

8:20 & 10:30 SERVICES

Song Leader: Craig Schuster

Song: Hosanna .....  
Welcome  
Song: Days Of Elijah .....  
Song: On Zion’s Glorious Summit .....  
Prayer ..... J.Yeldell/J. Fuller  
Song: Jesus Only Jesus .....  
Communion & Contribution: ..... C. Hamby/T. Bonnett  
Song: Amazing Grace .....  
Scripture: Revelation 1:12-18 ..... B. Martin/M. Hughes  
Song: Living Hope .....  
Sermon: “Pivot Like Your Hair’s On Fire” .....Larry Phillips  
Song: He Is Lord .....  
Shepherd’s Prayer: ..... Frank Devine  
Song: The Great Redeemer.....

*Our 6:00 Service  
will not meet this evening.  
Please see inside the bulletin  
for a full Holiday Bible Class  
& Worship Schedule.*

“PIVOT LIKE YOUR HAIR’S ON FIRE”

8:20 & 10:30 AM Services - Larry Phillips

Pivot - turn or \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus pivoted frequently.

On earth, He pivoted, at least, at the \_\_\_\_\_, at the tomb, and ascending to \_\_\_\_\_.

What’s on your mind? Memories, \_\_\_\_\_, New Year’s resolutions, goals, \_\_\_\_\_, COVID 19, \_\_\_\_\_, your job, you’re hunting for a job, your \_\_\_\_\_, or perhaps, your \_\_\_\_\_?

Without being pious, is \_\_\_\_\_ on your mind?

So, #1, Pivot your mind and heart to see King Jesus on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

#2, Pivot your mind and heart to see King Jesus among the Churches. He is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the churches.

#3, Pivot your mind and heart to see King Jesus as “One Like a Son of Man.”

The title “Son of Man” was Jesus’ favorite \_\_\_\_\_ for himself.

#4, Pivot your mind and heart to see King Jesus dressed as a King and High Priest.

This priest gave his own \_\_\_\_\_ once for all.

#5, Pivot your mind and heart to see King Jesus wise and majestic.

His head and hair were white \_\_\_\_\_ wool and a \_\_\_\_\_ coming out of his mouth.

#6, Pivot your mind and heart to see King Jesus exploding with uncompromised clarity. His eyes were “like a \_\_\_\_\_ of fire.”

Our question this morning, for you, and for me:

Is King Jesus on My Mind?

FAMILY SHEPHERDS

CHAIRMAN (October-December)  
Greg Hughes; 832.453.9625

Shepherds are distributed among the family by last name as seen below in parentheses.

Philip Bailey (A-Bi)	Frank Devine (Da-Ga)	Greg Hughes (Hu-Li)	Terry Montgomery (Ne-Ri)	Robby Robinson, Jr. (Sq-Zr)
Aaron Deister (Bl-Cu)	Jerry Gerlich (Ge-Ho)	Tom Messick (Lo-Mu)	Alan Pence (Ro-Sp)	



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Larry D. Phillips  
Congregational Care  
& Outreach Minister

Close the Gate!

Philippians 3:13-14, “...but one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

2020 is almost history. And as much as we want to say goodbye, good riddance and “don’t cha come back no more no more,” in the first few days of 2021, we will still write down or type in 2020 on our correspondence. You see, 2021 is just an extension of 2020...as was 2020 to 2019, 2019 to 2018, etc. Time goes on with man-made marks to separate hours, days, and years.

I am a city boy. Houston born, in St. Joseph Hospital, and Houston raised at the corner of Hwy 59 and Jenson Drive. However, I spent a lot of time with my cousins, on their farms, off Treaschwig Rd, in Spring, TX.

One of the cardinal rules, on the farm, due to animals being fenced in was, Shut the Gate! I have used that mandate many times in my life...long before I knew about the Philippians 3 passage. Paul is telling us to shut the gate. Because when we shut it, we can forget about the things behind us. This, in turn, will allow us to focus on where we’re headed.

