

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
 Song: Great Are You Lord
 Song: Doxology
 Welcome
 Prayer:..... B. Martin/J. Pierce
 Song: Wonderful, Merciful Savior
 Communion: J. Robertson/J. McKinley
 Song: Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross.....
 Contribution:.....
 Scripture: Joshua 4:1-3 D. Lahr/B. McMillan
 Song: To God Be The Glory
 Sermon: "Unsung Heroes: Symbols" David Duncan
 Song: Because He Lives
 Shepherd's Prayer: Greg Hughes
 Song: Shout Hallelujah

Song Leader: Clayton Hamby/Matt Hoffmeister

"UNSUNG HEROES: SYMBOLS"

Joshua 4:4-8 (_____)
 Why?
 To remember what God has done.
 God gives _____.
 God has been faithful.
 God keeps His _____.
 The _____: A _____
 Matthew 28:38-41
 Why?
 To Remember what the _____
 have done.
 _____ kept His promise.
 _____ kept His promise.
 1 Peter 2:23-24
 1 Corinthians 2:2
 Matthew 28:5-10 (_____)
 Why?
 We remember what the _____ have done.
 _____ kept His promise.
 _____ will keep His.
 He will _____!
 Will I be _____?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: In The Desert Of Sorrow And Sin
 Welcome
 Prayer: J. McClung
 Song: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 Song: Let It Rise
 Song: Shine On Us
 Song: His Forever.....
 Sermon: "Up To The Mountain" David Duncan
 Song: Softly And Tenderly
 Prayer: C. Reneau
 Song: Never Gonna Let Me Go

Song Leader: Craig Schuster

"FINDING GOD IN THE LYRICS:
UP TO THE MOUNTAIN"

This is a _____.
 Maybe you are _____.
 Matthew 11:28-30
 Matthew 16:24-27
 Some of us are _____
 because God asked us to do so.
 We are fulfilling _____.
 God sings _____.
 Zephaniah 3:17
 He puts _____ in our lives.
 We are His _____.
 We are part of a _____.
 We _____ each other.
 Don't _____.
 James 1:12
 Philippians 3:10-14
 How am I doing?

Family Shepherds

CHAIRMAN (July-September): Alan Pence: 713.461.5944
 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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MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Seeking & Sharing God's Love, Truth & Grace

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Learn The Secret of Being Content

When you learn the secret of how to be content, your whole life will change. Do not make the mistake of equating contentment with complacency. Complacency often breeds contempt and comes from a place of hopelessness for things to improve and a reluctant acceptance of a bad situation. We hear it all the time, "well, there's nothing I can do about it, so I guess I'll just have to live with it." Or "this is my plight in life." Someone experiencing the contentment that comes from God for those in a covenant relationship with the Lord has the gift of a transcendent peace that is not achievable through human effort. I can spend all my time in participating in therapy, support groups, mindfulness, exercise, and healthy living and never experience the peace that surpasses human understanding if I leave God out of the equation.



Jeremy Spratt
Counseling Center Director

The Apostle Paul wrote a curious thing when he claimed that he had "learned the secret of being content in any and every situation (Phil 4:12)." However, there really is no mystery to solve or secret to discover when you follow his guidance in the surrounding verses. Paul advises us to "Rejoice in the Lord always... Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you... I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength (Phil 4:4-13)."

Special Note from the Elders

We have been blessed to donate \$35,000 to the LaPlace, LA Church of Christ, \$35,000 to Elysian Fields Church of Christ in New Orleans, \$20,000 to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief in Nashville, and \$10,000 to South Union Church of Christ in Houston to displaced hurricane families in our area.

Thank you for helping this be possible!

Special Contribution for the church in Athens, Greece - September 19

Dino Roussos & the church in Athens are raising money for a building to house their worship in Greek, English, Russian, and Farsi. This church is reaching out to hundreds of Muslim refugees each week. Make your check to Memorial Church of Christ with a note "Athens" in the memo.

