

# *The Messiah Messenger*



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## Messiah Is Live on Facebook

“As a small church we might only have thirty-five people in worship, but we have anywhere from fifty to a hundred views of the service on our Facebook page,” Pastor Tim Engel replied when asked about social media and the church.

“The pandemic has led many churches to take advantage of the technology that we knew existed but never really used,” he continued.

Engel’s sermons have been posted on the congregation’s website and *Messiah Houston* Facebook page for a number of years.

The live stream of the worship service, however, is a more recent addition to the church’s outreach through social media.

Engel acknowledges that he is a “digital immigrant” but has enjoyed learning about the current technologies. He admits, “All this is a far cry from the Apple IIc I purchased in 1986.”

Despite so many concerns and controversies regarding social media, Engel still sees the benefits of Messiah’s growing online presence.

“The movable type printing press allowed for the Reformation Movement to happen five hundred years ago. In the same way,” Engel says, “God is calling His people to new ventures to bring the never-changing message of His love to an ever-changing world.”

Messiah plans to live stream all its worship services for the foreseeable future.



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# Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

One of the best things about being a Comfort Dog is that I get lots of hugs and pets wherever I go. (You can tell from the smile on my face how much I enjoy them.)

For a Comfort Dog, hugs and pets add up to LOVE!

And, when you think about it, that's what my job is all about, giving my love to people that I meet. When I do that, I get love in return.

My Jesus told His friends about love. He said, **"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"** (John 15:12-13).

That's exactly what my Jesus did, too! He laid down His life on the cross to show us His great love for us.

Now my Jesus tells us to do the same.

When I think about all the hugs I've gotten over the years, what I remember most are all the smiles that came with them.

Maybe that's why my Jesus says that the first fruit of the Spirit is love and the next one is joy (Galatians 5:22). Love and joy go together like...bananas and oranges (my favorite breakfast snack)!

So keep doing what my Jesus says to do. Share the love, spread the joy...

And stay PAWSOME!

— Your friend Gabriel

