

THE CONNECTION

CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

January, 2018



We are excited to announce that in January we will be blessed by a time of teaching and spiritual growth with Peter Lord. Peter will be our teacher on January 19 & 20 at Park Avenue Baptist Church, in Titusville, Florida. Peter is the author of several books including "Hearing God", a wonderful book on intimate prayer with God. Peter has taught and encouraged many congregations in their spiritual walk toward achieving a deeper intimacy with God. Our time with him will be uplifting and challenging. Our retreat is hosted by the Park Avenue Retreat Center at Park Avenue Baptist Church. We will stay overnight Friday for only \$62 per room (1 or 2 people per room). This cost includes your room, all meals, and materials. We will have delightful meals in their dining room Friday and Saturday. You can reserve a private room or room with a friend. We will begin our time with Peter on Friday evening and enjoy two sessions on Saturday, finishing by 4:00 p.m.

You can learn more about Peter Lord by going to PeterLord.org.

Call the church office or reply to this e-mail to make your reservation.

Depth Classes Resume This Week!

Sundays, January 7-March 25
at 6:00 pm

Classes Offered:

Analysis of Biblical Inerrancy
Matthew Part (2 part series)
Galatians
Mom to Mom
Cheers
Adult Bible Study
Prayer Breakfasts



[Click here for more info on classes](#)



Start collecting canned food and other nonperishable items in January. Post photos as it grows! Tag your posts with **#SouperSundayOrlando**.

Then, bring your food donations to the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, **February 4 (Super Bowl Sunday)**. This is a great way to tackle hunger in our community and help give struggling families a brighter New Year!



Betty Ratliff will be @ COTD on January 28!

Betty will speak to Community Groups at 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. She will also give an short update on her ministry during morning worship.

Sonshine Kids

Contact: Crystal Holic - cholic@churchonthedrive.org

OVERNIGHT



Friday, January 12 – Saturday, January 13
A weekend for ALL kids who want to have fun!

A stuffed animal sleepover for babies, toddlers, & Pre-K: Starting at 6:00 p.m., on Friday night – games, cookies and milk, and a sleepover at church, then breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. No charge for this event

Kids' Night Out for Kindergarten – 2nd graders: Starting at 7:00 p.m., on Friday night – Glow in the Dark putt putt at Putting Edge. Then, back to the church for games and snacks. Pick up is 11:00 p.m. Cost per kid is \$18.00.

Kids Night Out & Lock In for 3rd – 5th graders: Starting at 7:00 p.m., on Friday night – Glow in the Dark putt putt, back the church for fames and snacks, and then Movie Night! Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Cost per kid is \$18.00.



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

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



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



Tour of Fort Christmas Cancelled

Due to cold weather conditions, the previously scheduled tour of Fort Christmas on January 4 has been postponed.



For current 3rd – 5th graders
June 10-13, 2018; at Stetson
University in Deland, FL

Cost: Approximately \$350 per
child

Interested? There will be 2 info
meetings this month –
Wednesday, January 10, 6:30
p.m., and Sunday, January 14,
11:30 a.m. Both meetings are in
the Community Room. Mark
your calendar now!

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!



Senior Adult Ministry

Contact: Debbie Hairel - dhairrel@churchonthedrive.org



Young at Heart Lunch Out

Thursday, January 11, Meet at COTD at 10:30 a.m.
We will travel together to Mt. Dora to have lunch at Lampu Restaurant. RSVP to Debbie to save your space in the van!

Adult Ministry

Contact: Josh Plant - jplant@churchonthedrive.org

Adult Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, January 29, 6:30 p.m.,
Office Conference Room



Women's Ministry

Contact: Crystal Holic - cholic@churchonthedrive.org



Mom to Mom

Mom to Mom starts back up on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:15 p.m., in Room 205. Then, we will resume the regular schedule – 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays of each month.

Community

Contact: Crystal Holic - cholic@churchonthedrive.org

Welcome Back, CFVA!

