

Sunday Worship 8:30am & 10am
Sunday School 9:55am - Altar Bldg.

JULY 2026 NEWSLETTER

3140 S. Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach Shores, FL
Mail to: PO Box 7175
Daytona Beach, FL 32116-7175

Office Hours: M-Th 8am-3pm
386-767-8761 www.driveinchurch.net



A Letter From The Senior Pastor BY REV. BOB KEMP-BAIRD

Dear Drive In Church Family,

We are officially smackdab in the middle of the "Dog Days of Summer." According to Wikipedia, Dog Days run from July 3 through August 11. That phrase interests me because I've always pictured a dog panting in the heat, trying to stay cool—and honestly, that's how I feel on many of these Florida summer Florida days. As it turns out, the origin of the saying has little to do with canines and much more to do with the ancient observation of the star Sirius, often called the "Dog Star," whose appearance coincided with the hottest days of the year.

Still, the image of a panting dog may not be a bad one for Christians. Summer has a way of slowing us down. The heat can leave us feeling drained, and busy schedules can pull us away from the routines that help us stay spiritually grounded. Yet these are precisely the seasons when we are reminded of our need for refreshment. The psalmist writes, "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God*" (Psalm 42:1). Even during the hottest and busiest days, God continues to offer living water, strength for the journey, and rest for weary souls.

Speaking of refreshment, here's an enticing activity you can join us for—air conditioning included! Coming up at the end of the month, on Wednesday, July 29, we will host a Lunch 'N Learn with the Council on Aging. The presentation will begin at 11:00a.m. in Friendship Hall, followed by a light lunch. Please let us know you're coming by signing up on the back of your Church Life Form or in the church app.

There are also several opportunities to serve and stay connected with others in our church family:

- **Care Connect** is an informal but meaningful way to share Christ's love and encouragement. Participants receive periodic emails highlighting pastoral care needs within our congregation, along with invitations to pray, send cards, and offer support when appropriate. If this ministry sounds like something that might be up your alley, please reach out to Rev. Melissa for more information.
- We are also always looking for **Worship Leaders** for our Sunday morning services. Worship Leaders guide the opening portion of worship, including the Call to Worship, Invocation and Lord's Prayer, and Scripture Reading. All materials are provided, and it is a wonderful way to participate in worship leadership while helping the congregation get to know you better.
- Other Sunday morning opportunities include **greeting** worshipers at the entrances or in Friendship Hall and assisting with the **offering**. If you would like more information, please contact the church office or speak with one of our Worship Coordinators on Sunday.

-Pastor Bob

IMPORTANT DATES

7/29 Lunch and Learn with
Council On Aging 11am FH

8/1 Birthday Lunch Bunch
The Turn, Port Orange
11:30am

News you can use from your Associate Pastor

BY REV. MELISSA FRANTZ

Bounce Back to School: Growing Something Beautiful Together

When we made the hard decision not to hold VBS this year, we knew it would leave a space. What has grown in that space is a beautiful partnership with the Domestic Abuse Council to create a Back to School celebration for children and families living in the emergency shelter. Our congregation has already provided all the school supplies, and several local businesses have stepped in to help make the day special.

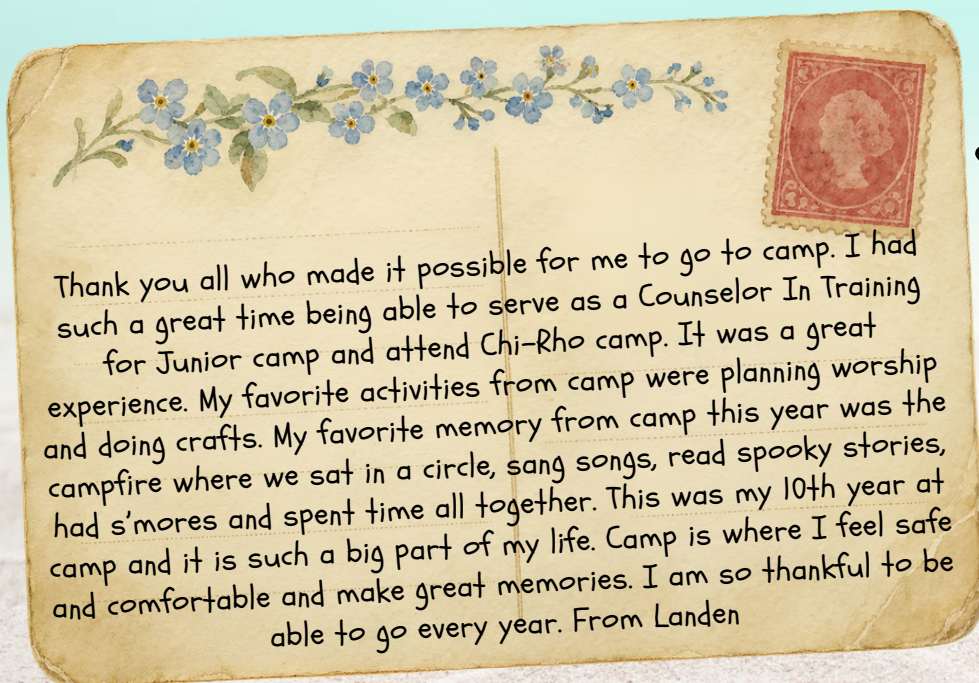
- Stroud's BBQ is providing a kid-friendly lunch
- Daytona Toyota has sponsored the bounce house and face painter
- Oceans Luxury Realty is hosting the Superhero Corner
- Shores Department of Public Safety will be on site with a fire truck and patrol car for the kids to explore.
- The Little Sand Bar is bringing a hands-on sand art station
- Our own Jacquie Curtice is providing a face painting station

We're also offering an Emotional Health Station with simple parenting tools and calming strategies to support wellness and resilience for both kids and caregivers. Together, we're creating a safe, joyful experience for families who need it most.

We are making a **final call for volunteers** to help support stations such as the bounce house, lunch, the pop-up shop, and general flow indoors and outdoors. If you'd like to lend a hand, we would love to have you join us. Thank you for helping this ministry bloom in ways we couldn't have imagined.

With DEEP Gratitude, Rev. Melissa

RevMelissa@driveinchurch.net



YOU'VE GOT MAIL!



Church,

You were so incredibly generous with your donations last year to ensure all our kids went to camp with that expense fully covered, that we had enough leftover to make it happen this year, too - without even asking for it! You're a blessing in so many ways!

Thank You

Post Card



I greatly appreciate the money and support you offered to bring me to high school CYF camp this year. I had a lot of fun at camp and made the most memorable memories this year. And none of that would've happened without your generosity. Thank you so much for making all that possible. -Elsie Northrup