8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Song: Doxology
Song: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
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Prayer: Emmanuel Amu/Chris Taylor
Song: Man Of Sorrows
Communion/Contribution:BJ McElroy/Tim Blythe
Scripture: John 20:24-25Beckett McElroy/Chris Miller
Song: Rising Sun
Sermon: "What It Means To Be A Disciple Of Jesus"
David Duncan
Song: Follow Me
Shepherd's Prayer:Chris Shanks
Song: Where Could I Go?
Song Leaders: Clayton Hamby/Craig Schuster

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Just A Little Talk With Jesus	
Welcome	
Song: Goodness Of God	
Prayer:	Nathan Bell
Song: O Lord, You're Beautiful	
Song: You Are My All In All	
Song: Never Gonna Let Me Go	
Sermon: "The Great Pursuit"	
Song: Goodness Of God	
Song: O Praise The Name	
Prayer:	
Song: How Great Is Our God	, ,

Song Leader: Nick Smith

SERMON NOTES

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

John 20:26-29 Being a disciple means we ____ Even when we cannot _____. It is trusting when we do not _____ Hebrews 11:1-3 Noah _____ by faith. Abraham _____ by faith. Sarah had a _____ by faith. Hebrews 11:13, 16 Taking my eyes off Jesus will lead to my _ Peter tried to walk on water. (Matthew 14) When he focused on _____, he strolled. When he looked at his _____, he sunk.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

Struggling with the pains of being human?

2 Corinthians 5:1-7

Following Jesus is the way to _____.

What _____ will I take?

One day we will ___

Following the world ends in a ___

THE GREAT PURSUIT

God's Pursuit of Us. Hosea 2:14-15 Our Pursuit of God Hosea 2:16-17 Partnership of Pursuit Hosea 2.19-20

Your life becomes the echo of God's pursuit pointing others to the One who first loved you.

Love.Lead.Live.Jesus.

Ministry Staff

Preaching

David Duncan

Mike Avery Youth & Family Shawn Freeman Youth & Bridge

Quincey Spurlock Bridge + Girls' Youth Elementary

Laura Norwood

Spencer Prather Preschool

Jack Prather Technology

Wayne Roberts Connection

Jessica Fuller Friendship School

Family Shepherds Bill Burdette Daron Cathey Frank Devine Jerry Gerlich Greg Hughes Tom Messick Terry Montgomery Alan Pence Robby Robinson, Jr. Craig Schuster Chris Shanks



JESUS IS WORTH FOLLOWING

Do you remember the last time you had an adrenaline rush? Maybe it was something like riding a roller coaster, getting a job promotion or watching an inspiring movie. I can think of something even bigger.

Imagine what it would be like to meet Jesus after He was raised from dead. You had known Him, followed Him, and loved Him. Those things were great but you had also seen Him crucified. You saw Him die with your own eyes.

Now, you stand at the tomb where He had been buried. You see the stone that had been rolled away from the tomb entrance. In front of you is the real life, full of life, Jesus!

The adrenaline must have been overwhelming. Mary Magdalene must have had so much energy pumping through her veins that it was hard to get all of her body moving in the same direction. She surely made record time as she hurried back to tell Peter, John and the others.

Peter and John felt a new rush of adrenaline the moment Mary told them she had seen the risen Jesus. Peter ran fast but John ran even faster to see their resurrected Savior. They mistook have been so excited and felt like they would never sin again.

Adrenaline is good but it wears off. Forty days later Jesus would return to the Father. Peter and John still had major moments in front of them, things such as the coming of the Holy Spirit, the beginning of the church, and imprisonment.

At some point, though, humdrum days would return. Mary Magdalene, Peter and John would "get used" to Christianity. It may have been difficult to have the same feeling again.

A lack of adrenaline should never equal a lack of faith. We should stay as devoted to God when it feels the walls are caving in, as we are when it feels like we could run through a wall.

If you want to guit on Jesus, don't. Jesus loves you and wants you. Make the decision every day, even every hour, to follow Jesus. Don't give in. Don't give up. Jesus is worth following.

- David



Preaching Minister

April 27, 2025

Upcoming:

May 4

Senior Sunday May 14

Family Fellowship Meal

May 15

Young At Heart Lunch 'n Learn

June 1 **Blood Drive**

June 1 Starting Point Member Orientation

July 13-16 Vacation Bible School

WiFi: MCoC Guest Password: mcoc1234

Members:

Check in via your Elexio app.

We are so glad that you are here.

We'd love to stay in touch with you.

