

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Pastor Doug

It won't be long before we celebrate Valentine's Day. What a great time of year to remind ourselves of the importance to love well. Loving your neighbor as yourself is found eight times in the Bible. Not once. Not twice. Eight times Jesus reminds us of this value. Loving your neighbor as yourself would be easy if your neighbors were all people you understood, people you agreed with, people like you. But what about playground bullies, colleagues, refugees, online adversaries? They're all our neighbors, and Jesus said to love them. Every one. But how? I like what one writer said when I comes to loving well. He gives four main guidelines to help you love your neighbor:

- Loving your neighbor means we need to receive God's love first.
- Loving your neighbor means loving ourselves well.
- Loving your neighbor means showing grace.
- Loving your neighbor means acting with compassion.

Could it be that the key to loving well is the lost art of empathy, stepping into other people's shoes and asking what if? . . . What if it were my child? . . . What if it were me?

My prayer as a shepherd is that God would continue to help us love well in our church family as well out in the community. God brings people into our lives who may not have a whole lot of hope. As you love well, God just may use you to impact your neighbor in extraordinary ways. Step out in faith and let God use you as a vessel of his love.

Amore' Night February 7, 2020

Amore Night is an annual meal and servant auction hosted by our Student Life (Sr. High) and Ontrack (Jr. High) students in an effort to fund their missions activities.

Plan on joining us for an enjoyable evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Signup at the information table at church to reserve your place at the table. A free-will offering will be taken at the end of the evening. There is no charge for the meal.

Spaghetti Dinner
- serving begins at
6:30 pm

Silent Auction
- 6:30-7:30 pm

Servant Auction
- begins at 7:30 pm

Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

Series: The Gospel of John

February 2 —
Football Sunday

February 9 —
A Walk On The Wild Side

February 16 —
Chew On This

February 23 —
Are You Thirsty?

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Upcoming Events

- **Student Ministries**

Ontrack (Jr. High) and **Student Life**, (Sr. High) meet on Sunday evenings at MCC. Ontrack meets from 5-6:30 pm and Student Life meets from 5-7:00 pm. **Kids Blast** (elementary) meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:00 pm.

- **Young Adult Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm all college age students and 20-something adults are invited to attend MCC's Young Adult Bible Study. Check with Arlen Gerig and see how you can become involved with this dynamic group of young people.

- **Adult Bible Study**

Men's and Women's Bible studies meet at MCC on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Following the holidays, the men's study resumes on January 9 and the women's study resumes on January 16.



Bahamas Adult Mission Trip

We're looking forward to our first adult mission trip which will take place March 21-27 in the Bahamas. As most of you are aware, the Bahamas was hit hard by hurricane Dorian. Some of the mission work will be helping out in areas that were hard hit by the storm. Once again we will connect with Pastor Sterling and his church which ministers to the Haitian people who struggle with basic daily needs. Cornerstone International Church is such a light and blessing to the community in one of the poorest areas of Nassau. What a privilege we have to come along side Pastor Sterling's church and minister to those in need.

What a blessing it is to have a church that sends us out with support, prayers, and the love of Christ. If you would like to partner with us financially please make your checks payable to Medina Community Church, note Bahamas support on the memo line, and drop it in the offering at church.

MCC's team consists of Pastor Doug, Bev Davidson, Teresa Alcorn, Jack Medley, Kathy Summers, Arlan Gerig, Justin Boughter, and Sherry Hall.





There are hundreds of thousands of phone apps available for download. These apps can be used to wake you up, to show you where to shop, to help you count calories, or to log your exercise minutes. But they can't actually make you get up, control your spending, manage your diet, or force you to exercise.

The App Store isn't the only place you can find apps. Did you know that the Bible has also given us many "apps" to enhance and improve our lives? In this 6-part series, Life Apps, Andy Stanley and Jeff Henderson identify five life applications worth living by.

1. Application is Everything

February 26 (Andy Stanley)

2. The Forgiveness App

March 4 (Jeff Henderson)

3. The Confession App

March 11 (Andy Stanley)

4. The Rest App

March 18 (Jeff Henderson)

5. The Trust App

March 25 (Andy Stanley)

6. The Encouragement App

April 1 (Jeff Henderson)



This year's Community Nights begins on February 26 and continues on Wednesday evenings for the six weeks leading up to Easter. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the study at 7:00 pm. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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