

The Purpose of the Church – By Pastor Doug

Every church needs to grow warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship, stronger through worship, broader through ministry, and larger through evangelism.

These five purposes of the church are commanded by Jesus in the Great Commandment and Great Commission, explained by Paul in Ephesians 4, described in Jesus' prayer for the church in John 17, and modeled by the first church in Jerusalem.

In Acts 2:42-47 these five facets of health are mentioned: They fellowshiped, edified each other, worshipped, ministered, and evangelized. As a result, verse 47 says, "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

The Five Dimensions of a Healthy Church

- Churches grow warmer through fellowship.
- Churches grow deeper through discipleship.
- Churches grow stronger through worship.
- Churches grow broader through ministry.
- Churches grow larger through evangelism.

Church growth is the natural result of church health. When God's Word is taught, we will hopefully see all five of these areas growing and developing. Each of the five New Testament purposes of the church must be in equilibrium with the others for health to occur.

Now this is important: Because we are imperfect beings, balance in a church does not occur naturally!

In fact, we must continually correct imbalance. It is human nature to over-emphasize the purpose of the church we feel most passionate about.

As a result, most evangelical churches already do the five purposes of the church – sort of.

But they do not do them all equally well. One church may be strong in fellowship, yet weak in evangelism. Another may be strong in worship, yet weak in discipleship. Still another may be strong in evangelism, yet weak in ministry.

As we continue to move down a path of transitioning as a church from my pastorate to our next pastor, it is important to look at areas of strength while improving our weaker areas. I am praying for the church that we become even healthier spiritually as we step out in faith looking for the next shepherd to lead us. My prayer is that all five purposes will be even stronger in the days ahead.

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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- May 4 —
A Purpose Driven Church
(Congregational Meeting after church)
 - May 11 — (Mother's Day)
What Moms Bring to the Table

Stewardship Series

- May 18 —
Money Matters—Big Picture
- May 25 —
God's Values on Work and Finances

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Easter Lilies



We appreciate the donations
of Lilies from:

- * Josh and Rita Brown
- * Pastor Doug and Bev Davidson
- * Ron Javorsky
- * Beth Ann Pearson
- * Gene and Sandra Vandergriff
- * Church Family

Join us Sunday, May 4th for our annual meeting. We will be discussing our new by-laws, leadership additions, building and grounds updates and summer missions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US

May 4th 12:15 p.m.

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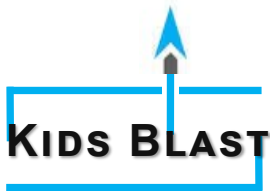


We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, May 17th** from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive-thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) We 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.

African Children's Choir June 28

Sanyuka Children's Choir is a choir made up of orphaned and vulnerable children of Uganda, Africa, who are under the care of Sanyuka Children's Ministries. This Christ-centered child development program aims to extend the love of Jesus Christ, the feeling and support of family, and the hope for a better future to the neediest children in Uganda. The choir brings authentic African sounds of praise and worship to our congregation with the hope of seeing lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Kids Blast is off for the summer break. Keep an eye out for some special summer events.



→ Sundays
5:00 to 6:30 pm



→ Sundays
6:00 to 8:00 pm



No Ontrack,
Student Life
on
Mother's
Day



Join us at MCC for a time of faith, food, and fellowship.
Saturday • May 10th • 8:30 a.m.

women's ministry

MEDINA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ladies Bible Study - Thursday night Bible Study will continue in May at MCC (6:30 p.m.). This is a twelve-week study by Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth called *Seeking Him - Experiencing The Joy Of Personal Revival*. Please let Kathy Summers know if you'll be joining the study so she can order books. The cost is \$15. We're happy to help if that's a hindrance. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday Night Dinners Our first Wednesday Night will take place May 7th at Moxie's in Lodi at 6:00 p.m. If you are going text Kathy . Please watch your emails for information on that. Also pass along any suggestions on restaurants.

As information on events and other activities become available we'll pass along that information. Please make sure to check your email. If you're not getting regular emails please let Kathy know at kathyksummers@gmail.com or (330) 461-1081 so she can get you on the list. If you have ideas for things that our ladies could be doing please let Kathy know. We are always looking for new ways to serve and encourage.



Bahamas Mission Trip *Pray and Give*

Funds are needed to send the team out fully supported.

We are seven weeks away from our flights to Nassau for a week's worth of outreach and ministry. Our contact and friend in Nassau is Pastor George, who has recruited seven local churches as partners in a full week of events ministering to the homeless, and the poor communities. All of the arrangements for our travel and stay are almost complete. Please continue to pray for the trip-hearts to be open to the Gospel, lasting connections between the people in need and the local churches, unity for the team, and unity between the ministering groups. Also pray that the team endures the climate (heat & humidity), good health and safety, and protection from spiritual attacks. Thank you for the funds already raised, but please also pray for and consider financial support for the outreach. Financial funds are still in need as we walk in faith. Questions—please touch base with Rob Saba or Teresea Medley.

MCC Team: Amanda, Hayley, and Samantha Crawford

Bev Davidson

Clint Davis

Arlan Gerig

Teresa & Jack Medley

Erin Pagel

Deanna & Rob Saba

Mandy Stanley

Kathy Summers

Brittany Tosatto

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VBS at MCC

July 7-10, 2025

*We are transitioning this year to a Monday—Thursday VBS

Join us for an ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As we trek the tundra, we will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing us toward Jesus, True North VBS shows us that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

