

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Let Every Heart Rejoice And Sing
Welcome
Isaiah 43:2-3
Song: God Is The Fountain Whence
Song: King Of My Heart
Prayer: Jason Fuller/Paul Wilson
Song: What The Lord Has Done In Me
Song: Stronger
Communion/Contribution: Clayton Hamby/Jeremy Sprott
Scripture: Psalm 9:7-10 Jaxon Fuller/Daniel Allen
Song: Goodness Of God
Sermon: "God Of All Comfort" David Duncan
Song: Come Unto Me
Shepherd's Prayer: Greg Hughes
Song: Sing To Me Of Heaven
Song Leader: Matt Hoffmeister/Craig Schuster

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
Welcome
Song: O Thou Fount Of Every Blessing
Song: Sing And Be Happy Bert Leach
Prayer:
Song: Sowing The Seed Of The Kingdom
Sermon: "God Is With Us" David Duncan
Song: Why Do You Wait
Prayer: Dustin Devine
Song: Sweet By And By
Song Leader: Clayton Hamby



Memorial Church of Christ
Welcome



THE PARADOX OF WEAKNESS

Read these lyrics from "Stained Glass Masquerade" by Casting Crowns.

Is there anyone that fails
Is there anyone that falls
Am I the only one in church today
Feeling so small
Because when I take a look around
Everybody seems so strong
I know they'll soon discover
That I don't belong
So I tuck it all away, like every thing's okay
If I make them all believe it, maybe I'll
believe it too

So with a painted grin, I play the
part again
So everyone will see me the way
that I see them
Are we happy plastic people
Under shiny plastic steeples
With walls around our weakness
And smiles to hide our pain?
But if the invitation's open
To every heart that has been broken
Maybe then we close the curtain
On our stained-glass masquerade

Do you relate to any of this? Have you known people who pretend like everything is great when the reality is much different? Before we get carried away by looking at the spec of sawdust elsewhere, let's consider the possible log in our own eye - Have you ever masked your struggle, pain, or sin? If you are like me, you have been there. If you are like me, you have been like Adam and Eve (Genesis 3) - trying to hide from God in your sin and your shame which only leads to more sin and greater shame. So why is this problematic?

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, Paul reminds us that God's strength meets us in our weakness, not in our perfection. By failing to acknowledge our weakness, we are missing out on the power and promise of God's grace. When we recognize and admit our weakness, the power of Christ shows up in our lives. So, ask yourself:

- 1. What "mask" do I tend to wear around others or before God?
- 2. What would change if I started being honest - not just about my faith, but about my weakness?
- 3. How could my honesty help someone else experience God's grace?

- Shawn



Shawn Freeman
Youth & Bridge
Minister

October 26, 2025

- Upcoming:**
- TODAY**
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

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.



SERMON NOTES

GOD OF ALL COMFORT

God describes Himself as
Exodus 34:6-7a
God has a heart for the
Psalm 34:18
Old Testament Examples
Reassured (Gen. 21)
Met (Gen. 28)
Delivered (Ex. 12)
Encouraged (1 Kings 19)
We see God's comfort through
Matthew 11:28-30
New Testament Examples:
Desperate (Mark 5)
Bleeding woman (Mark 5)
Leper (Mark 6)
The crowds (Mark 8)
Demon possessed (Mark 9)
2 Corinthians 1:3-5
Comfort & Compassion were given to us for a
.....
"... **so that** we can *comfort* those in any trouble with the
comfort we ourselves receive from God."
How do I get this comfort?
I must on God.
How?
I read, meditate, serve, worship,
and persevere.
In the end, I must God.
God expects me to what I have received.
Am I feeling comfort?
Am I it?

GOD IS WITH US

Matthew 13:1-9
..... moved outside.
..... showed His authority.
The field was typically
before seed was cast.
Some seed landed on the path (v. 4)
..... ate it.
The seed did not the purpose.
Jesus it in v. 21.
Some fell in rocky places (5-6).
Soil wasn't
for long term growth.
Some seed fell on the thorns (v. 7).
Thorns out the new plants.
Matthew 13:23
Seed in good soil produced a huge
.....
What made it good soil?
.....
Precipitation
It has been
..... is the evangelism step most often
missed.
Ploughing takes more these days.
What type of am I?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

October 5-November 9; Pack The Pulpit
Help MKids “Pack the Pulpit!” Our ThanksGiving tree 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, November 2: bring pie crust mix and canned fruit pie filling.**

Noon-2:00 pm; Front Lawn; Fall Festival
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. Scan the QR code below to attend.

