

8:20 & 10:30 AM SERVICES

Song: The Steadfast Love Of The Lord
 Song: My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less
 Welcome
 Prayer:.....M. Norwood/J. Gray
 Song: Victory In Jesus.....
 Communion: B. Foster/B. Burdette
 Song: Lord, Be There
 Contribution:..... B. Foster/B. Burdette
 Special Contribution:..... T. Messick/T. Montgomery
 Scripture: Esther 2:15-18 L. Nicholas/M. Hughes
 Song: Stronger.....
 Sermon: “Unsung Heroes: Mordecai ” David Duncan
 Song: Build Your Kingdom Here
 Shepherd’s Prayer: Tom Messick
 Song: There’s A Stirring

Song Leader: Nick Smith

“UNsung HEROES: MORDECAI ”

God’s people were in exile in
 God worked through and
 in everyday events.
 Unbeknownst to others, was a Jew.
 Mordecai did a act.
 Esther 2:21-23a
 came to hate Mordecai.
 Esther 3:1-6
 The king agreed to kill all who
 The Jews were the
 were on the brink.
 Something
 had to happen.
 Esther 3:13-14
 Mordecai put on
 Esther with him.
 Esther 4:13-14
 Esther had and
 her people.
 What am I doing with?

6:00 PM SERVICE

Song: Christ For The World We Sing.....
 Welcome
 Song: Standing On The Promises
 Song: Rock Of Ages.....C. Reneau
 Prayer:
 Song: Is It For Me?
 Song: It Is Well With My SoulDavid Duncan
 Sermon: “We Didn’t Start The Fire”
 Song: Blessed Assurance
 Prayer: D. Devine
 Song: Zion’s Call.....

Song Leader: Rob Merchant

“FINDING GOD IN THE LYRICS: WE DIDN’T START THE FIRE”

Since the, the world has been a

 Philippians 4:4-8
 Much of anxiety comes from focus on the

 Remember perspective.
 The Lord is
 How do I deal with my uneasiness?
 Philippians 4:4-7

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 • Be
 • Petition thanksgiving
 • on the promise
 Wait! There’s!
 Philippians 4:8
 If I am not focused on the negative, I will be negative.
 It’s not what God
 I need to focus on a fire.
 Where will I put?

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 19, 2021

TODAY



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CHURCH IN ATHENS, GREECE

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 or visit the QR code to donate online.

God Is In the Dishes



Several years ago I was sitting in a Youth Ministers meeting when one of the Youth Ministers shared something they had recently read - *God is in the dishes*. I did not realize the impact this statement would have on my life over the last six or seven years. It has been transformative in my life. If you are struggling to see how *God is in the dishes* could be impactful, let me explain.

The idea that *God is in the dishes* was written in a book, *The Practice Of The Presence Of God*, by a man named Brother Lawrence. As a cook, his daily chores included preparing food and cleaning up the kitchen. Brother Lawrence learned that his daily chores, including cleaning the dishes, were not insignificant, meaningless tasks. Instead, he saw them as a spiritual task. Each of his daily tasks - no matter how seemingly miniscule - provided an opportunity to encounter the presence of God!



Shawn Freeman
Youth & Bridge Minister



Somehow we miss it. We tend to compartmentalize the activities of our day. We tend to label activities as spiritual and non-spiritual. Reading my Bible - spiritual. Going to school - non-spiritual. Attending worship service and Bible class - spiritual. Going to the hardware store - non-spiritual. Cleaning the dishes - non-spiritual. This should not be! Each and every activity and action we do day in and day out should be a spiritual activity. After all, don't we profess that we have the Spirit of the Living God dwelling inside of us?

I used to loathe doing the dishes, and I still have times when I am not excited to do them. But God used one of my friends at a youth minister meeting to encourage me. I have encountered the presence of God while doing dishes many times, turning an ordinary task into an extraordinary opportunity to connect with God. My prayer is that we would all learn to encounter the presence of God every second of every day. Consider what Brother Lawrence said about doing his ordinary tasks:

“I am doing now what I will do for all eternity. I am blessing God, praising Him, adoring Him, and loving Him with all my heart.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 24-26; FRONTIER CAMP
MEMORIAL DADS FATHER/SON RETREAT

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

Need To Reserve A Room At Memorial?
We are blessed to have a building that we love to see used by our members as well as our community. In order to best accommodate everyone needing to use the facilities, we are asking everyone to reserve their needed space. Visit the QR code to begin the process.

