8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Victory In Jesus		
Welcome		
Song: Beautiful One		
Song: Our God He Is Alive		
Prayer: Mike Kelso/David Fan		
Song: Worthy Is The Lamb		
Communion/ContributionRon Chandler/Larry Phillip		
Scripture: Acts 5:29-31 Ron Arrington/Brady McMillar		
Song: In Christ Alone		
Song: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross		
Sermon: The Witness TreeWayne Robert		
Song: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross		
Song: Before The Throne Of God Above		
Shepherd's Prayer:		
Song: Shout Hallelijah		
Song Leaders: Clayton Hamby/Nick Smith		

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: The Love Of God
Welcome
Song: A Beautiful Life
Song: The Greatest Commands
Song: The Lord Bless You And Keep You
Prayer:Wayne Warren
Song: Come Share The Lord
Song: Never Once
Sermon: To: The Lady & Her Children, The Book of 2 John
Song: Jesus, Only Jesus
Prayer: Steve Garner
Song: His Yoke Is Easy

Song Leader: Craig Schuster

THE WITNESS TREE Sunday AM Notes	NEW TESTAMENT POST CARDS To: The Lady & Her Children, The Book of 2 John
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Family Shepherds

CHAIRMAN (October-December): Alan Pence: 713.461.5944

Philip Bailey Jerry Gerlich
Frank Devine Greg Hughes

Tom Messick

Terry Montgomery

Alan Pence Robby Robinson, Jr.

Welcome Memorial Church of Christ a place to become

November 19, 2023

As I remember the births of my children, I sometimes dwell on the hospital rooms. They were both sterilized, with the latest and greatest medical equipment available. My doctor had been through years and years of specialized training, my health had been great, and I don't remember having any fear. Though I had struggled to stay pregnant with other babies, I knew that God had gifted me these two girls. And as I sit here and think of it, I remember another birth that was such an amazing gift of God.

My children's births, miracles that they were, were and are not the most important births to me. The most important birth to me is the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, over 2,000 years ago. Unlike me, Mary did not have a sterile room, a doctor with lifesaving medicines and instruments at her fingertips, and pain medication. Mary had a stable, full of animals and all their smells and messes, a husband to hold her, and her belief in God. And in such a way she helped bring into this world the one who would be our salvation.

Four years ago, this congregation started hosting a live Nativity event. This move was intentional; we wanted to focus our efforts and attention on God and Christ during the season in which we celebrate Jesus' birth. Our goal in this life is to spread the Gospel; it is to love like Jesus, lead others to Jesus, and live like Jesus. And this Nativity event is one of the ways in which we do this.

The Nativity is free, open to the community, and full of exciting activities for the whole family. We will have a choir singing, a petting zoo with over 30 animals, a marketplace, and crafts. And, above all, we will have the story of Jesus. But we cannot make this happen alone. We need over 100 volunteers to assist in bringing this wonderful community event to life. From actors to singers to petting zoo monitors, there is a place for you to volunteer. Please prayerfully consider signing up, via the QR code below, to bring the light and love of Jesus to all this Christmas season.

Thank you and God bless.

- Spencer



WELCOME GUESTS

We are thrilled to have you with us, & we hope you'll decide to join us again. Please scan the QR code so we can get to know you.



MEMBERS: CHECK IN VIA YOUR ELEXIO APP

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<u>User</u>: Guest Password: mcoc1234





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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ALL 2024 MARRIAGE RETREAT! Held Jack at San Luis Resort & Spa. Speakers: Trey 2024 MARRIAGE RETREAT! Held January 12-14 at San Luis Resort & Spa. Speakers: Trey & Lea Morgan; Cost: \$150/couple Contact: Krislyn Vickrey krislynp84@yahoo.com



SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS
WITH A CHILD Visit the table in the foyer and make the holidays a little brighter for a child in need. You may choose one of 2 options: contributing financially to 2 options: contributing financially to provide gifts to a child in Mexico or

purchasing a gift yourself for a local child in need. Contact: Mike Avery mavery@mcoc.org

Valencia **Apartments**

3:30 pm; HOME OF JULIE SCHAPER

WEDDING SHOWER - CAROLINE ANDERSON & SAMUEL KLEIN Registered at Amazon & Target Contact: April Burdette - april burdette@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER

November 22; 7:00 pm; Chapel THANKSGIVING WOW DEVOTIONAL

Join us for a night of singing & worship! Bible Classes & Small Groups will not meet.

November 29; 6 pm - FOOD DISTRIBUTION @ THE VALENCIA APARTMENTS

Contact: Melissa Ramon - 281.726.6167

DECEMBER



回忆 December 2; 9:00 am; Oak View Room

LADIES BRUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE
Visit the QR code to reserve a space in childcare,
up to age 10. Limited space available.

Contact: Brittany Spurlock - Brittany NSpurlock@katyisd.org Jacinda Shanks - jshanks@mcoc.org

December 3; 4:00 pm; Oak View Room **WEDDING SHOWER - LAUREN CHANDLER** & JONATHAN KILLOUGH Registered at Crate & Barrel, Target, The Knot Contact: Lisa Peace - lisapeace@comcast.net



回集計画 December 9; 4:00-8:00 pm VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED! WALK-THRU NATIVITY: JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM **NATIVITY: JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**

Experience the story of the birth of Jesus in this fun, interactive way! Contact: Christina Castillo ccastillo748@yahoo.com

TO VOLUNTEER!

