

## 8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: Standing On The Promises .....  
Song: Blessed Be Your Name .....  
Welcome

Song: Light The Fire .....  
Song: Shout To The Lord .....  
Prayer: .....M. Norwood/D. Shelton  
Song: Jesus, Name Above All Names .....  
Song: Before The Throne Of God Above .....  
Communion: ..... D. Cathey/S. Freeman  
Silent Meditation  
Song: Still .....  
Contribution: ..... D. Cathey/S. Freeman  
Scripture: ..... J. Robertson/S. Schuster  
Song: Living Hope .....  
Sermon: "Thoughts From The Thicket: Strong Promises" .....  
David Duncan  
Song: Mighty To Save .....  
Shepherd's Prayer .....Greg Hughes  
Song: Soldiers Of Christ Arise .....

*AM Song Leader: Tucker Harding*

### THOUGHTS FROM THE THICKET: STRONG PROMISES

*David Duncan - Sunday AM Notes*

Merrifield Bible  
We've probably all made .....  
to God in tough times.  
James 5:7-9  
Bad times can seem .....  
but be .....  
James 5:10-11  
God says, .....  
..... patiently.  
James 5:13-16  
Don't be rash, be .....  
God is looking for .....  
& faithfulness.  
God wants to be .....  
not .....  
Will I lean on .....?

## 6:00 PM SERVICE

Song O Worship The King .....  
Welcome

Song: He's My King .....  
Song: Hosanna .....  
Prayer: .....C. Reneau  
Song: A Wonderful Savior .....  
Song: Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing .....  
Song: Soldiers Of Christ Arise .....  
Sermon: "Lots Of Love For A Troubled Church" ..... David Duncan  
Song: Love Divine .....  
Prayer: .....B. Baugh  
Song: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing .....

*PM Song Leader: Rob Merchant*

### LOTS OF LOVE FOR A TROUBLED CHURCH

*David Duncan - Sunday PM Notes*

Paul wanted the church to be aware of .....  
Philippians 3:2-4b  
Jesus ..... more than me.  
Compared to knowing Christ, everything is .....  
Philippians 3:8-11  
Only ..... matters.  
A ..... Jesus is critical.  
A ..... Jesus is even more important.  
Paul had ..... Jesus for about 30 years.  
There was still so much to .....  
Philippians 3:12-14  
How can I better know Christ?  
..... the past and focus on the .....  
I keep .....  
Am I ..... to know Christ?

## family shepherds

CHAIRMAN (October-December): Jerry Gerlich: 340.277.2924

<b>Philip Bailey</b>	<b>Frank Devine</b>	<b>Greg Hughes</b>	<b>Terry Montgomery</b>	<b>Robby Robinson, Jr.</b>
<b>Aaron Deister</b>	<b>Jerry Gerlich</b>	<b>Tom Messick</b>	<b>Alan Pence</b>	



*Let's Go Astros!* Just chanting those three words brings excitement, memories, and a smile on every fan's face. After winning it all there was a parade, school was out (for some), and Chick-fil-A had the pleasure of giving away a sandwich! Easy stuff to strike up a conversation with just about anyone because it's the talk of the town!

Every Tuesday evening, for the past nine weeks, a group has been meeting with the intent of learning about themselves and how to bring Jesus into their conversations. Someone start the wave because this really was an exciting series. The class exercises included mapping your spiritual timeline, documenting your story and being able to articulate it in five minutes or less, and an insightful quiz about listening skills along with activities to develop that skill. By the way, how are your listening skills?! We spent time talking about Jesus, ways to share the story of Jesus, along with many other lessons.

Here are three questions and feedback from a survey we handed out during the first meeting

1) *What do you hope to learn?*

"Not to be timid...fearless."

"Ways to approach atheists, and the anti folks."

"How to use my knowledge of the Bible to help others."

"Share my faith better"

2) *On a scale of 1 to 10, how comfortable are you sharing your faith/testimony with others?*

Answers varied from 3-7.

Where are you on this scale? .....

3) *Many EQUIP members join with specific people in their lives in mind that they want to reach out to. Who is someone close to you who needs Jesus?*

Responses included family members, childhood friend, colleague, praying about it, and specific names.

Who is someone close to you who needs Jesus? .....

This is just a snapshot of the series. The intent of EQUIP is to give you tools you can use to confidently share Jesus with others. Jesus is who we should strive to emulate and be excited to talk about. Let's make the lifesaving message of Jesus the talk of the town by what we do and what we say!

