



# The Messenger

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## Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you - Isaiah 43:2*

What a ride, what a ride! *Rolling River Rampage* was our theme for VBS this year and it was awesome! The children and the adults has great time and learned a lot through science, story time, music and crafts. Each day, we were challenged to find a lost raft on the river...adventure, acceptance, joy, rest and peace. With each lost raft, a bible story was presented. **Adventure** brought us to Matthew 4:18-25, where Jesus asks Peter, Andrew, James and Zebedee to drop their fishing nets and follow him to do a new thing. How many of us are blindly willing to stop doing what is familiar and follow or do something completely unfamiliar to us? **Acceptance** brought us to the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10: 38-42. The story reminded us that we are who we are, that we all bring something different to the table, that we should all accept the things that are different about us. Ask yourself, are you *accepting* or *tolerant*?

Day three brought to Luke 19:1-10 -finding **Joy**. The story of Zacchaeus was told to help us understand that in all circumstances, there is joy. Perhaps not right away, but there is joy. In the end Zacchaeus found joy because of his obedience to Jesus. He found joy because he gave his heart to Jesus. **Rest!** was the next lost raft. And I must say by day 4 none of the volunteers were convinced that there would be rest. In this segment, we were reminded that with all of work, we must indeed rest. Through the teachings of this lesson from Luke 22: 14-20, we were also reminded of how important it was to share meals with those we know (and those we don't know) for it is in those times that we learn a lot about others.

On our final day, we were asked to find **Peace**, with the teachings of Matthew 28: 16-20. The Great Commission. We were given instructions to go out into the world and make disciples, for in this God promises that he is always with us. In seeking and experiencing the promises of God, we find peace within.

We may not always experience what we consider pleasantness during our life journey, BUT if we remember that as we go through these experiences to continue to praise and pray, God is with us and Isaiah 43:2 reminds us of that. Keep seeking adventure, acceptance, joy, rest and peace. The ride with God is amazing! So, put on your life jackets, get in the boat and follow the instructions of your paddle captain.

To the volunteers, all 60 of you, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your sharing your time not only with the children of Bethany, but with the children of this community. Without you, VBS cannot happen. Thank you all so much and see you next year!

*- Ghost Writer for Mary Jane*

### **Come and Worship with Us!**

9:00am Contemporary Worship—Lacy Hall

11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

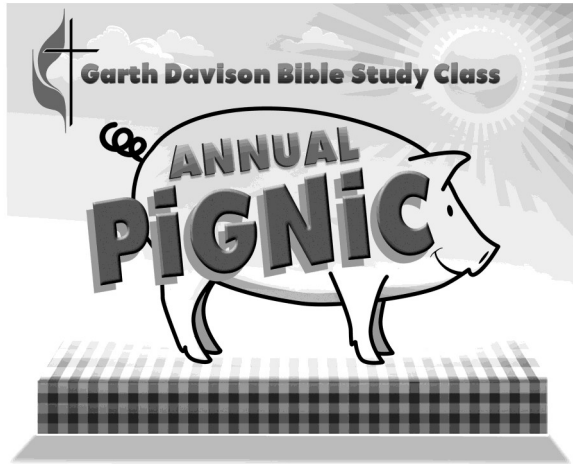
### **Come Learn With Us!**

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for all ages...  
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...  
check the website for dates & times

# BETHANY NEWS



Sunday, June 24  
after both services  
Cost: \$6 adults & \$3 children

Reservations slips are in the worship bulletin.  
Please complete and return as this will allow us to  
adequately plan for the meal.

We look forward to seeing you!

### Our Pastors

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### Condolences

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jean Thibodeaux who passed away on June 8.

### Thank You

Dear Bethany Family,  
Thank you so much for the \$50 gift card. It will come in handy. I appreciate you thinking of me at this special time in my life.  
*Love, Daniel Black*



### Christmas Shoeboxes

The tradition continues.....It is time for us to begin preparation to make some children in other countries happy for Christmas! As we did last year, we are preparing boxes through the United Methodist Relief Disaster Warehouse. These boxes will be sent to children primarily on South American countries. **ALL** of the items needed for the shoeboxes have been collected. We are asking that you make a \$35 donation to cover the cost of the requested items. This amount also includes the \$5 postage that is required for each box. The Youth will be packing the boxes! They were very excited about this project last year and are looking forward to it again this year. Each box will contain a pair of shorts, a shirt, a soccer ball & pump, toiletries, cars or training bras. Please be in prayer for the children that will receive these boxes. Please make your checks payable to Bethany and put *Christmas Shoebox* in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please see Mary Jane , Susan Poolos or Chandra.





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**Current Prayer Concerns**

Family of Rev. James Griffin - former pastor at Bethany  
 Family of Jean Thibodeaux

Mary Boyd - friend of the Wullschleger's  
 Donald Clark  
 Dana Driver - daughter-in-law of Johnnie Driver  
 Randy Driver - son of Johnnie Driver  
 Suzanne Evans - family of Roy & Vera Evans  
 Elizabeth Fisher - friend of Shelley Boggus  
 Corey Higman - son of Dean & Mary Jane Higman  
 Joyce Poolos  
 Evon Satterfield

**Pray For Our Friends**

Steve & Kathy Beckham	Eloise Fulmer	Mary McBath
Nell Bilderback	Lisa Hilley	Alan Rustin
Connie Dewberry	Alan Kovatch	Martha Speir
Jane Eisenberg		

**Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

Christine Adhikari	Bonnie Lee—friend of Dianne Tidmore
Neal Allen	Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas
Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman	Mary Anne Malcolm
Shawn & Angel Campbell	Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett
Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	David Marvin-family of Ray Gary
Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	David May
Martha Ciffone - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm	Maryanne McCurdy
Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley	Lalla McGee - family of Gail Garrett
Rev. Stiles Cobb	Mariana Moosa
Jim Danas	Buddy & Evelyn Panter
Barbara Davison—sister -in-law of Donna Carter	Patricia Pearlberg—friend of Mary Anne Malcolm
Laura Denton	Aaron & Allie Rice
Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas	Eliska Rucker Family
Bobbie English	Russell Elementary School
Guy & Alison Gabrielson	David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore
Katie Garrett-Hayward	Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy
Victor Gary	Richard Sprayberry
Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe	Doug Stisher
Harvey Hendrix	Helen Sullivan
Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver	Rev. Susan Taylor
Jackson Jones—Terry family member	John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore
Patricia Kramer	Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote
Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford	Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's

**COMING UP ...**  
**JUNE 17 - JUNE 23**

**Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day**

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall; Children's Church—Room 101
10:05 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

**Monday, June 18**

7:30 PM	Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge
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**Tuesday, June 19**

7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous
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**Wednesday, June 20**

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
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**Thursday, June 21 - First Day of Summer!**

7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal - Lacy Hall; Prayer Bible Study - Garth Davison
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**Friday, June 22**

6:00 PM	MUST Kitchen - Elizabeth Innl
7:45 PM	Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, June 23**

10:45 AM	Zumba - The Rock
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**MUST Items**

The following items are in short supply at the Smyrna MUST pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated. beef stew, canned tuna, oatmeal, canned chicken, ham or salmon, ramen noodles, jelly, canned pork & beans, refried beans, canned fruit (*no snack sizes, please*), spaghetti sauce & spaghetti noodles, dry beans, dry potatoes, peanut butter.