

## 8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: We're Marching To Zion.....  
 Welcome  
 Song: We're Marching To Zion.....  
 Song: Hosanna .....  
 Song: Salvation Belongs To Our God .....  
 Prayer: .....Jeremy Hardegree/Casey Rice  
 Scripture: Psalm 18:25-30 .... Ronald Arrington/Grant Kimball  
 Song: Here I Am To Worship .....  
 Communion/Contribution: .....Ben Schaefer/Wade Price  
 Song: Shine On Us.....  
 Sermon: "The Purpose of Light" ..... David Duncan  
 Song: Send The Light.....  
 Shepherd's Prayer: ..... Tom Messick  
 Song: Never Gonna Let Me Go .....  
 Song Leaders: Matt Hoffmeister/Craig Shuster

## 6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Highest Place .....  
 Welcome  
 Song: God Of Wonders.....  
 Song: I Stand Amazed .....  
 Prayer: ..... Wayne Warren  
 Song: Lord I Lift Your Name On High .....  
 Song: How Great Thou Art.....  
 Sermon: "The God Of Creation" ..... David Duncan  
 Song: Jesus Only Jesus .....  
 Prayer: .....Tim Spurlock  
 Song: Hallelujah Praise Jehovah.....  
 Song Leader: Craig Shuster

### SERMON NOTES

#### THE PURPOSE OF LIGHT

Genesis 1:1-5  
 The light was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Light brings \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It makes it easier to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Light is a common \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.  
 Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 John 8:12  
 Jesus is the one that \_\_\_\_\_ darkness.  
 We see our \_\_\_\_\_ when compared  
 to the Light.  
 It can be scary to see our \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus came to heal us.  
 John 1:1-5  
 The Word is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ were created through Him.  
 Jesus, our Light, brings \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He is greater than \_\_\_\_\_.  
 We have a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Matthew 5:14-16  
 Our light is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 We also want to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 God gets all the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Will I come out of the \_\_\_\_\_?

#### THE GOD OF CREATION

Israelites were heavily influenced by  
 \_\_\_\_\_ &  
 \_\_\_\_\_ culture.  
 Someone wrote, "We become like the gods we  
 \_\_\_\_\_"  
 Canaanite gods were violent, immoral,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ &  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Babylonian gods just as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ti'amat - ocean  
 Markduk - Chief god. Killed Ti'amat  
 Myth was that Ti'amat's upper body became \_\_\_\_\_  
 & lower body became the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 God promised to move Israel out of the promised land  
 if they acted like their neighbors. Leviticus 18:24-30  
 God's creation  
 Genesis 1:9-13  
 Everything was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Not just any god \_\_\_\_\_ the world ...  
 \_\_\_\_\_ God did it!  
 Genesis 2:4  
 LORD= \_\_\_\_\_  
 The \_\_\_\_\_  
 The God we \_\_\_\_\_!  
 What god do I \_\_\_\_\_?

Love. Lead. Live. Jesus.

#### Ministry Staff

<b>David Duncan</b> Preaching	<b>Mike Avery</b> Youth & Family	<b>Shawn Freeman</b> Youth & Bridge	<b>Quincey Spurlock</b> Resident Intern	<b>Laura Norwood</b> Elementary
<b>Spencer Prather</b> Preschool	<b>Jack Prather</b> Technology	<b>Wayne Roberts</b> Connection	<b>Jessica Fuller</b> 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**



# Memorial Church of Christ Welcome



January 5, 2025

### ARE WE PREPARED?

I am amazed at the contents of a mother's purse. They seem to have everything one could imagine inside! They are ready for any emergency one of their children may have or that of anyone within viewing distance.

A mother's purse is packed with money, credit cards, library cards, punch cards that can be redeemed at an ice cream shop, medical information for each family member, and so much more. Of course, these things are only the back-ups for the information stored on the cell phone secured on the outside pocket.