*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7*

## 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



**Steve Lehman**  
College & Singles Minister

## staff

<b>Mike Avery</b> Youth & Family	<b>Shawn Freeman</b> Youth & Bridge	<b>Laura Norwood</b> Elementary	<b>Spencer Prather</b> Preschool	<b>Jessica Fuller</b> Friendship School Director
<b>David Duncan</b> Preaching	<b>Steve Lehman</b> College and Singles	<b>Larry D. Phillips</b> Congregational Care	<b>Wayne Roberts</b> Connection	<b>Lindsey Hawkins, PhD, LMFT</b> Counseling Center Director



UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS


TODAY!

**NEW! IMPACT COAT DRIVE - donate by Dec. 4!**  
Please bring coats & sweaters to donate to Impact - they do not have to be new! There will be a box behind the Welcome Desk.  
Contact: Nancy Habermacher - nancy.hab8@gmail.com

**MARRIAGE RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN!**  
See January events for registration code for members & non-members!

**9:30 a.m.; Upstairs Gathering Room**  
**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**  
Contact: Larry Phillips - lphillips@mcoc.org

**10:30 a.m.; FC304/305; BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**  
Contact: Brad Colliander - bcolliander2003@gmail.com

 **SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH A CHILD!**  
Thank you for supporting children in need this Christmas! Scan the QR code to find three opportunities to help make a child's Christmas memorable. Together, we will support 91 children! After scanning the code, please select one option by clicking on the appropriate link. Contact: Mike Avery - mavery@mcoc.org

**POSTPONED; DATE TBA - LEAD SERVANT HIVE MEETING**  
Contact: Wayne Roberts - wayne@mcoc.org

NOVEMBER

**November 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!**


**November 28; 7:00 p.m.; Oak View Room**  
**MMoMM meeting**  
Contact: Laurie Sawyer - lauriesawyer58@gmail.com

DECEMBER

**December 2; 6:00 p.m.; Family Center**  
**NEW INFO! SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
If you or someone you love has special needs, or if you are interested in becoming a buddy for those with special needs, we would love for you to join us for a Christmas party! Come celebrate with us and get to know each other as we put a greater emphasis on this much needed ministry! Please **RSVP** to Alex Carter at 321-278-1711.

**December 3; 9:30 a.m. - MEMORIAL LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** Contact: Jacinda Shanks jshanks@mcoc.org; Brittany Spurlock - BrittanyNSpurlock@katyisd.org

MEMORIAL KIDS, BRIDGE, YOUTH & FOCAS NEWS

 **Bible Bowl practice today!**  
*(see above for details)*

**NURSERY-ELEMENTARY**  
**BIBLE CLASSES TODAY:** 9:30 a.m.  
**NOV. 23: Thanksgiving Devotional @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for all ages!**


 **Volunteers needed for Winter Quarter**  
Please prayerfully consider volunteering. If you are interested, but haven't volunteered or taught before, please reach out to either Laura or Spencer and we will be happy to provide a training for you!

**TODAY - Pick Up Family Advent Calendars!**  
**DECEMBER 2 - Christmas Craft Day**  
**DECEMBER 2 - Special Needs Ministry Christmas Party**  
**NEW INFO!** If you or someone you love has special needs, or if you are interested in becoming a buddy for those with special needs, we would love for you to join us for a Christmas party! Come celebrate with us and get to know each other as we put a greater emphasis on this much needed ministry! Please **RSVP** to Alex Carter at 321-278-1711.

**DECEMBER 9-10; 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Volunteer TODAY!**  
Nativity Walk-Through - *An interactive Holiday Event!*

 **December 3; 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**  
**MEMORIAL DADS & KIDS ANNUAL CANOE TRIP**  
**Hurry - space is limited!**  
Contact: Jake Hicks - Jacob.l.hicks186@gmail.com

**December 4; 10:30 a.m.; FC304/305 (also 12/11)**  
**BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**  
Contact: Brad Colliander - bcolliander2003@gmail.com

 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**CHECK QR CODE!**  
**December 9-10**  
**WALK-THROUGH NATIVITY**  
  
Scan the QR code to choose where you can serve!  
Contact: Spencer Prather - spencer@mcoc.org

JANUARY


**January 4-January 12**  
**MISSION TRIP TO THAILAND & CAMBODIA**  
This trip is focused on the work began by Ron Brown. His method is to rescue young women, place them in safe houses, then teach them a marketable trade, all while converting them to Christianity. Curtis & Emalee Burton, along with Woodie Williamson, have worked alongside this effort, and are planning to supervise this trip. Cost: approx. \$3500. For further questions, contact Curtis Burton - cburton690@aol.com.


