

## A Great New Year

by Pastor Doug

### THE SIMPLE SECRET TO A GREAT NEW YEAR

*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.* Matthew 6:33

By now you should be finished with putting together toys for the kids or an IKEA projects for your spouse. None of it is simple. Often times we lose our minds trying to figure out what the pictures stand for and which screw, bolt or nut goes where. Fortunately there is always a YouTube video which gives you a visual and breaks it down easily. We all love simple.

When it comes to the new year and having a simple spiritual plan, it's not hard. To experience a great year, just do what Jesus said, "*Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things [the things you and I worry about] shall be added to you*" ([Matthew 6:33](#)). If you will seek Him first, He promises to meet all your needs.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEEK HIM FIRST?

1. It means that you spend time with Him at the start of each day - praying and reading His Word, asking Him for direction, guidance, help and insight ... confessing your sins when you blow it, and seeking His grace to help in your time of need.
2. It means you put His agenda above your agenda. You pray, "*Not my will, but Thine will be done*" ([Luke 22:42](#)). You live your life to please Jesus, not to please yourself.
3. It means you obey Him and do what He says in the power He supplies. You don't let your fleshly desires control you; you let Jesus control you.
4. It means you invest your time, talent and resources in the kingdom of God, not the kingdom of self.
5. It means you recognize that He is everything, and in Christ "*are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge*" ([Colossians 2:3](#)). The true treasures of life—love, joy, peace, fulfillment, true success—are only found in Jesus ... so you spend your time seeking Him.

### SIMPLE STARTS NOW!

Don't wait for the ball to drop in Times Square before seeking first the kingdom of God. Start now! Put Jesus first every day you are blessed to live... and He will bless your life abundantly in return.

One of my favorite Scriptures says, "*For those who honor Me, I will honor*" ([1 Samuel 2:30](#)). If you want God to honor you, honor Him in all you do. The best is yet to be... and the ball is in your court.

## 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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### January 2 —

New Year ... New Start (Col. 3:1-12)

### January 9 —

*There is a Reason Series*  
There's Purpose in Pain

### January 16 —

Find Your Why

### January 23 —

Stop the Comparisons

### January 30 —

The Christian Tool Box—Don Winans



## UPDATE FROM JUSTIN BOUGHTER



**ASHLAND**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Hello Medina Community Church! I wanted to write to you guys so that I can keep you updated on my studies. As most of you know I am attending Ashland Theological Seminary where I am pursuing my masters of Divinity degree in pastoral ministries. I just finished my first semester and I wanted to say that I am beyond blessed and thankful that the Lord has provided me with such a great church to stand behind me, pray for me and support me through this time. My spring semester is about to start on the 10th of January and I am very excited to be taking some new classes, especially my class on the New Testament. Again I cannot thank you guys enough for all you do for me and the Kingdom work and mindset you provide keeps me focused and refreshed in my times of struggle. Thank you guys and let's make 2022 a year where God's name is known.

## POINSETTIAS

The Castle Family .....In Memory of Lawrence Sokal

In Memory of Charles Castle

Pastor Doug & Bev Davidson ...In Memory of William

& Cam Worrell, In Memory of Norwood Davidson

Sherry Hall .....In Memory of my sister –Penny Mason

In Memory of my friend—Linda Cepec

Grace Zay and Lydia Theiss ...In memory of David,

Arthur and Cindy. In honor of Cindy Mavrikos

Lydia Theiss \_\_\_\_\_In memory of Richard and Louise Theiss

Gene & Sandra Vandergriff In Honor of  
Our Grandchildren

MCC Church Family In Memory of those who passed a  
away because of covid

Anonymous In Honor of Jesus Our Savior



We appreciate all who  
made a donation for  
the poinsettias.

Thank You!



Wishing our entire MCC family  
A Happy New Year!

## COMMUNITY MEAL



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on **Saturday, January 15** 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 meals are provided free of charge. Donations are accepted to help support this ministry.

If you do not drive, and would like a meal delivered to you, please call the church office at (330)-723-5155. Leave your name, address, phone number, and number of meals wanted. ***Deliveries are made within 3 miles of the church the church at this time.***

Please contact Emily Winans to volunteer for this outreach: Tel: (240) 405-4003 or Email: winanse@gmail.com

## YOUTH GROUPS

Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm  
**KIDS BLAST**  
ELEMENTARY

Kids Blast is MCC's fun, high-energy Bible club for 4-year olds through 5th grade. Kids will enjoy a time of worship, games, and a Bible lesson each week. Dinner will be provided.

We are delaying the start up of Kids Blast until Feb.2, 2022



**SL** | **STUDENT LIFE** SR. HIGH

Sundays • 5:00-6:30 pm

Youth groups will start back up  
On February 6th.

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