

The Friendly Word

Marion Church of Christ Inc

2021 Year of Restoration

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

17 January 2021 —Please join us—**Everyone's Welcome**

Welcome Please join us as we give thanks for this day and the opportunity to quiet our souls and spend time with Jesus and experience the rest He gives.

Let us lift our hearts and voices in praise to the Lord and His mercy. Sing out in joy to Him for His love is enduring. Let the earth worship and praise the glory of His name.



It is wonderful to have you share with us as we freely worship our God. Today we have Senior Pastor Bill Tyrie speaking at both 10am and 6pm services. He will continue in a mini series on 'Our Souls Need...'. Today message is on "Our Souls Need 'Relationships'" For online viewing, tune into MCC YouTube channel by following this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSKs9D54c8_LEwaw



Vision Sunday & Family Fun Day!

Get ready, get set we are a raring to go! Sunday 7th Feb will be one not to be missed. Starting at 10am with our Worship Service and special message outlining the MCC Vision for 2021. Then we will have many opportunities to stay on, connect and enjoy each other's company, good food, good coffee and plenty of activities. Lots of fun for everyone! Can you help? We need you! No one is too young or too old there is something for everyone. Check out the list in the foyer, or enquire with the Office staff during the week. It is a family event so we need all our family to come and celebrate and start the year off with a bang!

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

Regular Programs Returning Soon:
Craft TBC
MOPS (returns Feb) Mon F/n 9.30am
Friendship Club TBC
Girls Brigade 9th Feb\ Tues 6.30pm
Church Prayer Night returning February
Element Youth Fri weekly 7pm
School Year 7-12 School Term
Camera Club (Feb) Mon monthly 7.45pm
MarionLIFE
Women Together Wed—restarts 3 Feb

Other Important dates to lock in:

- 19th January—Barista Training @ SG Café (bookings required)
- 20th January to —22nd January Special Youth Program—KICK START
- 3rd February—Leadership meeting 7:30pm
- 7th February—Vision Sunday

Serving the Lord in ministry is the most enjoyable thing to do. When we serve in ministry, we accomplish many things at the same time: serving God, blessing people in church, reaching out to those who don't know Christ, and fulfilling our role in the interwoven fabric of the Church. We'd love to hear from you!

If you need an updated Working with Children and Vulnerable Person's Check—we will be intouch with you soon. If you don't have one at all and wish to volunteer, please make contact with the church office admin@marioncc.org.au It's so easy!



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



BACK THIS WEEK!

Side Gate Café Mon, Wed, Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm
Come for a Barista Coffee!
Marion Movers Fri weekly 9.30am
Brekky 4 Blokes Fri 9am (2nd & 4th) — restarts 22 Jan
Community Meal 1st/3rd Thurs 6.30pm— restarts 21 Jan



MCC Worship CD! Fundraiser for much needed Sound & AV & Video Equipment



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)

Prayer Word: Please join us as we pray for each other:

- We pray for those in the bush fire areas. Those at risk of losing property and livelihoods, those who are fighting the fires.
- **We pray for the 'Termination of Pregnancy Bill' that is due to go to the House of Representatives on 2nd Feb. May Your will be done.**
- We lift to You those on our minds, who are yet to know Jesus as their personal Saviour. We ask You to soften their heart to the truth of Christ, so that they may know that You are Lord and love them beyond measure, draw them to return to You we ask.
- We pray for our communities of faith across the nation and globe. May You protect them, sustain them and guide them as we all seek to do Your will where you have entrusted us to work.
- We pray for the many who are seeking asylum, we ask for safety as they travel incredible distances for freedom and out of harms way. Guard them and sustain them we ask as we continue to pray for the leaders in all the affected countries.
- We offer You praise and thanks for the many blessings of life. Fresh food on our tables and warm beds to rest, our health and safety, our country of peace. May we never take these for granted, but always look to give You the Honor as You so richly deserve.
- We give thanks for Your gracious gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control. Help us we ask to continue to allow Your Holy Spirit to work and grow in us.
- We thank You for our Church family and pray for each one. We thank You for our leaders, our pastors and volunteers. May You raise others to help as there is plenty to do and few workers.
- We thank You for our families. Please help us to live a life that is worthy of being called Your followers at home, at work, at rest. We ask for peace and reconciliation where needed, for Your grace and forgiveness to prevail.
- Thanks to whom all blessings flow!

Thoughtful Word : Our Souls need Relationships

Ecclesiastes 4:12b "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" NIV

Even if you didn't know where it came from you may have heard this saying before as it is used often. Not only is it true in a practical sense, it is also true in a spiritual sense.

Let's look at this as an analogy for our life. When we look at more of Eccl 4, verses 10 to 12 we can see that there are three 'strands' mentioned. If we build a cord of these three strands we too will not be easily broken.

1—The strand of Accountability (V10) The reason why many of us fall or fall away is **because we don't have someone that we are accountable to. We need relationships.** If we have people of faith surrounding us, if/when we trip up, we are held to account and it is great to know that there is someone ready to lift us up and help us to be restored.

2— The strand of Unity (V11). The key word here is together. Solomon records that one benefit of 'together', is to keep warm. **One of the ways we keep God's love burning in our hearts is by encouraging and inspiring each other. Let's keep each other's heart and soul warm by lifting one another up.**

3— The strand of Resistance (V12). There is no doubt about it, we will face hardships and **challenges. Sometimes we find we are simply 'battle weary'. When we are tired to the point of being overwhelmed, and at risk of being overpowered, is the time when our brother or sister in Christ can help us stand strong.**

Simply, we are not created to be on our own. The beauty of these three strands is that it makes us stronger. If you are not connected in, or maybe you have drifted since COVID and not yet returned. Now is the time to reconnect. Not only will you be made stronger, you will help others be strong.

Let's be part of a positive relationship with Jesus by doing life with our Church Family.

Remember the Holy Trinity? God, Holy Spirit & Jesus—they all work together as our example. The challenge is to join them, aim to be more and more like them. Are you in?

Father, we thank You for Your blessing over us and our Church Family. Help us to be unified. Help us to speak the same language and share the same vision that You have for us. Help us to stand in unity...preferring one another over ourselves and loving You above all else. Thank you that we are all in Your family and that you provide us each other to do life with. We pray a blessing over these relationships. Continue to connect us with like minded people that will sharpen us and bring us to a new level of faith in You. In Jesus' name, Amen



We extend our loving sympathy to Frances Magarey, family and friends **with the passing of France's husband Paul on 26 December.**

Please continue to pray for the family and friends in our church family who are recently bereaved.



COVID-SAFE CHECK-IN

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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

MarionLIFE

Donation Bin

Now in the church foyer for the Emergency Pantry Items like long life pantry and hygiene groceries.



VISION FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday
7th February 2021
from 10am

What are you good at? What would you like to do?
We have a number of roles and we have put down some areas we would love your help with.
Please add your name and best contact details on the form and 'post' into the Church Office box (under the pigeon holes) and we will be in touch asap with details.

Thank you.

We are excited and hope you are too!

Where do your interests lie?

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| • Admin | • Organiser |
| • Art/Craft | • Party person |
| • Baker | • Prayer |
| • Cook | • Sales |
| • Donor | • Server |
| • Drinks | • Set down |
| • Encourager | • Set up |
| • Food | • Sporty |
| • Gardener | • Stall attendant |
| • Ideas | • Supervisor |



BACK OPEN this week with COFFEES & HOME MADE COOKING just the way you like them—AFFORDABLE PRICES! Come along to say hello to Julia and her amazing team of volunteers.