

Messenger



Dear Saints,

May is here, spring has sprung, and the kingdom of God continues to move forward. Even like we see in nature, right before our very eyes, God is springing forth new growth in His body. We have seen some increase in our worship attendance this spring, some folks are joining our church membership, and we are continuing to experience the goodness of God in our worship times together. Thank you to everyone for giving sacrificially for God's Kingdom glory. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We have some abundant opportunities, events, and happenings coming up over the next two or three months, that we can all participate in. ***The more we get together...the more...we get...together!*** The first Wednesday evening of each of the next four months, (May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th) we will be hosting "Summer Nights on the Lawn" at Memorial. We are going to forego our regular meetings and meet out under the Pavilion for fun, food, and fellowship. These fellowship events are designed for everyone to come and spend a little time enjoying each other and getting to know one another. We are looking forward to some great times together. I hope you will mark these dates on your calendars and plan on coming out to our Bowen Pavilion and enjoying "Summer Nights on the Lawn" with us!

Coming up quickly on May 1st, we are hosting "Cornhole and Campfire!" Everyone from all age groups are welcome to come and join in the fun. You will be able to roast hotdogs and marshmallows (s'mores) over a firepit under the pavilion. You may want to bring your own roasting stick or "coat hanger." HA! We will be hosting a cornhole tournament, other yard games, music, along with bubbles and sidewalk chalk for our little ones. It will be a fantastic time to hang out together! Come out and join us as we enjoy fellowship and our wonderful relationships with the Memorial family!

Love God, Love Others, Serve the World! God is on the move and serving up opportunities for us to be involved in His kingdom work. Please continue to be in prayer as we seek a new student minister to lead our middle and high school students. This is a vital area of ministry in the life of these students and for Memorial. We look forward to a great transition toward the person that God has for us to serve beside in this ministry!

Now, is the time for each of us to step up, and dive in, getting immersed in God's Word and work! Let's go make some disciples, fulfilling all that God has for us! I love you, and I believe in you. It is my high and holy honor to be called your pastor...the pastor of Memorial Baptist Church. God is so good!

Your co-laborer in ministry and the harvest,

Brother Ridge



Sunday Sermons

Life of King David

Apr. 28	Hebrews 11:5-6	Pleasing God
May 5	Hebrews 11:7	Faith that Escapes
May 12	Hebrews 11:8-12	The Nitty-Gritty of Faith
May 19	Hebrews 11:13-16	Desiring a Better Country
May 26	Hebrews 11:17-19	The Summit of Faith
June 2	Hebrews 11:20-22	Dying Faith
June 9	Hebrews 11:23-26	Faith's Choice

Sunday Morning Bible Study Classes:

All classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Babies, Toddlers, Kindergarteners: Preschool Area

Children (1st grade - 5th grade): Kids Area

Youth: Youth Area

College: College Area

Young Adults: Room 2

Median Adults: Parlor

Senior Adults: Fellowship Hall

Community Groups

Starting in February

Do you want to find a group for you?

Grab a flyer from the Great Hall or
call/text

AJ Martin 254-369-5850

WORSHIP MINISTRY

SUNDAY SETLISTS | APRIL 2024 | WHAT WE SANG LAST MONTH

APRIL 7TH

- God so Good
- I've Witnessed It
- Glory, Honor, Power
- Holy Forever
- My Testimony

APRIL 14TH

- My Testimony
- I Stand Amazed
- Love Came Down
- Goodness of God
- Blessed Assurance

APRIL 21ST

- I Thank God
- Who You Say I Am
- Faithful
- Run to the Father
- I've Witnessed It

APRIL 28TH

- My Testimony
- Glory, Honor, Power
- Good Plans
- Blessed Assurance
- I've Witnessed It

You can find a link to our official Spotify playlist at:

mbctemple.net/worship

DALLAS'S TOP THREE

My favorite worship & spiritual songs I've been listening to this past month!



Good Plans
Vertical Worship



I've Witnessed It
Passion



You've Already Won
Shane & Shane

Looking ahead to *What's Next*,
Dallas Holston



COLLEGE

Howdy Church Family,

It's officially May, and the students here that go to UMHB, have ended the school year and are heading home for the summer. This moment is bittersweet for me, as my first year as the College Minister here has come to a close. I am so joyful for the students that God brought into our doors and excited to see them grow, but sad to see them leave for the summer. One of the victories that we've experienced in the college ministry is in Challenge! Challenge is our Weekly Bible Study for college students, and we are starting a second group! The vision for challenge is eventually for it to be student led, but I have been leading the Bible studies with the purpose of building up leaders. With this, it gives us a chance to grow, while also allowing students to put a stake in furthering God's kingdom by learning how to lead and teach students the Bible. I am really excited to see Joseph and Landri step into this role, and I have no doubt in my mind that they will succeed in their endeavors. Thank you so much for your love and support during this first year, and I can't wait to see what God does next with us!

- Chris Dutton

Upcoming Events:

- June 5th: Grill/Game night at my house!
- June 15th: Austin Fun day!

MAY '24

MBC STUDENTS



“HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME” ECC. 3:11



BY A.J. MARTIN

Winter is long gone, and spring is in full bloom, and the recent storms are a testament to the changing of the season. Much like nature, our church is also on the cusp of a new season. With the recent departure of Jeff and Hannah Watts, the Lord has laid it on my heart to step up and serve the youth in this time of transition. Over the past 3 years, both the Lord and Jeff have been preparing me for this role, and I am beyond grateful for all of the lessons I have learned along the way. This new season will come with its own challenges, but the potential for growth is unrestricted! I believe the Lord is preparing the ground here at Memorial for great things this summer. I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for this season and stage of life!