Ministry Staff

Mike Avery Youth & Family	Shawn Freeman Youth & Bridge	Emma Messick Preschool	Larry D. Phillips Congregational Care & Outreach
David Duncan Preaching	Steve Lehman Singles	Laura Norwood Elementary	Jeremy Spratt Counseling Center Director

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM; OAK VIEW - NEW MEMBER CLASS

THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 14; 7:00 PM; OAK VIEW
MEMORIAL MOMS ONLINE
MENTORING MEETUP

Contact: Laurie Sawyer/ Lisa Gordon

SEPTEMBER 16; 11:30 AM
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH 'N LEARN

IMPORTANT NOTES

Be a part of our Special Blessings Committee!

We are looking for people who have a passion for working with kids with *special needs*. We have exciting programs we would like to start and would love to have your support and help!

Please contact *Alex Carter* if you are interested in sharing in this fun endeavor!
321-278-1711 Alexandralinncarter@gmail.com

Widows & Widowers: Did you stop by the table in the foyer to pick up your gift from our JourneyLand kids? If not, be sure to do so today!

Every Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 a.m. Contact: racasci@gmail.com
Men's Bible Class @ 11:00 a.m. Contact: lphillips@mcoc.org

JOURNEYLAND, BRIDGE, YOUTH & FOCAS

JOURNEYLAND

BIBLE CLASSES

TODAY: 9:30 a.m.
SEPT. 15: 7:00 p.m.



Preschool Meet-Up

@ *Giggles and Fun!*

Thursday, September 16; 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bring your little ones to come play!

20117 Park Row Dr., Katy Cost: \$11.95/child

Socks are required to play. Masks are required for adults.

Check the Journeyland Facebook group for more information.

Toddler Time and Bible Hour Volunteer Signups:



Please sign up for a week of the month that you would like to volunteer in Bible Hour or Toddler Time by scanning the QR code or writing your name on the poster outside the indoor playground. You will be there that same week every month
October-March. If you have any questions, please contact emma@mcoc.org.

FOCAS Fellowship of Christian Adult Singles AND College Ministry

TONIGHT; 6:00 PM - LIFE GROUPS - Ladies: home of Lindsey & Tabitha; Men: home of Rob Blake

SEPTEMBER 19; 6:00 PM - LIFE GROUPS - Ladies: home of Christina & Jessica; Men: home of TBA

SEPTEMBER 25 - MEMORIAL PARK GET TOGETHER! Meet @ 5:00 p.m. for games, food, & worship!

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 24-26; FRONTIER CAMP

MEMORIAL DADS FATHER/SON RETREAT

Ages: For dads and their sons ages 7-18; Cost: \$100/pair
Please Note: Only 1 son per father should attend.

Register by 9/15.

Contact: Jason Fuller
jjfuller2005@yahoo.com



OCTOBER

OCTOBER 9-31
PUMPKIN PATCH

Contact: Laura Kimball



OCTOBER 17
BLOOD DRIVE

Contact: Will Boedeker

OCTOBER 21; 11:30 AM

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH 'N LEARN

OCTOBER 22/23

IMPACT CARNIVAL

Set Up: Oct. 22/Carnival: Oct. 23
Contact: Gigi Wolf

OCTOBER 24; 3:00-5:00 PM

BABY BOY SHOWER HONORING TUCKER & EMILY HARDING

OCTOBER 31 - FALL FESTIVAL

Contact: Scott Sawyer

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 12-14

ALL YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Contact: M. Avery/S. Freeman

NOVEMBER 18

11:30 AM

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH 'N LEARN

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 4; 9:30 AM

LADIES BRUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 5
3:30 PM-5:00 PM

BABY GIRL SHOWER HONORING SCOTT & ABIGAIL SAWYER

DECEMBER 10-11

DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY

DECEMBER 19-23

CHURCH SKI TRIP

Contact: Mike Avery

FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Ethan Andrew Walters was born on September 7, 2021 weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 20 in. long. We extend our congratulations to his parents, **Andrew and Kayla**, as well as big brother **Brooks**!

