

## 8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Welcome

Song: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.....  
 Song: His Forever.....  
 Song: The Great Redeemer.....  
 Prayer: ..... Mike Duhig  
 Song: Beautiful Lamb .....  
 Communion: ..... Rob Merchant/Mike Avery  
 Song: The Lord My Shepherd Is .....  
 Contribution: ..... Rob Merchant/Mike Avery  
 Scripture: Romans 8:3-5 ..... James Burnett/Ashley Kuehn  
 Song: I Will Rise .....  
 Sermon: "Sermons On The Mound: The Advocate" ..... David Duncan  
 Song: I Need Thee Every Hour .....  
 Shepherd's Prayer: ..... Philip Bailey  
 Song: I Will Sing The Wondrous Story .....

Song Leader: Clayton Hamby/Craig Schuster

### SERMONS ON THE MOUND

The Advocate  
Sunday AM Notes

Juan Marichal; 1960-1975

"Ugliest Moment in Baseball History"

Juan Marichal & John Roseboro; August 22, 1965

We are all ..... Romans 3:23

We all need an .....

We need someone to ..... for us.

1 John 2:1-2

We ..... our Advocate but He still speaks on our behalf.

Our protection comes through

..... into

the Advocate. Galatians 3:26-27

I ..... give myself to Jesus and He

..... speaks for me.

Jesus ..... for us. Romans 8:34

The ..... also intercedes.

Romans 8:15-17

There is someone else on our side ... The Father.

Romans 8:31-32

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit want me to succeed.

My response should be to sin .....

rather than sin .....

God ..... me. Do I ..... Him?

## 6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Salvation Belongs To Our God .....  
 Song: Shout To The Lord .....

Welcome

Prayer: ..... Mike Bitting  
 Song: Firm Foundation .....  
 Song: Take My Hand And Lead Me .....  
 Song: We Will Stand .....  
 Sermon: "Leaders Making Leaders" ..... David Duncan  
 Song: Bind Us Together .....  
 Prayer: ..... Justin Robertson  
 Song: Don't Be Afraid .....

Song Leader: Wade Price

### LEADERS MAKING LEADERS

Sunday PM Notes

Moses helped Joshua.

How can I participate in ..... leaders?

Entrust others with .....

Exodus 17:8-10

Joshua was under his ..... but allowed

to ..... his tasks.

Include others with you when doing important tasks.

Exodus 24:12-13

He was ..... Joshua.

Moses was entrusting ..... and knowledge

to be used after he was gone.

Discuss ..... with future

leaders. Exodus 32:17-18

Correct mistakes .....

Numbers 11:26-30

Moses used ..... & humility while Joshua

.....

It would be obvious ..... was the one.

Numbers 27:18-20

Joshua would do what Moses could .....

Israel needed to see Moses and Joshua .....

What am I doing for the future?

Love.Lead.Live.Jesus.

### Ministry Staff

<b>Mike Avery</b> Youth & Family	<b>Shawn Freeman</b> Youth & Bridge	<b>Laura Norwood</b> Elementary	<b>Spencer Prather</b> Preschool	<b>Quincey Spurlock</b> Resident Intern	<b>Lindsey Hawkins</b> Counseling Center
<b>David Duncan</b> Preaching	<b>Steve Lehman</b> College/Singles	<b>Larry D. Phillips</b> Congregational Care	<b>Wayne Roberts</b> Connection	<b>Jessica Fuller</b> Friendship School	

Family Shepherds Chairman (April-June): Philip Bailey - 713.304.0011

<b>Philip Bailey</b>	<b>Jerry Gerlich</b>	<b>Tom Messick</b>	<b>Alan Pence</b>
<b>Frank Devine</b>	<b>Greg Hughes</b>	<b>Terry Montgomery</b>	<b>Robby Robinson, Jr.</b>

Need to talk?  
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# Memorial Church of Christ Welcome

## PRISON MINISTRY

I got into prison ministry through Fred Rogers. (Yes, Mr. Rogers.) I read a couple of books he was reportedly fond of, connected to an organization that promoted spiritual direction for inmates. Unfortunately, it was an "all-roads" approach, not specifically Christian. But the books contained letters from inmates asking deep, serious questions about faith, forgiveness and the nature of God. The questions were often accompanied with stories of horrific childhood abuse and neglect, admissions of responsibility for heinous crimes, and confessions of doubt about God's willingness to intervene in such hopeless and dire circumstances.

By the time I finished the second book, I was raw and cried-out. I prayed, "I don't know if this is a 'calling', Lord, but if it is, my answer is yes." And then, often by "happenstance," I began meeting people involved in various prison ministries...

I re-read Jesus' teaching on the sheep and the goats in Matthew 25, and noticed what He said: first, He is there in the prisons; and second, the need is a visit. Not a sermon, not a powerful testimony. He just wants a visit. I can do that.