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED? 

If you are looking to get involved in the lives of the students, now would be a great time to step up and show your support! Going into summer, there will be several opportunities to pour into these students and show them what it means to be a part of the church body. I want to see these students involved in every aspect of this church, serving alongside the adults and building connections in every area of ministry. Only then, will they start to understand how the body of Christ is meant to operate. But in order for that to be successful, they will need to see it demonstrated first. Finally, I want to encourage you all to step out in faith and see how the Lord will honor your obedience.



The KID in KID MIN isn't just a word to describe the demographic of people in this group, it's an acronym for Kids in Discipleship. My goal for kids is to Belong, Believe, and Become. By the way of encountering committed, meaningful, intentional, and consistent time and space for them so they may know who Jesus is and are known by a body of believers (belong), to place their faith in Jesus and apply the Word of God (believe) and to reproduce their own discipleship so that a 3rd spiritual generation can lead and love like Jesus Christ (become).



Wednesday Nights

Our Wednesday night programming is MBC KIDs Konnect! This will be a great time for kids to Konnect! Konnect to Jesus, their friends, and family. Here is our Schedule for May:



- May 1 -Summer Nights on the lawn
- May 8th Best of Konnect—"I Feel Mad"
- May 15th Best Of Konnect—" I Feel Guilty"
- May 22- End of year party



- I Am Here to Share Jesus!
 "Go, Therefore, and make disciples of all nations."
 Matthew 28:19
- May 5 – I can Tell my Family – John 1:29-42 Andrew brought His brother to Jesus
 - May 12- I can Tell a friend – John 1:43-51 Philip Brought His Friend to Jesus
 - May 19- I can Tell my neighbors – Acts 3-4 Peter and John helped a Lame Man
 - May 26- I can Tell the World – Matthew 28 & Acts 1 The Great Commission

Sunday Mornings

KID MIN HAPPENINGS

May 1 Summer Nights on the Lawn

Campfire and Cornhole Tournament

May 5 Family Breakfast & Family Worship & Outdoor Service & Picnic

Sunday School Breakfast with parents & Cinco De Mayo Themed potluck to follow church

May 12 Family Worship

Mother's Day

May 22 End of Year party

Wednesday Night celebration of end of year.

May 26 Family hangout

Come play at Whistle Stop Playground in downtown Temple at 4p

Kid's Worship :
 5/19 & 5/26
 Family Worship:
 5/5 & 5/12

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ministry

Wednesday Nights

We are so close to summer and with that we will be doing some fun activities to celebrate the end of the school year!

Volunteers Needed:

- Service
- Wednesday Nights

Sunday Mornings

Extra, Extra! We are here to share Jesus! I can't wait to start our new curriculum this month and learn how to tell people about Jesus.

What role can you play? This month encourage your kids to share Jesus with those around them!

Family Worship Dates:
May 5th- Outdoor Service
May 12th- Mother's Day



Wednesday, May 1, 6 - 7:30pm

Campfire and Cornhole Tournament

Roasting hot dogs and s'mores over a fire and a cornhole tournament

Our annual Summer Event Series, Summer Nights on the Lawn is back again this year! Join us on the first Wednesday of each month May thru August for a great fellowship event!



Outdoor Service & Potluck

Sunday, May 5, 10:45am–12pm

Join us for our annual Outdoor Service! We'll have a time of worship & teaching out under the Bowen Pavilion, followed by a potluck!

9:30a | Sunday School
10:45a | Outdoor Service
12:00p | Potluck



June 17– June 21, 6:00 pm - 8:30pm

We're going to Start the Party this Summer at VBS! Kids will enjoy a fun-filled time of music, crafts, outdoor games, & more!

VBS at Memorial Baptist Church is free and open to children who are aged 3 + potty-trained thru completed 5th grade!

More details & registration to come!



May Events

- 1st Summer Nights On the Lawn
- 4th UMHB Spring Commencement
- 5th Outdoor Service and Pot Luck Luncheon
- 11th TC Commencement
- 12th Mother's Day
- 14th Finance Meeting
Deacon's Meeting
- 25th Feed My Sheep
- 26th KidMin Family Hangout
- 27th Memorial Day
Church Office Closed



1st Zach Welsh
 2nd Brain Tyler
 3rd Jet Adams
 4th Penny Reyes
 Bethani Watkins
 5th Haigan Burtchell
 6th Jay Bryant
 9th Maria Holleman
 Ka'Maryon Turner
 Abby Vest

13th Allison Dunn
 Travis Teague
 14th Megan Clifton
 Terry Hamilton
 15th Karyn Foote
 18th Gladys Cobb
 Shiloh Jumper
 20th Landon Burtchell
 Jason Hancock
 22nd Robert Howe

23rd Maxine Legaspi
 24th Ruth Powell
 25th Michael Harris
 Justin O'Shea
 26th Melissa Hann
 Robyn Kirby
 Karen Owens
 27th Zaden Jurca
 31st Sarah Harris

SUNDAY MORNING
 9:30 A.M. Bible Study
 10:45 A.M. Worship
 Kids Worship

TUESDAYS
 7:00 A.M. Prayer Time

WEDNESDAYS
 6:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study
 KidMin
 Youth
 Ladies Bible Study

Office Hours
 Monday - Thursday
 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
 Friday
 8:30 A.M. - Noon