

THE CONNECTION

CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

April, 2018



Vacation Bible School

At Church on the Drive, we are already gearing up for Vacation Bible School and are excited for you to join us this year!

This year's theme is **Hero Central** - [click here to preview!](#) We will be meeting some of the Bible's greatest heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic with God!

VBS at COTD will be July 16-20, 2018 from 9 AM to 12 noon and is free to all participants. Children going into Kindergarten through rising 6th graders may participate. (To clarify: the youngest VBS participants must currently be in PreK & 4 years old and the oldest VBS participants should be currently in 5th grade).

Registration is open. [Click here to register.](#) You will not want to delay, as *spots are limited* this year.

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. If you are interested in volunteering, you may register online as well or email Crystal Holic at crystalnholic@gmail.com.



Special Called Business Meeting

Sunday, April 8 @ 11:30 am

in the Fellowship Hall

This meeting will be to discuss how to fund upgrades on sound, lighting, and screens in the Sanctuary.

Sonshine Kids



Blueberry Picking

Saturday, April 28,
Meet at Beck Brothers Farm
12500 Overstreet Road,
Windermere, FL, 34786

Spring is in full swing and that means fresh fruits & veggies! For a very affordable price, you come home with tons of very tasty blueberries. All are invited! No need to RSVP, just show up!



Sunshine Kids Wednesday

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Every Friday, 10:30 a.m.,
in the Church Library

Evening Schedule:
Faith Foundations, (For Kids
PreK4-5th Grade; Childcare
Provided for Kids 3 & under)

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

Student Ministry

Contact: Josh Plant - 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!



Adult Ministries

Contact: Debbie Hairel - dhair@churchonthedrive.org



Field Trip to Wycliffe Discovery Center

Come join us for a "field trip" to the Wycliffe Museum and Campus! On **April 12, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, members and friends of COTD are gathering at Wycliffe for a tour, lunch, and interesting time together! Wycliffe has been in the Bible-translating business for many years--and that continues to be an active mission for them. Can you believe that there are still people for whom there is no Bible in their "heart language"? Wycliffe has new initiatives to get a Bible into every language by 2025.

The COTD group will tour the Discovery Center (\$8.00 for admission, \$7.00 for seniors), visit the Village Shop with unique gifts from around the world, and enjoy an affordable lunch in the Wycliffe Cafe. You

may meet us at 10:00 a.m., at [11221 John Wycliffe Blvd., Orlando 32832](#)--or you may carpool with a group from the church, leaving at 9:00 a.m., and returning to the church after lunch.

No matter how you will arrive, please make your reservation by calling the church office at [407-843-0140](#). Or you may contact Margaret Osteen at [407-421-0313](#) or Rebecca Monfalcone at [407-312-3874](#) for further information or to make your reservation. Let's learn more about attractions right in our area and enjoy being together!



Young at Heart

The field trip to the Wycliffe Discovery Center will take the place of Young at Heart for April.

Fall Camping Trip to Lake Louisa State Park October 19-21

Come spend a relaxing weekend with us at beautiful Lake Louisa State Park in Lake County this fall. A short drive from Orlando, this 4,500-acre state park is noted for its beautiful lakes, rolling hills and scenic landscapes. You can choose to stay in one of the comfortable cabins or if you



have an RV or tent there are plenty of campsites available in close proximity. If you are interested in joining us you will need to make your reservation as soon as possible as the best cabins/sites will go fast! The cabins are 2 bedroom/1 bath and sleep up to 6 (1 queen, 1 double and 2 single beds) with a kitchen - cost \$120/night. The campsites have both 30 and 50 amp hooks ups, can accommodate 1 RV or 2 tents and up to 8 people for a cost of- \$24/night. (Please note there is a \$17.75 cancellation fee) **[Click here to make your reservations today.](#)** If you are interested in joining us contact Galen Pugh @ galenpugh44@yahoo.com or call [\(407\) 232-1451](#).

Women's Ministry

Contact: Debbie Hairel - dhairl@churchonthedrive.org



Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom meets on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of each month at 6:15 p.m., in Room 205. The meeting dates for this month are April 4 & 18.

Missions/Outreach

Contact: Debbie Hairel - dhairl@churchonthedrive.org



ESOL Classes
Each Wednesday
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Room 302



Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm, in room 302.

