



# The Messenger

***“To know Christ and to make Him known” October 2018***

In Deuteronomy 31 Moses gives his final sermon to Israel. The last words he speaks to the people were: *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”* Imagine the emotions in the crowd as the morning dawned and their leader for the last forty years speaks his last charge to them. This is the man who was anointed and empowered by the Covenant God to lead them out of bondage into freedom. I find it interesting that Moses says nothing of his own resume. Moses preaches about the LORD who has delivered and will deliver His people. Moses preached God’s resume. Moses gave God the glory. To claim this promise and live into the courage described in this passage we must begin with two confessions: God deserves all the glory and God holds my future. This is an act of submission and deep trust. It is a relinquishment of our perceived importance and power. If even Moses did not cite his resume, we should not either. Give it all over to the Lord, give him the glory. Surrender your past, present, and future to the God who will never leave you nor forsake you.

Moses encouraged and charged the people to trust in the God who moves with them and never leaves. I don’t know how this newsletter will find you. I don’t know how your heart is. I don’t know where your faith is. I don’t know what lies ahead of you. I don’t know what lies behind you. But I do know *Who* goes before you. I do know *Who* goes behind you. I do know *Who* will empower you for anything that lies ahead of you. I do know the One who will never leave you or forsake you. The LORD God, the Covenant keeping God, is for you. He is with you. He leads you. He holds you. Sit with that for a moment. Commit these words to memory. When life swirls around you, sing this promise to the darkness: *“I can be strong and courageous in the Lord our Covenant keeping God. I know I do not have to be afraid or terrified for the LORD your God goes with me, He will never leave me nor forsake me.”*

I am praying for you. If I can pray for you specifically in any way, please let me know at [mfierbaugh@memorialumc.com](mailto:mfierbaugh@memorialumc.com).

In the name of the One in whom we draw our strength,

*Melanie*



# MISSIONS



## Operation Christmas Child

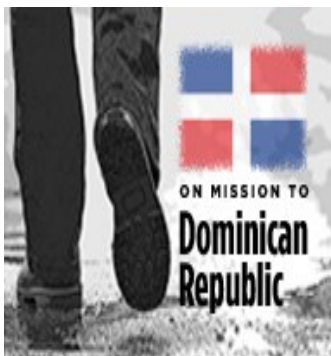
The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with you and results in Evangelism, Discipleship and Multiplication. In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. With the Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages. The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be in the Narthex beginning October 28th. Please return them by Sunday, November 11th. This years boxes will be sturdy plastic ones thanks to a generous gift by a church member.

## Homeless and Orphan Outreach, Inc.

### Christmas Trip

What a great trip we had to the Dominican Republic this summer! We had an exciting and blessed time with the children at the orphanages as well as at the Community Center.

We are planning a Christmas trip to the Dominican on December 5-9th and



would love for you to come with us. If you have an interest in going or would just like more information about H.O.O.I. please contact Troy White. You can reach him at PO Box 1370, Lake Placid, FL 33862 or call him at 863-465-2317. You can also reach out to him at church. As always, we ask for your prayers and support for The Homeless and Orphan Outreach, Inc.



## Legacy Youth News

Hey Church!

Just a quick update for what's been happening in the Lighthouse and throughout the Youth Ministry. We just finished up talking about Wisdom Literature in the Bible, and this included a look at Proverbs, Psalms, Job, and Ecclesiastes. We talked about how the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10), but that's because it's the **beginning** of wisdom, not the end. When we understand who God is, and who we are in relation to God, it sets the tone for how we understand the whole world.

Through the month of October, we're going to spend some time learning from some of the early leaders in the New Testament Church, some of whom were leaders before the Church was even established! All of this will be to point our students to the types of leaders they can be in this church.

It's not all study, though. While swim season's been going on, I haven't scheduled too many special events, but on November 17th, we'll be heading to Ellenton for Ice Skating! Of all the things we did over the summer, everyone who went ice skating liked that the most, and to be honest, watching them fall was super entertaining.

So get your students involved and engaged, and feel welcome to come and be involved and engaged as we see young lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus.

Thanks for your support and prayers, Church!

Stuart






# October

	<b>1</b> Jerry McCauley	<b>2</b> Ernie Bourdeau	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Linda Hartman	<b>5</b> Leander Collette	<b>6</b> Carole Richie
<b>7</b> Kiki Perez	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Betty Cauffield T.R. Bittaker	<b>16</b> Earl Bittaker	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Joyce Novak	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Jenni Perez	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Jim Steffen	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Laurie Howerton
<b>28</b> Sharon Mathias	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



