

CHILDLIKE FAITH

By Justin Boughter

Hey everyone, Justin here! I just wanted to write you guys something about the hope that we have in Jesus.

I wanted to start this little excerpt with a story. As many of you guys know, I work with high school aged students primarily, but I also work with the elementary ministry that we have on Wednesday nights. We have kids in the age range of four to ten years old, and we average about seven kids every Wednesday night. It is so amazing to see the way God cares about these kids and the way he works in their lives.

There are some things that you expect when you work with little kids. Some of the common things are, a lot of questions, some shenanigans, a lot of energy, lots of laughs and fun, etc. But there is one thing I received from one of these children that I never expected and that is wisdom. There is a little girl that goes to our church. She's about eight years old. Her family is very involved with our elementary ministry and church ministries as a whole. During one of the elementary lessons on a Sunday morning we were asking the kids what about Covid has been hard for them. We got lots of different answers. Some of the common ones were that they were afraid for their families, especially their older family members, they miss their friends at school, and that they want things to "go back to normal." After we talked about how Covid was affecting them this little girl spoke up and said "yeah, but God knows when Covid will end." When she said that it struck me that this girl has just embodied the kind of faith that Jesus has called us to have. She has the faith of a child, a pure and completely trustworthy faith. This is the kind of faith that brings peace, the kind of faith that can move mountains. I wanted to share with you guys the wisdom I received from that little girl on that day.

During this pandemic and tough times where everything seems lost, God has found you. When everything seems to be out of control, God is in control. When all hope is lost our hope in God is what provides for us. Cling to the truth that our God loves us and is in complete control!

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.

January 3 —
The Value of Waiting

January 10 — Justin Boughter
Moving Forward Into the Unknown

SERIES: PHILIPPIANS —
Hanging Tough Together . . .
and Loving It!

January 17 —
Confident Living

January 24 —
Rediscover Joy

January 31 —
Laying Down Our Rights

Community Meal

Saturday, Jan. 23rd

6—7 pm



COMMUNITY MEAL— JANUARY 23RD

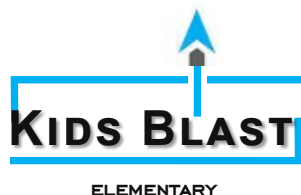


We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on **Saturday, January 23rd** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their 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

Upcoming Community Meals: Saturday, February 20 & Saturday, March 20

YOUTH GROUPS

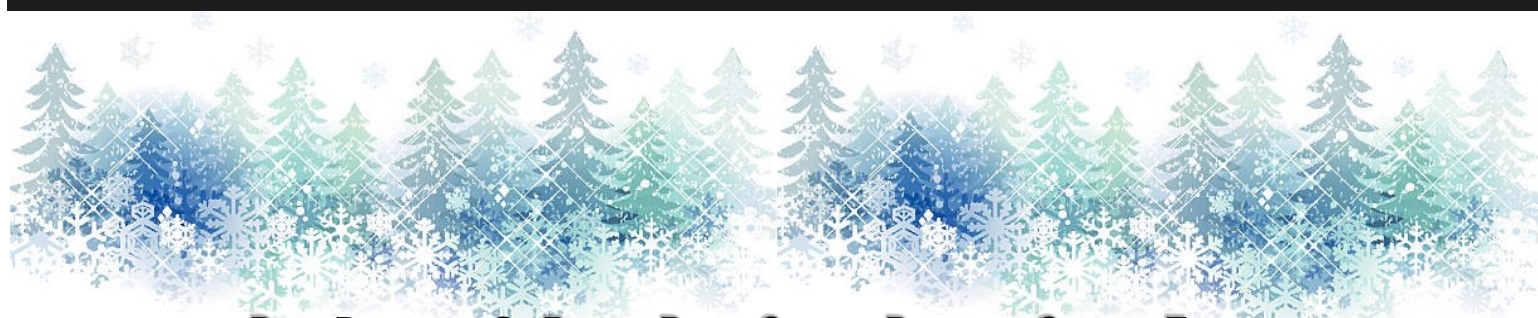
- **Young Adult** study with Arlen Gerig meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm at MCC.
- **Ontrack** (Jr. High) and **Student Life** (Sr. High) youth groups are postponed until March. We meet Sunday nights.
- **Kids Blast** (kindergarten-5th grade) meets on Wednesday but has been postponed until March.



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL GROUPS.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We really appreciate all of the year-end giving in November and December. We are now caught up for our fiscal year budget. If you would like to give a gift over and above your normal giving, we are asking for help with our new furnace/AC unit for the classroom area. Any gifts can be marked building fund and we will make sure that those funds go to this need. Keep praying and give as God leads. So many are in need and we as a church have been able to minister in loving ways. Thank you for your generosity!



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