

## Loving Well As A Community

By Pastor Doug

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* Philippians 2:3 - 4

This health crisis is challenging many of us to make sacrifices in our lives. Some are huge, such as those made by exhausted health care workers around the world, desperately trying to keep patients alive (while avoiding the illness themselves). Other sacrifices fall more in the category of inconveniences. It is inconvenient when events are canceled, schools close, and travel is limited. It is inconvenient to wash our hands intentionally and regularly. But this kind of sacrifice is at the very center of our faith. Every time we gather around the Lord's Table, we celebrate the powerful way Christ showed us how to love others. He sacrificed everything in self-giving love for us, and he invited us to do the same. In turn, we die to ourselves—through inconveniences and more—in order to love those around us. Truly loving others will always cost us something. Actions that may not entirely make sense to us can have huge effects.

I recently read an article that listed the following virtues for us to keep in mind as churches reopen during this difficult and challenging time.

**Prudence**— Carefully discern the best course of action, not just for ourselves, but for the good of all. Ask: What action does God want me to take?

**Justice**— Seek to be a good neighbor and help those at risk during the pandemic. Ask: Who is not getting the help that they need?

**Humility**— There are many times we may wish to just go back to 2019 without any restrictions. But is this wise? Ask: Can I die to self while social distancing or wearing a mask to be a good neighbor?

**Fortitude**— Persevere in times of trial and difficulty. Seek your heavenly Father for help with your fears and anxiety. Ask: What can I do daily to build a strong faith in Jesus during these challenging times?

## 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

### •FINDING HOPE IN THE PSALMS

July 5 — Justin Boughter  
Faith When Doubts Arise (Psalm 77)

July 12 —  
Finding Peace in God's Care (Psalm 91)

July 19 —  
Overcoming Our Fears (Psalm 27)

July 26 —  
Joy When Life Is Hard (Psalm 67)

### •HOW TO NEIGHBOR

August 2 —  
Hospitality Extended

August 9 — Craig Peters  
Neighboring Outside Our Borders

August 16 —  
Poor Lifted Up

August 23 —  
Racism Reconciled

August 30 —  
Kingdom Work In A Divisive Culture

## FINANCIAL UPDATE:



### JUNE GIVING

06/07	\$6,815
06/14	\$2,935
06/21	\$4,672
06/28	\$4,315

**Church Giving Update**—Thanks for praying and following through with faithful giving. Most of you have adjusted to giving through the mail when unable to attend in person. Please know that it is greatly appreciated. If you have not given, please consider mailing in your offering to our 416 S. Broadway Street address. It may be a bit slower with snail mail, but it still works to keep us up to date financially. Our value is to keep giving like you normally would do if you were attending a church service. ***Thanks again for your faithful giving.***

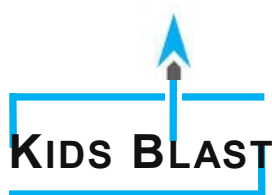
## CHURCH NEWS:

### We're Continuing the Reopening Process —

We have begun modified in-person worship services, and we also are streaming live the 9:30 service on Facebook. Check out the Medina Community Church Facebook page or YouTube once the services have taken place.

**FIRST SERVICE** we will all have face masks along with practicing social distancing. Bring your mask from home or if you need one we will provide you with one. Some of you feel safer in this environment and you can rest assured that everyone will be doing the same thing. During **SECOND SERVICE** masks will be optional with social distancing guidelines in place. There will be a roped-off area in the front parking lot for fellowship with social distancing. At the present time we won't be offering any adult classes, children's ministry, or nursery. We will open our nursery and children's classes on July 19th.

### VBS At Home — July 21-23



VBS with a twist! . . . Three days of Vacation Bible School at home style. We promise to make it easy for you as a parent/grandparent to walk your child through the experience. Once you sign up we'll drop off a bucket with lessons, a t-shirt for each child, three days of crafts, and a DVD with worship songs. Just take time each day with your child to watch the lessons, help with the craft, and sing with hand motions the worship songs. **EASY**—That's our goal for all our parents.

We promise to make it simple and fun for the entire family. Just fill out the attached registration form for each child (no need to fill out the emergency information section since we're not at church). Once you fill out the first form, just add any additional child on the next form without contact info. Sign up today by emailing your completed registration form to [mccoffice@zoominternet.net](mailto:mccoffice@zoominternet.net) or [dougdauidson@zoominternet.net](mailto:dougdauidson@zoominternet.net).

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