PRAYER REQUESTS

20th Anniversary of 9/11 - may we keep those who lost loved ones on 9/11, as well as anyone affected by the events of that day, in our prayers.

Dave Baker, father of **Lori McHugh** - expects to receive the results of his recent biopsy on September 14.

Michael Dacus - will be spending 3 months away in bootcamp with the Army Reserves.

Diana Humphrey - underwent successful surgery for a broken hip last week.

Chris Marko - remains in Southwest Memorial Hermann.

Jenny Mobley McFatridge, former member who has moved back to the area - dealing with chronic health issues.

Javier Rodriguez, father of **Nancy Castaneda** - remains in the hospital but is making small improvements after struggling with Covid pneumonia and sepsis. They are further evaluating some problems with his liver as well.

Long term requests that we continue to keep in our prayers - those suffering in Afghanistan, those recovering from Hurricane Ida, and our members & friends/family of our members who are recovering from Covid.

SYMPATHY

Gabe Becker, 19 year old son of **Michael & Amy Becker**, who are former members of MCOC - passed away following a motorcycle accident Sunday, September 5.

Maria Talavera, the mother of **Maria Rivera**, recently passed away in Nicaragua. We extend our deep sympathy to Maria on her loss.

HURRICANE IDA RELIEF EFFORT

In an effort to make a collective response to the needs left by Hurricane Ida, a needs list has been compiled. If you are able to bring any of these supplies, you can drop them at the Welcome Desk. As they accumulate there, they will be transferred to temporary storage until they can be sent to those in need.

In addition to providing support, if you have contacts with those in need, let us know at bbaugh@thearray.org. We appreciate your help in this effort.

- Water (bottled/gallon)
- Diapers (children & adults)
- Baby wipes
- Non-perishable foods
- Bug spray
- Masks
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Feminine products
- Pet food
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Gas cards, gift cards
- Baby formula/baby food
- Laundry supplies
- Medical supplies
- Plastic cutlery
- Books, coloring books, crayons, puzzles, etc.
- Combs/hair brushes
- Paper products
- Body wash/toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner

FAMILY RECORDS

CONTRIBUTION, 9/5/21 - \$53,812

2021 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$55,320

YTD CONTRIBUTION: \$1,904,793

YTD BUDGET: \$1,991,520

ATTENDANCE: 9/5/21

8:20 AM: 211 10:30 AM: 257 AM TOTAL: 468

6:00 PM: 79

2021 BAPTISMS - 25; LOCAL: 16 PRISON: 9

How Can We Pray For You?

Let Us Know!

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Continued Prayers Memorial Members

Andrea Adcock, Lloyd & Dollie Ander
Philip Bailey, Roy Barnes, John Black
Ted Bradford, Dawn Clabough
Barbara Cook, Ray & Margaret Davis
Joel Dickinson, Denise Dorriety, Glen Fann
Melissa Graham, Carl & Billie Greer
Carolyn Hood, Ellouise Hopkins
Royce Humphrey, Deanna & Mark Lambert
Andrew LaMore, Jaque Lindsey, Jean Lyons
Chris Marko, Pete McKinney, Dot Miller
Robert & Jane Miranda, Trish Moore
Elaine Morgan, Terri Morgan, Virgil Poe,
Zayne & Christina Riggins, Gene Robinson
John & Garnetta Robinson, Ray Thompson
Suzy Thompson, Emily Ufer, Evelyn Ware
Lauri Warren

Hello Memorial Family,

Tami and I are making our way to Houston just as fast as we can. We have a house waiting (Thanks Kathy Pence for all your work helping us find one). We can hardly wait to be there, to get to know all of you and to work along side of you as we share the love and message of Jesus. Please pray for us as we finish up our move and make this transition of ministry. See you all soon.

Wayne and Tami Roberts
Connections Minister



VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER 12

NURSERY & BIBLE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

First Service: T. Glover, R. Glover, J. Abbasi, M. Johnston

Second Service: M. Stirrup, K. Nielsen, C. Price, S. Schuster

Bible Hour

First Service: J. Foster, K. Shanks

Second Service: C. Tharp, A. Miller