A father's wallet may have most of these items, too, but the contents of mom's purse are far more numerous. She may also have napkins, facial tissues, paper towels, and wet wipes. If one near her would happen to get sick, she is prepared with aspirin, Tylenol, oils, Tums, and possibly a stethoscope. She stores grape jelly, packets of peanut butter, loose change, band aids, paper clips, pens, and, for some reason, often, one stray bobby pen in her purse. Many mothers are prepared for whatever situation they may face.

Likewise, Christians should always be prepared. We study the Bible and memorize Scripture so we will be able to find strength when difficulties arise. We study the core beliefs of Christianity so we can explain why we follow Jesus. We pray to invest in an eternal relationship with Christ.

Congregations should do the same thing. We teach our children and adults so they will praise God and share the message of salvation. We even teach our babies about Jesus so they will begin a relationship with Him even before they fully comprehend.

We invest in buildings, materials, and staff so they can help our neighbors and friends know the Lord. We give to missions so that the world may know and accept the love of Christ.

I pray we will be prepared for the blessings and challenges of 2025. We prepare now so that we will be ready for the future.



David Duncan  
Preaching  
Minister

#### Upcoming:

- January 12**  
Baby Blessing
- January 12**  
LTC Kick-Off
- January 12**  
HIVE Meeting
- January 15**  
Family Fellowship Meal
- January 16**  
Young At Heart  
Lunch 'n Learn
- January 19**  
Starting Point

**WiFi:** MCoC 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

### UPDATE

#### The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip

The trip has been postponed. New date to be announced.  
Contact: Amy LaMore

### JANUARY

**January 12; Baby Blessing;** We will honor all of our 2024 babies! Contact: **Spencer Prather**

#### January 12; 11:30 am; Family Center

##### LTC - Leadership Training for Christ Kick-Off

Informational luncheon with sign-ups for students (ages 3rd grade and up) and volunteer coaches for puppets, drama, speech, chorus, Bible reading, and more! LTC will be held April 18-20, 2025 in Dallas. Contact: **April Spratt**

#### January 12; Room 221

##### New! HIVE meeting

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

#### January 14

##### New! Friendship School registration opens

Church member registration begins. Contact Jessica for more information at [friendshipschool@mcoc.org](mailto:friendshipschool@mcoc.org)

#### January 15; 6:00 pm; Family Center

##### Family Fellowship Meal

Adults: \$5/Kids: \$3; Sign-up requested.  
Contact: **Shawn Freeman**

#### January 16; 11:30 am; Oak View Room

##### Young At Heart Lunch 'n Learn

Contact: **Andrew LaMore**

#### January 19; 12:00 pm; Oak View Room

##### New! Starting Point Member Orientation

New members and current members who are interested in learning more about Memorial, our mission and ministries are invited to start here. You must sign-up to attend (use QR code.)  
Contact: **Wayne Roberts**

### FEBRUARY

#### Empowering Subjects Evangelism Training February 1; 8:30 am-1:00 pm Oak View Room; February 2; 9:30 am-10:30 am 12:00 pm-1:30 pm; Chapel/Oak View Room

The purpose of Empowering Subjects is to equip subjects of the King to change the world like Jesus and so experience the sacrifice, fulfillment, and joy of cooperating with God to grow His kingdom among us. Contact: **Larry Phillips**

#### February 2; Blood Drive; Contact: Daniel Allen

#### February 2

##### New! Big Announcement Coming

Something exciting is on its way!

#### February 7-9; "Called Up"

**Men's Retreat;** Trinity Pines Conference Center, Trinity, TX; Open to Men 18+  
Cost: \$100/person; Registration deadline: January 22, 2025; Contact: **Jeremy Spratt**

#### February 21-23; Ramsey Unit

##### New! Weekend "Retreat" inside prison unit

Men needed to assist. Team trainings will take place January 25 and February 8. Contact: **David Bean**



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

#### January 10; 9:30 am; Indoor Playground Mochas with Moms

#### January 12; Baby Blessing

If you have had a baby in 2024 and would like to participate in Baby Blessing Sunday, please contact Spencer Prather at [spencer@mcoc.org](mailto:spencer@mcoc.org) or look out for an email from her for more information.

#### January 22; 5:00-7:00 pm

##### New! Movie In The Pews - Frozen

Open to ages 2-4th grade. Bring your child's dinner.



