

## FOLLOW ME

By Pastor Doug

*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me . . . Whoever loses their life for me will find it.* Matthew 6:24

Imagine going to a financial planner who tells you that if you want to save for retirement you have to spend all your money. Or imagine talking to a dietician who says if you want to lose weight you will need to eat as many cheeseburgers as you can. That just doesn't make sense. But Jesus' teaching here can sound almost like that: to find life, you have to give up life for Him.

Being a disciple of Jesus is often times a choice — choosing the world's way of doing life or following Jesus in His way of doing life. We live in a very self-centered culture that is often looking out for number one. But following Jesus means we need to turn from self to pursue the heart of God. It means relying on His strength and power, not our own. It means living with God's purpose for our lives rather than our own ambitions and goals. It means we swallow our pride and humbly follow Jesus wherever He leads.

Discipleship is not easy, but there are huge rewards. Life works so much better when we follow Jesus and enjoy the benefits of the fruits of the Spirit. My prayer for all of us as we head into the fall season is for us to keep our eyes on Jesus above the noise and the chatter of Main Street. May we "seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness." As we do, may we enjoy the fruit of our labor. Because God says "I will take care of the rest." Matthew 6:33

Join us online or in person as we explore together what it means to follow Jesus. The new series, Follow Jesus, will begin Sunday, September 20th.

## 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.

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### •HOW TO NEIGHBOR

September 6 — Justin Boughter  
Neighboring Across Generations

September 13 —  
Starting The Conversation

### •FOLLOW JESUS

September 20 —  
Jesus' Call To Follow

September 27 —  
Fearless

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**SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting a drive-thru Community Night meal on Saturday, September 19th from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. All guests picking up meals will be asked to remain in their vehicles. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. Meals are first come, first serve until the food runs out. We plan to make enough food to feed 100 people for this first drive-thru meal event.

Please note that we are taking donations if you would like to give to this ministry. Also, we will need volunteers to help cook and distribute meals. Please contact Emily Winans if you would like to volunteer for this outreach. Her contact number is (240) 405-4003. You can also email her at [winanse@gmail.com](mailto:winanse@gmail.com)

## **CHURCH NEWS:**

In addition to in-person services, we are also continuing to stream the first service (9:30 am) online for those who wish to stay home. In-person services will require social distancing, masks, and lots of sanitizing in between services.

Face masks are required for all in-person services. Please bring your mask from home or if you need one we will provide you with one. We will also be following social distancing guidelines in order to keep all of our church family safe.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

The MCC men's Bible study will resume after our long break due to the coronavirus. Plans are to maintain a 6 foot social distance and still have the study. Participants in the study will have to bring your own refreshments. With everything going on in the world today, getting into the Word with our current study seems like a good place to start. So dust off your books (and maybe in some cases even find them), and join us on September 10th at 7:00 pm in the usual classroom at the church. We will be looking at Chapter 18 in "The Book of Signs." Please note that we will need to sanitize the room after we use it so it will be ready for next time.

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS:**



Ontrack (Jr. High) and Student Life (Sr. High) youth groups will begin September 13th with a Fall kickoff event at Putt-n-Stuff (134 S. Kansas Road, Orville, OH) from 4-8 pm. Go-karts, batting cages, laser tag, and more!!!

Kids Blast (kindergarten-5th grade) will begin Wednesday, September 9th at MCC. They will meet from 6:30-7:30 pm. (Please note the new times.)

*Please be aware that masks will be required for all groups when inside.*