Community



2018
**DANCING
ON THE DRIVE**
*and
classic car show*






SATURDAY / APRIL 28TH

6 P.M. / *along edgewater drive*

\$10 MINIMUM DONATION PER PERSON

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Life of the Church

Contact: Church Office - btstern@churchonthedrive.org



Saturday, April 14, 9:00-10:30
a.m. Fellowship Hall

We are excited to continue to share

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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.

... is a way you can pray for Church on the Drive. The goal is to have someone praying for our church every day of the year. Haven't signed up yet? Contact Toni Carter (tcarter@churchonthedrive.org) or go to the prayer banner in the Sanctuary after worship and a member of the prayer team will help you.



Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays,
6:30 p.m., each month.

Dive into topics that impact
our faith!



The deadline for the *May Connection* is Friday, April 13.



Chess for all Ages
Sundays, 4:00–5:00 p.m., 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 Sunday evenings, except on holiday weekends.



Monday Evenings, 6:15 – 7:15
p.m., Fellowship Hall

Edith Marlo Wright is teaching Zumba here at COTD!
It's only \$5.00 per class!
Contact her for more information (emwright@churchonthedrive.org).



Monthly Business Meeting
Sunday, April 22 @ 5:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Survey

In the coming days, you will be receiving an e-mail survey regarding the way COTD communicates with you. We would very much like your thoughts! The survey is completely anonymous and will only be used for the purpose of bettering the way we communicate with you.

From the Pages of the Library



Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado

For the heart scarred by futility, that Friday holds purpose. For the life blackened by failure, that Friday holds forgiveness. And for the soul looking into the promise of death, that Friday holds deliverance.

Better than Success – 8 Principles of Faithful Leadership by C. Jeff Woods

The world consistently sets the standard for success. For the faithful leader, nothing else besides serving God really matters.

The Raft by S.A. Bodeen

Robie was an experienced traveler. When she gets a cargo flight, and a storm comes up, she is fighting for her life as she pulls herself onto a raft!

Rainbow Fish to the Rescue by Marcus Pfister

Rainbow fish is torn between his newfound friends and a lonely striped fish. When a dangerous shark comes, should he risk losing his new friends for the little stranger?

April Menu

April 4

Chicken & Yellow Rice
Broccoli Casserole
Rolls
Salad Bar
Eclair Dessert

April 11

Taco Bar
Chocolate Chip Cookies

April 18

Baked Potato Bar
Chicken Tenders
Salad Bar
Banana Pudding

April 25

Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Rolls
Salad Bar
Strawberry Cake



Coming Soon...

Parent Child Dedication

Sunday, May 6

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

APRIL 2018 CHURCH ON THE DRIVE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY EASTER! No Evening Activities	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205	5 Quilters on Mission 9:30 a.m./Room 255	6	7 Professional Men's Christian Fellowship 9:00 a.m./Room 206
8 Constitution Committee 4:00 p.m./Room 208	9	10	11 Cheers!/6:30 p.m.	12 Trip to Wycliffe Museum 9:00 a.m./Meet at COTD	13	14 Churchwide Prayer Breakfast/9:00 a.m./FH Servants for Christ C.G. Social/6:00 p.m./Room 302
15 Benevolence Offering Marketing Committee 11:30 a.m./Room 205 Finance Committee 11:30 a.m./Room 208	16	17	18 Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 205	19 Quilters on Mission 9:30 a.m./Room 255	CBF Florida Spring Celebration	
22 Deacons' Meeting 3:30 p.m./Room 208 Business Meeting 5:00 p.m./FH	23	24	25 Cheers!/6:30 p.m.	26	27	28 Kids - Blueberry Picking Beck Brothers Farm
29	30					

KEY TO CALENDAR:

C.G. = Community Group
 COTD = Church on the Drive
 FH = Fellowship Hall

Ministry Staff**Senior Pastor**

Dr. Jack Mercer

Associate Pastor

Rev. Josh Plant

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

Depth Class/Matthew/6:30 p.m./Room 206

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-K-4-5th 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

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

Far East Community Group/10:00 a.m./1st & 3rd Saturdays/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

Chess for All Ages/4:00 p.m./Room 205

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

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal/6:00 p.m./Music Suite

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



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Address Service Requested

Sunday Services:

Community Groups – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.