

**THE**  
**CONNECTION**  
CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

May, 2018



*Class of 2018*

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

# High School Graduates



GRETCHEN SEELIG

DR. PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL



MICHELLE TOMMASI

DR. PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL



BAILEY VALDES

DR. PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL



VICTORIA WHARTON

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL



MATTHEW WHEELER

BISHOP MOORE HIGH SCHOOL

# College Graduates



SYNDEY MORAN

PHD

BARRY UNIVERSITY



JR DUCKER

BA IN MUSEUM STUDIES

TUSCULUM COLLEGE

## Graduate Recognition Sunday

The congregation is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall between 8:30 & 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, to view the memorabilia tables for the high school grads. There will be a graduate recognition ceremony during Morning Worship, for high school and college grads. After worship, there will be a luncheon for high school graduates and their families in the Fellowship Hall.

### COTD Recognized as Edgewater High School's Outstanding Partner in Education of the Year

On May 1, Church on the Drive was honored with Edgewater High School's Outstanding Partner in Education Award for the 2017-2018 school year. Below is an excerpt of an article written by EHS.



*Edgewater High School is blessed to be down the street from Church on the Drive - A Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The church staff and members support our school by supplying donations to our Food Pantry, offering meeting area and church leadership to our Fellowship of Christian Athletes and even provided their sanctuary for a funeral for one of our students. For their generosity we are excited to nominate Church on the Drive as Edgewater High School's Outstanding Partner in Education.*

*Church on the Drive food donations have helped over 200 individual students and supplied 90+ Thanksgiving baskets to families valued at a total of \$6,000+.*

[Click here to read the rest of the article.](#)

Sonshine Kids



Mark your calendars now for Terrific Tuesdays! We have fun and engaging field trips planned all summer for you and your child. They're the perfect solution to the summer doldrums!

**June 19 - Ft. Christmas Historical Park**

\$4/person; Guided tour begins at 10:00 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch. Following lunch, the children are free to explore the playground & fort.

**June 26 - Wycliffe Bible Translators Discovery Center**

\$5/preschoolers; \$8/elementary children; \$6/adult; Program begins at 10:00 a.m. Bring a lunch or purchase lunch at the café.

**July 10 - Fort Mellon Splash Pad Park**

\$2/person; Meet at 10:00 a.m. and bring snacks and/or lunch.

**July 17 - Hero Central – No Terrific Tuesday Activity**

**July 2 - Sea Life Aquarium**

\$14/child; \$17.50 adults; Meet at 10:00 a.m. Sea Turtle Discovery Session begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bring a lunch to share or purchase in the café.

**July 31 - Summer Movie Express @ Winter Park Village**

\$1/person; The LEGO Batman Movie or Storks

**August 7 - Christian Service Center**

Meet at 10:00 a.m., to help prepare meals for Daily Bread as a summer mission project.

**PLEASE NOTE** - All field trips require an RSVP two weeks in advance of the date to Amy at [amymeredithbyrd@gmail.com](mailto:amymeredithbyrd@gmail.com) or call/text [407.227.7244](tel:407.227.7244). You must provide your own transportation or arrange car pools with friends.

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**VBS Volunteers Needed**

July 16-20, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. each day. Registration is closed for VBS but you can still help make it a success! Stop by the church office and pick up a list of supplies

needed. Make your purchases and then drop off your donations in the office. Also, we still need a few volunteers -- 9 adult elementary small group leaders, 3 adult preschool teachers, 2 adult station leaders (Rec & Craft), & An Assembly Leader. Teens are needed as assistants in all areas! To sign up to help or if you have questions,



contact Crystal Holic at [crystalholic@gmail.com](mailto:crystalholic@gmail.com).



## Pool Party at the Weatherfords

Hey Kids! You are invited to a Last Day of School Pool Party at the Weatherford's house on Wednesday, May 30, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Bring a towel, sunscreen,

a dry change of clothes, and your End of School Excitement! Hot dogs, fries & fruit will be provided - each family may bring a dessert or drink to share. Please contact Amy ([amymeredithbyrd@gmail.com](mailto:amymeredithbyrd@gmail.com) or 407-227-7244) to RSVP, arrange carpooling, and get directions.



