

# THE CONNECTION

CHURCH ON THE DRIVE NEWS

March, 2019

## Ash Wednesday March 6 @ 6:30 PM

Join us for a service of Repentance and Renewal to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

The nursery will be open for babies-preschoolers. Children's activities, with an emphasis on the meaning of Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, will be held in the Community Room.

Prior to the service, dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6 PM. \$6/person; \$17/family



# SATURDAY

IN THE PARK

*with music & the arts*

DARTMOUTH PARK

Saturday, March 9 @ 11 AM  
Saturday in the Park is NEXT WEEKEND!

This fun event (formerly Sunday in the Park) is one of the many

ways we reach out to our community and get to know them better. This year, we will be making sand art with the kids at our booth and handing out some cool swag! We need your help! We'd love for you to sign up to work the booth for an hour or two. This is something that people of all ages can do. Whether you work the booth or not, we hope you'll come see us. Bring the whole family! There will be games, rides, food trucks and much more!

[CLICK HERE to sign up to work our booth](#)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

WE SERVE

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." 1 Peter 4:10

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OR GO TO  
CHURCHONTHEDRIVE.ORG

**Join us as we serve those in need!**  
There will be work that can be done by all ages.

Free Breakfast @ 8 AM  
Head to worksites @ 9 AM

[CLICK HERE for info on worksites and to sign up!](#)

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STUDENT MINISTRY OF CHURCH ON THE DRIVE

## ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER

Full Rack of Ribs - \$30\*  
Pork Butt - \$25\*  
Lunch Plate - \$10

\*Add \$2 for online orders

**PICKUP SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET!  
QUESTIONS? CALL BETSY @ 407-843-0140



## Sonshine Kids

Contact: Amy Byrd - [abyrd@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:abyrd@churchonthedrive.org)

# Kids of Kindness

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:45 AM - Traditional Worship

10:00 AM - Community Groups (all ages)

11:00 AM - Contemporary Worship

Children's Worship

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

4 PM - Chess Club

5 PM - Music & Service Project

6:30 PM - Pick-up



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All Sunday evening children's activities take place in the Children's Community Room. Please check in at the Monarch entrance (on Stetson St.) just as you would on Sunday mornings.

# Family Story TIME

Every Friday  
10:30 am  
in the COTD Library



Worship Arts Dance Class  
Every Sunday @ 4 PM  
High School Com. Group  
Room  
3rd Floor Nursery Building

Our very own and very talented Jessica Tremmel will be offering a worship arts dance class for girls ages 10 and up. This free class is open to girls in our kids and youth ministries. Take a look at this [flyer](#) for more information; if you have further questions, email [Jessica](#).

## Student Ministry

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS  
8:45 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
10:00 AM - SERVE HOUR  
11:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP



SUNDAY EVENINGS  
4:00 PM - OPEN GYM  
5:00 PM - WORSHIP & SMALL GROUPS

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## Adult Ministry

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



## Adult Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 5 @ 6 PM  
in the office conference room



### **Spring Semester 2019; Eleven Sunday Session**

January 6 through March 24 at 5:30 P.M.

(Excluding February 24 – Members on Israel Tour)

### **The Shaping of the Faith – Gentile/Jewish Impact on Christianity**

Seminar Leader: Dick Atkins (Room 205)

This seminar examines the influence on Christianity by Near Eastern cultures (Babylonian, Egyptian, Canaanite, Samaritan, Persian, Greek, and Roman). For example, the Magi were Persian priests of Zoroaster (not kings), who witnessed the birth of the Jewish Messiah. The Greek underworld, Tartarus, was equivalent to the Jewish Gehenna. The Babylonian love goddess, Ishtar, gave her name to Esther. The Canaanite father god, El, became Elohim, God of gods. And the Roman chief deity, Jupiter (Jovis-pater) was equivalent to the Jewish Deity, *i.e.*, Jovis was Jehovah. Also, the evil Egyptian god, Set, became Satan. Furthermore, the period of the Babylonian Exile and the 400 “silent years” between the Testaments, which shaped the Jewish society of Jesus’ day are of major importance. All of these elements were significant in setting up “the fullness of time” for the appearance of the new Christian Faith.

