

## *Loving Your Neighbor*

by *Pastor Doug*

It won't be long before we join in on the South Town Arts and Music Festival activities. We will be hosting a family venue with our friends from Fellowship Baptist. What a wonderful time of year to remind us of the importance of loving well. Loving your neighbor as yourself is found eight times in the Bible. Not once. Not twice. Eight times Jesus reminds us of this value. Loving your neighbor as yourself would be easy if your neighbors were all people you understood, people you agreed with, people like you. But what about playground bullies, colleagues, refugees, online adversaries? They are all our neighbors, and Jesus said to love them. Everyone. But how? I like what one writer said when it comes to loving well. He gives four main guidelines to help you love your neighbor:

- Loving your neighbor means we need to receive God's love first.
- Loving your neighbor means loving ourselves well.
- Loving your neighbor means showing grace.
- Loving your neighbor means acting with compassion.

Could it be that the key to loving well is the lost art of empathy, stepping into other people's shoes and asking what if? —what if it were my child? What if it were me?

My prayer as a shepherd is that God would continue to help us love well in our church family as well as out in the community. God brings people into our lives who may not have a whole lot of hope. As you love well, God just may use you to impact your neighbor in extraordinary ways. Step out in faith and let God use you as a vessel of His love.

## 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.

## Summer Workshop Series:

- August 4 —  
Know The Gospel, Live The Gospel
- August 11 —  
Walk Across The Room  
(Sharing One's Faith)
- August 18 —  
Reboot Your Prayer Life
- August 25 —  
The Value Of Serving Others

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Medina Community Church will be participating in the local Medina South Town Arts and Music Festival on Saturday, August 10th. Our family venue will take place from 2-5:00 p.m. in the front parking lot of our church. We will have a stage with music from our friends at Fellowship Baptist along with our own worship team. Food will be provided by Hands of Soul along with \$1 snow cones. Also for the family there will be an inflatable set up and rides on the Magical Train. We hope you will invite family and friends for this community outreach.



Join us at Pier Lon Campground on Sunday, August 18 for MCC's annual church picnic and baptism. There will be swimming in the afternoon followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. and baptism at 6:00 p.m. This is a free event for the entire family.



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•**Bible Study**— The ladies plan on starting a new study in August. Watch your email for more information.

•**First Wednesday Dinners**— The ladies meet for dinner at a different restaurant every month (6:00 p.m.). Watch your email for details.

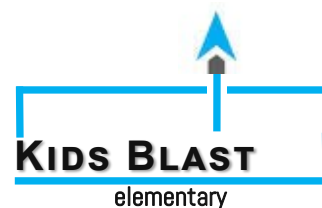
The women's ministry coordinator is Kathy Summers. If you're not receiving Kathy's emails regarding the ladies activities please contact her so she can get you on the list. She can be reached at [kathyksummers@gmail.com](mailto:kathyksummers@gmail.com) or (330) 461-1081.



*Youth groups will kick off on Sunday, September 8th.*

*Kids Blast will begin on Wednesday, September 10th.*

*Men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 14th at 8:30 am.*



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** 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.





**Week 9 July 28**

Field 3 @ 1:00 p.m. MCC @ Special Olympians

**Week 10 August 4**

Field 1 @ 2:30 p.m. MCC @ Countryside Crushers

**Week 11 August 11**

Field 3 @ 2:30 p.m. MCC @ Average Joes

**Week 12 August 18**

Field 3 @ 1:00 p.m. Medina UMC @ MCC

Field 3 @ 2:30 p.m. The Revival @ MCC

**Week 13 August 25**

Field 1 @ 2:30 p.m. The Revival @ MCC

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*Contact Matt Hulme with any questions:  
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**Brunswick City Schools** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-WujpgUUIURENEMjBbQlwz0EcE9N-Xil/view?pli=1>

**Buckeye Local Schools** <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1706102695/buckeyeschoolsorg/uaxoyh9e7efwvtzvnghf/2024-2025Calendar.pdf>

**Cloverleaf Local Schools** <https://www.cloverleaflocal.org/Calendars1.aspx>

**Highland Local Schools** <https://www.highlandschools.org/quick-links/school-year-calendars/school-calendar-2024-25>

**Medina City Schools** <https://www.medinabees.org/Page/2#calendar1/20240725/month>

**St. Francis Xavier** <https://www.sfxmedina.com/school/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/0816-2023-2024-Rotating-Calendar-3.pdf>

**Wadsworth City Schools** <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1684242993/wadsworthk12ohus/mpwns2ts1sqfwni7dzpq/2023-2024schoolyearcalendar.pdf>