

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing.....  
Welcome

Song: On Zion’s Glorious Summit .....

Song: Great Are You, Lord .....

Prayer: ..... Mike Duhig

Song: It Is Well With My Soul .....

Communion/Contribution ..... BJ McElroy/Jeff Banks

Scripture: Matthew 18:12-14 ..... Rob Merchant/Chris Miller

Song: You Are My All In All .....

Sermon: Two Men, Two Responses..... David Duncan

Song: Shine Jesus Shine .....

Shepherd’s Prayer: ..... Alan Pence

Song: Behold Our God .....

Song Leaders: Matt Hoffmeister/Nick Smith

TWO MEN, TWO RESPONSES

Sunday AM Notes

Luke 18:18-24

What do we know about the man? Young, Wealthy  
Some type of \_\_\_\_\_ desire. Perhaps \_\_\_\_\_  
Unrealistic view of \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus turned him away.  
He was unwilling to practice the  
\_\_\_\_\_ commands.  
Matthew 22:37-40  
There’s another \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
Luke 19:1-10  
What do we know about his man?  
Short, \_\_\_\_\_ collector  
Wealthy, Probably \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ by society  
Some \_\_\_\_\_ need  
Jesus saved him. Why?  
He was \_\_\_\_\_ to change - \_\_\_\_\_.  
In order for Jesus to save me, I must commit to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus came to seek and save the lost.  
Another way of looking at “lost” ...  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus will put me where I need to be.  
In His Kingdom, In His \_\_\_\_\_, In His \_\_\_\_\_  
Will I \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus?  
Will I \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus?  
Will I \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Let The Name Of The Lord Be Praised .....

Song: Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty.....  
Welcome

Prayer: ..... Nathan Bell

Song: God’s Wonderful People .....

Song: People Of God .....

Song: Take My Life O Father Mold It.....

Sermon: The Chosen, My Favorite Quotes: Get Used To It David Duncan

Song: Lord Take Control/Father .....

Prayer: .....Scott Patterson

Song: Don’t Be Afraid .....

Song Leader: Wade Price

THE CHOSEN, MY FAVORITE QUOTES

Get Used To It  
Sunday PM Notes

“Get used to different.”  
We \_\_\_\_\_ different!  
1 Peter 2:9-10  
There is a \_\_\_\_\_  
for those that are called.  
Romans 12:2  
Most \_\_\_\_\_ to the crowd.  
(monopathy)  
Many of us suffer from  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
We need to miss out on  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
1 John 2:15-17  
Jesus came to bring us the  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John 10:10  
A plea for us to be  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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Memorial Church of Christ  
Welcome

FROM THE LOOKOUT POINT

Without being pious or a religious uppity-up, what do you see from your “lookout point,” for 2024, spiritually speaking?

We have all been to some impressive “lookout” points. Perhaps Lookout Mountain, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Maybe Clingmans Dome in Tennessee. Or Mount Elbert in Colorado. Or even as simple as the Tower of the Americas in San Antonio. When we are standing there, what do we see?

In Puebla, Mexico, there is a neighborhood by the name of *La Calera* (The Limestone Quarry). It is a beautiful neighborhood and the view of the city, at night, is breathtaking. But when Lou Ann and I, along with our other co-workers, were standing there, for the first time, what did we see?

We saw the beautiful decorations of the city, a magnificent center of town with the cathedral spires all lit up. Little houses on the hills with their windows aglow and the downtown area with the movement of the traffic. It was an incredible sight to see at the beginning of our mission effort.

As our team talked about what we saw, one of our co-workers said, “Yes, you’re right, the lights are stunning, but you are missing something that is right in front of you...the darkness!” He continued, “You see, there are places where there are no lights. The quiet places where people live, but are living in darkness, spiritually speaking.”

That concept to “look into” the darkness, changed my perspective on all lookout opportunities. Without being pious or a religious uppity-up, I see that the darkness... needs the light.

We are a light in the darkness...we are Christ’s light (Matthew 5:14). Personally, we can see the bright lights of health, wealth, and happiness, which certainly is OK, but how about looking outside our own interests, from time to time, and take some light to a dark world.

