

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: You're Worthy Of My Praise.....
Welcome

Song: He Lives

Song: Glorious King.....

Prayer: Kolby Ivanhoe/Bradley Lowry

Song: In Need.....

Communion/Contribution: Jake Hicks/Kelley Peace

Scripture: Psalm 78:5-7 Howard Hicks/Marshall Hughes

Song: Because He Lives

Sermon: "Blessing Our Future" David Duncan

Song: How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts?

Baby Blessing

Shepherd's Prayer: Frank Devine

Song: Where Could I Go?.....

Song Leaders: Nick Smith/Craig Schuster

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Lord, We Come Before Thee Now.....
Welcome

Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Song: Before The Throne Of God Above.....

Prayer: Mike Bitting

Song: The Lily Of The Valley.....

Sermon: "What God Wants" David Duncan

Song: Nearer, My God, To Thee

Prayer: Steve Garner

Song: There Is A Habitation

Song Leader: Clayton Hamby



Memorial Church of Christ Welcome



January 12, 2025

BE THE VILLAGE

We are in no uncertain terms shaped by those who came before us. We are influenced by and often inherit our forebearers' knowledge, habits, and beliefs. Those who raise us imbue in us, intentionally or not, those things which they believe, which are often learned from those who came before them. And today we come together to recognize, pray over, and bless what is the latest, but please God not the last, in a long line of believers that spans back and deeply connects in faith and lineage through both Testaments all the way to Adam.

Traditional, first century Christianity in the community sense was very Eastern, very Jewish. It was focused not only on the nuclear family unit, but on the greater family of believers. It focused on loving, supporting, protecting, nurturing, and holding accountable all those who professed belief. Their shared identities of faith made them family in almost every sense of the word but biological, and their being washed in the blood of the lamb made their blood connection stronger even than birth and earthly lineage.

Many faith communities today have gotten away from that tight knit, family style community of faith and are simply church on Sunday mornings for an hour. But I want to challenge all of us today, on Baby Blessing Sunday, to strive our hardest to emulate that first century church in their sense of community and family. Do not just be a "Brother" or "Sister in Christ" in some empty sense of the word; rather, come alongside these new parents and truly become the family of Christ that we have all professed to be through our baptism.

I've never liked the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child," because to me it seems like it is passive, like it is waiting on someone else to step up and guard and guide the children in question. Like it is someone else's responsibility. Instead, it needs to be a call to action for each one of us, because all of these children are all of our responsibility. So today I challenge you: "It takes a village, be the village."

- Spencer

Baby Blessing will take place today at the end of services to honor all of our babies born in 2024.



Spencer Prather
Children's Minister
Preschool

SERMON NOTES

BLESSING OUR FUTURE

We want our children to be _____.
Psalm 78:1-4

Teach God's ways so the _____
of yesterday are not _____.
Psalm 78:5-8

What does God want?

1. Teach our _____.
2. Teach Scripture but not just _____.
3. Teach how _____
has impacted you.
4. Psalm 78:65-72 ... Remember we will
sometimes _____ but God is
_____.

We teach so that a new generation will put faith
in God and avoid our mistakes.

We should love Jesus enough to _____
our allegiance.

How do we _____ a new generation?

WHAT GOD WANTS

_____ God made was good.
God showed Adam he was _____.
He _____ Eve.
God was kind to Adam & Eve and gave them
_____.
Genesis 1:26-28

For whom do we usually do _____
things?
Those with whom we want to have a
_____.
God even disciplined Adam & Eve.
It wasn't pleasant but _____ and helpful.
John 3:16-17
Romans 5:6-9

God wants us to _____!
He wants the relationship _____.
1 John 2:1-2

Do I want a _____ with God?

Love.Lead.Live.Jesus.

Ministry Staff

David Duncan Preaching	Mike Avery Youth & Family	Shawn Freeman Youth & Bridge	Quincey Spurlock Resident Intern	Laura Norwood Elementary
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**

Upcoming:

January 15
Family Fellowship Meal

January 16
Young At Heart
Lunch 'n Learn

January 19
Starting Point
Member Orientation

February 1-2
Empowering Subjects
Evangelism Training

February 2
Blood Drive

February 7-9
Men's Retreat

February 9
Widow/Widower
Luncheon

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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

TODAY

11:30 am; Family Center; LTC - Leadership Training for Christ Kick-Off; Lunch provided
Contact: **April Sprott**


2:00 pm; Room 221; HIVE meeting

This meeting is for all lead servants & ministry leads. Special Master Plan Update; Contact: **Wayne Roberts**


JANUARY

January 14; Friendship School registration opens; Church member registration begins. Contact **Jessica** for more information at friendshipschool@mcoc.org

January 14; 10:00 am; Room 221 Ladies Bible Class - Women Who Met Jesus Face to Face; Contact **Ruth Anne Casci**


 **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 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. RSVP by January 16; Contact: **Wayne Roberts**


New! January 26; 3:00 pm; home of Julie Schaper; Wedding Shower honoring Paul Anderson & Hannah Ireland; Registered at Amazon, Target, Walmart, the knot, myregistry.com
Hostess: **Julie Schaper**

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
Empowering Subjects will equip us 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 - Goal: 35 new donors!**
Contact: **Daniel Allen**

February 2; Something awesome!
It might not be what you think!