In the well-rounded Christian life - beyond Bible study - there is a need for DEPTH: **D**octrine, **E**thics, **P**olity, **T**heology, **H**istory.

## Women's Ministry

Contact: Debbie Hairel - [dhair@churchonthe drive.org](mailto:dhair@churchonthe drive.org)

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS @ 5 PM

A PLACE FOR MOMS TO CONNECT



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A COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

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## *Spring Women's Retreat*

Led by Marlo Wright

*April 5-6*

MORE INFO  
COMING SOON!



### Missions/Outreach

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

### CBF Missions Moment

Angel and Jason Pittman serve as directors of Touching Miami with Love, which is committed to serving the most vulnerable of Miami-Dade

County. With a continued focus on children, youth, and adults with the greatest educational, social, and safety needs, TML operates two centers in the neighborhoods of Overtown and West Homestead.

Angel and Jason live and serve in the community of Overtown, a historic African-American neighborhood that struggles intensely with poverty. Education levels are extremely low, with 72 percent of adults in the neighborhood without a high school diploma. This leads to a high unemployment rate of 28 percent. Drugs, crime, and violence are commonplace, and children in Overtown are exposed to high rates of untreated trauma, impeding their ability to function well in school and continuing the cycle of poverty.



ESOL Classes  
Every Wednesday  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Room 302

English Literacy Ministry needs TEACHERS!! If you are interested, or just curious, please contact Marilyn Atkins or Rosemary Barna



Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 pm, in room 302.

## Operation Christmas Child Reminder



Personal items, such as soap, washcloth, and toothbrush are important items to collect now so you will have them ready to be put in your boxes. See below for the story of how every donation is important!

A young man who had received a Christmas box as a child was asked what his favorite item was. He answered the washcloth. He explained he was one of 20 boys in an orphanage,

they got one bath a week and one towel to share. If you were not one of the first two or three in line, that one towel wasn't very helpful. With his washcloth he could dry himself off. Never underestimate the importance of each item that you share.

## Life of the Church

Contact: Church Office - [btstern@churchonthedrive.org](mailto:btstern@churchonthedrive.org)



Don't forget to change your clocks FORWARD 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9!

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April

The deadline for the *April Connection* is Friday, March 15.

**As a reminder, we will not accept any submissions for the Connection after the deadline of the 15th of each month.**

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The Kennedy family is looking for a home for Beverly's 2 cats, Tim & Pinky. If you are interested or if you know someone who might



be, contact [Betsy Stern](#) or simply reply to this email.



**Monthly Business Meeting**  
Sunday, March 24 @ 6:30 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall



Mondays & Thursdays  
Contact [Marlo Wright](#) for more info



## March Menus

**March 6**

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia  
Hash Brown Potato Casserole  
Cole Slaw  
Salad Bar  
Rolls

## Dessert

### March 13

Chicken and Yellow Rice

Broccoli Casserole

Rolls

Salad Bar

Brownie Sundaes

### March 20

Beef Stew with Rice

Salad Bar

Rolls

Jello Cake

### March 27

Pasta Bar

Bread Sticks

Garden Salad

Chocolate Ice Box Pie

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## From the Pages of the Library



### **Great Souls Who Changed the Century by David Aikman**

True stories of virtue to delight the mind and stir the spirit.

### **The View from the Lighthouse by Melody Carlson**

Meet four different, yet unforgettable, friends who are mysteriously drawn together by events too amazing to be coincidence.

### **The Two Nichols: Spent for Missions by Jester Summers**

Feel the call two people have to missions in Indonesia, and learn about their lives.

### **A Change of Plans by Alan Benjamin**

When the Brown family goes on a boat ride and picnic, they take too many people.

### **A Promise of Spring by Kim Vogel Sawyer**

Emmaline's fiancé pledged to send for her when he arrived in America. Begging

her to give prairie life a try, he offers her a compromise – Stay until Spring.

Look for the four-leafed clovers in the Library!

Coming Soon...

- Holy Week - April 14-21