There are many ways to serve the incarcerated: worshipping alongside them, preaching/leading worship services, corresponding via email and snail mail, visiting prison hospital patients, teaching classes, conducting personal visits, participating in special events such as Kairos/Jubilee Weekend "retreats" and movie nights. Chaplains need assistants for various activities as well, and often encourage whatever new and innovative programs volunteers come up with that will encourage the men and women behind bars.

On Saturday, May 11, Memorial will be sponsoring **GospelFest**, a casual "gospel meeting" type fellowship with a lunch following at Ramsey Unit in Rosharon. Our guest speaker will be Thomas Reed of the Impact church. It's an easy introduction into what's happening inside the prison; we are looking for volunteers to check in the participants, worship alongside them, visit with them, serve and eat lunch with them. It takes no special ability other than being able to love others. We'd love to have you join us. Come and see! (Please see the notice and QR code inside the bulletin to register today.)

- David Bean



David Bean  
Prison Ministry Lead

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April 7, 2024

### Upcoming:

**April 10**  
All Congregation  
Fellowship Meal

**April 26-28**  
Women's Retreat

**April 27**  
Dads/Kids Day

**April 28**  
HIVE Meeting

**May 18**  
Men's Dayz

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Members:  
Check in via your Elexio app

Guests:  
We are so glad that  
you are here.

We'd love to stay in  
touch with you.

Check in here.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Special Needs Resources

doorposts

April is autism awareness month. We are going to use it as an opportunity to provide families of children with special needs some tools and resources to help them. Stop by the DoorPosts family resource center on the west end of the foyer and check them out.

### TODAY

#### New Sermon Series Begins!

**Sermons on the Mound** Free hotdogs & ballpark snacks will be served in the Family Center following 2nd Service. Grab and go or hang out and eat.

#### 4:00 pm; Oak View Room

**Baby Boy Shower - Katerina Maimeskul**  
Wal Mart/Target gift cards are appreciated.  
Contact: **Yulia Merchant**

### APRIL



**April 10; 6:00 pm; Family Center**  
**All Congregation Meal** RSVP requested to eat. Contact: **Shawn Freeman**

#### April 17; 6:00 pm; Food Distribution

**Valencia Apartments** Here's a great way to serve your community and share the light and love of Jesus. Anyone can serve. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Contact: **Melissa Ramon**

#### April 18; 11:30 am; Oak View Room

**Young At Heart Potluck Lunch 'n' Learn**  
Speaker: Paul Woodward from Impact, Church of Christ Inner City Ministry - *Summer Outreach Programs*  
Contact: **Andrew LaMore**



**April 19 - Space Cowboys Game**  
Tickets: \$45 (includes \$20 concessions value card.) Tickets are limited. Scan the QR code to purchase. **ALL are invited!**



**April 27; 9:00 am-3:00 pm**  
**Memorial Dads/Kids Day**  
Held on the Bell property on the Brazos River in Simonton, TX; \$10/family  
Activities: Scavenger Hunt, Beach Games (kickball/football), Fishing, Zip Line/Rope swing, Target Shooting, Horseback riding, Hotdog lunch cooked over camp fire; Contact: **Jason Fuller**

#### April 28; 2:00-4:00 pm; Room 221

**HIVE Meeting**  
This meeting is for all lead servants & ministry leads.  
Contact: **Wayne Roberts**

### MAY

#### May 18; 9:00 am-1:00 pm; Family Center

**Men's Dayz** - a free area event for all men.  
"Engage" - sharing Christ day by day  
Speaker: **Vincenzo Cox**; Registration info coming soon!  
Contact: **Steve Lehman**



### BIBLE CLASSES

**Sunday - 9:30 am Wednesday - 7:00 pm**

**Registration for Memorial Kids Camp is open! (Held May 31-June 2)** Open to students who have completed Kinder-completed 4th grade. Cost: \$100/Memorial camper; \$130/guest camper Register by May 19.



**Member registration**



**Guest registration**

**Is your child participating? Have you volunteered? If so - Bible Hour & Toddler Time Volunteers Needed:** Check Volunteer Opportunities for details!



7th-12th



5th-6th

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**Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Wednesday - 7:00 pm**

#### April 14; 4:30-7:00 pm;

**Bridge (5th-6th) Devo**

#### April 21; Youth (7th-12th) Devo

#### May 5; Senior Sunday

#### May 19; Combined Bridge(5th-6th)/Youth (7th-12th) Devo

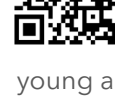
#### May 22; Small Group Celebration

**Registration is open for 2 camp sessions!**  
Register via QR code.



**Bandina; June 30-July 6**

Those in grades 5th-12th & adult volunteers.



**Elevate U; August 9-12**

High school seniors, college students, young adults in early 20's, and adult volunteers.