 **February 7-9; "Called Up" Men's Retreat**
Trinity Pines Conference Center, Trinity, TX
Men 18+; Cost: \$100/person; **Registration deadline: January 22;** Contact: **Jeremy Sprott**

February 9; 11:30 am; Oak View Room Widow/Widower Luncheon; All widows & widowers are invited to a lunch.; Contact: **Lori Messick**

February 21-23; Ramsey Unit; Weekend "Retreat" at the Ramsey Unit; Men needed to assist. Team trainings will take place 1/25 and 2/8. Contact: **David Bean**



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

 **January 22; 5:00-7:00 pm 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!

Tonight; 4:30-7:00 pm; home of Adley Bell Bridge Devo

 **January 31-February 1 Bridge Retreat**
Register today!

February 28-March 1 Soul Link - Host Homes Needed.


MARK YOUR SUMMER 2025 CALENDARS!

Mission Houston - June 9-12 (completed 5th-7th)
Trek - June 15-21 (completed 8th-12th)
Bandina - June 29-July 5 (completed 5th-12th)
MCOC VBX - July 13-16 (completed 4th-5th)
Impact VBS - July 20-24 (completed 5th-12th)




FOCAS

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

 **New - January 19; 2:00-9:00 pm NASA and Ninfa's** We will join with Prestoncrest Church of Christ Singles group. NASA tour begins at 2 pm, Ninfa's dinner at 6 pm, and a devo at Memorial at 8 pm.

New - February 13; 5:30 pm Ladies Galentines Dinner and Movie
We will enjoy dinner at True Food Kitchen followed by a Rooftop Movie

 **New - February 15; 6:00 pm Meow Wolf** We will meet at Hungry Like The Wolf Diner followed by Meow Wolf.

New - February 23; 6:00 pm; home of Brian Railey FOCAS Devo

FAMILY NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 23; 6:00 pm - Our brothers & sisters from **5th Ward Church of Christ** will be coming to worship with us and will enjoy dinner afterwards!

WELCOME

We welcome **Melissa Glass** who will be worshipping & serving with us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Roy Barnes has been moved to a PT facility after time in the hospital. **Lauren Brinkley**, daughter of **Lisa Monk**, is suffering with MS. **Joan Dale** continues to need prayers for healing as she undergoes testing.

Jo Gonzales is scheduled to meet with doctors at MD Anderson this week to determine a plan of treatment.

Diana Humphrey continues her recovery from an extended illness. **Chris Jones** was released from MD Anderson last week as his transplant has taken. He is still very physically weak but glad to be home. The family is appreciative of all of the prayers and requests that they continue as he heals.

Sadie King is recovering from surgery for a broken ankle.

Andrew & Amy LaMore have requested prayers for their family in California who live near the fires. Prayers are requested for all who are affected.

Nicole Mather requests prayers as she will be undergoing testing and is experiencing anxiety over it.

Ledger Robertson began radiation treatment on last week at MD Anderson. This will be 5 days a week for 6 weeks, with low dose chemo once a week. The family specifically requests prayers for no long term effects from this radiation treatment.

SYMPATHY

David Peterson, father of **Valerie McIntosh**, passed away December 31. A memorial service will be held January 14 in Colorado Springs, CO. 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.

Doyce Woodhall passed away January 6. We will inform you once service arrangements are known. We extend our sympathy to **Paul** and to all of her friends & family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

All are invited to find their place at Memorial as we seek

New - Host Homes Needed for Soul Link We need host homes for boys and girls on the night of February 28.
Contact: **Mike, Shawn, or Quincey**



Interested in joining a community group?

 Scan for more information and to join a group

We were made for community. Contact: **Mike Avery** mavery@mcoc.org

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**

 **Called Up**

Memorial Men's Retreat 2025

February 7-9

Friday 6 PM - Sunday 1 PM

Trinity Pines Conference Center
Trinity, TX

Register today.

Space is limited | Deadline 1/22

Prayer Requests

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

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION

1/5/25 Offering - \$101,266
Weekly Budget - \$62,453
YTD Budget Surplus - \$38,813
Kids' Contribution - \$153.35



TO GIVE

ATTENDANCE - 1/5/25

8:20 am - 188 10:30 am - 601
AM Total - 789
6:00 pm - 106

2024 BAPTISMS - 37

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