### Sunshine 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

## Student Ministry

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

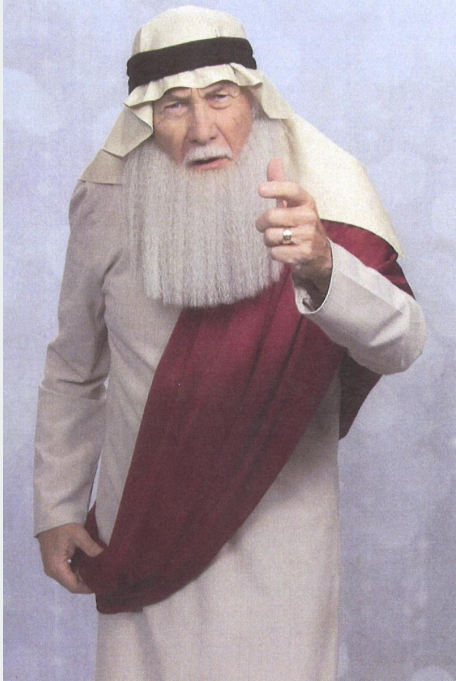
### Journey Sunday Night Schedule

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



## Senior Adult Ministry

Contact: Debbie Hairel - [dhairrel@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:dhairrel@churchonthedrive.org)



### Young at Heart

Thursday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Guest Speaker: Mark Remington

Join us as Mark Remington returns to Young at Heart. He will bring the Apostle John the Beloved to life, by presenting a monologue on John's life with Jesus, including first century period costume. Lunch is still only \$5.00 per person. Don't miss it!

## Adult Ministry

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

### 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](mailto:galenpugh44@yahoo.com) or call [\(407\) 232-1451](tel:(407)232-1451).

## Bible Land Discovery Trip to Israel



February 19-26, 2019  
Cost: \$2746

The Adult Advisory Council is sponsoring a trip to Israel for Church on the Drive adults! On this guided tour you will visit places like Jericho, the Dead

Sea, Qumran, the Western Wall, the Temple Mount and many others. Each day we will travel in a private motor coach and be led by an experienced and licensed tour guide at each stop. The total cost for everything but souvenirs and lunch meals is \$2746, including airfare from Orlando. If you would like more information, please email Josh Plant at [jplant@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:jplant@churchonthedrive.org) or pick up a brochure from the church office. There will be informational meetings on May 16 at 7 pm and May 20, immediately following Business Meeting. Deposits will be due soon, so don't delay in signing up!

## Women's Ministry

Contact: Debbie Hairel - [dhairl@churchonthedrive.org](mailto: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. This month, on Wednesday, May 16, our Mom to Mom group will have a special treat! Sandy Mercer will be our guest speaker, and we will be serving finger foods, celebrating our year as a group together. Come join us for this special event!

## Missions/Outreach

Contact: Debbie Hairel - [dhairl@churchonthedrive.org](mailto: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.

## Life of the Church

Contact: Church Office - [btstem@churchonthehive.org](mailto:btstem@churchonthehive.org)

*join us...*

### for Lunch and a Constitutional Listening Session

The Church Constitution is an important document that describes your rights and responsibilities as a member of Church on the Drive. The Church Constitution also helps us conduct business and fulfill the Church's mission. How effective is it? Are there parts that can be improved? The Constitution Committee would like to hear from you! Please join us and share your ideas!



**Sunday, May 13**

There will be no activities, meetings, or rehearsals that evening. Enjoy this time with your family!

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*June*





The deadline for the *June Connection* is Tuesday, May 15.

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

Dive into topics that impact  
our faith!



**Monthly Business Meeting**  
Sunday, May 20 @ 5:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall



**Chess for All Ages**  
Sundays, 4:00-5:00 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 Sunday evenings, except on holiday weekends.

**365 Prayer Initiative** 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](mailto:tcarter@churchonthedrive.org)) or go to the prayer banner in the Sanctuary after worship and a member of the prayer team will help you.



**From the Pages of the Library**



### **The Sister Circle, Book 1, by Vonette Bright**

When Evelyn Peerbaugh hung a sign in front of her house, she had no idea how her life would change. She became the new owner of a busy boarding house. As the women settle into their roles, they discover the true meaning of friendship. We also have Book 2, Round the Corner, and Book 3, An Undivided Heart. These books were

recommended by Ann Bunn and Caroline Thomas.

### **Hoot, by Carl Hiaasen**

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls.

### **Close Your Eyes by Jean Marzollo**

A lullaby interspersed with illustrations of a father's effort to put his reluctant child to bed.

Make a promise to yourself to read some books this month!

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## **May Menus**

### **May 9**

Stroganoff Meatballs & Noodles  
Glazed Carrots  
Rolls  
Salad Bar  
Hornets Nest Cake

### **May 16**

Oven Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Rolls  
Salad Bar  
Peach Crisp

### **May 23**

Stuffed Shells  
Steamed Broccoli  
Garlic Toast  
Salad Bar  
Texas Chocolate Cake

### **May 30**

BBQ Chicken & Pork  
Potato Salad



Baked Beans  
Salad Bar  
Apple Pie w/ Ice Cream

## Coming Soon...

### Heritage Sunday & 50 Year Club Pinning

Sunday, June 3

### Summer Music Camp

June 4-8

### Passport Kids Camp

June 10-13