# 8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: We Praise Thee O God
Welcome
Song: Everlasting God
Song: Holy Forever
Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7 Justin Vickrey/Richard Ramharack
Prayer:Marshall Hughes/Bradley Lowry
Song: Lamb Of God
Song: Yet Not I But Christ Through Me
Communion/Contribution:Caleb Robinson/Rey Castaneda
Song: The Joy Of The Lord
Sermon: "A Walk In The Orchard, Cultivating a Spirit-Fed Life:
Gentleness " Mike Avery
Song: Softly And Tenderly
Shepherd's Prayer:Daron Cathey
Song: Hymn Of Heaven
Constructions Mott Hoffer sistery/Turken Hondian

Song Leaders: Matt Hoffmeister/Tucker Harding

#### A WALK IN THE ORCHARD

Cultivating	a Spirit-Fed	Life, Gentleness
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Gentleness - G	alatians 5:22-23
Gentleness is	yet powerful.
	gentleness.
	rd humanity reached
0	He willingly laid down His
	r salvation.
Luke 19:1-10 - Jesus calls	Zacchaeus by
	us shows unmerited favor.
	ss. Jesus brings salvation.
	others to Jesus.
	Proverbs 15:1
	- Acts 18:24-26;
	ans 4:5-6
gentle with the	
	w 25:40
gentle in	Luke 23:34
	ng gentleness to others, it i
likely that we have not exp	perienced the gentleness of
God in our own live	s." - Shawn Freeman
Gentleness is not a	to others but
	to God's love.
	to all?
	ess, how will others
	the love of Christ
throug	gh me?

## 6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing Welcome
Song: We Shall Assemble
Song: On Zion's Glorious Summit
Prayer:Bert Leach
Song: Magnificat
Sermon: "The Gals From Galilee"Wayne Roberts
Song: Paradise Valley
Prayer:
Song: All To Us

Song Leader: Rob Merchant

#### **LESSON NOTES**


# Love, Lead, Live, Jesus,

Ministry Staff							r <b>Spurlock</b> t Intern	<b>Laura Norwood</b> Elementary	
	<b>Spence</b> Prescho	e <b>r Prather</b> Dol	<b>Jack Prather</b> Technology	Wayne Robe Connection	erts	<b>Jessica F</b> Friendsh	<b>Fuller</b> hip School	<b>Lindsey Hawkins</b> Counseling Center	
Family Shephe	erds	Philip Bailey	Bill Burdette	Daron Cathey	Frank	Devine	Jerry Gerlich	Greg Hughes	

Tom Messick Terry Montgomery Alan Pence Robby Robinson, Jr. Craig Schuster Chris Shanks

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#### LET'S SERVE TOGETHER

During my time at Abilene Christian University, I visited a few churches and decided to place membership at one that I felt was a good fit for me. Back then, I responded publicly to the invitation song and asked to be added as a member. I was welcomed, immediately introduced to the congregation and then an elder prayed for me.

This was standard practice in Churches of Christ at the dawn of the millennium. However, what happened next was a little surprising to me. As soon as the prayer was over, I was escorted back to a welcome area in the foyer where I completed an involvement form, had my picture taken, and then my form was immediately reviewed. As soon as they saw I wanted to volunteer in the youth ministry, they led me to meet the youth minister, and he had me serving as a volunteer with the junior high group that Wednesday night.

Things have changed since then with the required background checks, safety training, and reference checks, but what surprised me was how quickly I was put to work alongside my fellow Christians. Jesus had volunteers in His ministry too. He specifically picked twelve of them to equip and empower. They all did fairly well until that terrible night when Jesus was arrested. Jesus predicted they would all scatter, but Peter had vowed to stand with Jesus even unto death. Jesus predicted Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed and that is exactly what happened. Peter showed great remorse as he heard that bird, remembering the words Jesus had spoken about his denial. In John 21, we read the account of Jesus reinstating Peter. Jesus doesn't reprimand Peter or put him on probation. No, He calls Peter to feed His sheep and take care of His lambs. Jesus forgave Peter and put him to work.

Like Peter, we are all sinners. We come here to encounter Jesus our Lord and Savior, because He is our only hope of redemption. When we turn to Him, He calls us to be like Peter and feed His sheep and take care of His lambs. If you are a Christian here today, ask yourself how you are fulfilling Christ's call to serve. If you read through this bulletin, you will find ample opportunities to volunteer. We are always looking for willing servants to shine the light of Christ both here and in our community and we look forward to serving alongside each of you soon!

- Mike



Mike Avery Youth & Family Minister

### September 22, 2024

Upcoming: TODAY Starting Point

September 23 Memorial Moms Online Mentoring Meet-Up Kick-Off

September 25 Food Distribution

October 6 5th on 6th

October 9 Family Fellowship Meal

October 11-13 Father/Daughter Retreat

October 13 Blood Drive

October 19 Impact Carnival

October 27 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.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### TODAY

#### 12:30 pm; Oak View Room

**Starting Point** New members and current members who are interested in learning more about Memorial, our mission and ministries are invited to start here.

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### September 23; 7:00 pm; Oak View Room Memorial Moms Online Mentoring Meet-Up

Join us IN-PERSON as we kick-off a session of moms mentoring moms! Contact: Laurie Sawyer

#### September 25; 5:45 pm; Food Distribution Valencia Apartments; Serve your community and share the love of Jesus. All ages welcome to help. Contact: Melissa Ramon

## **OCTOBER**

#### October 6; 6:00 pm; 5th Ward Church of Christ 5th On 6th There will be no evening service as we will be meeting at 5th Ward. Dinner to follow. Transportation will not be offered from Memorial.