What will you see, in 2024, from your lookout point?

- Blessings...Larry D. & Lou Ann



Larry D. Phillips  
Congregational  
Care Minister

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January 21, 2024

Upcoming:

January 28; 12:00 pm  
Small Group 101

January 28; 2:00 pm  
HIVE Meeting

February 4; 11:30 am  
Widows’/Widowers’  
Luncheon

February 4; 6:00 pm  
Worship & Fellowship  
with Fifth Ward

February 7; 6:00 pm  
All Congregation  
Fellowship Meal

February 11  
Blood Drive

February 18; 11:30 am  
Evangelism Lunch

WiFi: Guest  
Password: mcoc1234

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

TODAY

Beginning at 12:30 pm; Family Center  
**NEW! LTC Practice**  
Check the LTC Facebook page for more details.  
Contact: **April Sprott** - aprilsprott15@gmail.com

4:00-5:00 pm; Oak View Room  
**Wedding Shower**  
**Jonathan & Lauren Killough** are registered at Target, The Knot, and Crate & Barrel  
Contact: **Lisa Peace** - lisapeace@comcast.net

JANUARY


January 22  
**Friendship School Registration**  
Registration is open for MCOC members.  
Registration opens to non-members tomorrow.  
Contact: **Jessica Fuller** - friendshipschool@mcoc.org

January 28; after 2nd Service; Family Center  
**Small Group 101**  
Join us for a free lunch to learn about small groups and be part of new groups that are being formed.  
Contact: **Mike Avery** - mavery@mcoc.org

January 28; 2:00-4:00 pm; Room 221  
**HIVE Meeting**  
This meeting is for all lead servants & ministry leads.  
Contact: **Wayne Roberts** - wayne@mcoc.org

FEBRUARY

February 4; 11:30 am; Oak View Room  
**Widow/Widower Luncheon**  
All widows & widowers are invited to join us for a special lunch following 2nd Service.  
Contact: **Lori Messick** - lori.h.messick@sbcglobal.net

 February 4; 6:00 pm; MCOC  
**5th on 4th** We look forward to hosting our brothers & sisters from Fifth Ward Church of Christ. Come ready to worship & fellowship! Scan the QR code to let us know you're coming so we can plan for the meal following worship.  
Contact: **David Duncan** - dduncan@mcoc.org

February 7; 6:00 pm; Family Center  
**All Congregation Meal**  
An RSVP link will be provided soon.  
Contact: **Shawn Freeman** - sfreeman@mcoc.org

February 11; 8:00 am-12:00 pm  
**Family Center Blood Drive**  
Contact: **Daniel Allen** - danielallen2021@yahoo.com

February 11; 4:00 pm; Oak View Room  
**Wedding Shower**  
**Mickey Arnold & Luz Marina Bastidas Rosario**  
**NEW INFO!** Registered at Target & Amazon  
Contact: **Pam Lehman** - pdlehman@gmail.com

MEMORIAL KIDS/YOUTH


 **BIBLE CLASSES**  
**TODAY** - 9:30 am  
**JAN. 24** - 7:00 pm


 February 10; 5:00 pm  
**Oak View Room - NEW! Ties & Tiaras**  
Preschool & Elementary aged girls & your dads (or father figure) - join us for a special dinner! You will also enjoy a pony & carriage ride, flowers, crafts, & more! Cost: \$20/pair; Scan the QR code to register by February 7.


February 26 - **Petting Zoo** Watch for details.  
Summer Dates to Save  
May 31-June 2 - **Memorial Kids Camp**  
July 15-17 - **Vacation Bible School**

 **7th-12th**  **5th-6th**

**BIBLE CLASSES**  
**TODAY** 9:30 a.m.; Meet in Family Center  
**JAN. 24** 7:00 pm; Meet in Family Center  
**TODAY; 4:30 PM-7:00 PM**  
**Youth (7th-12th) Devo** home of Shawn & Erin  
Bus will leave MCOC at 4:00 pm and return at 7:30 pm.