Check in here.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Caleb Almaguer Meredith Avery Connor Cook Addison Bond Caitlyn Johnson Edward Gray LJ Layhew Lillian Lemasters Evan Martinez Java Lewis

Ava Nelson Katherine Reneau



May 14; 6:00 pm; Family Center Family Fellowship Meal
Adults: \$5/Kids: \$3; Sign-up requested.
Contact: Shawn Freeman

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Different location

May 15; 11:30 am; Family Center Young At Heart Lunch 'n Learn

For our Senior saints. Contact: Andrew LaMore

JUNE

New - June 1; 7:00 am-1:00 pm; Family Center **Blood Drive;** Watch for an opportunity to register for a time slot. Contact: Daniel Allen

New - June 1; 12:00 pm; Oak View Room **Starting Point Member Orientation**

Open to new members and current members. Find your place at Memorial!

JULY



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MCOC VBS 2025 - I AM
(ages 3 years old-grade students)

Compared to register.



MCOC VBX
(students who have completed 4th-5th grades)
Scan QR code to register. Scan QR code to register.

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New - July 19; 9:00 am-12:00 pm Bear Creek Pioneer Park Memorial Dads/Kids Fun Dav

Watch for more information.





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

Today; 4 Year Old Promotion Lunch



Registration 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.

New - May 7; 5:00-7:00 pm; Movie In The Pews Aladdin; Open to ages 2-4th grade.

May 9; 9:30 am; Indoor Playground **Mochas with Moms**

May 17; Summer Kick-Off Party



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!

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Combined Bridge & Youth GIRLS Devo 4:30-7:00 pm; Home of Norah & Fiona McIntosh Bring a swimsuit!

New location - Combined Bridge

& Youth BOYS Devo; 4:30-7:00 pm; Due to a scheduling conflict, we will meet in the Family Center and will reschedule a time to join Jordan at his baseball game!

May 4 - Senior Sunday



■ Register for the following events today!

Mission Houston; June 9-12

Students entering 6th-8th grades; Cost: \$100

Impact VBS; July 20-24

Students entering 6th-college freshmen; Cost: \$50



■ Servin Camp Bandina; June 29-July 5 Students entering 6th-college freshmen
Cost: \$260 - Be sure to fill out nurse form Cost: \$260 - Be sure to fill out nurse form!



FOCAS

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

Tonight; 6:00 pm

home of Scott & Jennifer Allison; FOCAS Devo



New - Elevate U; August 1-3
Students college aged (18-24) Young Adults Held at Camp Bandina.

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.

We are thrilled that Oleksandra Hymira was baptized April 20!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Janise Dear will begin treatment soon for smoldering myeloma.

Jeremy Sprott is doing well following open heart surgery. Prayers of thanksgiving are expressed and prayers are requested as he continues to recover.

SYMPATHY

Jane Miranda passed away April 19. A memorial service was held yesterday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Northwest Missions Fund, 6720 W Tidwell, Houston 77092. Our sympathy is extended to **Robert,** former MCOC member and missionary, and all of their family & friends.

Elaine Morgan, sister of Barbara Arnett, passed away April 21. We extend our sympathy to Barbara and all family & friends.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

- We express our appreciation to **Happy Armitage** for the beautiful lilies she provided for our Welcome Desk. We loved seeing them on display. Thank you, Happy!
- Thank you to so many who helped Easter Sunday run smoothly for all of our members & quests. Specifically, we express appreciation to Mark & Andra Lahr, Bill Gordon, Corbin Haley, Daron & Zeni Cathey, Larry Phillips, Mike Bitting, and all others on our evangelism team.
- Those who attended LTC last weekend had a wonderful time that was made possible by so many coaches, supportive parents, and coordinators. We extend a special thank you to those who worked tirelessly beforehand and those who stepped up when help was needed: Jeremy & April Sprott, Brandon & Charlton Meyers, Lindsey Price, Jonathan & Tracy Glover, Craig & Susan Schuster ... and so many more!

Need something included in the bulletin? Email jshanks@mcoc.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.



New - Impact Houston Summer Reading
Teachers Needed; Make a difference in a child's
life by volunteering to teach a reading class at Impact
Houston Church of Christ this summer. You don't

need to have any teaching experience, and they will provide curriculum. You are only needed to love on the children and teach them how valuable reading is!

Grades available to teach: Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th. Session 1: June 16-June 25; Session 2: June 30-July 9; Session 3: July 14-July 23. Each sessions meets M, T, W from 10:30 am-11:45 am.

Camp Bandina (June 29-July 5) needs 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 Contact: Mike Avery





Prayer Requests

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

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION 4/20/25

4/20/25 Offering - \$52,121 Weekly Budget - \$62,453 YTD Budget Deficit - (\$73,161) Kids' Contribution - \$106.10



ATTENDANCE - 4/20/25

AM Total 927 + 170 (LTC)=1,097

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