

Maturity in Jesus

by *Pastor Doug*

Tony Evans was a professor at Dallas Seminary where I went to Seminary. He recently was asked "what does spiritual maturity look like in your Christian walk?" He raised the following question:

"The question that needs to be asked is, what do spiritually mature disciples – or at least disciples who are moving toward maturity – look like? Well, some of them look like people who once did not know how to control their anger, but now they understand how to maintain self-control. Other growing Christians look like people who at one time struggled and lost against any sin that you can imagine, but now in the strength of Christ, they are living lives that are well-pleasing to God."

No one is perfect, but with the Lord's help we should be becoming more like Jesus in our attitude and actions. Spiritual growth is a natural part of being connected to our Savior.

So, what is maturity? It is a lifestyle that seeks to react biblically to the situations in our lives we encounter. It is letting the model of Jesus become our standard for living the Christian life. We can all make excuses, but the reality is that others should see genuine change in our lives. Let's all seek to see life through a Biblical lens. May we follow Jesus with full devotion so His DNA becomes our kind of lifestyle. As the scripture says, let's run well the race marked out for us:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . ." Hebrews 12:1-2



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.

October 2 — Craig Peters
(Equip Ministries International)

October 9 — Jacob Winn
No More Neglect

NEW SERIES: A BETTER WAY

October 16 —
When You Don't Like Who
You're Becoming

October 23 —
When You're Too Busy
For What Matters

October 30 — Dr. Daniel Shayesteh
Exodus From Darkness





Join us for the Ramseyer Farm family event on **October 9th**. You can purchase discounted tickets for \$15.00 a person at church or the office. Enjoy the afternoon (opens at 1 pm) and then stop by the MCC tent for a hayride at 4:00 pm and cookout at 5:00 pm.

Call or text Donna Spitzer if you have any questions . . . (330) 317-2675



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community meal on **Saturday, October 22nd** 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.) We can always use drivers for meal deliveries at 5:00 pm and others to help with the drive through ministry. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text Emily Winans at (240) 405-4003.

Men and Women's Bible Studies (Thursdays)

The men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Dave Arron leads this study and they are currently studying the book of 1 Peter.

Ladies Bible study started a new six-week study (**Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past**) on September 22. This is a Kay Arthur study, no homework. This study will take us to the end of October and then we'll break for the holidays. We have lots of fun things planned for November and December, so stay tuned. The ladies meet on Thursday evenings at MCC (6:30 pm). Contact Kathy Summers, kathyksummers@gmail.com or (330) 461-1081 with any questions.



Fall Family Fellowship

October 15, 2022

Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship at the Davis' home. Arrive at 4:00 pm and stay as late as you like. Drinks, paper products, beef brisket, and a hayride (weather permitting) will be provided. We also have a playground for the kids. Please bring a dish to share.

Davis' House • 2351 Abbeyville Road • Valley City, OH 44280

Operation Homes is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the homeless of Medina County. By rotational partnering with local churches for shelter, food, and the administration of life skill programs, Operation Homes provides the opportunity for individuals to be independent, both personally and financially.

MCC's next Operation Homes rotation is October 31-November 7. Look for sign up sheets at the information table at church for opportunities where you can serve.



Thursday, October 27 • The Chapel at Green

Make memories to last a lifetime without losing any sleep. With live music, a fashion show, interactive games, and practical Bible teaching, this is one party you won't wanna snooze at.

You'll enjoy inner beauty pampering, learn to embrace who God created you to be, and grow closer to each other and to Jesus—all in your jammies! It's the most fun you'll ever have digging into God's word together. 6:30pm-9:00pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm). Call or text Donna Spitzer with any questions at (330) 317-2675.

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Mark Your Calendars! If you're crafty and enjoy making things please join us at our first annual Medina Community Church Holiday Craft Fair. We invite you to become one of our vendors and sell your homemade/hand-made with love crafts. Share what you love! Think about things you like to make . . . could be food items, jewelry, holiday items - use your imagination!

Set-up will begin at 8:30 am on November 5th. The cost is \$20 for a vendor space. That money will go to the MCC Helps Fund. There is a sign up sheet at the information table at church and applications will be there also, or just let Becky or Kathy know that you're interested in being a vendor. We can email you the application. Deadline for turning in your application is October 15 .

If you have questions or want to receive an application, please contact Becky Arron at (330) 242-2892 or Kathy Summers at (330) 461-1081 or kathyksummers@gmail.com.

