

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: I Sing The Mighty Power Of God .....  
Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives .....  
Song: Awesome God .....  
Welcome  
Prayer: ..... P. Akoto-Ampaw/L. Rodgers  
Song: In Need .....  
Communion: .....G. Silva/S. Allison  
Song: As The Deer Thirsts.....  
Communion: .....G. Silva/S. Allison  
Song: Create In Me.....  
Contribution:.....  
Scripture: Luke 1:39-45 .....K. Conaway/M. Hughes  
Song: He Lives .....  
Sermon: “A Mother To Learn From” .....D. Duncan  
Song: Living Hope.....  
Shepherd’s Prayer ..... Jerry Gerlich  
Song: Let God Arise.....  
Song Leader: Clayton Hamby/Tucker Harding

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Step By Step .....  
Welcome  
Song: Seek Ye First.....  
Song: The Heart Of Worship .....  
Prayer: .....S. Garner  
Song: Lord, I Give You My Heart.....  
Song: Listen To Our Hearts .....  
Sermon: “Glimpses Of God On TV: Jeopardy” ..... D. Duncan  
Song: Ring Out The Message .....  
Prayer: .....T. Blythe  
Song: Sing To The King.....  
Song Leader: Ben Bayles

“A MOTHER TO LEARN FROM”  
Sunday AM Notes  
Mary’s \_\_\_\_\_ started with  
great anticipation.  
Luke 2:16-19  
Luke 2:25-33  
Like all mothers, she didn’t  
always \_\_\_\_\_ her son.  
\_\_\_\_\_ at Cana (John 2)  
Jesus teaching disciples (Mark 3)  
She was \_\_\_\_\_ to God and her son.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ with Him when the world turned away.  
John 19:25  
Mary’s life was \_\_\_\_\_ but she kept the faith.  
Acts 1:14  
Mary is an \_\_\_\_\_ for all.  
Will I be \_\_\_\_\_?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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“GLIMPSES OF GOD ON TV: JEOPARDY”  
Sunday PM Notes  
The board has all the \_\_\_\_\_.  
The difficult part is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Growing churches have \_\_\_\_\_ to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ people are asking.  
What are people asking for help with?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Money  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peace  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Fulfillment  
Broadly, \_\_\_\_\_ can be the answer to all.  
John 10:10b  
The \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus gives will  
answer the other questions.  
John 8:34-36; Galatians 5:1  
We can find \_\_\_\_\_ peace.  
Philippians 4:6-7  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 8:26-28  
What is it?  
How can I think \_\_\_\_\_?

family shepherds

CHAIRMAN (April-June): Philip Bailey: 713.304.0011				
Philip Bailey Aaron Deister	Frank Devine Jerry Gerlich	Greg Hughes Tom Messick	Terry Montgomery Alan Pence	Robby Robinson, Jr.



I have a neurological condition called Myasthenia Gravis. In November of 2004, Brenda and I repatriated to Houston from overseas knowing I had a health problem. Weeks of continual medical tests, each followed by "nope, that's not it" wore us out. Finally, I was diagnosed with MG in April of 2005.

MG is usually an adolescent disease and usually is not severe. I'm an exception. I was a 52 year-old husband and father of three, with two still in college. So, in between hospital stays and plasma replacement campaigns, I had to work. We needed the income and benefits. We managed until 2015, when I could not work more than a few hours a day.

I've had two 9-day stays in ICU. I learned the value of having a medical advocate, in my case, Brenda. The hospitals have protocols which might allow leeway of two hours, whereas I individually might not have that much leeway. Everyone should experience French toast in puree' form, which came about because the hospital dietitian and Brenda speak the same medical language.

To minimize ICU days, I've undergone plasma pheresis in which 3-5 quarts of blood are pumped out, the plasma is stripped out, new plasma is added, and the blood and plasma plumped back in. I have enough scar tissue on my veins that they are hard to penetrate with an infusion needle. Brenda was my health care advocate every time. How did God intervene? My contract with ExxonMobil was supposed to run through 2002 but they kept finding things for me to do. In 2004, I finished the last assignment and was repatriated. Had another assignment manifested itself, I would not have been in Houston for a substantial number of medical people to substantially work me over for a diagnosis after months of trying.

