

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Still.....  
Song: Our God He Is Alive .....  
Welcome  
Song: Hymn Of Heaven .....  
Prayer: .....Al Wolf/Kevin Stewart  
Scripture: Psalm 107:1-3 ..... Howard Hicks/Eli Maddox  
Song: Worthy Is The Lamb .....  
Song: Agnus Dei .....  
Communion/Contribution: .....Jake Hicks/Bradley Maddox  
Song: Thank You, Lord .....  
Sermon: "The Path To Gratitude" ..... David Duncan  
Song: Gratitude .....  
Shepherd's Prayer: ..... Robby Robinson  
Song: How Can I Keep From Singing? .....  
Song: Doxology .....  
Song Leader: Matt Hoffmeister/Craig Schuster

SERMON NOTES

THE PATH TO GRATITUDE

Colossians 2:6-7  
What have we received from Christ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Salvation  
\_\_\_\_\_  
One of the key words is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christianity is not a one-time event.  
It is a \_\_\_\_\_, way of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.  
I must feed the \_\_\_\_\_!  
I must stay "rooted and built up in the faith."  
I need to do things that \_\_\_\_\_ my faith.  
A growing faith doesn't happen by \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Timothy 2:15  
I \_\_\_\_\_ expect spiritual roots if I  
don't \_\_\_\_\_ my faith.  
These things will help my faith ...  
Study  
Prayer  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Service  
\_\_\_\_\_  
People with deep spiritual roots will  
be filled with \_\_\_\_\_.  
The more I \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, the more  
\_\_\_\_\_ I become.  
I have been given \_\_\_\_\_.  
What can I be \_\_\_\_\_ for today?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Praise Him! Praise Him! .....  
Song: God Of Wonders .....  
Welcome  
Song: Same God .....  
Song: How Great Thou Art .....  
Prayer: .....Matt White  
Song: Hosanna .....  
Song: Shout Hallelujah .....  
Sermon: "God Is With Us" .....David Duncan  
Song: There's A Fountain Free .....  
Prayer: .....Jeremy Hardegree  
Song: Victory In Jesus .....  
Song Leader: Tucker Harding

GOD IS WITH US

Matthew 16:13-16  
Caesarea Philippi  
Near this place, Peter said Son of Man  
is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ > than  
Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ than Caesar or their gods.  
He's also \_\_\_\_\_ than the  
\_\_\_\_\_, the boss, the club, the  
\_\_\_\_\_ or me.  
Why John the Baptist?  
They had \_\_\_\_\_ of him.  
Why Elijah?  
Malachi 4:5-6  
Elijah had never \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Kings 2:9-12)  
He would \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare the world for  
the Messiah.  
Matthew 16:17-20  
The disciples are starting to \_\_\_\_\_.  
His \_\_\_\_\_ was becoming clear.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is getting ready to ultimately  
give His life.  
Matthew 16:21  
Peter would use the \_\_\_\_\_ to open the  
\_\_\_\_\_ after the sacrifice.  
Acts 2:36-38  
What will I do with this victory?

Love.Lead.Live.Jesus.

Ministry Team

|                              |                              |                                 |   |                             |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| David Duncan<br>Preaching    | Mike Avery<br>Youth & Family | Shawn Freeman<br>Youth & Bridge | Quincey Spurlock<br>Bridge + Girls' Youth | Laura Norwood<br>Elementary |
| Spencer Prather<br>Preschool | Jack Prather<br>Technology   | Wayne Roberts<br>Connection     | Jessica Fuller<br>Friendship School       | Brooke Johnson<br>Counselor |
| Donna Fore<br>Finance        | Amber Aubrey<br>Office       | Jacinda Shanks<br>Office        |   |                             |

Family Shepherds

Bill Burdette Frank Devine Jerry Gerlich Greg Hughes Tom Messick  
Terry Montgomery Alan Pence Robby Robinson, Jr. Craig Schuster Chris Shanks



Memorial Church of Christ  
Welcome

SERVANT HEARTS

Many of us probably arrive on Sunday morning and never think about all the volunteers it takes for a Sunday of service and worship to occur. We know there should be a preacher, song leader and some people to say prayers, but we may never think of the rest.

Let us think for a moment about the people who give of their time. As you enter the building, there will be a handful of greeters at the door. At the other end of the foyer, you will see people bringing in donuts and others making coffee. There will be people volunteering at the welcome desk that not only answer questions, they prepare the translating devices for the people that will have the sermon transmitted into their own languages.

