

Created in God's Image

by *Pastor Doug*

People are unique. We all have things that make us who we are as individuals. Yet, there is something that unites all of humanity: we are all "image bearers" who are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27). All throughout history and the world, in different times and places, our humanity connects us to our Creator. In James 3:9 it says that human beings have been made in God's likeness. Being human sets us apart from the rest of creation, but it draws us together as image bearers who were originally designed to reflect their Maker.

Because we are created in God's image we have the ability to think, reason, feel emotions and make choices in life. These are all attributes of our Creator. As human beings we reflect the image of God in how we live and relate to others.

As image bearers we also look on humanity in a way that says we are all created in the image of God and therefore everyone has value—even the unborn. There are ethical, moral and spiritual implications to our understanding of all that it means to be an image bearer of the living God. We are to reflect His image to a world needing to be reconciled with their Creator and their Savior. Those who trust in Christ's finished work on the cross have become a new creation (II Cor. 5:17) they have been "born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

On Sundays in January and February we will study together the theology of what it means to be created in the image of God. Not only will we look at the theology but we will also explore the implications. One's belief on sexuality and gender, abortion, euthanasia, racism, evangelism, compassion for the poor and much more stems from one's understanding of being an imager bearer. I hope you will join us Sundays as we explore some of the more controversial and divisive beliefs within in the church today.

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 5
MCC—Our Past, Present and Future

Series—Doing and Being the Image of God

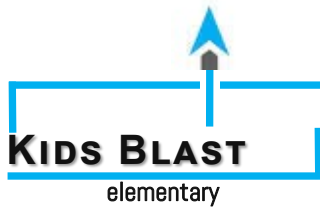
- January 12 — Created in God's Image
- January 19 — Why Life Matters
- January 26 — God's Call for Compassion

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January 15,22 &29
6-7:30 p.m.



January 12, 26 (Kalahari—17th)
6-7:30 p.m.



January 12, 19, 26
6-8:00 p.m.

First Saturday Women’s Breakfast—, January 4th at 9:30 a.m. This month the ladies will be heading out to Jane’s diner on the square. Please let Kathy know if you can make it so she can arrange seating.



•Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, January 11th at the church (8:30 a.m.).

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



Fundraiser for the Oaks

Family Care Center

Take home a baby bottle and fill it with change. Bring it back and we will donate it to this wonderful non-profit that ministers to young moms and families in need.



BUILDING CAMPAIGN FOR OUR PICNIC PAVILION

We are looking to raise \$30,000 for construction of a picnic pavilion on MCC property. As of today, we’ve raised \$19, 378 towards that goal. The hope is that we can build next spring.

Please pray about a one time gift or a regular gift over and above your tithe for the building fund. Thanks for considering this project.

Please mark your checks or envelope—”Building Fund.”