I grew up a University of Alabama fan and fully expected to start there in the Fall of 1971. My father died in October of my senior year. Bama admitted me in October, but they never proffered financial aid, which left me in the lurch. In late April, I had a conversation with an Auburn junior who was working his way through on cooperative education. I applied to Auburn the next day. I was accepted, got their financial aid package the night I graduated, and started at AU 1971.

I met Brenda when she enrolled at Auburn in the fall of 1974. We met at the Auburn Christian Student Center and married in 1976. If I wouldn't have gone to Auburn, I wouldn't have met Brenda. No Brenda, no health care advocate. No repatriation at just the right month, no diagnosis. After years of "we were lucky," "no, no, you're not lucky, you're blessed," all I can figure out is "I surely am lucky God blessed me with Brenda."

Joel and Brenda married in 1976, moving to Houston for the first time a few months thereafter. They moved back to Houston for the final time in 2004 and placed membership at Memorial in 2005. Brenda says they have three children, Joel thinks it's six, but they concur on the 7 grandchildren. Pam McCollough is Brenda's sister, who has been a member at Memorial a few years longer than they have.



ministry staff

Mike Avery Youth & Family	Shawn Freeman Youth & Bridge	Steve Lehman Singles	Laura Norwood Elementary	Wayne Roberts Connection
David Duncan Preaching	Jessica Fuller Friendship School Director	Emma Messick Preschool	Larry D. Phillips Congregational Care	Jeremy Sprott, LPC Counseling Center Director

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

May 13-15  
**CHURCH-WIDE CAMPOUT;  
YOGI BEAR'S JELLYSTONE  
PARK; WALLER, TX**  
Contact: April Sprott

May 14; 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Constellation Field  
**PROJECT HOPE  
BREAKFAST**  
Benefitting Hope for Haiti's Children

May 14; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Upstairs Gathering Room  
**MCOC LADIES SEWING GROUP**  
Contact: Christie Eason/Amy LaMore

May 14; 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Jersey Village Church of Christ  
**DAY OF GOOD WORKS**  
Activities for kids, connect with the community, and more!

**SATURDAY, May 14**  
3:30-5:30 p.m.; Oak View Room  
**WEDDING SHOWER HONORING  
LOGAN JONES & GRACIE SHANKS**  
Registered at Amazon, Target, REI,  
Crate & Barrel, Anthropologie

MAY

May 15; 9:30 a.m.  
Upstairs Gathering Room  
**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Contact: Larry Phillips

May 15  
3:30-5:30 p.m.; Oak View Room  
**BABY BOY SHOWER HONORING  
GABRIEL & KALYN SILVA**  
Registered at Amazon & Target

May 19; 11:30 a.m.; Family Center  
**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH 'N LEARN**  
Contact: Amy LaMore

May 19; 6:30 p.m.; Oak View Room  
**"DRAW" NEAR TO GOD** Contact: Amber Aubrey

May 21; 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Family Center  
**MEMORIAL LADIES  
SPRING BRUNCH** Contact: Kalyn Silva

May 22; 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Oak View Room  
**WEDDING SHOWER HONORING  
ROB BLAKE & ANNA LATIMER**  
Registered at Amazon, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond

May 22; 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
**BLOOD DRIVE - Reserve!** →  
Contact: Daniel Allen

May 27; 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Bendwood Elementary School Park  
**SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY PLAY DATE!**  
Open to all! Inclusive playing, fellowship,  
& snacks Contact: Emily Ufer

JUNE

June 5; 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Oak View Room  
**NEW - WEDDING SHOWER  
HONORING CAYLEY RODRIGUE  
& ZACH GROWCOCK**  
Registered at Amazon, Target, Wal Mart

Beginning June 6  
**TEEN PROCESSING GROUP**  
The Memorial Christian Counseling  
Center is offering a series of counselor  
directed, interactive group therapy  
sessions especially designed to help  
teens "talk it out" as they work through  
any number of issues they may be facing.  
There will be six group sessions  
addressing struggles with stress, anxiety,  
grief, anger, bullying, self-esteem, and  
others.

