

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: He Paid A Debt
Song: Firm Foundation
Welcome
Song: Never Gonna Let Me Go
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13 Hunter Bell/Kyle Schaper
Prayer: Curtis Burton/Chris Taylor
Song: Love Lifted Me
Song: How Great Is Our God
Communion/Contribution: Matt Bell/Wade Price
Song: 10,000 Reasons
Sermon: "God Is Love" David Duncan
Song: God Is Love
Shepherd's Prayer: Jerry Gerlich
Song: It Is Well With My Soul
Song Leader: Andy Midkiff/Tucker Harding

SERMON NOTES

GOD IS LOVE

Some people are described by _____.
God _____ love.
1 John 4:7-8
If we want to _____ God, we must love.
A person who doesn't love difficult people is not a
_____ of God.
1 John 4:20-21
You don't know what I've _____.
1 John 4:9-10
Would God really expect me to _____?
1 John 4:11
What is love?
_____ (Godly love) - an _____
love that is willing to make sacrifices for others.
Includes _____ desire for good for
all people; seeking good for all.
What love is _____?
It is not _____ of everything.
It is not pride or _____.
How do I stay _____?
1 John 4:12
I can _____ confidently before the cross.
1 John 4:16b-17
How do I love _____ people?
1 John 4:19
Will I love _____?

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	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

an UltimateESCAPE weekend

Maybe it's time we have



The Talk!

Pursuing Sacred Sexuality

with special guest Steve Holladay

November 15-16

For Adults Only

Saturday | 9-11 AM | Current Issues in Sexuality

Survey the landscape of sexuality in our culture,
and see how a vise can drive sexual behavior.

Breakfast provided | Please register to attend.

For 5-12th Graders (Parents welcome)

Sunday | 9:30 AM | Theology of Sexuality

Catch God's vision for a lifetime of fulfillment
as you learn about pursuing sacred sexuality.

For Parents Only

Sunday | 12-1:30 PM | Talking to Children About Sexuality

Learn how to initiate healthy conversations
and be equipped to address vital issues.

Lunch and free babysitting provided | Please register to attend.



Register to attend
Saturday 9 AM
& Sunday 12 PM
Sessions



Need to talk more?
Free individual counseling
sessions available
Saturday from 1-7 PM.



Memorial Church of Christ
Welcome

SERVING AT IMPACT

For the past seven years, Yidara and I have had the joy of serving at Impact Church of Christ through the mentoring program. What began as an opportunity to give back has become one of the most meaningful parts of our walk with Christ. The mentoring program pairs each child with a buddy, with the purpose of building relationships rooted in faith. Over the years, we've watched K-12th grade students celebrate milestones, develop a deeper sense of purpose, and grow both in height and in their faith. This ministry has been a true blessing, enriching the lives of the children and ours alike.

In addition to mentoring, Memorial hosts the Impact children's ministry for its fall carnival, a tradition running for more than 20 years. The carnival offers games and prizes, providing wholesome fun for both the kids and their families. Volunteers help in decorating, preparing food, operating booths, and making the festival a memorable event the children talk about all year long. It's a great example of the church community coming together and showing Christ's love in action.

This year's Impact Carnival was expected to be another wonderful success, with more than 115 children in attendance and the Family Center filled with joy, laughter, and smiling faces. The event was planned to come together thanks to the 80+ volunteers scheduled to give their time on Friday and Saturday, and the dedicated committee members who spent weeks planning and organizing (Brooke & Jarrett Johnson, Emily & Jon Ufer, Melissa Ramon, and Sarah & Justin Lacey). Seeing everyone work together is always a beautiful reminder of the church being the hands and feet of Jesus.

We are grateful for the chance to serve and to witness what God can do when His people come together in love. Whether through mentoring or a moment shared at the carnival, these connections reflect His light and show how small acts of service can make a lasting impact. If you feel inspired, consider mentoring, volunteering at events, or reaching out to learn how you can serve.

- Al & Yidara



Al & Yidara Wolf
Memorial Members

October 19, 2025

Upcoming:

TODAY

Worship with
Fifth Ward

October 26

Fall Festival

November 1

Women's
Intergenerational
Potluck Brunch

November 1

Memorial Dads
Intergenerational
Dinner

November 5

Family Fellowship
Meal

November 13

Young At Heart
Lunch 'n Learn

November 15-16

The Talk - Pursuing
Sacred Sexuality

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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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

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 26: bring boxed mac & cheese with sauce.**
Contact: **Laura/Spencer**

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

OCTOBER

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! Individually wrapped candy donations are needed and can be left at the Welcome Desk.
Contact: **Rebecca Friday/Caroline Poteet**

NOVEMBER

November 1; 10:00 am; 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. Scan QR code below to register. Contact: **Tami Roberts**

November 1; 6:00 pm; Oak View Room Memorial Dads Intergenerational Dinner
ALL dads, granddads, and adult men aspiring to be dads are invited to a FREE steak dinner sponsored by Memorial Dads. Daron Cathey is returning to Memorial as our guest speaker for the evening. Round table discussions will include intergenerational sharing of experiences around these themes: 1) Staying connected with God, family and godly men; 2) Models of integrity today; 3) Staying intentional in living out faith, values and goals; and 4) Sharing of wisdom and encouragement between generations. Scan the QR code below to attend.