Central Florida Vocal Arts is holding their annual Winter Institute at COTD January 2 - 4.



Missions/Outreach

Contact: Crystal Holic - cholic@churchonthedrive.org

**JOIN US AS
WE SERVE
OTHERS**

Our Spring We Serve will be on Saturday, March 3. Mark your calendar today!



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



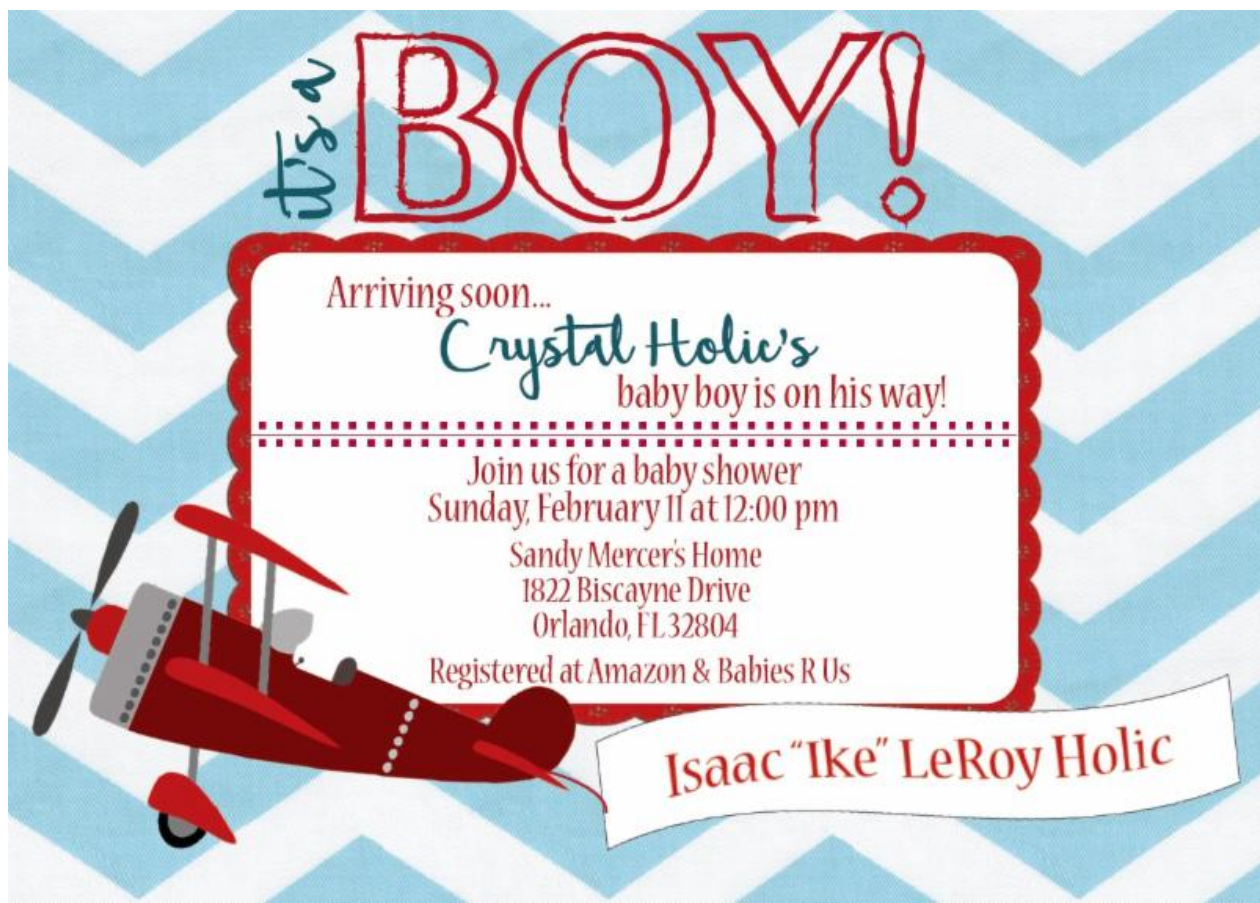
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm, in room 302.



