

STRONG FAITH IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL CRISIS

By Pastor Doug

The new coronavirus has been making headlines for weeks now, crippling economies, cancelling school, disrupting travel and killing more than 2,800 people around the world, with new cases reported each week. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 50 countries have had confirmed cases of the coronavirus, bringing the total number of those infected—most active, some recovered—over 84,000. Last Monday, the DOW had plunged 1,000 points amid fears of a pandemic.

Last week Franklin Graham offered prayers for those affected.

"We pray for the people of China and other nations where this virus is spreading. Our hearts go out to those who are sick and suffering and to the families who are grieving the loss of loved ones,"

Graham, whose grandparents were medical missionaries to China from 1916-1941, has a heart for Christians in that nation. He also shared his desire that people in all nations—impacted by the coronavirus and otherwise—come to know true peace through Jesus Christ.

Sunday I talked about the church rising up in the midst of fears and uncertainties to be a light in our community. May we walk in faith trusting that God will be a very present help in our time of need. My prayer is that our faith will strengthen when tested by the trials before us. Trouble and suffering will always exist, but you can have peace in your heart knowing your future is safely in God's hands.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

-Phil. 4:6-7

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

March 1 —

Who Do You Say That I Am?

March 8 —

Eyes Wide Open

March 15 —

The Good Shepherd

March 22 —

Lazarus, Come Out? (Brad Keffer)

March 29 — Communion

The Vine and the Branches

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SUNDAY MARCH 8th

Set your clocks ahead one hour
Saturday night, March 7th

Office hours

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri)

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.

- **Oaks Family Care Center**

During March we are asking you to take home a baby bottle, fill it with change, and return it to church. All proceeds will go to the Oaks Family Care Center and will be a blessing to this ministry. See the display by the information table for more information.

- **Easter Candy Sale**

Once again we are taking orders for Malley's Easter candy. We invite you to take a form and share with family and friends. Please note that all money needs to be collected when you sign up. The order deadline is March 22. All proceeds go to our youth mission trips.

Bahamas Adult Mission Trip March 21-27



As most of you are aware, the Bahamas was hit hard by hurricane Dorian. Some of our 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: 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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