



WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you came today! Looking for a church home? We warmly invite you to be part of our church family! To help us get to know you better, or if you have questions, please fill in this form, tear it off, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor. You can also submit a Digital Connection Card at www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact. Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, ChurchoftheMessiah.org. God bless you!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be contacted?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ By phone ☐ By email

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ I would like a pastor to contact me.
☐ First-time visitor ☐ Returning visitor
☐ I would like to know more about Church of the Messiah
☐ I would like to know more about the Christian faith.
☐ I have decided to renew my commitment to Christ.
☐ I would like prayer (see reverse).

My response to today's message:

09.21.2025



Happy Birthday

September 23: Daniel Stern
September 25: Anne Lucier
September 28: John Murdock

Celebrations

Happy Anniversary

September 27: Jim & Sandra Brown

Please Pray

*Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week
(Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)*

OUR NATION AND WORLD:

- An end to hostilities in Israel and peace and healing for all people.
- Protection and healing for our nation, and an end to racism and violence.
- Guidance for our leaders in government.
- Help for all affected by war and violence, disease, and natural disasters.
- A movement of revival at home and abroad.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

The Bohannon family, the Balch family, Chris Woodland, Adrian Knight, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and her son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, our first responders, all our members of the military, and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga, Democratic Republic of Congo
David & Betsy, Turkey
His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras
Miriam Brinckley, YWAM-Harpenden, England
CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Diocese of San Joaquin

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Church of the Epiphany • Chantilly, VA
Church of the Good Shepard • Charlottesville, VA

If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for a special need, please submit a confidential Prayer Request online at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact. Please indicate if you would like your prayer request included in the bulletin, sent only to the prayer team, or both.



Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025

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WEEKLY SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday Service with Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

In-Person or Livestream at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream
Children’s Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)
Today’s Teachers: Aaron Bennett, Lauren Coleman, Cheryl Shomo,
Mary Lafferty

Monday Prayer Meeting · Online at 7:00 p.m.

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PRAYER: Lord Jesus, you called Matthew from collecting taxes to become your apostle and evangelist: Grant us the grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, that we may follow you as he did to and proclaim to the world around us the good news of your salvation; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 32:1-11 **Page 477**
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25 **Page 1047**

(Response after each lesson: *Thanks be to God.*)

Gospel: John 3:5-8,16-21 **Page 913**

(Responses: *Glory to You, Lord Christ. ... Praise to You, Lord Christ.*)

Sermon: **The Healing Of Our Spirit/** Deacon Vivian Hayes

Reader: Debbie White

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Woodland, Carole Menzel, Jim Bohannon

Prayer Team: Ellen Belfi, Julie Hall

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Connections Class (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTIONS CLASS BEGINS TODAY! If you’ve recently started attending Messiah or haven’t yet attended a Connections Class, our new member class begins TODAY right after the service. We will meet on five consecutive Sundays in the Fellowship Hall; lunch is included! (An additional Zoom date will be determined.) This course covers how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS: Middle school students are invited to join us for youth fellowship this Friday, September 26, from 6–8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll gather with other teens and volunteers from Living Sacrifice Global Methodist Church for fun, faith, and fellowship.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK: We will meet on Zoom this Tuesday, September 23, at 7:00 pm. See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun!

A GOLD RING, which appears to be a wedding band, was recently found in the sanctuary. If you believe it may be yours, please contact the church office at 757-436-2545 to claim it.

LUNCH FOR REV. BISOKE—The Missions Committee invites you to stay after church on **Oct. 5** for a special luncheon with Rev. Bisoke. Hear him share about his ministry in the Congo and the difference that the two wells we provided are making in people’s lives. The church will supply the main dish and rice; please sign up in the foyer to bring a side dish or dessert.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Prayer Needs: _____
