

CELEBRATE JESUS . . . THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." — John 8:12

Over the next couple of months we will be exploring together some great truths from the gospel of John. As we enter the Christmas season it's important to remember the claims of Jesus found in this gospel – like Jesus' claim to be the light of the world.

Jesus makes this claim during the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles celebrated at the temple in Jerusalem. During this feast, four giant candelabras or lampstands (possibly 75 feet high) were lit in one of the temple courts. Because of the temple's prominent place, the light of these candles could be seen throughout Jerusalem. While the light radiated, crowds of people danced in the streets celebrating God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt.

With these candles burning brightly, Jesus declared, "I am the light of the world." Notice that he wasn't claiming to be Israel's national savior. He was making a global claim to deliver sinners from the darkness of rebellion against God, a darkness that infects us individually and plagues our world with hatred and violence. Jesus' salvation is for all who believe in him, since He is the light for all nations.

During the Christmas season, may we all seek to be the light to our neighbors, friends, and family as we share the good news of Jesus coming to bring us eternal life. Live in a way that shows others the light of Jesus and share your story of redemption.



Tuesday, December 24 • 5:00 & 7:00 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.

December 1 —
In The Beginning Was The WORD

December 8 —
The WORD Announced

December 15 —
Immanuel—We Celebrate His Birth

December 22 —
For God So Loved

December 24 — (5 & 7 pm)
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 29 —
Getting Ready For A New Year

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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. Please note that they will not meet during the month of December, but will resume on January 2.

- **Christmas Poinsettias**

Once again we will be taking orders for Christmas poinsettias to be displayed in the church beginning December 15. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve worship services. The last day to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 8. Order forms are located on the information table. Cost is \$9.00 per plant.

- **Women's Ministry News**

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – **December 8**, 12:30 pm right after second service. The meal will be provided. Please bring a holiday dessert to share and a wrapped Christmas mug for our gift exchange.

JAIL MINISTRY – For the last three or four years the women's ministry has provided gifts to children of Medina County Jail inmates. We are provided names and ages of the children. If you'd like to donate – we need all kinds of things, little cars, puzzles, books, socks, t-shirts, hats, gloves, coloring books, crayons . . . anything is appreciated. We do gifts for all ages – infants up to teenagers. Gift cards for the teens are appreciated - \$10 to McDonalds or Target, anything like that. Once we have the names we'll get together as a group and wrap and



The children's holiday choir will be singing on Sunday morning, December 22 (both services) and Christmas Eve at the 5:00 pm service. They will also be singing at the Medina County Home on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm. Practices at MCC are at 6:00 pm on December 2, 4, 9, 11, & 16. It's a great way to teach our children the value of using their gifts during the Christmas season.