

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Everlasting God
 Welcome
 Song: In Moments Like These
 Song: He Is Exalted
 Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7 Justin Lacey/Gibson Allison
 Prayer: Noe Almaguer/Gabe Britten
 Song: Jesus Paid It All
 Song: In Christ Alone
 Communion/Contribution: Justin Robertson/William Gadison
 Song: You Are God Alone
 Sermon: "Pivotal Moments: When Decisions Determine Your Future" Guest Speaker, Kent Allen
 Song: I Have Decided Robby Robinson
 Shepherd's Prayer: Robby Robinson
 Song: 10,000 Reasons
 Song Leaders: Clayton Hamby/Tucker Harding

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: We Have Heard The Joyful Sound
 Song He Lives
 Welcome
 Song: Wonderful Grace Of Jesus
 Song: Stronger
 Psalm 124
 Song: Had It Not Been The Lord
 Prayer: Scott Patterson
 Song: In The Desert Of Sorrow And Sin
 Sermon: "Desert" Wayne Roberts
 Song: A Shield About Me
 Prayer: Andrew LaMore
 Song: Ring Out The Message
 Song Leader: Craig Schuster



Memorial Church of Christ Welcome



Marriage...This Beautifully Imperfect Journey

Marriage is full of seasons! In our 32.5 years, we have faced struggles with our kids, the loss of parents, etc. & figuring out how to build our own family while enhancing & tweaking how we were raised!

Early in our marriage, Amy struggled w/expectations that Matt isn't fulfilling all her needs. In conversation about it w/her mom. ... "Amy, you're putting expectations on him that he's not designed to meet. Only God can fulfill all your needs!" That truth changed everything for both of us. We must nurture our own spiritual lives & alignment with God! When we do that, it's made us stronger, building our goals, dreams, and faith as a unit!

There have been seasons of deep pain, like the trauma we faced w/one of our kids, which brought us to some of the darkest moments in our marriage. We felt so lonely & lost! Even when we couldn't 'feel' God, scriptures written on our hearts, prayers we didn't even know how to say & special mentors reminded us He was there! Like The Footprints Poem ... God truly carried us.

On hard days, when we may not like each other, God's unconditional love & the bond we've built keep us grounded. Admitting our faults, apologizing often to each other & to our kids!

One of the greatest compliments we've received is hearing our own kids say, "Thank you for showing us & each other love, staying together & showing us the love of God!" When others have let them down & the world seemed godless, they've told us our marriage has given them hope & helped them want to believe! That's humbling beyond words! Only God!

We keep dating each other & pursuing each other, like God constantly pursues us! In arguments: checking ourselves, apologizing, walking away for a moment & asking ourselves what we could've done differently makes all the difference!

Don't forget to have fun... Be silly, laugh at yourself (& each other, ha ha!)

Marriage is trial & error, imperfect & yet so beautiful! Don't forget to give grace & when we purpose to not let the sun go down on our anger, that's really huge too!

- Matt & Amy White

Memorial recognizes that strong churches encourage strong marriages. We are thankful for the support of our leadership and pray for the approximately 100 couples who are enjoying our annual Marriage Retreat in Galveston this weekend.



Matt & Amy White
Memorial members

January 26, 2025

Upcoming:

February 1-2
Empowering Subjects
Evangelism Training

February 2
Capital Campaign
Launch

February 2
Blood Drive

February 7-9
Men's Retreat

February 9
Widow/Widower
Luncheon

February 19
Family Fellowship Meal

February 20
Young At Heart
Lunch 'n Learn

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.



Babysitting Certification Class

Who: Students 7th Grade & Up

When: February 15th
12pm - 4.30 pm

Where: MCoC New Building

Cost: \$25/student, which covers CPR/AED & First Aid through the American Red Cross

RSVP by February 14th here:

Give Love. Give Blood.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday
February 2
8 AM-Noon

Memorial Family Center

Appointments preferred | Walk-ins welcome

Scan to make an appointment

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 EVENTS


TODAY


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

JANUARY

January 28; 11:00 am; **Homeless Food Bag Assembly;** Contact: Jane Thompson

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; 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Blood Drive - Goal: 35 new donors!
Contact: Daniel Allen

February 2
Capital Campaign Launch
See details on next page.

February 7-9; **"Called Up" Men's Retreat**
Registration has closed.
Contact **Jeremy Sprott** if still interested.

