

## THE KIND OF SERVICE THAT PLEASES GOD

by Pastor Doug

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15) What does that mean?

Service is about giving of our time and talents for His glory. It's about dying to self in order to meet the needs of the people God brings into our life. We serve in our homes, at work and in our church family. AND . . . we do it in the strength God provides - out of love and devotion to our Lord.

There are ways to serve God out of duty and with a sense of fear. So often we serve God in our own strength which results in burn out. But that is not the way God designed for us to serve.

God has told us not to serve him *as though He needed anything*. "Nor is he served by human hands, *as though he needed anything*, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25). The Son of Man came *not to be served* but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

***Both of these verses put all the emphasis on God's giving to us when we serve.*** So the kind of service that makes God look valuable and thrilling is the kind that serves God by constantly receiving from God. The key verse to describe this is 1 Peter 4:11 - "Whoever serves, [let it be] as one who serves *by the strength that God supplies* — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

John Piper put it this way – "God is seen as glorious when all our serving is moment-by-moment receiving from God's supply. We receive this supply *by faith*. That is, we trust moment by moment that what we need, in serving him, he will supply ("life, breath, and everything"). This is the opposite of being anxious. Such serving is happy. And it makes God look no less authoritative, but infinitely more desirable. This is the glory he means to have. The giver gets the glory."

Therefore, "serve the Lord with gladness" (Ps. 110:2)

## 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.

### July 7—

When Life Throws You A Curveball

### July 14—

When You Feel Alone (1st Service)  
VBS Sunday (2nd Service)

### July 21—

When You're Between A Rock  
& A Hard Place

### July 28—

When Life Is Going Well

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# Upcoming Events

- **Student Ministries**

Ontrack (Jr. High), Satellite (Sr. High), and Kid's Blast (elementary k-5) are off until next Fall. They will resume in September.

- **Young Adult Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 6:30 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 study will be on summer break until September. Start dates for the Fall studies will be posted at a later date.



- **Operation Homes**

MCC's next Operation Homes rotation is July 15-21. Check out the bulletin board in the foyer for volunteer opportunities.



## Faith in Action

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 • 8-10:30 AM**

*Join us as we serve the community. Following the various work projects we'll meet back at MCC for a service and church picnic. Please pray for this day as we seek to impact our community in a positive way that shows the love of Jesus.*



**ONTRACK (jr. high) . . .**

**July 28-August 2  
Missions Camp—  
Ridgecrest, NC**

## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC & BAPTISM

*Baptism Orientation—July 27 at 10:00 am*



**SUNDAY • AUGUST 4**

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