I do not know what’s behind the gates you need to shut...but shut them out!

Shut out yesterday’s failure and let God’s forgiveness and your forgetfulness take over. When God forgives you and you let it go, you can face the future. Consider this, since God gave us His son to give us the ability and right to forgive ourselves, do it and again I repeat...shut the gate and press on!

Happy New Year and Blessings...Larry D. and Lou Ann Phillips



# UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP & BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

### TODAY

Worship at 8:20 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes will not meet.  
We will not meet at 6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Bible Classes will not meet.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Worship at 8:20 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes will not meet except for FOCAS.  
We will not meet at 6:00 p.m.



## WEEKLY ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES

For all of these Bible Studies, check your email for log-in information or email [lphillips@mcoc.org](mailto:lphillips@mcoc.org).

### TUESDAYS

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS - 10:00 AM** (NO CLASS 12/29)

Contact: Ruth Anne - [racasci@gmail.com](mailto:racasci@gmail.com).

**MEN'S BIBLE CLASS - 11:00 AM**

**BIBLE CLASS FOR ALL - 2:00 PM**

**BIBLE CLASS FOR ALL (GALATIANS) - 7:00 PM** (NO CLASS 12/29)

### WEDNESDAYS

**BIBLE CLASS FOR ALL - 3:00 PM**

**BIBLE CLASS FOR ALL - 7:00 PM** (NO CLASS 12/30)

### THURSDAYS

**BIBLE CLASS FOR ALL - 7:00 PM** (NO CLASS 12/31)

## FORGOTTEN SINNERS

**EACH THURSDAY; 6:00-8:00 PM**

**INCLUDING NEW YEARS EVE**

## IN-PERSON SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

### RESUMING JANUARY 10

Family Ties: Justin & Gabriel - Room 302FC

FOCAS Class: Room 211/212

Honeymooners: Skip Wagner - Room 213

Kirk Castleman: Room 220 (Zoom available)

Disciples: Benton Baugh - Room 141

All Youth: FC308

Bridge: FC304

Children's Sunday classes will resume.

**\*Volunteers NEEDED\***  
**See QR code below!**

### APRIL 16-18 - NEW DATE!

**MCOC DAD/DAUGHTER RETREAT**

Frontier Camp near Grapeland, TX

More info coming; Contact person: Jeremy Sprott



2021  
Daily Bible  
Reading Plan

Watch your  
email for more  
information!

# FAMILY NEWS

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Joe Burton** - father of **Jennifer Baxter**, entering the care of hospice.  
He is greatly encouraged by cards. Please call the office for an address.

**Abbie Coan** - frequent visitor, severe pain.

**Melinda Hisey** - mother of **Angela Conaway**, awaiting biopsy results.

**Wayne Humphrey**, brother of **Gene Humphrey**, his wife **Sally**,  
3 of their daughters, and 1 of their grandsons, all recovered from Covid.

**Blake McKaskle** - heart procedure was scheduled for December 22.

**Pete McKinney** - improving, off pain meds, returning to soft table foods.

**Tyler & Caroline Poteet** - recovering from Covid at home.

**Christina Riggins** - received a great report from her doctor - they are amazed at  
her significant improvement; no new growth & decreased lymph nodes!

**Gary & Cindy Rodgers** - **Don Trevena's** cousins and Don's nephew,  
**Kirk Trevena** all experiencing health issues.

**Lumen & Jenny Roley** - requests prayers for daughter, **Lila**, spinal surgery  
scheduled for January 26.

**Cameron Smith** - husband of former member, **Suzie Bryant Smith**,  
stage 4 brain cancer.

**Kathi Thompson** - sister in law of **Robin & Marihelen Thompson**,  
in quarantine after Covid exposure.

**Ray Thompson** - consultation with MD Anderson colon cancer specialist

**Rose Todd** - friend of **Charris Powers** & Christian sister from Belfort congregation,  
Covid with other health concerns.

