

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Hosanna
 Welcome
 Song: Agnus Dei
 Song: Praise The Lord
 Prayer: Mike Duhig
 Song: Because He Lives
 Communion/Contribution:..... Jake Hick/Luis Vargas
 Song: Blue Skies And Rainbows
 Scripture: Matthew 23:37-38 ... Owen Simmons/Ashley Kuehn
 Song: Living Hope
 Sermon: "What It Means To Be A Disciple" David Duncan
 Song: Create In Me
 Shepherd's Prayer: Alan Pence
 Song: All To Us
 Song Leaders: Matt Hoffmeister/Nick Smith

SERMON NOTES

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE

The Clean Cup

Matthew 23:25-26

Part of the _____ to the Pharisees.
 Passage for Jewish leaders but _____
 to all Christians.

_____ : an actor; one pretending

_____ : a declaration of condemnation if there is no change.

Matthew 23:25-26

They appeared beautiful but the inside was _____.

_____ appearance more important to them than _____ reality.

What could be the _____ in my cup?

_____ (James 4:6)

Bitterness, wrath, anger (Ephesians 4:31)

_____ (Ephesians 4:32)

More examples:

Galatians 5:19-21

They're quick to point out your _____ while neglecting their own _____.

How do I become pure?

Do what _____ said ... John 3:3-5

_____ in Jesus. John 3:16

Confess & _____. 1 John 1:9

Renew my _____. Romans 12:2

Walk in the _____. Galatians 5:16

What do I need to do to be _____?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Awesome Power
 Song: Holy Is The Lord
 Welcome
 Prayer: Andrew LaMore
 Song: Salvation Belongs To Our God
 Song: God Who Came To Save
 Song: The Battle Belongs To The Lord
 Sermon: "Lessons From The City Of Ai" David Duncan
 Song: Had It Not Been The Lord
 Prayer: Gilbert Alderete
 Song: Don't Be Afraid
 Song Leader: Wade Price

LESSONS FROM THE CITY OF AI

(not artificial intelligence)

Joshua: mentored by _____.

1 of 12 spies

1 of two said _____

Led Israel into promised land.

_____ wanted Israel to take the land.

God defeated Jericho with _____

of Israel participating.

Some Israelites had gotten _____ in their

dependence on God.

Joshua 7:2-4a

No mention of _____ in the decision.

No _____.

_____ often leads to more

dependence on self.

Joshua 7:4b-5

Joshua wasn't the only question.

Instead of depending on God, _____

thought of himself.

All of Israel paid for Achan's _____.

God sent all fighting men _____ to Ai.

_____ won!

Why did God want all Israel _____?

So they would see His _____.

Is God the source of my power or more

of a _____?

Love.Lead.Live.Jesus.

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Memorial Church of Christ Welcome

FISHES AND LOAVES

When we think of sacrificing, whether it be money, time, resources, etc., it can often stir up anxiety or negative feelings. We are often reminded that we should each give what we have decided to in our hearts, "not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver." However, this can be a difficult thing for us to do: being happy about giving away our money, our time, our food, or whatever it is that we will no longer have or get back.

It makes me think about the boy who sacrificed his 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish for Jesus to perform the miracle where He feeds the 5,000 in John 6:1-15. Even though we are not told much about the boy in this story, his actions say a lot.

There is a song by a Christian artist, Josiah Queen, called "Fishes and Loaves," which is told from the perspective of the boy who trusted in Jesus and sacrificed his food. The song conveys a powerful message, encouraging us to surrender our possessions and anxieties to God, trusting that He will provide for all our needs, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowd.

The lyrics portray an honest conversation with Jesus about the feelings of uncertainties that the boy might have been feeling, and that many of us may experience as well:

*"Oh, I'm trying to let go
 My heart is uneasy, but I give you control.
 I know it's not much, but I know what I owe.
 I'll give you all of my fishes and loaves.
 They brought me to the man, I put the food in His hands.
 Held back my questioning thoughts.
 Something told me that the preacher could see
 The war between my head and my heart, when He said:
 Oh, my child let go.
 I know you're uneasy, but I'm in control.
 I don't need that much for me to show.
 I'll make the most of your fishes and loaves."*

Now, I am not sure what the boy was thinking as he handed his own meal over to Jesus, or if he questioned how his small amount of food could feed over 5,000 people, but that's not the point. The point is that he did it anyway, regardless of any doubts or questions he may have had. He didn't know how Jesus would use that small amount of food to provide for that many people, but he trusted Jesus enough to surrender what he had.

