8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Soldiers Of Christ, Arise
Song: Let God Arise
Welcome
Song: Praise
Scripture: Hebrews 4:12-14B. Colliander/C. Miller
Prayer:Robbie Cribb/Russell Kemp
Song: You Are My All In All
Song: Highly Exalted
Communion/Contribution:
Song: Shout Hallelujah
Sermon: "God The Creator"
Song: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
Shepherd's Prayer:Chris Shanks
Song: When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
Song Leader: Nick Smith/Tucker Harding

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: The Glory Land Way	
Song: My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less	
Welcome	
Song: Before The Throne Of God Above	
Song: Holy, Holy, Holy	
Prayer:	
Song: Here In This Place	
Sermon: "God Is With Us"	David Duncan
Song: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	
Song: Lord, I Give You My Heart	
Prayer:	
Song: How Can I Keep From Singing?	

Song Leader: Andy Midkiff

SERMON NOTES

GOD THE CREATOR

Knowing God is more than	
It is about obedience to,	for, and
W	vith.
To know God, we must	_ the relationship
James 4:7-8a	·
I must read His	
2 Timothy 3:16-17	
Colossians 3:16	
I need to look	
Romans 1:20	 -
I need to on	God.
Philippians 4:6-7	000.
Knowing God is a key to ete	rnal life
John 17:3	
I can't truly know the	
apart from the Son.	
John 14:6	
Knowing God should become	our focus
Philippians 3:10	our locus.
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I can temptation	through God.
James 4:7	
Am I willing to make the	to know God?

GOD IS WITH US

Thoughts From Matthew's Gospel

Jesus & His disciples ate in a	
on the Sabbath. (Matthew 12)	
The Pharisees were	
They declared eating the grain was	

Jesus made 3 points. _ & his men ate the Bread of Presence. worked on the Sabbath.

I desire mercy and not sacrifice. Hosea 6:6

Jesus challenged their interpretation of Scripture. They followed the

& rather than the moral law.

The Point Illustrated: Matthew 12:9-14 Imagine the man's _____! He didn't ask for _____, but he received it. This is the _____ of his life!

The Pharisees missed the _____. They missed the _____. They missed the

Because of our respect for God and His word, we have an unfortunate tendency to be like

the Pharisees.

Will I miss

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 Technology

Jack Prather

Wayne Roberts Connection

Jessica Fuller Friendship School

Brooke Johnson Counselor

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



THANKFUL GENEROSITY

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Paul reminded the church in Corinth of something we still need to hear today: God blesses us so that we can bless others. What we've been given - our money, time, talents, energy - isn't just for us to enjoy. It's meant to flow through us.

God does not bless us for the sake of comfort, convenience, or collection. He blesses us so that through our giving, others may see Him, experience His love, and give thanks. In other words, our generosity is both an act of worship and a testimony of God's goodness.

Generosity is more than just helping someone out. It's actually a way of showing God's love and pointing people back to Him. When we give, we're basically saying, "Everything I have comes from God, and I'm thankful." Gratitude naturally leads to generosity.

This is how God works-He gave us Jesus before we could ever give Him anything in return. In the same way, our giving starts with what He's already poured into our lives. We don't give to prove something; we give because we've already received so much.

Paul also points out that generosity creates a ripple effect. When we give, needs get met, but something bigger happens too-people start thanking God. Your act of giving might be the spark that helps someone see God's goodness in a whole new way.

So, what does that mean for us? It means holding our blessings with open hands instead of closed fists. It means letting our gratitude turn into action. Whether it's buying someone lunch, volunteering your time, or giving financially to the church or someone in need-those moments matter. They reflect God's heart.

This week, let your giving be your way of saying, "Thank you God." Because at the end of the day, we've been given so we can give.

- Wayne

Beginning next week our MKids will be collecting food items to provide Thanksgiving meals for 50+ families in need. Everyone is invited to contribute food items. See inside today's bulletin for a complete list of items needed. Donations may be placed under the ThanksGiving tree in the auditorium.



Wayne Roberts Connection Minister

September 28, 2025

Upcoming:

October 8 Family Meal

October 10-12 Memorial Dads Father/Son Retreat

October 12 Blood Drive

October 19 Worship with Fifth Ward

October 26 Fall Festival

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.

Check in here.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Before and after worship services; Gathering Area; Community Group Launch; Interested in joining a community group? Connect with us to find a group that meets your needs or is in your area. . Group types include men's groups, women's groups, Sunday evening family groups, Bible study groups, prayer groups, & activity groups. Contact: Mike Avery

OCTOBER

October 5-November 9; Pack The Pulpit

Help MKids "Pack the Pulpit!" Our ThanksGiving tree in the auditorium will be the donation spot for food items for Thanksgiving bags to be given to needy families. We will assemble these bags during our annual Eat + Serve family service project. Next week, October 5: bring boxed stuffing & instant mashed potatoes. Contact: Laura/Spencer

October 8: 6:00 pm: Family Center Family Meal; Scan QR code below to register.