 **South Africa Mission Trip**  
**June 4-14** Check Family News for more info! **Deadline to register: January 31**

 January 26-27  
**"Bear Fruit" - Bridge (5th-6th) Retreat**  
Scan the QR to register TODAY!

 February 23-24  
**Soul Link Youth Conference**  
6th-12th graders - Register by **TODAY**.

**NEW! Summer Dates to Save**  
**June 4-14 - South Africa Mission Trip**  
**June 17-20 - Mission Houston**  
**June 30-July 6 - Camp Bandina**  
**July 15-18 - MCOC VBS**  
**July 21-25 - Impact VBS**  
Check the Youth News for complete information.


FOCAS Adult Singles and College Age

 **College Age Young Adults Bible Class; Room 212**  
Topic: James  
**Single Adults (20's/30's) Bible Class Room 211**; Topic: Select Parables

FAMILY NEWS

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

SPECIAL EVENT

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PRAYER REQUESTS

**Carol Gibson** was scheduled for spinal surgery last week and is expecting a long recovery.

**Ah-Mah Lin**, the mother of **John & Paula Pierce's** daughter-in-law, is undergoing chemo for Stage 3 cancer.

**Laura Odell**, niece of **Paula Pierce**, is undergoing treatment for advanced cancer.

**Jim Smelley**, son of **David Smelley**, has an inoperable brain tumor on his brain stem. He will have radiation & chemo in an effort to shrink the tumor.

**Joe Snow**, father of **David Snow**, has completed round 1 of chemo and remains in the hospital. Doctors continue to search for answers surrounding his initial infection.

**Keisha Westbrook**, cousin of **Ty Clark**, is undergoing intense radiation along with chemo.

WELCOME

We are thrilled to have **Michael Saladin** worshipping with us!


PARDON OUR DUST

Please excuse our mess in the parking lot. Something COOL is coming! (Additional A/C IS cool!) *Especially with the construction, please be mindful as you drive through the parking lot so that all of our guests & members can remain safe.*


SHINING THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD!

Our weekly kids' contributions plus any other contributions that our kids give will be used to purchase Bibles for children throughout Eastern Europe. Watch their progress as they fill the "tower of light" and share the message of Jesus around the world! In addition, adults can participate by dropping your donation in the blue box located at the Memorial Kids check-in desk in the foyer.

2024 MISSION TRIP - SOUTH AFRICA

 June 4-14, 2024  
Open to adults and youth 8th-12th grade  
Trip hosts: **Kirk Eason, Mike Avery, David & Barbara Duncan**; Scan the QR code for information, itinerary, and to register, or email [keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org](mailto:keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org) **Deadline: January 31**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

 **ALL CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP MEALS**  
We love our monthly meals together, but help is needed! Scan the QR code to volunteer your time!  
Contact: **Shawn Freeman** - sfreeman@mcoc.org

A special 6-week study for dads of all seasons

**SEASONS OF FATHERING**

facilitated by Wayne Roberts

Wednesdays, January 24-February 28 | 7 pm | Room 220


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Help us reach our goal  
We're looking for  
**25 NEW DONORS**

**Sunday, February 11 | 8 AM-Noon**  
Memorial Family Center

 For more information contact:  
[danielallen2021@yahoo.com](mailto:danielallen2021@yahoo.com)  
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**Prayer Requests**  
Public - [jshanks@mcoc.org](mailto:jshanks@mcoc.org)  
Private - [prayer@mcoc.org](mailto:prayer@mcoc.org)

**FAMILY RECORDS** 

**CONTRIBUTION**  
Weekly Budget - \$62,503  
Average Weekly Offering - \$88,978  
YTD Budget Surplus - \$79,425  
Kids' Contribution - \$97.76  
**Update!** Bibles to Date - 2,449 (Goal - 10,000)

**ATTENDANCE - 1/14/24**  
8:20 am - 172  
10:30 am - 465 + 180 (Marriage Retreat)  
Total - 817 6:00 pm - 95

**2023 BAPTISMS** - 62    **2024 BAPTISMS** - 2

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