Even in times of scarcity, God can meet our needs in unexpected ways. The boy's offering of five loaves and two fish might have seemed insignificant to others, but it was used by Jesus in a miraculous way. In life, our small acts of faith, service, and generosity can lead to bigger results than we can even imagine when we place them in God's hands.

The song serves as a reminder that with God, all things are possible, and He works through even the smallest of offerings to bring about great change. Whether you give to the Capital Campaign, the new building project, a specific ministry, a charity, or something else, let this song encourage you to surrender and trust in God's provision, remembering that He can multiply our efforts for His kingdom. We can rest assured that He is in control and really can make the most of our fishes and loaves!



Quincey Spurlock
Bridge + Girls'
Youth Minister

April 6, 2025

Upcoming:

April 13
LTC Showcase

April 16
Family
Fellowship Meal

April 17
Young At Heart
Lunch 'n Learn

April 18-20
Leadership Training
for Christ

April 20
Easter Sunday

April 25
Candlelight Concert

May 4
Senior Sunday

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

 **April 12; 9:00 am-3:00 pm**
Memorial Dads + Kids' Adventure Day
Held on the Bell property on the Brazos River in Simonton, TX; \$10/family. Activities: Scavenger hunt, beach games, fishing, zip line/rope swing, target shooting, horseback riding. Hotdog lunch cooked over campfire. Contact: **Jason Fuller**

April 13; 4:00 pm; Chapel

LTC Showcase; Come see how all of the hard work put into LTC practices has come together! Our young men will lead the service at 6:00 pm as well. Contact: **April Sprott**

Beginning April 14 - Updated Playground Hours

The playground will be open to the public Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. It is always best to check the calendar at mccoc.org to be sure it hasn't been closed for a private event.

 **April 16; 6:00 pm; Family Center**
Family Fellowship Meal
Adults: \$5/Kids: \$3; Sign-up requested.
Contact: **Shawn Freeman**

April 17; 11:30 am; Oak View Room
Young At Heart Lunch 'n Learn
Contact: **Andrew LaMore**

April 20; 10:30 am; Main Auditorium

Easter; Join us for a single AM service at 10:30 am. Children's Egg Hunt, along with coffee & donuts, will take place beforehand at 9:30 am. There will be no Bible Classes, no Bible Hour, Toddler Time, or attended nursery, and no 6:00 pm service.

April 25; 7:00 pm; Chapel
Candlelight Concert featuring the Singing Youth of Denver Choir; Join us for an evening of encouraging and inspirational song in a unique and intimate setting. This is a free event. See serving opportunities for hospitality needs. Contact: **Wayne Roberts**

Saturday, April 26; 10:00 am; Oak View Room
Baby Shower honoring Trevor, Anna Beth, and Maisie Elizabeth Joy Richt
Registered at babylist.com; Hostess: **Pam Blythe**

MAY

May 4; Senior Sunday

Join us as we honor our high school seniors as they near graduation! There will be a special presentation at the end of 2nd Service, followed by a reception in their honor. Contact: **Mike, Shawn, & Quincey**

Names subject to change

Boys
Caleb Almaguer
Connor Cook
Edward Gray
LJ Layhew
Evan Martinez

Girls
Meredith Avery
Addison Bond
Caitlyn Johnson
Lillian Lemasters
Jaya Lewis
Ava Nelson
Katherine Reneau



BIBLE CLASSES; Sun. - 9:30 am; Wed. - 7:00 pm

April 11; 9:30 am; Indoor Playground
Mochas with Moms

April 23; 5:00-7:00 pm; Movie In
The Pews; *Moana 2*; Open to ages 2-4th grade.
Bring your child's dinner.

April 27; 4 Year Old Promotion Lunch
If your child is in the 4 year old class, you should have received an email from Laura. If you did not, please let her know! Please submit your pictures as soon as possible and RSVP to Laura@mccoc.org by April 23.