7th-12th



5th-6th

#### BIBLE CLASSES Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Wed. - 7:00 pm

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

#### New! January 8; Small Groups Resume!

#### January 12; 4:30-7:00 pm; Bridge Devo

Host Home Needed.

#### January 31-February 1

##### Bridge Retreat

Register today!

#### New! February 28-March 1

##### Soul Link - Host Homes Needed.

#### MARK YOUR SUMMER 2025 CALENDARS!

Mission Houston - June 9-12 (completed 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)

Trek - June 15-21 (completed 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Bandina - June 29-July 5 (completed 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

MCOC VBX - July 13-16 (completed 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)

Impact VBS - July 20-24 (completed 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

#### FOCAS

#### College Age Singles Sundays - Family Center 309

#### Single Adults (20's/30's) Sundays - Room 211/212

## SHARE OUR MISSION

Order a **Love.Lead.Live.** T-shirt  
Get yours before they are gone!

## FAMILY NEWS

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

### REJOICE

We rejoice over the baptism of **Olena Polishchuk**, a member of our Ukrainian ministry, on December 30!

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Lyn Elkins** was married to **Jon Jolley** on January 2, 2025 here at Memorial. Congratulations!

### WELCOME

We welcome these individuals who will be worshiping & serving with us!

- Dorothy Bell
- Joshua & Vanessa Villegas

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Lauren Brinkley**, daughter of **Lisa Monk**, is suffering with MS.

**Janise Dear** remains in rehab following a fall.

**Kathy Ford** is recovering from hip surgery.

**Diane Humphrey** continues to recover from Covid and pneumonia.

**Chris Jones** is having a difficult time as he goes through his stem cell transplant process.

**Charles Lewis** continues to struggle after being denied a heart transplant.

**Emmanuel & Pamela Madu**, guests of MCOC, request prayers as he grieves the death of his father.

**Paula Pierce** is recovering from Covid.

**Ledger Robertson** remains in our prayers, along with **Haley**.

**Chelsie Williams** requests prayers for the health and finances of her mom and to cover our household with favor, protection, and unconditional love especially for her family and friends.

### SYMPATHY

**Joanna Montgomery**, mother of **Pat Walker**, passed away December 27. A memorial service was held December 31. Our sympathy is extended to Pat and to all of Joanna's friends & family.

**David Peterson**, father of **Valerie McIntosh**, passed away unexpectedly December 31 while visiting the McIntosh family for the holidays. Our sympathy is extended to **Valerie, Jason, Norah, Fiona, and Declan**, as well as Valerie's mother, **Sharon**, and the rest of their friends & family. Service arrangements are pending.

#### 2025 Mission trips to South Africa

April 2-15 and July 30-August 8; Needed: Bible class teachers, organizers, servants of all kinds. Contact **Kirk Eason**

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Diaper Drive for Ukrainian Families** We continue to collect diapers, as well as wipes, for Ukrainian and Russian families. Having them sent directly from Amazon (Gentle Touch) to the church office is the most efficient way - MCOC Diapers, 900 Echo Lane Houston 77024. Contact: **Judy Haley**

**KICK-OFF 1.12.25**

LTC 2025 **THE ONE**

**GOSPEL OF LUKE**

**KICK-OFF 1.12.25**

Evangelism Training Seminar

**EMPOWERING SUBJECTS**

Training you to change the world like Jesus

Register to attend.

**February 1-2**

Saturday | 8:30 AM-1 PM  
Free breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday

Sunday | 9:30-10:30 AM  
Noon-1:30 PM

For more information contact: **Larry Phillips**

## FAMILY RECORDS

### CONTRIBUTION

12/29/24 Offering - \$111,640  
Weekly Budget - \$62,503  
YTD Budget Deficit - **(\$54,838)**  
Kids' Contribution - \$63.70



TO GIVE

### ATTENDANCE - 12/29/24

8:20 am - 181 10:30 am - 458  
AM Total - 639  
6:00 pm - n/a

### 2024 BAPTISMS - 37

### Follow us



### Prayer Requests

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