

# *The Shepherd's Staff*

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Jonathan Grove

## **New Staff Member On Board**

Jonathan Grove has been hired as an Associate Pastor. He began his duties on February 16. Jonathan has been on staff part-time as the Director of Technology since April 2014 and is now full-time as the Associate Pastor of Worship and Multimedia.

He graduated in 2014 from the University of Valley Forge (formerly Valley Forge Christian College) with a degree in Digital Communications and Multimedia. He also minored in Pastoral Counseling.

Over the past 4 years Jon has been working for AmeriGas Propane starting as a Computer Help Desk Technician. During his tenure he had multiple opportunities to grow and improve his God-given talents and skills he gained from college and personal study. In his most recent position with AmeriGas, Jon served as a Web Application Developer.

Jonathan and his family are long-time members of Shepherd of the Hills. He has grown up attending Youth Club, Confirmation, H2O Youth Group, missions trips, and other church functions. He began taking piano lessons in second grade and continues to enjoy playing and leading worship with the various worship teams at the church.

In his new role, Jon will continue to be responsible for maintaining any and all technology used at the church. He will also assist in coordinating the OneVoice worship ministry, as well as assist in coordinating worship for the 8 AM services and other special music groups. Jon will also be taking over duties for preparing the weekly messages for our Light The Way ministry and ensuring recordings are provided to our radio partners, website, and social media platforms. As he continues in full-time ministry, he looks forward to exploring new ways to further the Gospel using his talents in technology, as well as learning new skills to further the Kingdom of God.

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## **Agape Meal**

March 3

12 Noon

Soup & Ice Cream

Speaker: Derrick Whitmore

## **Ash Wednesday**

March 6



### Current Sermon Series

*"The DNA of a Godly Church"*

February Topics:

A Godly Church Is: A Serving Church

A Godly Church Is: A Praying Church

A Godly Church Is: A Praying Church II

A Godly Church Follows Its Godly Leaders



### PreSchool

### Candy Sale

Peanut butter and coconut cream eggs, milk and dark chocolate.

\$6 for 6 oz

Orders received March 10—24.

Order forms available March 10

Eggs delivered April 14

## To God you shall return

The traditional Ash Wednesday words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can't untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don't have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin's power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we're always safe in God's love.

### Coming Events

April 14  
Palm Sunday

April 21  
Easter Sunday

April 13  
Passion of Christ film  
State Theatre



Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 10

## Baby Bottle Blast

Month-long during March

Coin collection for Genesis Crisis Center

Sponsored by Friends for Life



# **Missions Commitment**



Dave & Lee Hall

Our **Mission Commitment** missionaries for March and April are Dave and Lee Hall, serving with WEC in Marrakech, Morocco. The church Dave pastors is diverse, consisting of sub-Saharan African Christians from over 15 countries as well as some European members.

**The Vision Project for March and April** is Jorge and Rosa Gutierrez, who serve with Globe International Ministries in Mexico. Their many-faceted ministry includes a feeding program for children, church planting, and budding health clinic program. The loose change we collect every



Jorge & Rosa Gutierrez

## **A word from Jeff Grant** —our recent Mission Commitment Project

In the only prayer request Jesus commands of us, He says, “ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:38). The word “send” is ekkallō which is closer to “cast out.” It makes me think of big bouncers coming to throw us out of our comfort zones. Near the end of February, over 60,000 of God’s children will gather in a soccer stadium for 12 hours here in Orlando to an event called The SEND. Francis Chan, Lou Engel, YWAM, Hillsong and many others are asking God to use them to “cast out” these believers into high schools, colleges, neighborhoods and nations of the world with the love of Christ.

It sounds incredible! We can’t wait to be a part of it and we hope you join us. Karen and I have already gotten to have an incredible part in this! We met with one of the folks running the event and introduced him to the Cru leaders overseeing ministry in FL. Because of that, 370 volunteers from the Send will stay for a month afterward, walking on 75 campuses and launching new Cru movements that we will then teach local churches how to run! Praise God for the unity of His Church!

## **Youth Club**

Wednesdays, 6:15- 8:30 p.m.

4 years to Grade 6

Term II will conclude on April 3

The format this year is for everyone to gather in the fellowship hall for worship at 6:15 p.m. This is followed by a lesson, craft time, game time, a snack at 8:15 p.m.

Dismissal is from the lower level at 8:30 p.m.

## **H2O Youth**

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Shepherd’s Den

## **Children’s Church**

Pre-K to Grade 4—every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service.



## **Sunday School**

9:15 a.m.

Toddler—2 years—Room 14

3 years—K—Room 12

Grades 1-3—Room 24

Grades 4-6—Room 25

Grades 9—12—Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8)

Library

Adult—Room 22

Discussion—Parlor East

Spiritual growth—FH





## Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

## Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m.

Magnify!

**Prayers of sympathy** are extended to the family of Verna Hagenbuch who died on February 3.

**24 pints of blood** were collected in our February blood drive.

**New deacons** were elected at the Annual Congregation Meeting held February 10. They are Dan Brown and Andy Troutman.

**Hutt's Glass** replaced a defective window pane in the parlor recently.

**The entire parlor** will be updated thanks to a benevolence received last year for that purpose. Deacon Jeanette Korchowsky heads the parlor renovation committee.

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## The Pastoral Staff

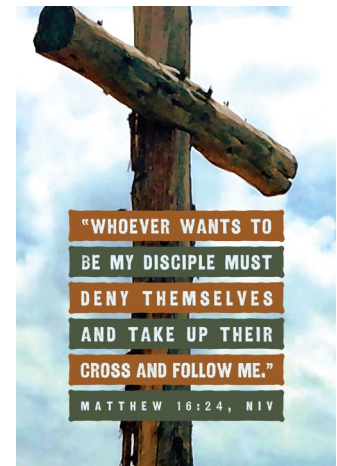


Charles Rowdon, Jim Jessum, Collin Monger, Jon Grove

The primary responsibility of every pastor is to equip the saint for the work of ministry. Here at Shepherd of the Hills we have been blessed with an amazing team of pastors who are dedicated to the spiritual wellbeing of the congregation. Through sound biblical teaching, dedicated service, and a genuine desire to see people reached with the gospel, Shepherd continues to be an effective witness for Jesus in our community.

Pastor Collin currently serves as the Senior Pastor and Bible teacher of Shepherd of the Hills Church and its radio ministry, Light the Way. Pastor Charles serves in numerous capacities overseeing Connect Groups, the Preschool, VBS, and most recently the H2O Youth group. Pastor Jon is our newest addition to the pastoral staff, coming on to oversee our worship and media ministries. Pastor Jim is our visitations pastor and is in charge of our visitation team.

If you would like to get to know our pastors better, reach out to the church office and schedule a time for a visit or, just stop by for a meeting. It is the desire of our pastors to get to know the members of the church, to speak truth into their lives, and to equip every member for service in Christ's kingdom.



## Pastoral Staff

Collin Monger

*Senior Pastor*

Charles Rowden

*Executive Associate Pastor*

Jonathan Grove

*Associate Pastor*

James Jessum

*Associate Pastor of Visitation*

Shepherd of the Hills' regular office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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