Interest Meeting for Mission Trip to Brazil
Sunday, January 7, 11:30 a.m.,
Room 205

Life of the Church

Contact: Church Office - btstern@churchonthedrive.org



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 your Community Group, or contact Toni Carter at 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*



February

The deadline for the *February Connection* is Monday, January 15

Starts again on Wednesday,
January 10.

Then we will resume the regular
schedule - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays,
6:30 p.m., each month.

Dive into topics that impact
our faith!



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).

From the Pages of the Library

Opening Windows by Mary Fairchild
This is an excellent book to start the New
Year with spiritual refreshment for you
walk with Christ.



Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath

Just before Melissa, Amanda, and Frank Anderson's parents leave for Paris, the babysitter comes down with a mild case of Bubonic Plague. So they reluctantly call on Mr. Anderson's sister to come and watch the children. What happens next!!

A Grand Old Tree by Mary Newell

DePalma

This is the tale of a grand old tree whose roots ran deep and whose arms reached high. She grew and shed many millions of leaves, a beautiful cycle of life.

Make a resolution for the New Year to stop in the library.

Marion Billingsley

January Menus

January 10

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread Sticks
Salad Bar
Texas Chocolate Cake

January 17

Meatloaf with Beefy Mushroom Rice
Green Beans
Salad Bar
Rolls
Apple Dapple Cake

January 24

Baked Potato Bar & Chicken Tenders
Salad Bar
Rolls
Banana Pudding

January 31

Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken
Garlic Toast
Broccoli
Salad Bar
Chocolate Cake



Coming Soon...

Churchwide Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Students BBQ Fundraiser

Pick-up Day is Saturday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

A Service of Repentance & Reflection

February 14, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

All are welcome at this service marking the beginning of the Season of Lent.

Church on the Drive's 90th Anniversary

We will celebrate our 90th anniversary on March 4, 2018. Mark your calendar today for this exciting occasion!

JANUARY 2018 CHURCH ON THE DRIVE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Happy New Year! Church Office Closed 1	Performing Arts Camp				Professional Men's Christian Fellowship 9:a.m./Fellowship Hall 6
	1	2	NO EVENING ACTIVITIES 3	4	5	6
Communion Sunday Interest Meeting for Brazil Mission Trip 11:30 a.m./Room 205 7	Monarch Academy, Orange County Schools, & Seminole County Schools Back in Session 8	Depth Class: Precept Bible Study 6:30 p.m./Room 206 9	Passport Kids Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m./Community Room Cheers @ Ollies/6:30 p.m. No Adult Choir Rehearsal 10	 Young at Heart 10:30 a.m./FH 11	Kids' Overnight Extravaganza 6:00 p.m./Gym 12	Kids' Overnight Extravaganza 9:00 a.m..Gym Servants for Christ Community Group Social 6:00 p.m./Room 302 13
Passport Kids Parent Meeting 11:30 a.m./Community Room 14	Staff Lunch Out 12:00 noon/Off Campus 15	16	Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 209 17	Quilters on Mission 9:30 a.m./Room 255 18	Churchwide Spiritual Retreat 19	Churchwide Spiritual Retreat 20
Benevolence Offering Finance Committee 11:30 a.m./Room 208 21	22	23	Cheers @ Ollies/6:30 p.m. 24	25	26	27
Betty Ratliff at COTD Deacons' Meeting 3:30 p.m./Room 208 Business Meeting 5:00 p.m./Fellowship Hall 28	 Adult Advisory Council 6:30 p.m./Office Conf. Room 29	30	 Mom to Mom 6:15 p.m./Room 209 31			

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 Community Outreach

Rev. Crystal Holic

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.

Depth Class: Precept Bible Study/6:30 p.m./Room 206

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

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

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

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.