



**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](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

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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:

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# Celebrations

## Happy Birthday

September 2: Arlo Picardi  
September 7: Jennifer Sporn-Palmer

## Happy Anniversary

September 1: Nadeen & Louis Frazier  
September 4: Cherry & Ron Jenson

# 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:

Belkys Morillo, Jim Brown, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, Josh Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, 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 (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)**

### WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Diocese of Pittsburgh

### AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

**All Saints' Church** • Woodbridge, VA  
**All Souls Anglican Church Plant** • Richmond, 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](http://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 1, 2024**

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**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** The Rev. Nile Gomez

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:** Pastor Ken Shomo

**DEACON:** The Rev. Tom Sweeney

## WEEKLY SERVICE INFORMATION

### Sunday Service with Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

In-Person or Livestream at [www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)  
 Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)  
 Today's Teachers: Craig Stern, Jo Ann Woodland

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

No Prayer Meeting this week; join us on September 9!

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**PRAYER:** O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1–9 **Page 133**

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 6:10–20 **Page 872**

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

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1–23 **Page 749**

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

**Sermon:** **Suited Up: Wearing God's Armor in a World of Spiritual Warfare** Pastor Nile Gomez

**Reader:** Vivian Hayes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ron Jenson, Cherry Jenson

**Prayer Team:** Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday		LABOR DAY — OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Dominion Classical Academy Dedication
Friday	12:00 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Healing Community Group (DeBose residence)
Saturday	10:00 am	Men's Ministry Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)



**HAPPY LABOR DAY!** The office will be closed tomorrow, September 2, for the Labor Day Holiday. Also, the online prayer meeting will not take place this week; it will resume next Monday, September 9.

**BLOOD DRIVE ON FRIDAY!** Messiah will host a Red Cross Blood Drive this Friday, September 6, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Sign up sheets for donors and volunteers are in the foyer. You can also sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org); enter "COTM" in the "Find a Blood Drive" box. Walk-ins are also welcome! Please direct questions to drive coordinator Marcia Curtis.



**HEALING COMMUNITY SMALL GROUP STARTS FRIDAY!** Starting this Friday, September 6th, we'll meet every other Friday to learn active listening skills, provide empathetic support, and grow in faith together. Contact Pastor Nile to sign up or learn more ([ngomez@churchofthemessiah.org](mailto:ngomez@churchofthemessiah.org) or 757-544-7232).



**THE MEN OF MESSIAH** will meet this Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join this time of fellowship, teaching, and prayer. The Men's Ministry meets the first Saturday each month.

**DOMINION CLASSICAL ACADEMY DEDICATION:** Please join Dominion Classical Academy at Church of the Messiah this Tuesday, September 3rd, at 6:00 pm, to celebrate the school's launch and pray for God's blessings and favor! Reception: 6:00 pm-6:30pm; Service: 6:30 pm.

**JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON NEXT TUESDAY!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 pm! Helpers are always needed to set up, distribute pizza and drinks, clean up, and share God's love with our members! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

**CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS:** If you have recently started attending Messiah or haven't yet attended a Connections Class, a new member class will be starting on September 22. We will meet on five consecutive Sundays in the Fellowship Hall; lunch is included! This course will cover how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. Those interested can talk to Pastor Marty, or contact the office at 757-436-2545 or [messiah@churchofthemessiah.org](mailto:messiah@churchofthemessiah.org).



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

*We believe God answers prayer! If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your special need, write your request below, tear off the tab, and place it in the offering plate. God bless you!*

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- Include in bulletin
- Prayer team only
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