As you enter the auditorium, you may see the preacher, song leader, a couple of men who will lead us in prayer, a person to guide us through the Lord's Supper and a Scripture reader. If you look in the balcony, you will also see someone running the sound board, another handling the PowerPoint and yet, another, filming the service.

Other members also quietly share their talents that you may not see. A few people count people in the pews and others count the money that is put in the boxes. Others make the "busy bags" to help provide children with an outlet for their energy while they participate in worship. Still, others, will make sure there are communion supplies and bulletins available.

I haven't mentioned the Bible classes. The children's program has 56 volunteers each week to help in the classes and Bible Hour. Additionally, adult and youth teachers deliver lessons while others serve as class leaders.

By my count, there are at least 112 people working to make "Sunday" happen every week! First, it is wonderful to work with so many devoted volunteers. Please thank them for the work they do for us and dedicate to the Lord. Second, there are places for you to serve as well so that we can give these wonderful servants a deserved break occasionally.

I am grateful to work in a congregation with so many devoted Christians.

- David



David Duncan  
Pulpit Minister

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November 23, 2025

**Upcoming:**  
**November 26**  
Thanksgiving Devotional

**December 6**  
Ladies' Brunch  
& Ornament Exchange

**December 7**  
Family Center  
Remodel Ground  
Breaking Ceremony

**December 10**  
Family Fellowship Meal

**December 11**  
Young At Heart  
Lunch 'n Learn

**December 21**  
Combined 10:30  
AM Worship

**December 24**  
Christmas Eve Devotional

**December 28**  
Combined 10:30  
AM Worship

**December 31**  
No service or classes

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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

TODAY

Noon; Room 146; English Corner; Fluent English speakers will be matched with those who wish to speak English better. All ages welcome. Finger foods provided. Contact: David Dill

12:30 pm; Oak View Room  
Ukrainian Friendsgiving; Contact: Yulia Merchant

NOVEMBER

November 26; 7:00 pm; Chapel; Thanksgiving Devotional; No Bible Classes or Small Groups.

November 30; 3:30 pm; Oak View Room  
Baby Boy Shower honoring Oleksandra Hmyria, Pavel Hadzhyiev, and baby Damir; Registered at Amazon. Contact: Yulia Merchant

DECEMBER

December 6; 9:00 am; Oak View Room  
Ladies’ Brunch & Ornament Exchange  
Bring your favorite brunch item + a \$10 wrapped ornament. Contact: Brittany Spurlock/Jacinda Shanks

December 7; 12:00 pm; Family Center  
Remodel Ground Breaking Ceremony & Reception  
Join us as we look to the future with excitement!

December 7; 1:00 pm; Oak View Room  
Wedding Shower honoring Nosipho “Jennifer” Tshabangu and Elisa Shukuru  
Registered at Amazon.com; Hostess: Brittany Spurlock

New location - December 10; 6:00 pm  
Gathering Area; Family Meal; Scan event QR code to register.

December 11; 11:30 am; Oak View Room  
Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon; Scan event QR code to register; \$12.50/person.

December 14; Noon; Oak View Room  
Starting Point; Open to new & current members. Find our more about Memorial, our missions, & ministries.

December 14; 2:00 pm; Room 221  
HIVE Meeting; Contact: Wayne Roberts

December 14; 4:00 pm; Oak View Room  
Baby Girl Shower honoring Al & Yidara Wolf  
Registered at babylist.com; Hostess: Lauren Rodgers

Visit our Event Registration Page  
Use the QR code to register for any event or to volunteer!

Advent Calendar

Hey kids, celebrate the holidays! Pick up your Memorial Christmas Countdown Calendar at the Door Post area (West end of the Lobby). Limited quantity available. Please, only one per family.

New - December 21; near the Welcome Desk  
Amazon Gift Card Celebration honoring Jonathan & Carlena Rivera; Jonathan, the son of Jose & Maria, is stationed in Germany, and he & Carlena were married 11/2024. Between 11/23-12/21, Amazon gift cards will be collected at the Welcome Desk. On 12/21, Jonathan will be here, so stop by to congratulate him in person. Hostess: Sandra Hughes

JANUARY

January 23-25; San Luis Resort; 2026 Memorial Marriage Retreat; Registration is open for everyone. Contact: Justin/Krislyn Vickrey

January 30-February 1; Trinity Pines  
Men’s Advance; Identity: Intentionality, Integrity, & Intimacy; \$100/man; Meals & snacks included. Your identity isn’t about who you are, it’s about whose you are. Open to all men. Contact: Jeremy Sprott



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

The winter quarter begins Sunday, December 7, and we are still looking for teachers and helpers for all classrooms! Volunteer by scanning the QR code.

