### **OUR SERVICES**

#### 10:30 AM STREAMING SERVICE

Song: Let God Arise
Song: Our God He Is Alive
Welcome
Prayer:
Song: Lamb Of God
Communion
Contribution
Scripture: 2 Timothy 6:17-19
Song: The Lord's My Shepherd
Sermon: "Go to a Banquet"
Song: You Are My All In All
Prayer:
Song: I Stand In Awe

#### 6:00 PM STREAMING SERVICE

Song: Beautiful One
Welcome
Prayer:
Scripture: John 18:28-31
Song: O Listen To Our Wondrous Story
Sermon: "The Most Important Person In The World #12"
Song: Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Prayer:
Song: Salvation Belongs To Our God

# SERMON NOTES

#### "GO TO A BANQUET"

8:20 & 10:30 AM Services -David Duncan

Psalm 23

The psalm begins with the LORD and ends with the LORD.

God gives comfort.

I can lie down.

The waters are quiet.

He guides me.

Psalm 23:4

There will be death valleys but God walks with us.

Psalm 23:5

How does God prepare our table?

Provides spiritual food

Protects us

Philippians 4:4-7

He provides presence.

Psalm 139:7-12

What if I fail?

Isaiah 40:29-31

Don't settle for this!

Will I depend on the Lord?

#### "THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE WORLD #12"

6:00 PM Service -David Duncan

John 18:28-32

What is the truth?

Jesus!

John 14:6-7a

They were missing the Hope and so much more.

Pilate shirked his responsibility.

Matthew 27:23-25

He wanted to do right.

John 11:12-16

Pilate gave in.

He was selfish.

Pilate was a lot like me.

Resurrection isn't just an event.

It is a person.

It's Jesus!

Quarantine shouldn't diminish my commitment to Jesus! Will I proclaim Him?

## **FAMILY SHEPHERDS**

CHAIRMAN (April-June) Frank Devine; 713.202.2086

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

Philip Bailey (A-Bis) Danny Clancy (Bit-Con)

Aaron Deister (Coo-FI) Frank Devine (Fo-Hep)

Jerry Gerlich (Her-Kn) Greg Hughes (Ko-McK)

Tom Messick (McL-Pep) Terry Montgomery (Per-Ru) Alan Pence (Ry-Ta) Robby Robinson, Jr. (Te-Z)



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#### 10 Amazing Blessings from God

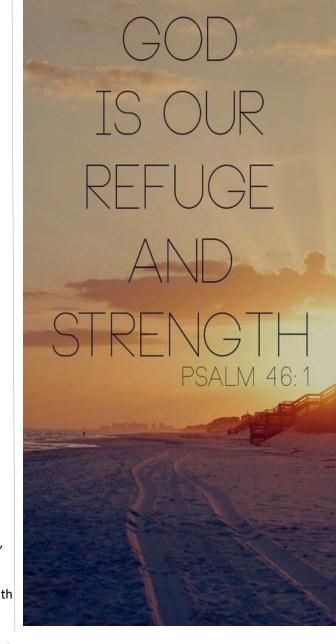
1. The human body and its complex systems and incredible stamina.

**Robert Heyen** Involvement Minister

2. The changing seasons. While here in Houston it seems we only have pre-summer, summer and post summer, we do have change and we see the cycle

continue year after year, reminding us of God's consistency.

- 3. The cycles of the moon and sun. Every month our moon goes through a complete cycle of phases, speaking to the intentionality of our God.
- 4. Plant life and the ability to regenerate. Every time you sit down for a meal, be thankful.
- 5. The oceans and the water cycle in general. Not to mention, our local water sources and the fact we have running water in our homes! Now drink up!
- 6. Our brains and their ability to learn and memorize and expand. Today we are especially mindful of the brains which are being used by our medical personnel and our technology people to care for us and keep us connected.
- 7. Air conditioning.
- 8. Language, so we can read and write and speak. What would you be doing right now without language? Not reading this. Nor would you be able to read God's word or speak to him in prayer.
- 9. Human families. While many of our families don't look the same and most of them have a few nuts hanging on the tree, God gave us families to provide earthly, physical and emotional connections.
- 10. Spiritual families. Our church family is eternal, it is ever expanding, and it is universal (all over this earth). We have a huge family tree and together we encourage each other, celebrate with each other, and cry with each other. While there may be times when you get frustrated with your church family, the reality is we all need each other. Hang in there family. We love you.