 **Registration now open! May 30-June 1**
Memorial Kids Camp; Lakeview
Conference Center; Open to students who will have completed Kinder-completed 4th grade. Cost: \$100. Register by May 18. Last day to guarantee a t-shirt is May 4. Contact: **Laura** if you would like to serve as a chaperone before registering.



7th-12th



5th-6th

BIBLE CLASSES Sun. - 9:30 am Wed. - 7:00 pm

Small Groups; Every Wednesday night; 7:00 pm
Open to grades 7-12!

April 27; Host Home Needed
Combined Bridge & Youth Devo

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New - Camp Bandina (June 29-July 5) needs your help!

- 2 camp nurses (RN or NP)
- 6-8 Kitchen helpers
- 2 Kitchen coordinators (shadowing this year)
- 8-10 Cabin counselors
- 2-3 security helpers

Registration coming soon!
Contact: **Mike Avery**



FOCAS
College Age Singles
Sundays - Family Center 309
Single Adults (20's/30's)
Sundays - Room 211/212

April 5; PKL Social; Pickleball outing

April 13; 6:00 pm; Room 211/212
Sunday Night Service Project
Bring a bag of individually wrapped candy.

April 27; 6:00 pm
home of Scott & Jennifer Allison; FOCAS Devo

FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to Memorial! Please check in online or grab a card from the pew in front of you. You may place it in the basket on the Welcome Desk or leave it in the pew to be collected later.

REVIVE TO THRIVE

We were excited last week to learn of the \$11,000,000 in commitments made so far! As a reminder, commitments to the Capital Campaign can still be made at any of the giving stations in the lobby.

EASTER DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Beginning Today, stop by 'Doorposts,' on the west side of the foyer, and pick up an Easter Devotional Guide.

REJOICE

Norah McIntosh, daughter of **Jason & Valerie,** was baptized March 29!

CONGRATULATIONS

We are thrilled that these MCCOC members have been recognized as "Teacher of the Year" for their schools!

- **Nancy Castaneda** - Infinity Early College High School
- **Kafar Elisias** - Westchester Academy for International Studies

PRAYER REQUESTS

Janise Dear has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma.

Joel Dickinson is scheduled for surgery on April 9.

Katlyn Flowers has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Roger Mann, brother of **Susie McKaskle** (daughter-in-law of **Connie**) has been diagnosed with a cyst in his brain and is consulting with doctors on the next best steps.

Roy Nelms, step-father of **Keith Woods,** was scheduled for hip replacement surgery.

Ledger Robertson is beginning chemo treatments.

A group left for a **short-term mission trip to South Africa** last week.

Jeremy Sprott is undergoing testing for his heart.

39 students & 12 sponsors participated in **Texas Bible Bowl** near Dallas this weekend.

THANK YOU

We express our appreciation to **April Sprott,** as well as her team and all of the speakers, for all of the work she put into organizing & carrying out our recent Women's Retreat! Thank you for all you did to make the weekend such a success!

*Need something included in the bulletin?
Email jshanks@mccoc.org by Wednesdays at noon.*

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Help still needed - Hospitality Opportunity; Host homes needed for 25 young men, 25 young women, and their 6 adult chaperones from the Singing Youth of Denver Choir. They will need a place to stay after the 4/25 concert and be returned to the building the next morning by 7:00 am. Contact **Wayne Roberts** if you are willing & able to host.

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Urgent Need - Diaper Ministry Needs

We are in need of Gentle touch (Amazon) size 5 diaper and Pampers Bluey pull-ups Sizes 3-4T & 5T. **We are blessing about 25 children, twice a month, which averages to about \$50/month per child.**



A CAPPELLA CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

Featuring
THE SINGING YOUTH OF DENVER

Friday, April 25 | 7 PM

A unique listening experience

Prayer Requests

Public - jshanks@mccoc.org
Private - prayer@mccoc.org

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION 3/30/25

2/23/25 Offering - \$44,638
Weekly Budget - \$62,453
YTD Budget Deficit - **(\$49,808)**
Kids' Contribution - \$137.99



TO GIVE

ATTENDANCE - 3/30/25

8:20 am - 231 10:30 am - 576
AM Total - 807
6:00 pm - 99

2025 BAPTISMS - 10

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