

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8:30am & 10am

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday @ 9:55am First Floor of the
Altar Building

YOUTH GROUP

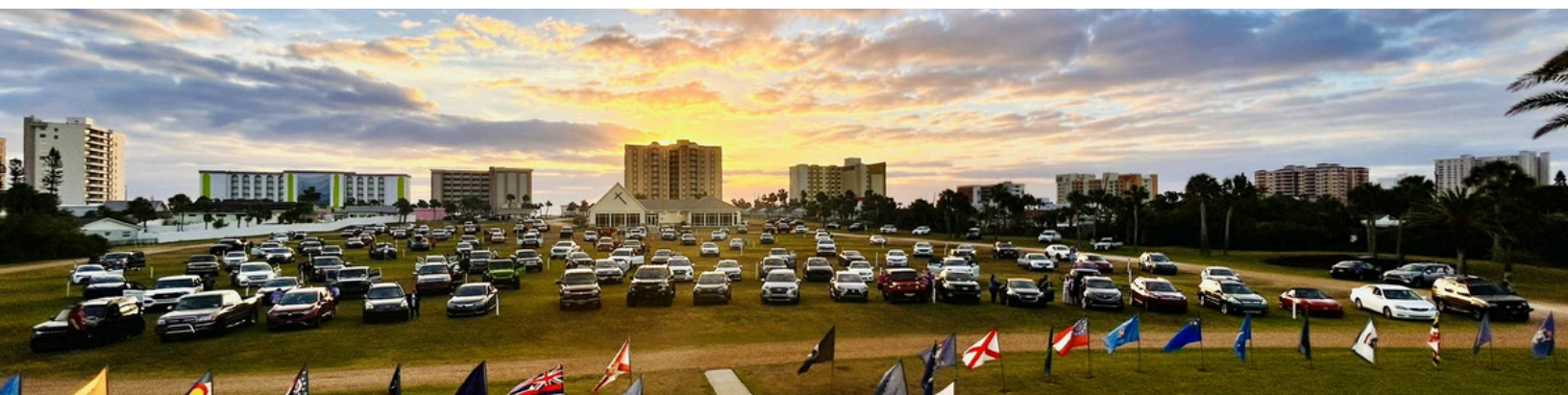
3rd Thursday of the month 6:30-8pm

ADULT MINISTRY

Psalm 91 Women's Prayer 1st
Thursday of the month 10am

Women's Bible Study 2nd Thursday of
the month 10am

Men's Prayer Breakfast 2nd Tuesday of
the month 7:30am



Dear Church Family,

This Autumn season isn't just about "pumpkin spiced everything"—although some of you may be enjoying your fair share! It's also an invitation to reconnect with family, community, and our faith.

I am so thankful for the cooler temperatures and milder days. They make it a little more inviting to step outside, linger in conversation, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and "wide open spaces" of "the place where we worship." Yet, as I welcome the change in weather, I find myself wondering more and more: Where has the time gone this year? Somehow, we are already talking about fall gatherings and preparing for Christmas!

Here at the Drive In Church, plans are underway for **Drive Through Bethlehem**. Our last workday before setup will be **Saturday, October 31, at 8:00 a.m.**, meeting at the Maintenance Shed on the north side of the property. Your helping hands make a difference, and we would love to have you join us.

We will also begin setting up for Bethlehem earlier this year. Our hope is to spread out the work, ease the rush, and reduce the weariness that can come during the week before the event. Preparing to share the story of Christ's birth should leave us with energy to welcome our neighbors and enjoy the experience together! Stay tuned for more information about setting up and opportunities to help.

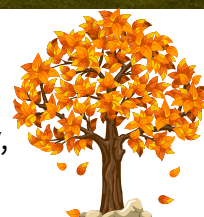
Of course, there is plenty to look forward to before Bethlehem arrives. As you read this newsletter, take a look at the other highlights of our fall season. Consider where you might participate, whom you might invite, and how you might renew a connection with someone in our church family.

As quickly as the calendar seems to turn, we needn't rush past the blessings of today. Make time for a conversation. Reach out to someone you haven't seen lately. Gather around a table. Pause for prayer. Let worship help you make room for God amid the busyness of the season.

My prayer for us this fall is that our preparations and gatherings will deepen our relationships—with one another, with our neighbors, and with Christ. May we receive these milder days with gratitude and share God's love through the simple gift of being present.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Bob



REV. BOB KEMP-BAIRD

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WELCOMING OCTOBER: FALL FUN & FELLOWSHIP AHEAD

Greetings Church Family,

As the air turns a bit cooler, we welcome the season of fall with gratitude and anticipation. October brings opportunities to gather, give, and grow together—and we're kicking things off with a festive favorite!



TRUNK OR TREAT – THIS SATURDAY, 5–6:30 PM

Join us for a joyful evening of costumes, candy, and community in our beautiful outdoor setting. It's not too late to be part of the fun—this is our final call for volunteers to decorate trunks, greet guests, or help with making everything flow smoothly. Sign up on your Church Life Form today. Your presence makes the difference!



LOOKING AHEAD: THANKSGIVING DINNER – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 @ 6 PM

Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Friendship Hall.

This year's meal will be catered and feature a traditional thanksgiving meal for \$15.

Sign-up details are coming soon.

Blessings, Rev. Melissa

REV. MELISSA FRANTZ

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Drive Thru Bethlehem has become something very special to me because it brings together so many things that are important in my life: my faith, my church family, and the opportunity to serve others.

Christmas can become so busy that it's easy to lose sight of what we are truly celebrating. Being part of Bethlehem gives me a chance to slow down and focus on the birth of Jesus and, more importantly, to help share that story with our community. I love thinking about the families and children who drive through and knowing that, for some of them, this may be the first time they really experience the story of Jesus in such a meaningful way.

I've also come to realize how much being involved and serving at church means to me personally. The more I participate, the more connected I feel, not only to my church family, but to my own faith. There is something incredibly rewarding about giving your time alongside people who share the same purpose and seeing what can happen when everyone comes together.

That's why I didn't hesitate to sign up again this year. Drive Thru Bethlehem isn't just something I volunteer for; it's something I genuinely look forward to. If sharing a few hours of my time can touch even one person or one family and remind them of the love and hope that Jesus brings, then it is absolutely worth it.

I always go into it hoping to give something to others, but somehow I end up receiving just as much in return.

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Drive through Bethlehem

December 10–13th 6–8pm

Sign up to be a cast member today!



DTB Work Day

**Saturday
Oct. 31st
8am**