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

February 16; 4:00 pm; Oak View Room
Baby Girl Shower honoring Joe & Nereida Kawi; Hostess: Bree Aiken

 February 19; 6:00 pm; Family Center
Family Fellowship Meal
Adults: \$5/Kids: \$3; Sign-up requested.
Contact: **Shawn Freeman**

February 20; 11:30 am; Oak View Room
Young At Heart Lunch 'n Learn
Contact: **Andrew LaMore**


February 23; 2:00 pm; Room 221
HIVE meeting
This meeting is for all lead servants & ministry leads.
Contact: **Wayne Roberts**

February 23; 6:00 pm
Fifth Ward will be here!
We look forward to worshipping & eating with our brothers & sisters from Fifth Ward. Dinner will be provided following worship.



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

 **Rescheduled - January 29; 5:00-7:00 pm**
Movie In The Pews - Frozen; Open to ages 2-4th grade; Bring your child's dinner.

 February 1; 2:30 pm; Stratford Playhouse
The Little Mermaid; \$10/person
Join us at Stratford High School. We have bought two rows of mezzanine tickets closer to the rear of the auditorium so that littles may have quicker access to the restroom and we may all sit together. RSVP by January 31.

New - February 7; 9:30 am; Indoor Playground
Mochas with Moms



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!

Need to know what's going on?
Sign up for our newsletters!

 **Bridge**  **Youth**

 January 31-February 1
Bridge Retreat
Register today!


February 9; 6:00-9:00 pm; Family Center
New - Galentine's Day
Open to girls, ages 5th-12th grade; Bring a dessert!


 **New - February 15; 12:00 pm-4:30 pm**
Oikos Babysitting Certification Class
Open to students 7th grade & older.
\$25/student. RSVP by February 14.

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



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

 February 13; 5:30 pm; **Ladies Galentine's Dinner and Movie;** We will meet at True Food Kitchen at 5:30 followed by a 6:45 Roof-top Movie, *13 Going On 30*.

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

February 16; 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 are thrilled to have **Bill & Karen Brown** worshipping & serving with us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Erin Ballard, known by several at Memorial, has recently been in the hospital.

Roy & Leslie Barnes both continue to deal with health struggles but do seem to be improving.

Nicole Mather reports that she received favorable results from recent testing. She will continue meeting with doctors and requests continued prayers. She is thankful for all of the prayers thus far.


Ledger Robertson continues with radiation & chemo.

SYMPATHY

Doug Bedingfield, cousin of **Connie McKaskle**, passed away January 17. We express sympathy to Connie and all of Doug's family & friends.

SUNDAY PARKING


Additional parking is available across the street to the north in the parking lot next to the sports field. This will leave more available spaces for our guests and those who need to park closer.

 The **Memorial Concierge** program is designed to help when help is needed. Whether that is completing the task at hand, or connecting to someone who can complete the task, we are here to help. Scan the QR code for more information.
Contact: **Jeremy Hardegree**


SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Host Homes Needed for Soul Link Conference

We need host homes for the following: 
1. **Memorial Youth Students** - Our students will need housing Friday night (February 28). They will leave Saturday morning (March 1).
2. **Aggies for Christ (AFC)** serving at the conference - AFCers will need housing Friday (February 28) and Saturday (March 1) night. They will be gone most of the day on Saturday and leave for good on Sunday morning (March 2.)
Scan QR code to volunteer. Contact: **Shawn Freeman**

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 - MCOG Diapers, 900 Echo Lane Houston 77024.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

WHAT'S COMING?

Sunday, February 2

Worship:

Beginning of a new message series focusing on service and praise. Our capital campaign theme and goals will be revealed.

Combined Adult Class:

(Auditorium)
We will celebrate the past and present of Memorial and look toward the future with an overview of the MCOG campus Master Plan.

Facility Tours:

(Following Bible class and 2nd service)
A self-guided tour of our current facility, see first-hand the need to revive them, and hear about some of the plans to revive them. Campaign ambassadors will be available to answer your questions.

IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES

Prayer Requests

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

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION

1/19/25 Offering - \$40,737
Weekly Budget - \$62,453
YTD Budget Surplus - \$103,858
Kids' Contribution - \$94.62



TO GIVE

ATTENDANCE - 1/19/25

8:20 am - 192 10:30 am - 563
AM Total - 755
6:00 pm - 95

2024 BAPTISMS - 37

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