

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: To Canaan's Land
 Welcome
 Song: Holy, Holy, Holy.....
 Song: Before The Throne Of God Above
 Prayer:Robbie Cribb/Brett Martin
 Song: Living Hope
 Communion/Contribution:.....Caleb Robinson/Rey Castaneda
 Song: He's Got The Whole World In His Hands
 Scripture: Matthew 5:33-37 Ford Robertson/Chris Miller
 Song: Take My Life And Let It Be.....
 Sermon: "Revive To Thrive: Character" David Duncan
 Song: Lord, I Give You My Heart
 Shepherd's Prayer: Bill Burdette
 Song: Great Are You, Lord
 Song Leaders: Matt Hoffmeister/Nick Smith

SERMON NOTES

REVIVE TO THRIVE

Character

_____ - widowed & lost sons
 _____ - daughter-in-law of Naomi
 The deaths of their husbands left them _____.

Naomi's character seen in her words & _____.
 Ruth 1:8
 Ruth's character seen through her faithfulness.
 Ruth 1:16-18

Naomi went through a _____ stage but she didn't stay that way.
 Ruth went to work to _____.

She worked at the edges of the field of _____.
 Boaz displayed character in _____ Ruth.
 Ruth 2:7-12

Boaz eventually _____ Ruth through proper channels.
 Ruth & Boaz became great grandparents of _____.

_____ is a physical descendant of them.
 What _____ our character?

It is shown when I am easily _____,
 hurt, _____ and discouraged.
 "Everyone is out to _____."
 What _____ our character?

It _____ hurt, disappointment, and weak moments.
 It _____ to forgive, reconcile, and love.
 How is my heart?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Faith is the Victory.....
 Welcome
 Song: Living By Faith.....
 Song: Have Thine Own Way.....
 Prayer: Ben Schaefer
 Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives
 Song: Never Once.....
 Sermon: "Abraham: Man Of Faith" David Duncan
 Song: My Faith Looks Up To Thee.....
 Prayer: Luis Vargas
 Song Leader: Craig Schuster

**FAMILY WORSHIP
 AT MEMORIAL**
 WITH **5TH WARD**
 Church of Christ
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD 6 PM

MCoC
 Women's Retreat 2025
abide
 March 21-23

Love.Lead.Live.Jesus.

Ministry Staff

David Duncan Preaching	Mike Avery Youth & Family	Shawn Freeman Youth & Bridge	Quincey Spurlock Bridge + Girls' Youth	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**



Memorial Church of Christ Welcome

"Commit to the Lord Whatever You Do, and He Will Establish Your Plans"...Proverbs 16:3

A few weeks ago, I was driving to church with my three-year daughter, Olivia, in the back seat. Like most toddlers, she has recently started talking about different things she sees as we drive around town. She saw the church building while we were driving down Echo Lane and said, "That's my church" followed by "Daddy, do you want to come to my church?"

At first, her words didn't mean much to me, but she said it again and I thought about how our building reminds her of so many wonderful things - the church family inside, the volunteers that teach her about Jesus, and the playground where she runs and slides with her friends.

As the facilities chairman for Memorial, I care so much about our buildings and want them to last for generations. Our campus currently has approximately 84,000 square feet of space (which is about 40 average sized houses.) It's a challenge to keep everything running properly and our facilities team has done an amazing job over the last few years. However, it's time we invest in our campus to replace some of the systems that are at the end of their useful life.

Memorial has a history of generosity, from the donations that enabled the construction of the original building 60 years ago and the Family Center 40 years ago to the education building and chapel with our last campaign. More recently, generous giving helped us purchase a new chiller to improve our air conditioning system. This small project will pay significant rewards, but we can't stop there. The additional phases of the Master Plan need to be fulfilled to ensure Memorial is thriving for the next 70 years.

As we look to future projects, I am most excited about the potential for the Worship Center. We have renovated the room over the years, but it's time for a complete transformation. The Master Plan includes a ground-up rebuild to change the configuration and experience. We want our facilities to attract new members to join us in worship and fellowship.

Design work is already underway for a Family Center renovation, and the building committee is excited to share more details soon. We have some creative solutions to ensure our youth ministry continues to thrive and this key space can be used to its full potential.

-Scott Sawyer

If you'd like an opportunity to learn more about the Master Plan, there will be a discussion panel/Q&A session on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm in Room 220. Representatives from the capital campaign, facilities, and finance committees will be available to answer your questions.



Scott Sawyer
 Facilities Chairman

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February 16, 2025

Upcoming:

TODAY

Community Group
 Formation Luncheon

February 19

Family Fellowship Meal

February 20

Young At Heart
 Lunch 'n Learn

February 22

Daddy/Daughter Night

February 23

HIVE Meeting

March 2

Commitment Sunday

March 5

Grief Share begins

March 21-23

Women's Retreat

March 23

Starting Point

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY
Group Formation Luncheon

Community Groups
Memorial
We were made for community.

