

Remember When by Pastor Doug

It is hard to believe that it has been 38 years since I started at Medina Community Church. As I reflect over the years, I can honestly say it has been a blessing to pastor such a loving church family. We went through some tough times at the beginning, but through it all we have seen the Lord's hand with protecting the flock, enabling us to grow deeper in our knowledge of His Word and devotion to serving Him. At the same time, we have seen the Lord build bigger hearts for the lost and for those in need out in our community. Medina Community Church has grown and matured so we can have impact for the cause of Christ! What a privilege to serve as your pastor!

As I think about our MCC days I remember when ...

Bev and I first came to the church and how the church hosted a cake reception in our honor. Look on the next page for photos of those days.

I so enjoyed being able to get teens and young adults out on mission trips. We raised a lot of money along the way for Camp Ray Bird, Student Life missions, beach evangelism and later the Bahamas outreach. Our teens grew in their walk with Jesus as they served unselfishly at inner-city camps, met community needs, and served the poor in the Bahamas.

I appreciated all the Sunday morning times together where I could teach the Word. We went through a number of books in the Bible with expository teaching, and numerous topics as well. Something that never changed during my time here was the commitment to "preach the Word" while keeping the messages relevant in a changing culture.

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

October 5—Acts 11:19-Acts 12
The Church Persecuted

October 12—Acts 13-14
Missions 101

October 19—Acts 15-18:22
Missions 201

October 26 - Acts 18:23-21:14
Missions 301

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Remember When continued.....

I remember starting out with overhead transparencies for our worship songs since we always had newer songs that were not in a hymnal. Then we went to slides followed by PowerPoint in ProPresenter. And then because of covid, we began streaming services live so everyone could participate. Lots of changes along the way, and new songs and hymns were always the mix.



I look back with a grateful heart for having a church where everyone loved my kids so well. Marc and his cotton candy blue hair was loved well by his church family. Katie and her friends who had huge suitcases for trips were accepted by Rich and Donna and the volunteers. Yes, even Beth when she was such a spastic kid, was valued and loved by all. My kids never had to worry about being judged harshly as pastor kids. So good knowing that as parents.



I could go on and on about those "remember when" moments. But may I just emphasize again how much Bev and I both felt appreciated and loved by you all. May MCC always be a place that "loves well." And please always pray for and honor Pastor Next like you have done in the past. May he know you genuinely care for your shepherd.





We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting drive-thru Community meals on **Saturday, October 18, 2025** 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.



Ladies Bible Study - We will not have Bible Study this week. Next **Thursday, October 9**, we will start a new six-week study by Max Lacado called 'Tame Your Thoughts.' This is a video study so a book is not required. There is a book if you wish to get it. We'll watch the video together, and then have discussion. The videos are around 15-20 minutes. Also, there has been discussion of changing the start time to 6:00pm for this study. Please let me know if this works for you.

November First Wednesday Dinner, November 5 - Sweet Mango at 6:00 p.m. This will be our last dinner until spring. In December we'll start having our First Saturday Breakfast. Watch for details.

Ladies Craft Day, November 8th, 12:00 p.m.-We gather at church at noon to make a take home craft. This is a fun activity that we have done for years. It's a special time together more about the time together than the craft. Bring a snack to share and have a great time. Watch for a sign up sheet at the information desk in the next few weeks.

Ladies Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange, December 7th at 12:30p.m. (after second service)-Lunch will be served. Bring a holiday dessert to share. And for the gift exchange this year, it is a White Elephant Exchange (so anything goes).

If you have questions or comments or suggestions for things we could be doing please let Kathy know. Also, if you're not getting regular emails from Kathy Summers please send her your email address so she can get you on the list, kathyksummers@gmail.com; 330.461.1081.



CRAFT FAIR



Craft Fair – Our 4th Annual Craft Fair will be **October 25**. We've made a few changes based on input from past vendors. We've lowered the vendor cost and shortened the hours by one hour. The fair will run from 10:00 - 3:00. We're also taking away so much emphasis on the holiday theme. Hopefully this will broaden the interest to more homemade crafts in general. We already have several vendors interested. Vendor forms are now available at the information desk at church or contact Kathy Summers for a form and with any questions you might have. Kathyksummers@gmail.com or 330.461.1081.



Join us at MCC for a time of
faith, food, and fellowship.

Saturday • October 11 • 8:30 a.m.



Pavilion Work on Saturday, October 4th. If you have carpenter skills, or can carry wood, we need your help for installing the ceiling of the pavilion. The workday begins at 8:00am. See Andrew McMaster with any questions.



Fall Family Fellowship at the Davis' Home! Saturday, October 11th

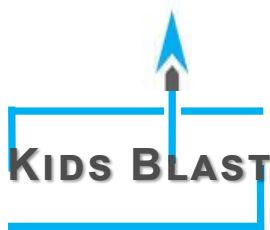
Everyone is welcome to bring family and friends. It's a potluck, so bring something to share. It takes place from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at 2351 Abbeyville Road in Valley City. A sign up sheet is at the information table. Thanks Clint and Beth for hosting your church family once again!



October 18 Fall Clean Up Day.

We will meet for our annual fall clean up day. Please sign up at the church if you can give us a hand. We will meet from 9:00am to 12:00pm.





Kids Blast from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us on Wednesday evenings at the church. We have dinner at 6:00 followed by Bible Club at 6:30 p.m.

ONTRACK
Jr. High

Sundays

5:00 to 6:30 pm



**STUDENT
LIFE** Sr. High

Sundays

6:00 to 8:00 pm



Harvest Party

October 22nd 6:00am to 8:00pm

Join us for MCC's annual Harvest Party. The church will be transformed with games, the amazing maze, and so much more. Dress up in the costume of your choice, and come join the fun. All are welcome.....Harvest Party is for the young and the young at heart!





Gingerbread Houses, November 15th

Watch for the sign up sheet. This is a great activity for the kids. They will decorate their houses with frosting and lots of candy. Questions, please contact Kathy Summers, kathyksummers@gmail.com, or (330) 461-1081.