The series is offered on  
**Mondays, beginning June 6 -18**  
from 11 am-Noon.

If you know teens who are struggling,  
who need some help coping, who  
need some listening ears, who need a  
support group, have them reach out.

For more information contact the  
counseling center

**IN NEED OF  
CHRISTIAN COUNSELING?**  
**MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN  
COUNSELING CENTER**  
**713.401.6192**  
**memorialchristiancounseling.com**

FAMILY NEWS

Have something you want included in the bulletin?  
Email jshanks@mcoc.org by noon on Wednesdays.

PRAISE

Nancy Mercer was baptized Saturday, April 30.  
We rejoice with you, Nancy!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joan Dale - continues to be in extreme pain.

Karen Enders - searching for employment; hopeful  
for an opportunity this month.

Joy Frye, daughter of Virginia Penninger - was scheduled  
for surgery last week.

John Norsworthy - recovering from successful surgery.

Lauri Warren - released from the hospital.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you Memorial Church for your prayers and  
support at this stressful time. Dorothy would have  
been very thankful for the outpouring of love for  
her family. It was a beautiful service and I am thankful  
for Larry and David for their extremely kind &  
thoughtfulness at this time. - **David Smelley and family**

How Can We Pray For You?

**Public Request** - jshanks@mcoc.org  
**Private Request** - elders@mcoc.org



WELCOME GUESTS

We are thrilled to have  
you with us and hope  
you'll decide to join us  
again. Please scan the  
QR code so we can get  
to know you better!



WiFi Info

**User:** Guest  
**Password:** mcoc1234

**WEEKLY REMINDER:**  
**Bible Classes for all ages**  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

**WEB:**  
MCOC.ORG (GIVING TAB)  
**ELEXIO COMMUNITY:**  
MEMBER APP  
**TEXT AMOUNT**  
TO 832.626.2410  
**BILL PAY:**  
THROUGH YOUR BANK  
**MAIL:**  
MCOC, 900 ECHO LANE  
HOUSTON 77024  
ATTN: DONNA



FAMILY RECORDS

**CONTRIBUTION: 5/1/22** - \$39,126  
2022 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$59,443  
YTD CONTRIBUTION: \$998,079  
YTD BUDGET: \$1,069,974  
**ATTENDANCE: 5/1/22**  
8:20: 253 10:30: 564 **AM TOTAL: 817**  
6:00 p.m.: 117  
**2022 BAPTISMS - 25 LOCAL: 15 RAMSEY UNIT: 10**

MEMORIAL KIDS, BRIDGE, YOUTH & FOCAS NEWS

MEMORIAL KIDS

**BIBLE CLASSES**  
**TODAY:** 9:30 a.m. **MAY 11:** 7:00 p.m.  
**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**  
Bible Class teachers are needed for the  
Summer Quarter beginning on May 22.  
Scan the QR Code to sign up to teach or  
help on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights.

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
May 20 - **End of School Event** - Kinder-4th grades are  
invited to join us at Altitude Trampoline Park for a night of  
FUN! For more info & to register, please scan the QR code.  
May 22 - **Promotion Sunday & 4 year old lunch**

**MEMORIAL KIDS CAMP**  
June 3-5 - Visit the QR code to register  
& for more info!

**VBS 2022 KINGDOM KIDS**  
July 18-20 - Visit the  
QR code to register your child.

YOUTH & BRIDGE

**BIBLE CLASSES** 9:30 a.m. Youth (Rm. FC302); Bridge (Rm. FC309)  
**MAY 11:** 7:00 p.m.; Youth Small Groups - Bridge: Rm. FC308  
**Bridge Welcome Lunch**  
May 15; 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Family Center  
Register at the QR code!

**NEW - Small Group & Bridge Celebration**  
May 18; 6:00 p.m. - Students, Volunteers,  
and families, join us as we celebrate!

**SUMMER IS COMING!**  
**Mission Houston** - June 6-9  
**Model City Mission** - New Iberia  
June 19-24  
**Camp Bandina** - July 3-9  
**MCOC VBS** - July 17-21  
Sign up for all  
summer events here!

Go to the activity page for more info!  
**May 14** - Picnic in the Park  
**May 20** - Astros vs Rangers