

The Friendly Word Marion

Church of Christ Inc
2020 Year of Fruitfulness

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

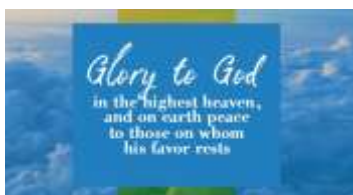
20 DEC 2020

Let's stay connected with one another!

Welcome to our Friendly Word!

Let us sing and praise God with the Angels as we worship our Lord and Saviour.

You are invited to join us today at 10am for a wonderful service that is available onsite and online. Thank you for remembering to RSVP if you are planning to come onsite.



Pastor Sonya Bertram will be sharing the **Word at our one service for the day**. Sonya follows on from Pastor Bill's first message in the new series in the lead up to Christmas. This week "A Spiritual time" looking at Luke 2:8-15

For online viewing, tune into MCC YouTube channel by following this link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSKs9D54c8_LEwaw

Check out the website/app to catch up on last week's message from Bill Tyrie "A Disruptive Time" Luke 1:35-37



KIDS@MARION

In order to keep our numbers manageable in the auditorium for Sunday services we will have something for our kids on Sundays Eg Movie in the Lighthouse and offer games and colouring in the pavilion and parents will have access to the lounge for the creche with a live stream of the service in the lounge. The creche will be parent run with their children.

We would ask that parents/families RSVP for each week and if there are no RSVPs then we won't run a kids@marion option that week.

OUT NOW FOR CHRISTMAS! MCC Worship CD!

They will be available to purchase on Sunday before and after services. EFTPOS will be available.



MCC SPECIAL DECEMBER AND JANUARY DATES

Side Gate Café
Good Gear

Reopening Monday 18 January 9.30am
Reopening Monday 11 January 9.30am



Services

Sunday 20 December 10am only [onsite & online]
Sunday 27 December 10am only [onsite & online]

Christmas Eve

7pm Family Service [onsite & online]
11pm Candlelight Service [onsite]

Christmas Day

9am [onsite] online TBC

Church Office

Closed from Thursday 17 December to the public. Office staff will be onsite up to 24th December.
Reopening for Staff Catchup Week Monday 4 January
Reopening to Public Monday 11 January 9am—1pm



Our phones/app/website/emails are monitored so feel free to contact us and leave a message.

GC WORD: Thank you to all those who attended the AGM. It is an important part of our Church life as an Incorporated body.

GC Election results. As announced on Wednesday, we can confirm that both nominees were successful in the recent election. This means your new GC now take up their position and includes:

Adam Davidson, Troy Kennewell, Alexa McArthur

Ruth McPhail, Lindsay Simpson

Their first call of business will be to elect the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer Roles and these results will be advised in due course.

Thank you for continuing to uphold each one as they seek to serve God in unity with wisdom and grace.



Ways we give with generosity & commitment

OnLine | Envelope | APP | Automatic

DETAILS FOR CHURCH:

BSB: **703 810**

Account No.: **05 300 944**

Acc Name:

Marion Church of Christ

Ref: **Offering**

DETAILS FOR MARIONLIFE

BSB: **035045**

Account No.: **408616**

Acc Name: **MarionLIFE Gift Fund**

Ref: **Your Name (for receipt)**

Stay Connected with the MCC Team

Church Office: 8277 7388 Email: admin@marioncc.org.au

Pastors: Bill Tyrie, Sonya Bertram, Mark Selke, Stephen Scott

ML Director: Leighton Boyd

Prayer Word:

● We give thanks for this season—may we reflect and only focus on the important during this time. We ask for help with our feelings that can overwhelm us. May Your Holy Spirit envelop and comfort us as we look to You as the One. One in truth and consistency, One in love and hope, One in forgiveness and grace, One in peace and goodwill. Thank You Lord.

● We pray for those who are dealing with uncertainty. Help us all to rest in the certain fact that You are God.

● We give thanks for the many areas we can find joy amidst the mess our world is in:

⇒ We find joy and hope in the helpers that reach out and make a difference to others lives in Your name.

⇒ We see joy in the faces who receive unexpected help

⇒ We recognise joy as we witness those who have been disconnected, meet again.

⇒ **We hear joy in the children's happy squeals as they play**

⇒ We can experience joy as we prepare to give; give not only gifts, but give of ourselves to others in loving words and actions.