December 5; Christmas Craft Day; 9:30 am; MCOC; Cost: 1 package of socks, mittens, or a hat for our homeless food bags!



7th-12th



5th-6th

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

November 26; 7:00 pm; Chapel  
Thanksgiving Devotional

December 5-7; Youth (7th-12th) Fall Retreat  
Cost: \$60; Register by November 30 by scanning the event QR code.

New - December 14; 4:30-7:00 pm; Home of Clara Midkiff; Bridge (5th-6th) Christmas Devo & Party; Dinner, Devo, & Yankee Swap! Bus will leave MCOC at 4:00 pm & return at 7:30 pm. Check the Bridge news for more details & to sign up for

New - December 17; 7:00 pm; Youth (7th-12th) Small Group White Elephant Gift Exchange



FOCAS

Sunday; College Age Singles; FC309  
Sunday; Singles (20’s/30’s) Rm. 211

December 14; 6:00 pm; Christmas Party at the home of Scott & Jennifer Allison

FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to Memorial! Please check in online or grab a card from the pew in front of you. You may place it in the basket on the Welcome Desk or leave it in the pew to be collected later.

We will have new classroom assignments beginning December 7. Please check the new quarter’s Bible Class brochure, located at the Welcome Desk.

Welcome

We look forward to having these individuals worship & serve with us here at Memorial!

- Ulli Land, along with Emmy Mona, Leo Mona
- Erin Oliver

Congratulations

Everett Kai Evans was born November 19, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz., and measuring 20 in. to proud parents, Mick & Ashley, and big brother, Landon.

Frederick “Freddie” Harrison Wagner was born November 17, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. to proud parents, Jack & Isabelle, and big brothers, Beau & Peter!

Prayer Requests

Philip Bailey had successful cancer removal surgery.

Grayson Baker has been hospitalized over the past week.

Robert Bowers is doing well with his recovery from a fall.

Melody Cook is doing well with her stroke recovery.

Lillann Guerra, friend of Andrew & Amy LaMore, is in need of both a heart & liver transplant.

Martha McGinty will have heart valve replacement surgery on November 24 at Methodist West.

Jim Railey was expecting to go to rehab last week.

Brittany Spurlock has traveled to India for mission work.

Thank you

We express our appreciation to all who helped decorate our building for Christmas, especially Devan Mitchell, Deena Mitchell, Loretta Derrick, Donna Fore, and Many Leach. We appreciate your efforts to get our building ready for the holidays!

Family Center Closure

Beginning November 30, the Family Center will be closed for renovation and no access will be allowed. Continue watching the bulletin for location details for all events.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



New - Short-Term Mission Trips 2026

Experience missions firsthand. Take part in one of our short term mission trips scheduled for next year to Southern Africa Bible College. Trips are scheduled for April 15-28 and July 15-25. We’re seeking workers of all kinds. Sign-up deadlines are December 31, 2025 (April trip) and March 1, 2026 (July trip). Scan the QR code for more details

Satellite Services; Each Sunday night; 4:30-5:00 pm

Sign up to lead a short worship service at the Clear Water Senior Living at the Heights facility (home of Carl Greer!) Scan event QR code for details & registration.

Family Center Murals and Crafts Committee

If you are interested in helping out with the new Family Center’s murals & easy crafts committee, meetings will begin in January. Contact: Emily Ufer

# CHRISTMAS

at MEMORIAL

Wednesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Devotional | 7 PM

No Bible classes or small groups.

Sunday, December 21

In Person | Online 10:30 AM\*

Wednesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE DEVOTIONAL | 7 PM

No Bible classes or small groups.

Sunday, December 28

In Person | Online 10:30 AM\*

Donuts and Coffee | 9:30 AM

Wednesday, December 31

No Services

\*No Bible classes, attended Nursery, Toddler Time, Bible Hour, or PM service.

## Ladies’ Brunch and Ornament Exchange

DECEMBER 6 - 9:00 AM

Bring your favorite brunch item + a \$10 wrapped ornament and enjoy a time of intergenerational fellowship.

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION

11/16/25 Offering - \$60,668  
Weekly Budget - \$62,453  
YTD Budget Deficit - (\$147,219)  
Kids’ 11/9 Contribution - \$246.38

ATTENDANCE - 11/16/25

8:20 AM: 244 10:30 AM: 529  
AM Total: 773 6:00 PM: 97

2025 BAPTISMS - 43

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