# October Happenings

	1	2 10:00AM Change of Pace (LBC) 1:00PM UMW (RRH) 6:00PM LVCS Board Meeting (LBC)	3 5:30PM Kids Club Dinner (RRH) 6:30PM Adult Bible Study 6:30PM Youth Deep Dive 7:00PM Choir	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday	8 6:00PM Children's Leadership Meeting (LH)	9 10:00AM Change of Pace (LBC)	10 5:30PM Kids Club Dinner (RRH) 6:30PM Adult Bible Study 6:30PM Youth Deep Dive 7:00PM Choir	11 5:30PM LVCS Fall Festival	12	13
14 3:45PM LP Healthcare Worship Service	15 6:00PM Chat n'Chew (Bo David's) 6:00PM Youth Leadership Team (LH)	16 10:00AM Change of Pace (LBC) 6:00PM Finance Meeting (LBC) 7:00PM Trustees Meeting (LBC)	17 5:30PM Kids Club Dinner (RRH) 6:30PM Adult Bible Study 6:30PM Youth Deep Dive 7:00PM Choir	18 Newsletter Deadline  	19	20 4:00pm-9:30pm Mason G Smoak Foundation Family Festival 5K BBQ Devane Circle Park
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## Fall Festival

We will be hosting a Fall Festival here at Memorial United Methodist Church on October 27th from 10:00am-

12:00pm. We are planning lots of fun stuff and hope you will be there. We also need YOUR help. We will be collecting bagged candy for the event but more importantly we need volunteers to help. Candy can be left in the narthex or dropped off at the church office. If you can help us in ANY way please call the church office (465-2422) or see Stuart Upton. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Super Charge Conference

Memorial UMC annual Charge Conference will be held as part of the Super Charge Conference on November 3rd. Join us as we gather with 30 other churches to hold our annual business meeting. The Conference will be held at Estero United Methodist Church, 8088 Lord's Way, Estero, FL. All MUMC members are invited to attend. For more information call the church office.



Please join us for the monthly Worship Service at **Lake Placid Health Care Center** on

Sunday, October 14th at 3:45pm. What a blessing this service is to all the residents who look forward to it and especially to those volunteers that participate in it. Our attendance continues to grow and we can use your help! If you would like to join the Healthcare Worship Service Team to help in any way please see Ginger Keimel or give her a call at 863-465-7930. You will be richly blessed.



## Wednesday Night Dinners

What a great time we have been having at our Wednesday Night Family Dinners. Please join us in the Rob Reynolds Hall for family dinner at 5:30pm. Then kids Pre-K through 5th grade will travel to The Clubhouse, Legacy Youth will head out for The Lighthouse for Deep Dive, and adults will have Bible Study with Pastor Melanie. This year we will explore and build our Bible Skills through Art, Drama, Cooking, Science, Games and more! Please plan on joining us as we look forward to fun, fellowship and learning about Jesus with you!



Please plan on joining us for **Chat n' Chew** Monday, October 15th at 6:00pm. We will be meeting for food, fun and fellowship at Bo-David's. Call Darlene Neidig at 423-839-0842 to reserve your spot.

*A Tradition Evolves ...*

10TH ANNIVERSARY

**MASON G. SMOAK FOUNDATION**

*Sunset 5K, Family Festival, BBQ Cookoff,  
and Live Music from Nashville featuring  
THE VOICE FINALIST Barrett Barber!*

Bring a blanket and chairs for music in the park

BBQ COOKOFF 4 PM	SUNSET 5K 6 PM	LIVE MUSIC 7:30 PM
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GREAT FAMILY FUN, FOOD & RAFFLE ITEMS  
4 PM — 9:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH  
DEVANE CIRCLE PARK  
LAKE PLACID

Register for the race at [www.masongsmoakfoundation.org](http://www.masongsmoakfoundation.org)




## Mason G. Smoak Foundation 5K & Family Festival

Come out and help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Mason G. Smoak Foundation 5K & Family Festival. A tradition evolves this year with a different flavor and feel. Activities begin at 4pm with a BBQ Cook Off. Then at 6pm the 5K Sunset Run begins and ends at Devane Circle Park. BBQ dinners will be for sale beginning at 4:00pm. Then to end the day a free concert from The Voice Finalist Barrett Barber at 7:30pm. Join us from 4pm-9:30pm for great family fun, food, raffle items and more. Bring your chairs and blankets. Look forward to seeing you there!



## Sunday School Classes at 9:30am

Nursery	Martha Oliveras	Birth-5 years old	Nursery
SonShine Club	Volunteers	K-3rd Grade	Clubhouse
45 Zone	Scott & Sally Durban	4th & 5th Grade	Upper Room
Youth Class	Cory Fierbaugh	6th-12th Grade	Rob Reynolds Hall
Ladies Bible Class	Team of Teachers	Discussions & Lectures	Ladies Bible Class
Men's Bible Class	John Causey	Discussion Class	Men's Bible Class
Pathfinders	Melissa Russell	Discussion Class	Room 203
Wesley Fellowship	Troy White	Discussion Class	Room 204

### Small Groups-Heart Groups

Monday	Ladies 6:00pm Carlene Clark	217 N Main St. 863-441-0200
Tuesday	Adults 7:00pm George Hill	114 Lakefront Ct 863-465-2503
Thursday	Adults 7:00pm Hartman's	158 Blue Moon Ave 863-465-0695
Friday	Men's 8:00am Claude Burnett	McDonald's 863-464-0330

### Weekly Opportunities

Sunday Worship	8:30am&	Sanctuary
Sunday Fellowship	9:15-10:40am	Rob Reynolds
Sunday School	9:30am	Various
Sunday Youth	5:00pm	Lighthouse
Wednesday Youth	6:30pm	Lighthouse

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