● We have much joy and hope in the Lord and for this we are so grateful. Thank You that it is joy that is greater and can give us more possibility than we could ever imagine.

● Help us to spread this unbelievable joy to every person we meet—so that we may not hold this for ourselves, but that the world might see a glimmer of your infinite and amazing joy.

Thoughtful Word : — Luke 2:8:16 **"A Spiritual Time"**.

You may be aware of the quote by French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin..

"We are not humans having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience"

Sometimes we forget this. We get caught up in 'life' we often forget our actual purpose and the fact that 'it's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for.' Eph 1:1 TM

The Shepherds, as we read in Luke 2 were just living out their daily duties until they un-expectedly had quite the spiritual time.

We may not have angels visit us, as the shepherds did but we can have that amazing spirit filled experience. Even better, if we allow it, it is not a one time event, **it's a wonderful relationship that blesses every day.**

The angels announced that the Saviour of the world has been born. This baby is the Messiah, Jesus the Christ the Son of the living God.

It is in Christ and only in Him that we find our identity and can have that spiritual connection we are all seeking.

We may think we know best, but God knows everything about us. He made you to love you and to give you purpose, one that only you can fulfil. We cannot find that identity in others, our job, our hobby or accomplishments or causes, if we try, we will only be disappointed.

If you haven't trusted in Jesus and committed to following Him, why wait any longer?

Perhaps you are not feeling particularly spiritual; it may be time to evaluate how much you let Jesus in?

If you are following Jesus, then let's join with the angels and praise God...

***"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests"* Luke 2:14 NIV**

Prayer: *Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me and giving me the opportunity to accept You. I confess my sin, and I believe that You are my Saviour. I receive You into every aspect of my life as my Lord. I turn everything over to You. Jesus, I want to use the rest of my life to serve You instead of serving myself, I commit to You and ask You to show me my purpose and accept me into your family. In Your name I pray, AMEN.*



Please register your interest via Church Office or website/app
New date....
19th Jan 2021
(TBC)



**COVID-SAFE
CHECK-IN**

Marion Church of Christ

Checking in is quick and easy and a requirement by SA Government. If **you don't have a smart phone, we can still register your attendance with the COVID Register.** Thank you

Keep in touch over Christmas and the New Year



Ring – Chat – Pray!

MEMBERSHIP | Have a chat with the Church Office or one of our Pastors to find out how.

JOIN OUR COVID MARHSALL TEAM | Have a chat with the Church Office.

VOLUNTEERS | We welcome you! Come into the church office or online to organise your Screening checks.



Now in Recess. Big Week In information for Marion Church of Christ will be advised soon.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Our amazing volunteers are again organising a Christmas Day Lunch. All are welcome, though an RSVP is needed to help us provide adequate catering. If you or someone you know would like to join us for lunch on Christmas Day, we would love to have you there!

When: 12 noon on 25 December

Where: Marion Church of Christ Auditorium

Entry: Via Marion Church of Christ main door

Cost: \$5 per person, includes main meal, dessert, soft drink and tea/coffee

RSVP: Is required ASAP via phone 82770304 or email info@marionlife.org.au

STREETSMART AUSTRALIA GRANT

Thank you StreetSmart Australia for our community grant of \$700 towards our work supporting individuals and families in need. We are so grateful for the many people and businesses who made this possible - **it means we're able to support people in crisis so they are able to focus on rebuilding their confidence and developing positive relationships and supports in their local community.**

THANK YOU ELAINE

A special THANK YOU to Elaine who finished up volunteering with MarionLIFE this year after 35 continuous years of service to the community. Elaine has served in various roles over this time including as our Community Nurse and was part of the original MarionLIFE team when the centre started in 1985! What a wonderful legacy coming alongside people in need, thank you!

KEY MARIONLIFE 2021 DATES

Our programs have finished up for 2020, here are the start dates for 2021:

- Emergency Relief Service will recommence on Monday 11 January.
- Community Meal will recommence 21 January.
- MarionLIFE Youth will recommence on 5 February.
- Brekky for Blokes will recommence on 22 January.
- Marion Mugs will recommence on 11 January.
- Community Garden will be closed to the public from the 10 December until 12 January.
- Women Together will recommence on 3 February.

If you need crisis support in the coming weeks, or anytime, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you will continue to be a part of our community in 2021.

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