

Faith in Jesus Invites Life Change

—Romans 6:6

by *Pastor Doug*

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.” –

Romans 6:6

Oh, what great news the Apostle Paul gives to us in Romans chapter 6!

Both scripture and experience have made it abundantly clear that followers of Jesus will battle sin, but with victories along the way. We are new creations in Jesus, which helps us to identify with where we are headed rather than staying stuck in the past (II Cor. 5:17). As Romans 6:6 states, we are no longer enslaved to sin! We are not who we used to be! As John Newton has so beautifully written, “I am not the man I ought to be, I am not the man I wish to be, and I am not the man I hope to be, but by the grace of God, I am not the man I used to be.”

In our fight against remaining sin, it can be quite exhausting and discouraging, to be sure. But in Romans 6:6 we are given some amazing promises to help us along the way, and here they are:

Promises from Romans 6:6

1. Our old self has been crucified with Jesus Christ! . . . And as a result:
2. The body of sin (or the rule of sin in our lives) is brought to nothing! . . . So that:
3. We are no longer *enslaved* to sin!

That’s great news! We are not enslaved to our sin! We are free in Christ and by the power of His Spirit within us to live a pure, Godly life that honors the Lord!

Though the battle against our remaining sin is long, hard, and exhausting, Jesus helps us daily in the struggle. We are called to be transformed by the renewing of our mind so that our lives look more like Jesus.

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: *Romans*

- February 5 — (Romans 2:17-28)
Religion Can’t Save Us
- February 12 — (Romans 3:1-20)
The Level Playing Field
- Jacob Winn
- February 19 — (Romans 3:21-31)
Righteousness Revealed
- Justin Boughter
- February 26 — (Romans 4)
It’s All About Faith

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We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community meal on **Saturday, February 11th** 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 (7:00 pm) at MCC. Contact Dave Arron (darron@neo.rr.com) with any questions.

Ladies Bible study meets on Thursday evenings at MCC (6:30 pm). Kathy Summers (kathyksummers@gmail.com) coordinates the women's study. Please contact her with any questions.



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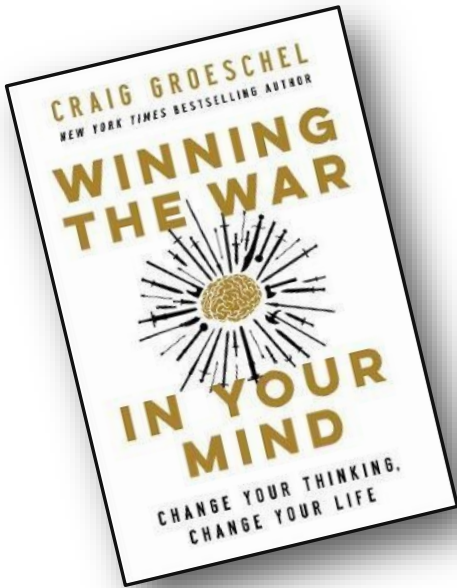
UPDATE

Please pray for Tyler Kaminski who is serving as a missionary with YWAM in Asia. Tyler shared with us last summer before heading out for training. He recently shared the following prayer requests:

Prayer Requests

- Protection for my team in South Asia
- Supernatural unification of our team
- Family and friends back home
- Falling more in love with Jesus
- Salvation
- An increase in the fruits and gifts of the Spirit, and an increase of discernment in hearing Gods voice
- Plans for after my time on outreach
- An outpouring of Joy and peace
- Prayers for my team I am leading

UPCOMING EVENTS



Community Nights 2023

Join us for another six-week Community Nights beginning February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and continuing every Wednesday evening leading up to Easter. We'll have dinner together at 6:00 pm followed by an adult Bible study, a teen study, and Kids Blast.

Great food, community-building time, and spiritual growth is on the agenda each week. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

RSVP: sign up at church or online at <https://rsvp.church/r/DIQSmU14>



Amore Night is an annual meal and servant auction hosted by our Student Life (Sr. High) and Ontrack (Jr. High) students in an effort to fund their missions activities.

Plan on joining us for an enjoyable evening of food, fellowship, and fun. Signup at the information table at church to reserve your place at the table.

A free-will offering will be taken at the end of the evening. There is no charge for the meal.

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Amore' Night

6:00 P.M. Lasagna Dinner at Church

6:00—7:00 P.M. Silent Auction (we are working on a way you can bid online)

7:00 P.M Service Auction—bid on a teen or adult staff for 4 hours of service

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