October 10-12; Frontier Camp; Memorial Dads Father/Son Retreat; \$100/pair; for dads & sons (ages 7-18) Only one son per father should attend as it emphasizes focused one-on-one time. TODAY is the last day to register! Contact: Jason Fuller

October 12; 8:00 am; Family Center Blood Drive; Scan QR code below to register for a time slot. Contact: Daniel Allen

October 16; 11:30 am; Oak View Room Young At Heart Lunch 'n Learn

For our senior saints; Contact: Andrew LaMore

October 19; 6:00 pm; Fifth Ward Church of Christ; Worship with Fifth Ward; Our friends at Fifth Ward have invited us to be their quests at their evening service. Our regularly scheduled 6:00 pm service will not be held at MCOC.

October 26; Noon-2:00 pm; Front Lawn Fall Festival; Join us for games, food, costumes, and more fun. Scan the QR code below to volunteer! Candy donations are also requested. Contact: Rebecca Friday/Caroline Poteet

NOVEMBER

New - November 1; Family Center Women's Intergenerational Potluck Brunch

Come and join women of all ages, as we form strong bonds, encourage and learn from each other, while working towards the goal of sharing Jesus with others and growing stronger in our faith. Bring a potluck dish to share! Scan QR code below to register.

Contact: Tami Roberts



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



BIBLE CLASSES: Sun. - 9:30 am: Wed. - 7:00 pm Pack The Pulpit; Our ThanksGiving tree will be the donation spot for food items that will be used for Thanksgiving bags to be given to needy families. We will assemble these bags during our Eat + Serve family service project. Food collection will be from October 5-November 9. Next week, October 5: bring boxed stuffing & instant mashed potatoes.

October 17: Oil Ranch Meet-Up; Come have fun with us! Scan QR code below by October 9.

October 25; Pumpkin Carving



7th-12th



5th-6th

BIBLE CLASSES Sun. - 9:30 am Wed. - 7:00 pm In order to prevent distractions and enhance our time together, phones will not be permitted in class. Students are asked to place their phones in a basket.

Tonight - 5:00 pm; Family Center Youth & Bridge Parent Meeting; Come learn about our vision, goals, and summer '26 schedule!

October 12 - Youth (7th-12th) Devo October 19 - Worship with 5th Ward November 6-8 - Aggies for Christ November 16 - Friendsgiving



FOCAS

Sunday; College Age Singles; FC309 Sunday; Singles (20's/30's) Rm. 211/212

Tonight - 6:00 pm; home of Tom & Lori Messick Combined Devo

October 11; 7:15 pm Exit Lab Escape Room; Cost: \$10

October 28; 6:00 pm; home of the Spurlocks **Combined Devo**

New - November 16; 4:00-7:30 pm; home of David & Barbara Duncan; Friendsgiving



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 rejoice with these individuals who were baptized 9/21!

• Caleigh Layhew and LJ Layhew

Congratulations

Damir Hadzhiev was born September 19, weighing 5 lbs. 15.9 oz. and measuring 18 in., to proud parents, Pavel Hadzhiev & Oleksandra Hmyria and big sister, Milana.

Praver Requests

Trevor Deines is thankful that he received favorable results following his recent surgery.

Jim Railey has made great improvements in rehab.

Ledger Robertson's scan was stable. We praise God for this. Jacinda Shanks was scheduled for surgery last week.

Patsy Morphew, sister of Gwen Gerlich, passed away September 24. A family memorial service will be held at a later date. Our sympathy is extended to Gwen & Jerry and all of Patsy's family & friends.

Familu Center

CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Project News & Updates

Welcome to the Construction Corner, we're glad you're here! We continue to target December 2025 for the start of construction on the Family Center. Keep watching here for the latest updates.

Find additional details by visiting the Construction Corner in the corner of the main lobby (next to the sliding doors).

Check out a list of Frequently Asked Questions by clicking on Construction Corner at the top of the church website - mcoc.org.

Prayer Requests

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

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



回复设见 October 17; 6:00 pm; Family Center 经基本 Impact Carnival Set-Up

October 18; 10:30 am; Family Center Impact Carnival Volunteers Needed Contact: Al & Yidara Wolf



■ Satellite Services; Sundays; 4:30-5:00 pm. Sign up to lead a short worship service at the Clear Water Senior Living at the Heights facility. Scan QR code **I** For details & registration. Contact: **Mike Avery**



Aggies For Christ; November 7-9; Aggies for Christ will be here to serve. Housing is needed for 40. Scan QR code to volunteer to host 2 or more students in your home. Contact: Mike Avery



Help MKids provide Thanksgiving meals to families in need as part of their Eat+Serve project.

NEXT WEEK - Sunday, October 5 Boxed Stuffing & Instant Mashed Potatoes

Sunday, October 12 Turkey Gravy (Jar) & Canned Cranberry Sauce

Sunday, October 19

Canned Yams & Canned Green Beans

Sunday, October 26

Boxed Mac & Cheese w/Sauce

Sunday, November 2 Canned Fruit Pie Filling & Pie Crust Mix

Sunday Six - November 9 Cornbread Mix & Flavored Jello (Lg.)

HURTING? NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO? I'M HERE TO LISTEN.

Brooke Johnson

Memorial's Counselor-in-Residence

Email me to make an appointment. brooke@mcoc.org

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION

9/21/25 Offering - \$40,103 Weekly Budget - \$62,453 YTD Budget Deficit - (\$452,578) Kids' 9/14 Contribution - \$120.10



ATTENDANCE - 9/21/25

8:20 AM: 244 10:30 AM: 593 AM Total: 837 6:00 PM: 92

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