**January 7; 10:00 a.m.; Upstairs Gathering Room**  
**NEW! MCOC LADIES SEWING GROUP**  
Contact: Christie Eason - christiesquilting@gmail.com

**January 8 - NEW! BABY BLESSING SUNDAY**  
Contact: Spencer Prather - spencer@mcoc.org

**January 8; Family Center - LTC KICK-OFF**  
Informational Luncheon with sign-ups for students & volunteer coaches;  
Contact: April Sprott - aprillsprott15@gmail.com

 **January 13-15 - MARRIAGE RETREAT**  
Speakers: Wayne & Tami Roberts  
Contact: Laura Hardegree - lhardegree89@gmail.com

 **7th-12th Grades**



 **5th-6th Grades**

**BIBLE CLASSES** 9:30 a.m. Youth (Rm. FC304/305) Bridge (Rm. FC302)  
**NOV. 23: Thanksgiving Devotional @ 7:00 in the Chapel for all ages!**

- **TONIGHT: Youth (7th-12th) Friendsgiving @ the home of Mackenzie Meyers**
- **NEW INFO!** 12/4; 4:30-7:00 p.m.: **Bridge (5th-6th) Christmas Party @ the home of Jaxon Fuller** - Bring a \$10 gift; the bus will leave MCOC at 3:50 and return at 7:30. You may also drop off & pick up from the Fuller's.
- 12/9-10: **Youth (7th-12th) Serve at the Nativity Event**
- **NEW INFO!** 12/11: **Youth (7th-12th) Christmas Party @ the home of Mike & Sue Kelso**

 **SKI TRIP - March 10-18, 2023**  
**SPACE STILL AVAILABLE!!!!!!**

 **READY FOR SUMMER?**  
SCAN TO SEE OUR DATES!

 **Adult Singles and College Age - FOCAS**  
 Want to know what's going on and how to be involved?!  
**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!!!!**

FAMILY NEWS

*Have something you want included in the bulletin? Email jshanks@mcoc.org.*

IN MEMORY OF

The roses today are in honor of John Sawyer's birthday, with love from Laura Lea and Tommy Cobb.

PRAISE

**Payton Ivanhoe** was baptized Sun., Nov. 13! We rejoice with her and her proud parents, **Kolby & Lauren**, and her sister, **Riley!**

We rejoice also with **Daniel Constante**, from Ramsey 1 Church of Christ, who was baptized recently!

FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, December 4; 4:30 p.m. - Wedding Shower honoring **David Anderson & Shelby Shelton** Registered at Target, Amazon, Berings, & Pottery Barn.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Memorial's own **Melissa Ramon** who was awarded the *Volunteer of the Year* by the MultiCultural Center of Houston for her work feeding and ministering to the homeless community in the Houston area. Such a great testimony and demonstration of Jesus. Thanks, Melissa, for shining your light!

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Jeremy Eckman** was scheduled for surgery last week.

**Marianne Fayrweather**, a member at Bammel Church of Christ, is requesting prayers for **Max**, her 15 year old grandson. He is believed to have Transverse Myelitis, a neurological disease.

SYMPATHY

**Marcy Schaefer**, mother of **Ben Schaefer**, passed away, Thurs. Nov. 10. A memorial service was held yesterday. Our sympathy is extended to **Ben, Kerri, Emily, Krystal**, and all of Marcy's family & friends, especially Ben's father, **Don**. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to B.I.G. Love Cancer Care, PO Box 540485, Houston 77254 or the Christian charity of your choice.

IMPACT GIVING OPPORTUNITY

A special message from Impact Church of Christ - **from now until the end of the year, any amount you give is matched dollar-for-dollar and helps to fund Impact's ministries in the coming year.** All year-end gifts are eligible. To participate, go to [impacthoustonchurch.org](http://impacthoustonchurch.org), call the Impact office @ 713.864.5667, or send a check with "matching funds" in the memo line directly to Impact at 1704 Weber St., Houston 77007. Thank you for being a part of changing lives through God's work at Impact!

**WHY WE GIVE...**

*To show our thankfulness to God and so that others will thank Him as well.*

2 Corinthians 9:12

**GIVE ONLINE TODAY**  
Offering boxes in lobby



**How Can We Pray For You?**  
Public Request - jshanks@mcoc.org  
Private Request - elders@mcoc.org

*Spend Your*  
**HOLIDAY**  
**WITH US**

November 23 | 7 pm  
**THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL**  
No other classes or groups

**An interactive holiday event**

**Glory**  
*to the newborn King*

December 9 -10 | 6-8 pm

  
Memorial Church of Christ

**FOLLOW US**

FAMILY RECORDS

**CONTRIBUTION: 11/13/22 - \$51,613**

2022 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$59,443  
YTD CONTRIBUTION: \$2,524,862  
YTD BUDGET: \$2,734,378

**ATTENDANCE: 11/13/22**  
8:20: 276 10:30: 388 **AM TOTAL: 664**  
6:00 p.m.: 99  
2022 BAPTISMS - 58 LOCAL: 36 RAMSEY UNIT: 22