December 10; 3:30 pm; Oak View Room **BABY SHOWER - ANDREW & LAURA STIVERS** Contact: Christina Riggins - christinariggins93@gmail.com

December 14; 11:30 am; Oak View Room YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

NEW INFO! We will have a catered luncheon followed by seasonal songs led by Wade Price.

Contact: Andrew LaMore - alamore54@gmail.com

December 16: 9:00 am-12:00 pm: Oak View Room NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Open to anyone looking to find their place at Memorial! Contact: Gabriel Silva - g.silva041984@gmail.com

MEMORIAL KIDS/YOUTH





■ WINTER QUARTER BEGINS SOON!
Claim your volunteer spot NOW!

November 26 **ADVENT CALENDAR AVAILABLE!**

Available directly outside the Preschool wing.

December 1; 9:30-11:30 am **CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY**

Join us for snacks, crafts, & other fun! RSVP link coming soon.

December 13

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Watch for more information!

November 22; December 24, 27, 31 **BIBLE CLASSES WILL NOT MEET**





BIBLE CLASSES

TODAY 9:30 a.m. Youth (Rm. FC310); Bridge (Rm. FC302)

TONIGHT; 4:30-7:00 pm home of **Reid Johnston**; bus will leave MCOC at 4:00 & return at 7:35 pm or you can meet at his house at 4:30 & be picked up at 7:00 pm **BRIDGE (5TH-6TH) FRIENDSGIVING**

- NEW! TONIGHT; 8:30 pm; Darrell Tully Stadium JUDE BRYMER IS PLAYING IN THE TULLY BOWL! Jude & his team, Navy, are playing tonight - we encourage you to go watch!
- December 1-3 YOUTH (7TH-12TH) FALL RETREAT **REGISTER TODAY!**



- December 10; 4:30-7:00 pm; home of Emma Snow **YOUTH (7TH-12TH) CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- December 17; home of Gibson & Alice Kate Allison **BRIDGE (5TH-6TH) CHRISTMAS PARTY**

FOCAS Adult Singles and College Age



EQUIP - A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF JOHN, November 14, 28

IMPACT OUTDOORSMAN - November 16 FRIENDSGIVING - November 19

NEW! SERVE IMPACT LUNCH - December 3

Need more info about these activities? SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIST OUR **ACTIVITIES PAGE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!**



FAMILY NEWS

Need something included in the bulletin? Email jshanks@mcoc.org.

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! The goal is 10K Bibles. To date, we have enough for 306! In addition, adults can participate by dropping your donation in the blue box located at the Memorial Kids check-in desk in the fover.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 22; 7:00 pm THANKSGIVING WOW DEVOTIONAL Bible Classes and Small Groups will not meet.

REJOICE

We rejoice with these individuals who were recently baptized!

- Nathan & Bailey Yost, November 12
- Nikolai Novoceltcev, November 12

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mohammad & Edith Alkassab, and big brother, Ram, on the birth of twin girls, Reem, weighing 4 lbs. 10 oz., and Yara, weighing 4 lbs. 5 oz. on November 14!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rosella Gadison is scheduled for a mastectomy December 7.
- Meredith Kelly continues to improve.
- **Bevy Lemon** was involved in a hit-and-run car accident last week and is recovering from her injuries.
- Holly Morgan, niece of Barbara Arnett, is seriously ill in the hospital and experiencing a lot of pain.
- Jared Robertson, along with Haley & Ledger, continue to be in need of our prayers.
- Tim & Brittany Spurlock left for Nepal last week for mission work. Also, Philip Bailey, Kimber Bailey Scott, Jeremy Sprott, and Ava Nelson will be traveling to Haiti.
- Nalda White is rescheduled for surgery December 6.

SYMPATHY

Bryce Stewart, preaching minister for Junction Church of Christ, passed away November 9. We extend our sympathy to all of his family & friends.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW! Volunteers are needed to serve a catered Thanksgiving meal for our Ukrainian friends. It will also be an opportunity to personally connect with this community and to eat with them. Let's show them the servant heart of Jesus. For more details or to volunteer, contact Melissa Ramon 281.726.6167



ADOPT A UKRAINIAN FAMILY: We are looking for individuals, families, or small groups who are willing to connect personally with a Ukrainian family through our "Adopt a Family," "Adopt a Welcome Box" or "Adopt a Child for Christmas" program. These families have

been displaced from their homes and we have an opportunity to be a friend to them while they are here in Houston. They really need our support in this very difficult time. For more information, contact Yulia Merchant - yzmerchant@gmail.com or sign up via the QR code.





FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION: 11/12/23 \$44,594

2023 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$58,865 YTD CONTRIBUTION: \$2,486,733 YTD BUDGET: \$2,707,802 KIDS' CONTRIBUTION: \$123.59



ATTENDANCE: 11/12/23 8:20 AM: 220 10:30 AM: 534

AM TOTAL: 754 6:00 PM: 79

2023 BAPTISMS - 58 LOCAL: 45 RAMSEY UNIT: 13

How Can We Pray For You? **Public Request - jshanks@mcoc.org** Private Request - elders@mcoc.org

FOLLOW