## MINISTRY STAFF

Mike Avery - Youth & Family David Duncan - Preaching

Shawn Freeman - Youth & Bridge Robert Heven - Involvement

Jenni Langston - Children & Family Larry D. Phillips - Congregational Care & Outreach

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE**

LAST WEEK, MIKE AVERY CHALLENGED US ALL TO MEMORIZE PSALM 46:1 GOD IS OUR REFUGE & STRENGTH, AN EVER PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE!

Did your family do it? An extra challenge was to post a video on Facebook - Watch this week's service for the next challenge!

#### TUESDAYS; 10:00 AM

LADIES BIBLE CLASS VIA ZOOM VIDEO CALL Email Ruth Anne for the code: racasci@gmail.com

#### **TUESDAYS**; 11:15 AM

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM VIDEO CALL

Text or call Larry at 832.517.5511 or email him at lphillips@mcoc.org.

#### **NOT ABLE TO GET OUT?**

IF YOU ARE UNDER QUARANTINE AND IN NEED OF ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTACT THECHURCH OFFICE (713.464.0271) AND WE WILL ARRANGE HELP FOR YOU.

# DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION?

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION IN OUR DATABASE. WE ARE ASKING THAT WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

\*YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME (IMPORTANT IN THE CASE YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL)

**\*YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER** 

\*EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD

In the event of an emergency, this is helpful information for us to have. In order to make changes or updates, send an email to info@mcoc.org and we can do that for you.

#### **OUR MISSIONS & MINISTRIES CONTINUE**

IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES, OUR COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY AND TO OUR MISSIONARIES CONTINUES AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED HELP IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

Please remember our multiple giving options.

Web: mcoc.org (giving tab)
Elexio Community: Member App

Text amount to 832.626.2410

Mail: MCOC, 900 Echo Lane, Houston 77024, Attn: Donna

#### **STREAMING OPTIONS**

MAKE NOTE OF OUR STREAMING OPTIONS WHILE WE ARE IN THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING: WATCH FOR EMAILS, TEXTS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR STREAMING TIMES

#### **TODAY: STREAMING @ 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM**

<u>Website</u>: mcoc.org/resources/sermons <u>Facebook.com</u>: Search @mcochouston or Memorial Church of Christ, Houston

#### SISTERS AT MEMORIAL

LADIES - THIS FACEBOOK PAGE IS FOR YOU - LADIES WHO ARE MEMBERS AT MEMORIAL!

Please join our private Facebook page which serves as a place of encouragement & announcements!

During this time of not meeting in person, make sure you're still checking in on your church family & neighbors. Send a text or email, make a phone call, or mail a letter!



### YOUTH NEWS

# EACH TUESDAY NIGHT; 8:30-9:00 PM

WATCH FOR THE CODE TO JOIN OUR ONLINE BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

#### CONNECT WITH YOUR YOUTH GROUP VIA ZOOM

YOUTH 7TH-12TH: MONDAY & THURSDAYS; 7:45 PM WATCH THE YOUTH NEWS, EMAILS, SOCIAL MEDIA, & TEXTS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

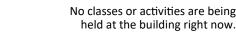


#### **CONNECT WITH YOUR**

BRIDGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 PM
WATCH THE YOUTH NEWS, EMAILS,
SOCIAL MEDIA, & TEXTS FOR MORE INFORMATION!

#### REMINDER



Continue checking our JourneyLand Facebook page & watch your email for further information!

#### **THURSDAY MORNINGS**

Watch the JourneyLand Facebook page for a new devo designed just for our young learners!



#### **CALLING ALL SINGERS**

We are in the process of creating a weekly devotional video lead by our learners. We are in need of videos of your learners singing their favorite kids' church song. Please use the following details to help us make a great video.

1. Have your learner(s) introduce themselves.

Have them tell us the name of the song they are going to lead.
 Have them lead it.

4. Send it in.

\*\*Whoever is filming this for us please film your learners in LANDSCAPE (sideways). It looks better in the finished product this way.