New - November 2; 12:00 pm; Oak View Room Starting Point; Open to new members and current members. Find out more about Memorial, our missions, ministries, and how you can be a part. Contact: **Wayne Roberts**

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
Speaker: **David Fang**; Contact: **Andrew LaMore**

November 15-16 The Talk - Pursuing Sacred Sexuality; An Ultimate Escape Weekend; Guest speaker: Steve Holladay
Saturday; 9:00-11:00 am; (adults only)
Current Issues in Sexuality
Sunday; 9:30 am; (5th-12th graders; parents welcome)
Theology of Sexuality
Sunday; 12:00-1:30 pm; (parents only)
Talking to Children About Sexuality
RSVP via QR code below. Contact: **Mike Avery**

JANUARY

New - January 23-25; San Luis Resort 2026 Memorial Marriage Retreat
Registration opens for members November 2.
Registration opens for non-members November 16.
Contact: **Justin/Krislyn Vickrey**

New - January 30-February 1; Trinity Pines Men’s Advance; \$100/man; Meals & snacks included.
Contact: **Jeremy Sprott**

 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, November 2: bring pie crust mix and canned fruit pie filling.

New - November 7; 9:30-11:30 am Indoor Playground; Mochas with Moms
Bring your kids to play and we’ll bring the coffee!

New - November 9; following 2nd Service Oak View Room; Eat + Serve
Join us for a family service project where we’ll decorate and assemble Thanksgiving meal bags for needy families. Our goal is to assemble 50 bags. Lunch is provided. RSVP at the QR code below.



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.

New - October 29; 7:00-7:30 pm Small Group Costume Contest

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; 4:30-7:00 pm Youth (7th-12th) Friendsgiving
Home of **Adley Bell**

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

Tonight - 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 **Lamonte Miller & Jimmy Porras** who were baptized at Ramsey Unit October 19!

Congratulations

Quinton Daniel Beard was born October 19, weighing 9 lbs., 8 oz., and measuring 22 1/4 in. Congratulations to proud parents, **Joel & Erica**, and siblings, **Jana, Avery, Zady, & Gideon!**

Prayer Requests

Roger Autrey, father of **Andra Lahr**, has been diagnosed with brain cancer and is on hospice.

Philip Bailey received news that his cancer has returned.

Katlyn Flowers is struggling with a severe knee issue and may be having surgery soon.

Billy Fore, father of **Bron Fore**, has been placed on hospice.

Gary Garner, brother of **Steve Garner**, has been diagnosed with cancer. Gary also struggles with dementia and lives in the same facility as **Joy**, his mother and former member.

Martha McGinty has recently been hospitalized but hoped to return home last week.

Arthur & Tina Williams request prayers for upcoming travel.

Sympathy

James Earl Cook, husband of **Winona Cook**, member of Fifth Ward, passed away October 12. Winona requests our prayers as she grieves her loss, and we certainly extend our sympathy.

Carol Midkiff Dunn, mother of **Andy Midkiff**, passed away October 19. Our deep sympathy is extended to **Andy, Morgan, Eli, Clara**, and all of Carol’s family & friends.

Jim Smelley, son of **David Smelley**, passed away October 21 after a battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held *this Tuesday, October 28 at 10:00 am* in our Chapel. We express our deep sympathy to David and all of Jim’s family & friends.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 2!
Be sure to “fall back” so you arrive at the correct time.

THANK YOU

We extend our appreciation to **Al & Yidara Wolf**, along with their team and many other volunteers, for all of the work they put into planning & running the annual Impact Carnival! We know the children of Impact appreciate it each year.

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**

It's
ThanksGiving
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 26

Velveeta Mac & Cheese
(with cheese sauce)

Next Sunday

November 2

Pie Crust Mix
Canned Fruit Pie Filling

Donated items can be placed at our
ThanksGiving Tree in the auditorium.

Note: Please no perishables.

New - STOCK DONATION NOTE

Please note that when donating stock to the church, you must notify Donna (finance@mcoc.org) so that she knows where to include it and also so that she can send a letter for a tax donation. Occasionally, a donation is received that is unable to be traced back to an individual. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION

10/19/25 Offering - \$85,024
Weekly Budget - \$62,453
YTD Budget Deficit - **(\$346,209)**
Kids’ 10/19 Contribution - \$261.70



TO GIVE

ATTENDANCE - 10/19/25

8:20 AM: 221 10:30 AM: 560
AM Total: 781 6:00 PM: no count

2025 BAPTISMS - 40

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