**Vizzy Vizina** - stroke, in Memorial Hermann Medical Center.

## SYMPATHY

**Syble Womack** - 101 year old grandmother of **Justin Lacey**, passed away from Covid December 17.

A service was held December 21. Justin, Sarah, and the girls were able to travel to be with their family for the service.

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

**Rigo Arguera, Bobby Ballard**, grandfather of **Adrienne Rawlings**, **Roy Barnes**, **Judy & Philip Belanger**, **John Black**,  
**Justin Chisum & family**, friend of former member **Valerie Long**, **Diane Clair**, **Denise Dorriety**, **Carl & Billie Greer**,  
**Joe Guidry** - father of **Jill Biernat**, **Frank & Ann Harbin Sr**, father & mother of **Lori Messick**, **Margaret Heitman**,  
**Paul Hendrickson**, **Chris Huff**, **Shannan Humphrey**, **Deanna & Mark Lambert**, **Randy Lepard**, **Dot Miller**, **Robert & Jane Miranda**,  
**Diann Milstead**, **Shannon Moomey**, **Gene Robinson**, **John & Garnetta Robinson**, **Edward Ware**, **David Warren**, **Mitch Wilburn**,  
Those dealing with or recovering from Covid, Leaders of our country, Our local police officers & fire fighters, Police Officers -  
**Scott Warren**, **Justin Powell**, son-in-law of **Scott and Mindy Warren**, **Ray Roberson**, **Roland Cisneros**, **Tyler Poteet**, **Vernon**  
**and Elliot**, those who serve during our services, Fire Fighter - **Nick LaMott** (Arson Investigator)

*A Note From  
The Finance Office*

Remember Memorial when you  
are making your year-end  
charitable contributions.

You can give to the general fund  
and to *Generous for Generations*  
at [mcoc.org](http://mcoc.org) or on the Elexio app  
at any time, even when you are  
traveling for the holidays.

Checks put in the contribution  
plate are considered to be  
received on the date given,  
regardless of the date on the  
check. Checks mailed to the  
church office are considered  
given on the date of the  
postmark. Postdated checks  
mailed & postmarked in 2020 will  
be considered given in 2020.

Online giving, including donations  
to the *Generous for Generations*  
campaign, is available at  
[mcoc.org](http://mcoc.org).

# JOURNEYLAND, BRIDGE, YOUTH & FOCAS NEWS

## JOURNEYLAND

**NO BIBLE HOUR TODAY & 1/3.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**

**Class will not meet 12/30.**



**JANUARY 10:** Sunday classes will resume!

**HAVE YOU SIGNED  
UP TO TEACH?**



## NURSERY (BABIES/NON-MOBILE)

One parent must stay with child; available at anytime during worship.

## BUSY ROOMS (MOBILE TODDLERS)

Located in the preschool hallway and available at any time  
during worship. Worship will be streamed to the room.

## BIBLE HOUR (2 YEARS-PRESCHOOL)

If you are signed up, please join us in the Bible Hour room when dismissed.  
Check the weekly email for volunteer opportunities!

**Not meeting TODAY & 1/3.**

## YOUTH & BRIDGE

**JANUARY 10; 9:30 AM**

**All Youth (FC 308) & BRIDGE (FC 304) Bible Class**

Masks required. Do not attend if you are feeling sick or have been  
in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

**Classes will not meet TODAY & 1/3.**

**DECEMBER 30**

**Small Group & Bridge Class will not meet.**



## FOCAS

**JANUARY 3; 9:30 AM**

**FOCAS In-Person Bible Class**

**Class will not meet TODAY.**

**Thursday Night Devo**

**We will not meet 12/31.**



*12/20 Family Records*

## CONTRIBUTION

**WILL BE REPORTED ON 1/3.**

**WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$57,544.

## 2020 BAPTISMS - 25

Local: 20 Prison Ministry: 5

## ATTENDANCE

8:20 AM: 143 10:30 AM: 182

**AM TOTAL:** 325

6:00 PM: 63

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