



### **Our Mission Statement**

Saved by the redeeming grace of God, we proclaim Christ crucified through worship, service and love of neighbor

### **Our Vision Statement**

We have been saved by the grace of God, redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and moved by the Holy Spirit to respond to God's love. We will proclaim to all God's saving Gospel of Christ crucified. We will worship God through Word and Sacrament, serve all in need in our communities and nurture fellow members in Christ.

### **Our Guiding Principles**

Everything we do should incorporate at least three of the following Guiding Principles in support of the Mission and Vision of this Church:

- Pray
- Study
- Worship
- Invite
- Encourage
- Serve
- Give

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### **From the Pastor's Desk**

**"I want to be a coach in my next life!" This was a comment from a fellow Lutheran Pastor that I understand wholeheartedly. Coaches receive so much honor and respect these days. If a coach tells her team that they must be present for every game and every practice to be part of the team, kids and parents show up without fail. When a pastor asks people to come to worship or invites someone to step up and serve on the Church Council, the response may be decidedly different!**

**Then it hit me. "Coach" is a great metaphor for my time as your Interim Pastor. I know that you all miss Pastor Randy. You should. By all accounts, he is a gifted and beloved pastor who was here a long time. I cannot replace him. I have different gifts and experiences. What I can do is preach and teach, visit you in your homes and hospital rooms. I can help you think through where you have been and where you might want to go as a congregation.**

**But make no mistake. As your coach, I have no intention of remaining on the sidelines, aloof from the action happening on the field. For as long as I am with you, I plan to be "all in." I want to love you, guide you, and be your pastor.**

- So if you want to come to me and vent about how much you miss Pastor Randy and how you can't imagine Messiah without him, I'm here.
- If you want to tell me about a great new idea that you have for Messiah's future, I'm here.
- If you want to tell me about a hassle that's going on at work or at home, I'm here.
- If you just want to laugh, go out to lunch, or watch a football game together, I am here.

**My door is always open! My wife Chris and I have rented an apartment in Montgomery, and I will generally be on-site from Wednesday afternoons-Sunday afternoons each week, but this is a full-time position, so I am available to you by phone and e-mail, even when I am "home" in Roswell, GA Mondays and Tuesdays.**

**I have served small churches and big churches; I have been an Associate Pastor and a Head of Staff; I have been a Mission Developer and a Campus Pastor, and I am THRILLED to be among you! My passions in ministry include preaching and teaching, pastoral care and Small Group Ministry, and I am convinced that everything that we do well in Jesus' name is evangelism. I believe that ALL are welcome.**

**at UGA studying Psychology. You may not see them unless they need money or a home-cooked meal!**

I have been married to Chris Bergman for 31 years. She went to seminary for a couple of years and serves as a church secretary in Decatur, GA (and will be with us from Thursday evening-Sunday each week.) Chris is an outstanding cook who loves to sing. Together, we have twins, Oliver and Hope, who just turned 22. Oliver is a senior at Oglethorpe University near Midtown Atlanta, majoring in Medical Illustration (half art and half biology), and Hope is a senior at UGA studying Psychology. You may not see them unless they need money or a home-cooked meal!

In my spare time I enjoy BBQ and swimming, watching theatre and football, and I can always be talked into a good card game. I love to laugh, and my favorite people are the ones who ask great questions. Chris and I are already making plans to have y'all over for an Advent open house. But most of all, I am looking forward to this next year and our winning season together.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Devin

## Don't Forget the "Other Stuff"

Various groups/individuals at Messiah collect the following items that benefit the local community. Drop-off stations for these items are located by the church office.

- Magazines - taken to area hospitals (please make sure all addresses are removed)
- Catalogs - also taken to area hospitals (please make sure all addresses are removed)
- Soup labels - taken to Morningview Elementary School
- Greeting card fronts
- Old and new calendars - taken to Morningview Elementary School
- Box Tops for Education - collected by Jeannie Graetz for E.D. Nixon Elementary School
- Soda pop tabs - donated to the Ronald McDonald House charities
- Old and unused reading and prescription glasses - donated to the Lions Club.

### Messiah Lutheran Worship & Contact Information

#### SUNDAYS

Worship - 8:00 & 10:45 am  
Sunday School

Adults - 9:15 am  
Children - 9:15 am

#### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Meal - 5:30 pm  
Worship - 6:15 pm

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

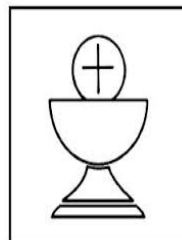
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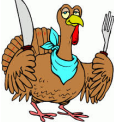
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**EUCCHARIST EVERY  
SUNDAY  
&  
WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

Yours in Christ,

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 am Marys & Marthas  Pastor Strong's fist day	2	3  9:00 am Bishop's Decernment Meeting  1:00 pm Girl Scouts
4  November Birthdays Celebration 9:00 am  <b>Worship</b> 8:00 & 10:45 am	5  6:30 pm Pinks & Pearls	6  9:00 am Quilters  11:30 am Loose Ladies Lunch at Jan's Grill	7  Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Catechism  Hosted by SOMM & Choir	8  11:30 am Dominoes and Sack Lunch  7:00 pm Bell Choir	9	10  9:00 am Art Club  3:30 pm Women of Refined Gold
11  <b>One Service</b> 10:00am Pastor Strong Instal- lation 11:00am Potluck	12  <b>Office Closed</b> Veteran's Day	13  9:00 am Quilters	14  Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Catechism  Hosted by Marys & Marthas	15  6:30pm Council Meeting	16	17  9:00 am Yarnovers  1:00 pm Girl Scouts
18  8:00 & 10:45 am Worship	19	20  9:00 am Quilters  Messiah Messenger Submission Deadline	21  NO Wonderful Wednesday Activities	22  Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed  	23  Church Office Closed	24  9:00 am Yarnovers
25  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship  11:00 am Potluck	26	27  9:00 am Quilters  6:30 pm Sisters of Mary Magdalene	28  Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Catechism  Hosted by Council	29	30	

## November Birthdays

5	Robert Brow	19	Doris Underwood	26	Garrett Morton
9	Rhonda Morton	20	Ricky Craig	29	Ashley Garrison
16	Alan Stevenson	20	Gene Klocke		
19	Karen Collier	25	Felton Bivins, Jr.		