November 5; 6:00 pm; Family Center Family Meal; Scan QR code below to register.

November 13; 11:30 am; Oak View Room Young At Heart Lunch ‘n Learn
For our senior saints; Contact: **Andrew LaMore**

November 15-16
New - The Talk - Pursuing Sacred Sexuality An Ultimate Escape Weekend
Special guest speaker: Steve Holladay
Check the back of the bulletin for a full listing of the weekend’s events and how you can be involved.
Contact: **Mike Avery**

 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; Next week, October 26: bring boxed mac & cheese with sauce.
October 25; 4:00-7:00 pm
Family Pumpkin Carving
MKids and their families will be joining the Young Marrieds class for a family pumpkin carving/chili cook-off night! There will be a chili cook-off, so bring your favorite chili to share! You will also need to bring your own pumpkin to carve. We will provide sides, a caramel apple bar, drinks, and a few tools to carve.



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 - Worship with 5th Ward
November 6-8 - Aggies for Christ
November 9 - Bridge (5th-6th) Friendsgiving home of **Hudson Bell**
November 16; during Youth (7th-12th) Bible Class; Healthy Sexuality with Ultimate Escape Ministries; Contact **Mike** with questions.
November 16 - Youth (7th-12th) Friendsgiving
New info - December 5-7
Youth (7th-12th) Fall Retreat
Cost: \$60; Register by November 30 by scanning the QR code below.



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

October 26; 6:00 pm; home of the Spurlocks Combined Devo
November 8; 5:00 pm; held at Memorial Young Professionals Area Wide Get Together
Join us for food, fun, and fellowship with other Houston area young adult singles. Dinner is provided. Scan QR code to the left to RSVP by November 2.
Topic: *Connections*; Speaker: **Wayne Roberts**
November 22; 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.

Rejoice

We rejoice with these individuals who were baptized 10/12!
• **Wilder Reukauf**, son of **Robert & Avery**
• **Sarah Terry**, daughter of **Cameron & Yaoling**

Welcome

We welcome these new families who will be worshipping & serving with us!
• **Jonathan & Raya Crews**, and their children, **Mark & Declan**
• **Mark & Cyndi Herold**
• **Amy Krodel**
• **Arthur & Tina Williams**

Prayer Requests

Roger Autrey, father of **Andra Lahr**, is undergoing testing in the hospital and not doing well.
Philip Bailey received news that his cancer has returned. He will continue meeting with doctors to determine next steps.
Mary Nugent is struggling with her vision.

Sympathy

Louis P. White, father of **Matt White**, passed away October 10. His memorial service will be held Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 pm in our Chapel. Our deep sympathy is extended to Matt, Amy, and all of Louis’s friends & family.

Blood Drive

Thanks to your generosity, we had a great turnout for last week’s blood drive. 16 donors gave a total of 20 units of blood. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

Note of Appreciation

Thank you SO much for all of the diapers you have been ordering. Thanks to your generosity, our Ukrainian diaper closet has been well supplied!

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Ukrainian Diaper Ministry

Our need for diapers is ongoing, so please consider ordering in the near future. Having them sent directly from Amazon (Mama Bear are unisex) to the church office is the most efficient way - MCOC Diapers, 900 Echo Lane, Houston 77024
Contact: **Judy Haley**



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**



Memorial Dads

Intergenerational Dinner

November 1 | 6 PM

For dads of all ages. | Sign-up to attend.

It's Thanks Giving time

let's Pack-the-Pulpit
Donate food items to our ThanksGiving tree.*
October 5-November 9

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

TODAY
October 19
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Canned Green Beans

Next Sunday
October 26
Velveeta Mac & Cheese
(with cheese sauce)

Donated items can be placed at our ThanksGiving Tree in the auditorium.
Note: Please no perishables.

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

10/12/25 Offering - \$59,953
Weekly Budget - \$62,453
YTD Budget Deficit - **(\$368,780)**
Kids’ 10/5 Contribution - \$77.51



TO GIVE

ATTENDANCE - 10/12/25

8:20 AM: 211 10:30 AM: 425
Dad/Son Retreat: 29
AM Total: 665 6:00 PM: no count

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