

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Magnificat .....  
Song: Taste And See .....  
Welcome  
Song: To God Be The Glory .....  
Song: God Of Wonders .....  
Scripture: Isaiah 40:12-17 .....Owen Simmons/Marshall Hughes  
Prayer: .....Jake Dyniewski/Chad Hough  
Song: Gratitude .....  
Communion/Contribution: .. Kendrick McCleskey/Luis Vargas  
Song: Victory In Jesus .....  
Sermon: "God The Creator" ..... David Duncan  
Song: Shout To The Lord .....  
Shepherd's Prayer: ..... Craig Schuster  
Song: Living Hope .....  
Song Leader: Matt Hoffmeister/Tucker Harding

SERMON NOTES

GOD THE CREATOR

Genesis 1:1  
In the beginning, God was .....  
Genesis= .....  
World  
..... - plants, animals & humans  
Relationships - between humans & humans and God  
.....  
.....  
God created the heavens & earth and He determined  
.....  
We should learn the things that are  
..... to God.  
Romans 1:26-32  
Galatians 5:19-21  
Be careful before we get ..... ...  
Romans 2:1-3  
What does ..... want?  
Galatians 5:22-23  
He also .....  
Ephesians 6:13  
1 John 4:7  
Matthew 5:43-44  
We can .....  
1 Corinthians 6:9-11  
God is our only .....  
Will I worship Him?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: O To Be Like Thee .....  
Song: There Is A Redeemer .....  
Welcome  
Prayer: ..... Jeremy Hardegree  
Song: Lord, I Lift Your Name On High .....  
Song: There's A Stirring .....  
John 1:29-34  
Song: Goodness Of God .....  
Sermon: "God Is With Us" ..... David Duncan  
Song: Jesus Is Tenderly Calling .....  
Prayer: ..... Tim Blythe  
Song: I Will Wait For You .....  
Song Leader: Craig Schuster

GOD IS WITH US

Thoughts From Matthew's Gospel

Matthew 11:1-6  
"Don't just take my word for it."  
He wanted John to be .....  
so he could withstand the .....  
of the court.  
Why would Jesus have grace on John's questions?  
They have a .....  
He considered John's ..... state.  
Matthew 11:7-15  
Matthew 10:19-22  
Jesus seems to feel the pain of John's eminent  
.....  
Made sure the crowd knew he was  
..... about in the  
Old Testament.  
..... is Elijah!  
This means Jesus is the .....!  
Matthew 11:20-24  
Why would Jesus speak condemning words?  
John was about to ..... his life and Jesus was  
about to ..... His.  
Some people refused to change and others were  
.....  
What would Jesus ..... to me?

Love. Lead. Live. Jesus.

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David Duncan Preaching	Mike Avery Youth & Family	Shawn Freeman Youth & Bridge	Quincey Spurlock Bridge + Girls' Youth	Laura Norwood Elementary
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Memorial Church of Christ  
Welcome



GODLY LAMENT

It was September 11th when I saw that it was my turn to write the bulletin article. It was also a day after Charlie Kirk was assassinated and several days after Irina Zarutka was senselessly killed on a train and the Annunciation Catholic Church shooting killed two children. Without a doubt, my heart was and still is deeply wounded at all the meaningless violence and loss of life, whether it be almost 3,000 people over 20 years ago or the gratuitous violence against individuals in recent days. It has been an almost overwhelming few days of feeling loss, chaos, and lament in my heart. And it is more than ok that I feel those things.

Lament is something the modern church has lost sight of. We have forgotten that lament, when taken to God, is simply a prayer of pain. It is taking our sorrow and suffering and offering it up to the Lord as a true sacrifice. When we bring our broken hearts to the Lord, we sacrifice our pride, acknowledging that we cannot keep up with even the illusion that we are in control of our situation or our agony.

We are all made in the Image of God, and God himself does not shy away from lament. In Isaiah 1 and Hosea 11, the Lord laments the wickedness that has spread over the land of Israel. However, God does not just mourn those who choose to turn away from Him; He also mourns the pain, anguish, and even death of His children as inflicted upon them by others.

When God came to earth in the form of Christ, we see the Lord sob over Lazarus, His lost friend. When facing His own imminent death, Jesus retreated to Gethsemane to pray and ask for deliverance. Even on the cross, Christ cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And God Himself rent the Temple curtain, just as one would rend their garments, to show extreme grief and sorrow at the loss of His son.

