MCC NEWS



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The Seasons of Life – By Pastor Doug

Fall – to lose the old, to have its proper place. This is just part of the many definitions of what the dictionary says "fall" is. What is crazy is that the dictionary is talking about fall like 'I fell down,' not fall like 'the season' and yet how appropriate the definition is.

I love fall!! The colors change, the weather changes, and even the smell in the air smells different. Change is all around us which means something must go.

With fall comes the changing of colors on the trees and eventually the massive number of leaves on the ground for raking. What was once a tree deep in rich green, then a tree with vibrant shades of red and orange, becomes the tree with nothing left but the branches. Our human side finds that sad and we wish the color stayed, we think the only thing that makes the tree beautiful is the colorful leaves. We ask ourselves, why does it have to be so bare?

But for every beginning there is an end and for every ending there is a new beginning. What I find amazing is that those trees still stand. Those branches still reach out and upward. Not like our plants in the baskets and on the back patio that will soon die off. There is beauty with trees and in the strength of the branches that will last through all the seasons

This is such a picture of what Jesus does in our lives. We go through all kinds of seasons. Some are seasons of tough times, like loneliness, loss, or financial hardships. And those seasons change us. We have seasons that are bright and beautiful and rich in life. Then we have seasons that He allows things in our life to enter so that we do not remain the same. But through all those seasons He is telling us let go and let Me. Jesus says, let go and let me show you what I can do. Let go and let me show you what I can teach you. There is strength in your branches with Me. We must let go to gain a new perspective.

Is 43: 18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do not perceive it? It will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the dessert."

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: ROMANS

- <u>September 8</u>—
 Kingdoms in Conflict Part 1
- <u>September 15</u>—
 Kingdoms in Conflict Part 2
- <u>September 22</u>— <u>Guest Speaker</u> - <u>Terry Holley</u> (Founding Pastor of Heartland)
- <u>September 29</u>— Guest Speaker—Roger Biadi

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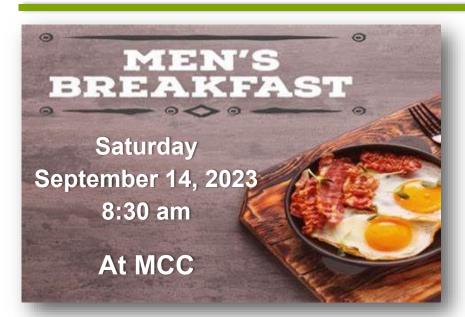
Doug Davidson — Sr. Pastor Donna Spitzer — Family Ministry





We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community meal on Saturday, September 21st. 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 ministry. Please consider how you could serve in this ministry.

For more information or to sign up please call or text





Craft Fair - Our Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be November 2 from 10:00 - 4:00. Please mark your calendars and if you want to be a vendor watch for the forms on the information table or contact Kathy Summers, 330.461.1081 or kathyksum-mers@gmail.com.

Ladies Ministry - It doesn't seem possible but here we are heading into the holiday seasons very soon. It is a busy, fun time for the ladies at MCC.

Holiday Craft Get Together, November 9 @ 1:00 p.m. - This is a time we get together and make a holiday craft (we try and keep it simple). But mostly it's a time of fellowship and snacks and just being together getting into the holiday spirit. In the past we've done it on a Friday night and last year it got missed completely. So we're trying a Saturday afternoon. Take an hour and come join us. There will be a sign up sheet at the information table soon.

Ladies Christmas Lunch, December 1 @ 12:30 p.m. (right after second service) - We have lunch, a gift exchange and lots of laughter and fun. Watch for details on the gift exchange. Lunch is provided, bring a holiday dessert to share.

Jail Ministry - Details are sketchy right now on this ministry, but will let you know soon. In past years we've purchased gifts for inmate's children.





We are holding the fall kick off for MCC's youth groups on Sunday, September 8th at the church. Then on the 15th we will meet at church at 4 pm to head out to Putt-n-Stuff Family Entertainment Center in Orville. Cost is \$20.00. We will be back at church at 8 pm.







5:00 to 6:30 pm

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Kids Blast will start up on Wednesday, September 11th (6:15 to 7:30 pm) at MCC.. We have dinner together followed by our Bible Club from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

