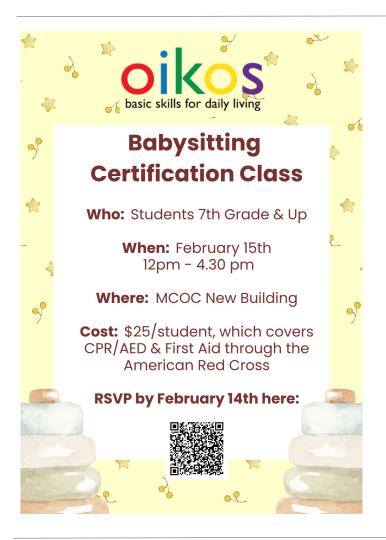
### 8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

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

### 6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: We Have Heard The Joyful SoundSong 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





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**Ministry Staff** 

**David Duncan** Preaching

Mike Avery Youth & Family

**Shawn Freeman** Youth & Bridge

Resident Intern Elementary

Quincey Spurlock 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





### 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** 

February 2 **Capital Campaign** Launch

Evangelism Training

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

We are so glad that you are here.

We'd love to stay in touch with you.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TODAY**

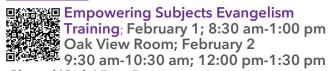
3:00 pm; home of Julie Schaper Wedding Shower honoring Paul Anderson

& 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**



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



□ So □ 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 worshiping & 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





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!

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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** 



E 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 Rooftop 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 worshiping & 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 quests 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 - MCOC 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 MCOC 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 - ishanks@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



**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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