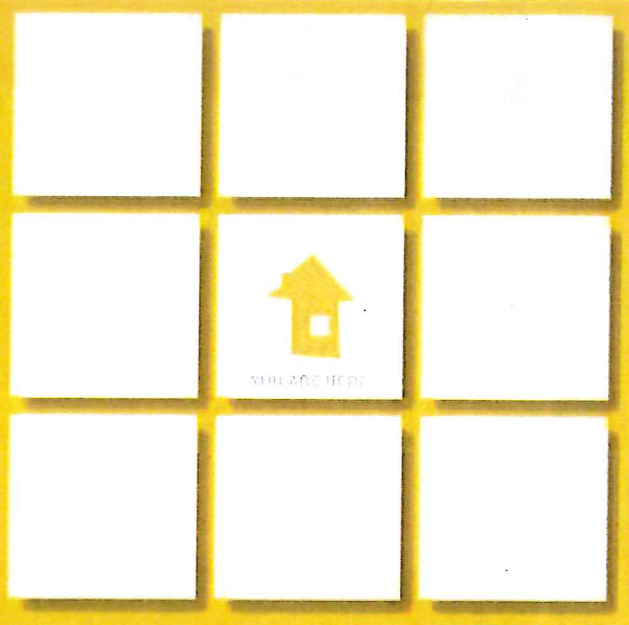
Taco Bar  
Brownies

New Sermon Series

# Love...

*Where you Live*

Begins October 15  
based on the book  
The Art of Neighboring



## Coming Next Month...

- **Jazz Fest** - Saturday, November 4
- **Daddy & Me** - Saturday, November 4
- **Churchwide Prayer Breakfast** - Saturday, November 11
- **Fall We Serve Day** - Saturday, November 11
- **Passport for Kids** - June 10-13

## OCTOBER 2017 CHURCH ON THE DRIVE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205	<b>5</b> Quilters on Mission 9:30 a.m./Room 255	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Prayer Breakfast 8:15 a.m./FH  Churchwide Work Day 9:00 a.m./Meet in FH  Professional Men's Christian Fellowship 9:a.m./Room 206	
<b>8</b> Missions Committee 3:30 p.m./Room 208  Properties Committee 4:00 p.m./Room 206  Made Know 5:00 p.m./FH	Fall Trip to Kentucky					<b>13</b> Edgewater H.S. Homecoming Parade 6:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> Servants for Christ C.G. Social 6:00 p.m./Room 302
<b>15</b> Operation Christmas Child Kick-off  Finance Committee 11:30 a.m./Room 208	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205	<b>19</b> Quilters on Mission 9:30 a.m./Room 255	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> Deacons' Meeting 3:30 p.m./Room 208  Business Meeting 5:00 p.m./FH	<b>23</b> Personnel Committee 6:30 p.m./Room 208	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Night of Spirituals Concert 6:30 p.m./Sanctuary	<b>26</b> CFEC Job Search Seminar 6:00 p.m./FH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> Pumpkin Carving 4:00 p.m./Courtyard	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

**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 Hairal

### 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/2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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./2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Diphrently/6:00 p.m./Room 207

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



**A COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**

1914 Edgewater Drive

Orlando, FL 32804

407-843-0140

[churchonthedrive.org](http://churchonthedrive.org)

Address Service Requested

Sunday Services:

Community Groups – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.