

Jesus - Been There!

by *Pastor Doug*

Have you ever felt as though nobody understands what you were going through? You are a teenager who is struggling with feelings of anxiety. Or an adult that looks at the challenges of life and you wonder, "God, do you understand and care about what I am going through?"

Throughout our current series we have been looking at diverse ways Jesus did life, so we have a model for how to navigate life in a Godly way. Our key passage for the series is Hebrews 4:15 where it states, "we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was tempted as we are, yet without sin." So, what that tells you and me is that when Jesus came to Earth, when he took on flesh, when he became fully human, he came here to redeem us from our sins. But he also came here to experience the full gamut of human experience. He knew what it was like to grieve the loss of a friend when Lazarus passed away. And he wept bitterly. He knew what it was like to be disappointed by his disciples who seemed to fail and never understand it every step of the way. He knew what it was like to be exhausted and tired when people came to him for miracle after miracle, and he just wanted to get away for some alone time. And he knew what it was like to be betrayed and abandoned by his friends when they all disappeared when he was arrested in the garden Gethsemane.

Jesus fully understands what you are going through. That is one of the great gifts that he gave us when he became human. And so, he stands between us and God as our high priest. We never have to worry about whether God gets us. He understands our humanity and he will show us the best kind of life to live. (John 10:10)

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: Been There

- May 5 — Justin Boughter
The Crossroads of Fear
- May 12 — (Mothers Day)
When They Take You For Granted
- May 19 —
When The Urge Is Too Strong
- May 26 —
When Past Hurts Still Hurt

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We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, May 18th** 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. 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.



MCC's Summer Mission Trip



Please pray for our mission team heading to the Bahamas **June 15-21**. They need our prayers and financial support. The team will serve with Praying Pelicans Missions doing a service project, children's ministry, and food distribution. They will tie in with Pastor Sterling's church during the week. The team is led by Teresea Medley and Justin Boughter. Also serving on the mission are Rob and Deanna Saba, Eva Saba, Erin and Alli Pagel, Brittany Tosatto, Xiamara Glover, Beth Davis, Jack Medley, Arlan Gerig, Maddie Boughter, Pam Castle, and Kathy Summers. Look for a mailing in March to commit to financial and prayer support for this trip.



Join Us For MCC's Vacation Bible School

July 8-12, 2024

6-8:30 p.m. (children's dinner at 5:45)



VBS is a fun filled week of music, games, and bringing the Bible to life in a very interactive and engaging way. We are so excited to welcome children through our doors and share the love of Christ. If you are looking to connect, VBS is a great place to meet new people and serve in several different areas. We encourage our children to invite their friends to VBS for a week of summer fun. We serve a dinner for children and volunteers at 5:45 to help make your crazy week a little easier. You can sign up at the VBS display in the back of the worship center and if you have additional questions feel free to reach out.



Spring
CLEAN UP
May 18, 2024



Calling all cleaners, gardeners, and window washers . . .

We need your help with MCC's annual Spring cleanup day. Join us on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 to noon as we get the church looking good before the busy summer months. Young and old alike! Come for an hour or the whole morning. Sign up Sundays at the information table.

Upcoming Events:

•**Bible study**— We are just beginning our third week of our Thursday evening ladies Bible study. Our study this time of “The 10 Greatest Struggles Of Your Life,” a book by Colin Smith. It’s not too late to join us. We meet at the church at on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

•**First Wednesday Dinners**— We have dinner at a different restaurant every month. We meet at 6:00 p.m. Watch your email for June details.

The women’s ministry coordinator is Kathy Summers. If you’re not receiving Kathy’s emails regarding the ladies activities please contact her so she can get you on the list. She can be reached at kathyksummers@gmail.com or (330) 461-1081.



Upcoming Events:

•**Men’s Breakfast**

Our next men’s breakfast will take place Saturday June 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Nerf Wars—the epic battle where we will take down Goliath.

Join us from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 11th. This is for ages 4 on up through 5th grade. We will be sure to have a lunch to wrap things up.