 New! October 9; 6:00 pm; Family Center Family Fellowship Meal; RSVP requested.

October 11-13; Frontier Camp; Memorial Dads Father/Daughter Retreat; "Staying Connected" Open to dads & daughters ages 7-18. Scan QR code for more info & to register

by 9/22! Cost:\$100/pair. Contact: Nick Smith

#### October 13; 8:00 am-12:00 pm; Family Center Blood Drive Contact: Daniel Allen

October 27; 11:30 am; Oak View Room; Young At Heart Potluck Lunch 'n' Learn; Speaker: James Faulkner, discussing his new book, "Rescuing Butterflies." Contact: Andrew LaMore

#### October 27; Noon-2:00 pm; Front Lawn

Fall Festival Come in costumes for food, games, petting zoo, and more! Contact: R. Friday/C. Poteet

## **GET THEM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!**

# Wear and share our mission.



Love.Lead.Live. T-Shirts **ORDER YOURS HERE.** 

If you purchased a shirt online you can pick those up at the lobby table.



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

New Date! October 11; 9:30 am; Indoor Playground; Mochas with Moms Bring your kids to play and we'll bring the coffee!

**New! October 25; 10:00 am-3:00 pm Oil Ranch;** 23501 Madedonia Rd. Hockley 77447: \$12/person (kids 2 and Hockley 77447; \$12/person (kids 2 and • under are free.) Scan QR code to purchase tickets by October 18!

#### • New! October 30; 5:00-7:00 pm **Preschool Movie In The Pews** Hotel Transylvania

• Open to ages 2-4th grade - pack a dinner for your child. We will take them to class after the movie. Preschool Class Costume Party will follow!



BIBLE CLASSES Sun. - 9:30 a.m. Wed. - 7:00 pm Small Groups; Every Wednesday night; 7:00 pm Open to grades 7-12!

Please send us your extracurricular activities! The Youth Ministry staff would love to come support all of you!

**TONIGHT!** Bridge Devo Home of Justin & Sarah Lacey

October 1; 7:00-8:30 pm; 8th-12th Girls Bible Study; Panera Bread, 25546 Kingsland Blvd., Katy 77494; Contact: Quincey Spurlock

#### MARK YOUR SUMMER 2025 CALENDARS!

Mission Houston - June 9-12 (completed 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>) Trek - June 15-21 (completed 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Bandina - June 29-July 5 (completed 5th-12th) MCOC VBX - July 13-16 (completed 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) Impact VBS - July 20-24 (completed 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)



FOCAS **College Age Singles** Sundays - Family Center 309 Single Adults (20's/30's) Sundays - Room 211/212

September 29; 6:00 pm; home of Bert & Manya Leach; Combined FOCAS Life Group Dinner and Devo

Contacts: April Burdette/Brittany Spurlock

# **FAMILY NEWS**

Need something included in the bulletin? Email jshanks@mcoc.org by Wednesdays at noon.

#### **WELCOME**

We are thrilled to have these families worshiping with us here at Memorial!

- Eddie, Ally, & Emmy Garay
- Roger & Annabelle Bennett

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Gary Bryson, father of Elizabeth Miller, has retuned to the hospital. Continued prayers are requested.

Ella Kasinger, teen daughter of Josh & Whitney, known by several from Memorial, continues to need prayers as she battles cancer in Little Rock, AR.

RJ London, 4 year old friend of Tucker & Emily Harding, has had a relapse of cancer. Prayers are requested for RJ, and his parents, Richie & Ebony.

**Connie McKaskle** is improving at home after spending a few days in the hospital.

Eiza Nova Smith, newborn granddaughter of Carol Smith, has undergone several surgeries in the past week since birth. Specific requests include progressing towards good heart flow, eating, and comfort level once she comes out of sedation, as well as prayers for the rest of her family.

Lauri Warren was admitted to the VA Hospital last week and was scheduled for a coronary ablation Tuesday.

**New! COMMUNITY CORNER** Are you looking for community? This past week at our Connect 101 event, we formed five small groups that will begin meeting in different areas of Houston on Sunday nights. If you are interested in joining a small group in your area or joining other types of community groups here at Memorial, contact Mike Avery - mavery@mcoc.org.

**New! PLEASE NOTE** Additional parking is available across the street to the north, in the parking lot next to the sports field. This will leave more available spaces for our quests and those who need to park closer.









\*Note: No PM service at Memorial on 10/6

Memorial Dads Forther & Doughter Retreat

# October 11-13

For fathers and their daughters (Age 7-18)



Use QR code for more info and to register. Registration deadline - Sunday, September 29

# **FAMILY RECORDS**

#### CONTRIBUTION

9/15/24 Offering - \$51,161 Weekly Budget - \$62,503 YTD Budget Deficit - (\$163,250) Kids' Contribution - \$105.28



**ATTENDANCE - 9/15/24** 8:20 am - 209 10:30 am - 525 AM Total - 734 6:00 pm - 108

**2024 BAPTISMS** - 26

**Prayer Requests** Public - jshanks@mcoc.org

Private - prayer@mcoc.org