It is important to remember that lament is not just human, but it is biblical. Furthermore, it is godly. When we follow Christ's command in Matthew 11:28-29 to go to the Lord with our sorrows, we are following in the footsteps of Christ himself, who lamented at suffering and loss. May we all seek out God in our darkest moments, so that we can continue to be the light in the darkest corners of the world.

- Spencer



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September 21, 2025

- Upcoming:**  
**TODAY**  
Women's Connection  
Ministry Brainstorming  
Meeting  
**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

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**Guests:**  
We are so glad that  
you are here.  
We'd love to stay in  
touch with you.  
Check in here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

12:00 pm; Family Center  
**Women’s Connection Ministry Brainstorming Meeting;** A lite-bite lunch will be provided.  
Contact: **Tami Roberts**

SEPTEMBER

**September 28; 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 in your area or needs. Group types include men’s groups, women’s groups, Sunday evening family groups, Bible study groups, prayer groups, & activity groups.  
Contact: **Mike Avery**

OCTOBER

**New - October 5-November 9; Pack The Pulpit**  
Help us “Pack the Pulpit!” Our ThanksGiving tree is now in the auditorium. This will be the donation spot for food items that will be used by our MKids for Thanksgiving bags to be given to needy families. We will assemble these bags during our annual Eat + Serve family service project. Food collection will be from October 5-November 9. Watch for more information coming next week! 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) **Note:** Only one son per father should attend as it emphasizes focused one-on-one time. Scan QR code below to register by September 28. 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 guests 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! Volunteers needed! Scan the QR code below to volunteer! Contact: **Rebecca Friday/Caroline Poteet**

 **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**  
**New -** 1st Service needs additional volunteers for Toddler Time & Bible Hour! Contact **Spencer** to volunteer.

**September 24; 5:00 pm; Family Center Family Game Night with Bridge/Youth**  
**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 - Bridge (5th-6th) Devo**  
**September 24; 5:00 pm; Family Center Family Game Night with MKids**  
**New - September 28; 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**

**Give Love. Give Blood.**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**8am-noon**

**Memorial Family Center**

*Your donation shows you care.*

Scan to make your appointment



**FOCAS**  
**College Age Singles**  
**Sundays - Family Center 309**  
**Single Adults (20's/30's)**  
**Sundays - Room 211/212**  
**September 28; 6:00 pm; home of Tom & Lori Messick; Combined Devo**  
**October 11; 7:00 pm; Exit Lab Houston Escape Room**  
**October 28; 6:00 pm; home of the Spurlocks; Combined Devo**  
**November 8; 5:00-9:00 pm; Oak View Room/Chapel; Area-Wide Singles Get Together**

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 **Caitlyn English** who was baptized Sept. 15!

**Welcome**  
We are happy to have these individuals worshiping & serving with us!  
• **Latoya Mitchell**, and her son, **Chaise**  
• **Christian Moore**

**Prayer Requests**  
**Taylor Conaway** is scheduled for a cardiac ablation at Vanderbilt on September 22.

**Trevor Deines** had successful surgery and is meeting with doctors this week to discuss further treatments.

**Randall Jackson** is undergoing tests and meeting with doctors as he struggles following hospitalization.

**Jim Railey** has improved and is planning to move to rehab to regain his strength & full mobility.


**Ledger Robertson** is scheduled for an important MRI on September 22.


**Jacinda Shanks** is scheduled for surgery on September 26.


**Relocating**  
**Pam McCollough** has moved to Alabama after several years with us at Memorial. We will miss her greatly!

**Prayer Requests**  
Public - [jshanks@mcoc.org](mailto:jshanks@mcoc.org) / Private - [prayer@mcoc.org](mailto:prayer@mcoc.org)

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

 **New - October 17; 6:00 pm; Family Center 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. (home of Carl Greer) Scan QR code 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**

**Ukrainian Diaper Ministry**  
We are in need of **diapers, sizes 4, 6, & 5-6T pull-ups and wipes.** 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**

**Father & son**

RETREAT

**October 10-12**

Frontier Camp | Crockett, TX

Scan for info/to register.  
**Deadline September 29.**





**MEMORIAL'S FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**NOON-2PM**

EVERYONE INVITED ■ **KIDS OF ALL AGES**




**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](mailto:brooke@mcoc.org)

**FAMILY RECORDS**

**CONTRIBUTION**  
9/14/25 Offering - \$48,142  
Weekly Budget - \$62,453  
YTD Budget Deficit - **(\$430,228)**  
Kids' 9/14 Contribution - \$209.15

 **TO GIVE**

**ATTENDANCE - 9/7/25**  
8:20 AM: 239    10:30 AM: 521  
AM Total: 760    6:00 PM: 101

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