We are hoping to share these video devotionals with an audience larger than just the Memorial Family. If your learner would like to participate, but you would prefer to keep it just in the family please let me know.

# PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES

Rigo & Dora Arguera - Aldine Church of Christ

Brad & Rachael Carter - eSwatini Kirk & Christie Eason - SABC Robert Bazan - South Texas Ben & Becca Hayes - Malawi Beto & Coro Hernandez - Venezue

Beto & Coro Hernandez - Venezuela
Al & Donna Horne - SABC

Maurice & Inaam Jadon - Israel

Robert & Jane Miranda - USA & Latin America

Mba Ndem - Nigeria

Wayne & Margie Pabillon - Philippines

Kurt & Roxy Picker - India Paco & Araceli Rada - Mexico

Joseph & Sonia Rhodes - Russia Dino & Debbie Roussos - Greece Jose Tomas & Miriam Saa - Colombia

Pablo & Laura Sanchez - Chile Pedro & Lorena Sanchez - Chile

Timothy Sells - Impact Church of Christ

Paul Woodward - Impact Church of Christ

# FAMILY NEWS

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Andrew & Laura Stivers** were married on Friday, March 20. We offer our congratulations to the happy couple!

Xin & Kayla Liu, and big brother Xavier, welcomed Kyden William Liu to their family on March 28! Kyden weighed 6 lb. 3 oz. and was 19.25 inches long.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Sandy Embree,** sister of **Wayne Warren**, has been in the hospital for several weeks recovering from pneumonia. She is struggling to regain her strength and hopes to enter rehab in the near future.

**Erin Freeman** is scheduled to be induced Monday evening, April 6. Prayers are requested for **Shawn**, **Erin**, and baby **Owen**.

**Joe Guidry,** father of **Jill Biernat**, has returned home but needs prayers for continued improvement.

**Lowell Kirkbride,** father of **Lisa Peace**, is continuing inpatient rehab in Mississippi. Prayers for his strength to regain so he can return home are appreciated.

**Blake McKaskle** underwent a heart procedure April 2. It was determined that there are no blockages, but he has been placed on medications and will continue to be monitored at this time.

Tom Messick, Sr, father of Tom Messick, is in critical condition in ICU in North Carolina and has tested positive for Covid-19. He has made improvements, but prayers are still coveted as it is still a serious situation. Tom's mother, Liz Messick, was admitted to the hospital about a week after her husband was after also testing positive for Covid-19.

**Virginia Morris** continues to struggle to recover from a wound. Cards would be greatly appreciated.

**John & Jennifer Oliverio** are recovering at home from illness. Cards may be sent to their home to encourage them.

**Howard Shanks** resides at a memory care center in Katy where a caregiver has tested positive for Covid-19. Prayers for all of the caregivers and the 16 residents are appreciated. We are grateful that Howard has tested negative as of this time.

**JoAnn Sills,** aunt of **Tracy Glover** and sister-in-law of **Lottie Norsworthy**, who lives in Selmer, TN was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and was scheduled for a mastectomy on April 3rd.

**Brenda Smalling** broke some fingers last week and is recovering at home.

**Jeremy Sprott** has been sick with a bacterial infection for several weeks and is requesting fervent prayers.

**Colin Vine** has been sick for several days and prayers are requested for his total healing. **Jennie** is caring for him at this time, so we pray for her health & strength as well.

**Bill & Beverly Watkins' daughter, Rachel,** has tested positive for Covid-19 and is in need of prayers for her recovery.

#### **SYMPATHY**

**Juanice Boyd** passed away Friday, March 27. Our sympathy to her son, **Gil Boyd.** 

**Nelda Riley,** sister of **Ray Davis,** passed away recently following a long illness.

# FAMILY RECORDS

#### **CONTRIBUTION - 3/22/20**

\$42,638

YEAR-TO-DATE CONTRIBUTION \$732,656

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET \$748,072

**2020 BAPTISMS - 10** 

Local: 5 Prison Ministry: 5 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$57,544

#### **NEW BUILDING**

OUTSTANDING DEBT:

\$412,300

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- Instagram mcochouston
- Twitter @MCOChouston

Like and share our posts to spread God's love with your friends and family.

