

A Monthly Newsletter brought to you by Medina Community Church.

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# WHAT A GREAT TIME TO PRAY

By Pastor Doug

How do we pray for our country and its leaders, current and future? With so much division in our country, and with all the mud-slinging, how do we pray? Here's a prayer that can begin the move towards trusting God to heal our land.

"Make us a great nation, yes. But more than that, make us good, Lord, with a heartbeat that wants every person of every creed and color to know Your love, Your goodness, and Your worth. Make us wise as serpents, but gentle as doves. Turn our fears to faith, as we look to You and You alone for the future of our country. Give us God -confidence that no matter what happens, we will believe You are not only in control, but that You know exactly what is needed to accomplish Your purpose. Help us not to second-guess Your moves, but to move at Your command, always without hesitation.

Forgive us for wanting our own way and making our own paths often the ones paved with least resistance. Forgive us for fencewalking, or for ignoring completely the truths that can so easily set us free. Deliver us from mindless quarrels and destinations that lead us nowhere, but away from You. Free us from divisiveness, and melt our hardened hearts to love, not hate, and to heal, not debate."

Isn't that a great prayer? There are all kinds of issues out there that can cause division in our community and church. So let's do something about it! Let's pray. The Sunday before the elections I chose the topic – Follow Jesus on Your Knees. Together may we be one in Jesus as we pray for God's direction for our nation. Selah!



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on Saturday, October 17th from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) Meals are first come, first serve

until the food runs out. Please note that we are taking donations if you would like to help support this ministry. Please contact Emily Winans if you would like to volunteer for this outreach: Tel—(240) 405-4003 or Email—winanse@gmail.com

# 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: FOLLOW JESUS

<u>October 4</u> — The Key

October 11 — (Justin Boughter) When Questions Arise

October 18 — (Dave Arron) Who Is Your Best Friend?

October 25 — The Cost

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#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**



The Samaritan's Purse project **Operation Christmas Child** collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. As part of Operation Christmas Child, MCC will be collecting gift-filled shoe boxes from October 4th through November 10th. Delivered into the hands of children through local churches, every shoebox gift is an opportunity to share about Jesus Christ and God's love. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

#### 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.

#### Adult Bible Study:

The MCC men's Bible study is currently meeting on Thursday evenings (7:00 pm) at the church. The current study is based on a book by David Jeremiah entitled *The Book of Signs*. Plans are to maintain a 6 foot social distance and still have the study. Participants in the study will have to bring their 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. Please contact Dave Arron with any questions.

MCC's women's Bible study group is not meeting at the current time.

### Youth Group News:

Young Adult study with Arlen Gerig meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm at MCC.

Ontrack (Jr. High) and Student Life (Sr. High) youth groups meet on Sunday evenings from 5-6:30 pm at MCC.

Kids Blast (kindergarten-5th grade) meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm at MCC.

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