Join a community group.
Walk-ins welcome

Contact: Mike Avery mavery@mcoc.org

TODAY

12:00 pm; Oak View Room

Community Group Formation Luncheon

4:00 pm; Oak View Room

Baby Girl Shower honoring Joe & Nereida Kawi

Registered at babylist.com; Hostess: Bree Aiken

FEBRUARY

February 19; 6:00 pm; Family Center

Family Fellowship Meal

Adults: \$5/Kids: \$3; Sign-up requested.

Contact: Shawn Freeman

February 19; 7:00 pm; Room 220

Campaign/Master Plan Q&A

Come have your questions answered!

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.

Help is needed after 2nd Service to set up tables & chairs in the Family Center. Contact: Wayne Roberts

MARCH

March 2 - Commitment Sunday

February 23; 6:00 pm; Room 214/216
(Each Wednesday for 13 weeks)

Grief Share; Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Available in-person and online. You do not need to grieve alone.

Contact: Denise Dorriety

March 21-23; Camp Cho-Yeh; Livingston

Women's Retreat - "Abide" Open to women high school & older. Join us for a weekend of worship, fellowship, and renewal. Scan QR code for more details. Contact: April Sprott

New - March 23; 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!

March 27; 7:00 pm; Family Center

U of H Fundraising Dinner; Contact: Terry Montgomery



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

February 22; 5:00 pm; Oak View Room
"Wild About You" Daddy/Daughter Night

There will be a petting zoo for birth-preschool girls and a live animal show for Kinder-4th grade girls. We will also have dinner, arts & crafts, and other fun activities.

February 25; 9:00 am; Front Lawn

Petting Zoo; Light refreshment will be provided after in the Oak View. Please note: both the petting zoo and playground will be closed and only available to Friendship School for the rest of the day after 10am.

February 26; 5:00-7:00 pm

New - Movie In The Pews - Ratatouille

Open to ages 2-4th grade; Bring your child's dinner.



7th-12th



5th-6th

BIBLE CLASSES Sun. - 9:30 am 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



February 28-March 1; Soul Link

Host Homes Needed - See details next page.

February 26; 5:45 pm; FC302

New - Trek Interest Meeting

Open to current 8th-12th grade students and adult volunteers
A Zoom option is available. Contact: Mike Avery

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

Tonight - 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.

REVIVE TO THRIVE

Campaign Brochures and Prayer Journals are available in the DoorPosts Family Resource Center and also online at our website.

CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Families: Valentines Day is over, but you can continue to celebrate God's love. Pick up an at home guide and set of scripture cards at the DoorPosts Family Resource Center.

PRAISE

We rejoice that **Joseph Trevino**, son of Ashley Ott, was baptized February 8!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joan Dale has been diagnosed with PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy), a Parkinson's like disease. She thanks everyone for their prayers thus far and requests they continue.

Katlyn Flowers received favorable bloodwork and x-ray results but is still struggling to find the source of her pain & fatigue. She is continuing to meet with doctors. She expresses appreciation for all of the prayers and requests they continue.

Nancy Jackson is recovering from a fractured vertebra.

Reid Johnston, young son of **Bryan & Megan** was scheduled for surgery yesterday to repair a broken arm.

Lauri Warren has been diagnosed with cancer.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to everyone who has lost a loved one.

Our dear member, **Jo Gonzales**, passed away February 9. We express our deep sympathy to Ralph and to all of their family & friends.

Jody Hasken, sister of **Paula Pierce**, passed away last week.

Amy Humphrey, family of **Royce, Sharon, & Shannan**, passed away in an accident while out of the country.

THANK YOU

We express our appreciation to **Jake Hicks & Jeremy Sprott** for all they did to coordinate and carry out last weekend's Men's Retreat. Approximately 40 men attended and had a great time exploring how they have been Called Up to be men of God!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Funeral meal coordinator

We are in need of an individual, or a group of individuals, who are willing to coordinate meals for families following funerals & memorial services. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring comfort to those who are grieving a loss.

Contact: **Amber Aubrey**

Host Homes Needed for Soul Link Conference

We need host homes for the following:

1. **Memorial Youth Students** - Our students will need housing February 28.

2. **Aggies for Christ (AFC)** serving at the conference - AFCers will need housing February 28 and Saturday March 1. They will be gone most of the day on Saturday and leave March 2.

Scan QR code to volunteer. Contact: **Shawn Freeman**



ARE YOU IN?

COMMITMENT SUNDAY MARCH 2

Pick up a commitment card in the main lobby, complete it, and return it no later than March 2 or use the QR code below.

Campaign/Master Plan Q&A
Wednesday, February 19 | 7 pm | Rm. 220

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Rebuilding for Service and Praise



Prayer Requests

Public - jshanks@mcoc.org

Private - prayer@mcoc.org

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION

2/9/25 Offering - \$40,360
Weekly Budget - \$62,453
YTD Budget Surplus - \$37,523
Kids' Contribution - \$110.12

ATTENDANCE - 2/9/25

8:20 am - 178
10:30 am - 527 +40 (Men's Retreat)
AM Total - 567
6:00 pm - n/a

2025 BAPTISMS - 3

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