### FOCAS

#### College Age; Sundays - Room 212

*Living Like Jesus*

#### Single Adults (20's/30's)

**Sundays - Room 211**; *Becoming Like Jesus: Creating Community*



Want to see our upcoming activities?  
Want to join our FOCAS chat?  
Want to join our women's life group chat?  
Want to join our men's life group chat?  
Need to contact Steve, our Singles Minister?  
Scan the QR code for all of this!

## FAMILY NEWS

Need something included in the bulletin? Email [jshanks@mcoc.org](mailto:jshanks@mcoc.org).

### PRAISE

We rejoice with **Karter Esene**, granddaughter of **Will & Rosella Gadison**, on her baptism March 31!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Brenda**, daughter of **Gail Bryant**, will be having 2 more surgeries to correct her fractured ankle.

**Paula Baugh** is now in the care of hospice at home. Cards & texts would be appreciated. Prayers for comfort & wisdom are requested as Paula, **Benton, Pam, Phyllis** & the entire family travel this path.

**Patricia Berry-Jones** was scheduled for surgery April 4.

**Ginny Davidson** received encouraging news regarding her pregnancy. She is thankful and requests continued prayers.

**Many of our families** traveled to Dallas last weekend for Leadership Training for Christ, and we are thankful for safe travels. Several of them are traveling again this weekend for Texas Bible Bowl. Prayers are requested for safe travels.

**Lynn Montgomery**, father of **Terry Montgomery**, is back home & improving. They are awaiting test results.

### SYMPATHY

**Darrell Fannin**, a deacon at Jersey Village Church of Christ, passed away March 31. A service was held yesterday.

**Jan Kraner**, a longtime friend of **Lovee Sherwin** and teacher at Northland Christian School, passed away March 29.

**SPECIAL NOTE** Thanks to the generosity of our church family, in addition to the \$50,000, an additional \$38,445 was collected, so we will be sending a total of **\$88,445** to the Canadian Church of Christ for wildfire relief.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*All are invited to find their place at Memorial as we seek to share the love of Jesus and serve others.*



**SABC Mission Support** About 40 of our youth and adults will be making a short term mission trip to Southern Africa Bible College (SABC) June 5-14. Many of them are still raising financial support to make the trip, **which is due by April 15**. If you would like to contribute financially to their trip you may do so via Elexio by giving to Missions Fund and noting "SABC trip" or using the QR code. Contact: **Mike Avery** or **Kirk Eason**



**Bible Hour and Toddler Time Volunteers** A new Bible Hour and Toddler Time rotation has begun. Volunteers will serve **once a month** for the next 6 months. This link is for ADULT volunteers only. Mike and Shawn will send a link for teen volunteers.



**GospelFest '24 - Ramsey Unit; May 11** - Annual gospel outreach day at the prison. Volunteers are needed who would be willing to help serve lunch and worship, along with 150 inmates. **\*Time is needed to clear volunteers, so sign up by April 8 via QR code.\***  
Contact: **David Bean**

## NOTES OF APPRECIATION

*We express our appreciation to so many who were coaches/mentors and others who helped coordinate our Leadership Training for Christ program and our LTC/ Texas Bible Bowl program, specifically April Sprott, Brad Colliander, & Autum Sharp. We are grateful for all of your love for our students & families!*

As I look back on the recent Leadership Training for Christ (LTC), my heart is filled with immense gratitude towards our adult volunteers. The success of this event was made possible by a dedicated village of **56 adults**, along with **67 students**, whose commitment and spirit of service truly embody the power of community and the love of Christ in action. Their generous contribution of time and talents has not just ensured the success of this event; it has also laid a foundational stone in nurturing the hearts of our young leaders. My prayer is that this ministry continues to bear fruit, creating leaders for Christ, bringing glory to God, and growing His Kingdom.

Blessings  
- **April Sprott**

I am so proud of all of the kids that participated in Bible Bowl this year. These students spent nearly 8 months studying the Life of Moses and competed in LTC Bible Bowl (**34 students**), Texas Bible Bowl (**22 students**), or both (**19 students**) during the past two weekends. Thank you to all the parents who helped this year by sitting in on classes, reading with their kids, and helping at the events.

- **Brad Colliander**

### Prayer Requests

Public - [jshanks@mcoc.org](mailto:jshanks@mcoc.org)  
Private - [prayer@mcoc.org](mailto:prayer@mcoc.org)

## FAMILY RECORDS

### CONTRIBUTION

3/31/24 Offering - \$29,720  
Weekly Budget - \$62,503  
YTD Budget Deficit - \$52,095

Kids' Contribution - \$102.44  
**Bibles to Date - 6,998 (Goal - 10,000)**

### ATTENDANCE - 3/31/24

10:30 am - 972 + 200 (LTC) Total - 1,172

2023 BAPTISMS - 62

2024 BAPTISMS - 5

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