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

SEPTEMBER 19 - NURSERY & BIBLE HOUR VOLUNTEERS
Nursery
First Service : E. Devine, C. Squillante, C. Robertson, A. Ellis
Second Service: A. Sprott, A. Nelson, A. Nelson, S. Caridi, L. Piserelle
Bible Hour
First Service: M. Johnston, G. Bonnett
Second Service: A. Rawlings, M. Thuston

JOURNEYLAND, BRIDGE, YOUTH & FOCAS

JOURNEYLAND BIBLE CLASSES
TODAY: 9:30 a.m.
SEPT. 22: 7:00 p.m.

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 Age Ministry
TONIGHT; 6:00 PM - LIFE GROUPS
Ladies: home of Christina & Jessica; Men: home of Daniel Allen
SEPTEMBER 25 - MEMORIAL PARK GET TOGETHER!
Meet @ the Eastern Glades @ 5:00 p.m. for games, food, & worship!
OCTOBER 3 - EVENING SERVICE @ ABELL ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WHARTON
Check the Facebook page for full information!

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 9-31
PUMPKIN PATCH
Contact: Laura Kimball
Help unload!
Help sell pumpkins!

OCTOBER 17
8:00 AM-12:00 PM
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

Need to add something to the prayer list?
jshanks@mcoc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Baker, father of Lori McHugh - scheduled for prostate surgery last week; will follow up with oncologist and radiologist at a later date.
Diana Humphrey - recovering well at home following surgery for a broken hip.
Lindsey Farley, friend of Christina Neil and Jessica Renzelman - recovering after suffering injuries in a bad car accident.
Sharon Hawkins - recovering after successful hip replacement surgery.
Chris Marko - was planning to move last week to Treemont Assisted Living Facility where he will be under hospice care. Once he is settled in, he would love to have visitors.
Corky Pence - planned to be moved to hospice last week. No visitors or calls, but prayers are much appreciated.
Javier Rodriguez, father of Nancy Castaneda - remains in the hospital where he is undergoing treatment for a bad infection. Overall, they feel encouraged by how he is responding to treatment and thankful for how far he has come.
Russell Stockton, friend of Jana Miller's father - admitted to the hospital in Hiawassee, GA last week with Covid.
Long term requests that we continue to keep in our prayers - those suffering in Afghanistan, those recovering from Hurricane Ida & Hurricane Nicholas, and our members & friends/family of our members who are recovering from Covid.

SYMPATHY

Cynthia Coates, director of Children's Ministry at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene - passed away unexpectedly last week. Our sympathy to her husband, Neal, an elder at Hillcrest and a professor at ACU, and her entire family, as well as all of Hillcrest's members who are grieving.
Douglas Cooke, son of Stacy & Ann Cooke, passed away Saturday, September 11 after a long battle with Covid. Stacy & Ann traveled with their children & extended family to Greenwood, AR for a service last Friday. They are thankful for all of the prayers from their church family. We offer our deep sympathy to them.
James Fife, cousin of Leah Dorman - passed away last week in Tyler, Tx. He was a member of the Glenwood Church of Christ and prior to that the Burkewood Church in Pasadena.

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, 9/12/21 - \$49,466
2021 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$55,320
YTD CONTRIBUTION: \$1,954,258
YTD BUDGET: \$2,046,840
ATTENDANCE: 9/12/21
8:20 AM: 232 10:30 AM: 445 AM TOTAL: 677
6:00 PM: 87
2021 BAPTISMS - 25; LOCAL: 16 PRISON: 9

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Members at Memorial Church of Christ,
My dad, Virgil Poe, appreciates so much the cards, calls, and concern he received while recovering from his injury. He planned to return to his home at Eagle Trace on Sept. 9 and continue his recovery. Thank you for your prayers.
Jayne Massey
Dear Memorial family,
Thank you for all the love, support, and prayers for our dad, Dave Baker. Your sweet cards mean so much.
Love in Christ,
Lori & Alex McHugh, Tracy & Pat Strifler

Our 2021 Family Retreat was fantastic!

