

The Friendly Word



Marion
Church of Christ Inc
2020 Year of Fruitfulness

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

27 December 2020—Please join us—**Everyone's Welcome**

Welcome

As we near the end of the year, may we take time to reflect on how God has blessed us and kept us, as He promised. Join us as we acknowledge our God who is still in control, who set the moon and the stars in place. How majestic is His name in all the earth!

Thank you for joining us for the last service of 2020. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this very unique year as we travelled the journey of COVID-19 together. We give God thanks and praise for His protection and new and exciting ways we have been able to worship Him.

As we move into a new year we will still need to remember to RSVP our attendance onsite.

We will also continue to live stream our 10am services. We encourage you to use this as a tool to watch with your friends and **contacts as a precursor to inviting them to church.** Let's spread the Good News of Jesus into 2021!

We have just the one service today at 10am. The message is taken from Matthew 2:13 & 19—**'Finding your Dreams in 2021'**. Riley Bertram will be the speaker.

For online viewing, tune into MCC YouTube channel by following this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSks9D54c8_LEwaw

Today will also give us the opportunity to thank Mark Selke, Mandy and the family as Mark concludes his ministry with us at Marion.

We wish Mark, Mandy and the family all the very best as they step out in faith for this next chapter in their journey. We pray **God's blessings** and favour upon them as they continue to serve Him in new and exciting ways.



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

Worship Services:

- 27th December—10am service only
Including farewell to Selke's

2021

- 3rd January—10am service only
- 10th January—both 10am and 6pm services resume

Regular Programs:

- Craft TBC
- MOPS (returns Feb) Mon F/n 9.30am
- Friendship Club TBC
- Girls Brigade 9th Feb Tues 6.30pm
- Good Gear Mon-Thurs
- Reopens 18th Feb 9.30am-1.30pm
- Side Gate Café Mon, Wed & Thurs
- Reopens 18th Feb 10am to 1.30pm
- Church Prayer Night returning February
- Element Youth Fri weekly 7pm School Year 7-12 School Term
- Camera Club (Feb) Mon monthly
- Marion Movers Returning soon—Fri weekly 9.30am

Other Important dates to lock in:

- 11th January—Church Office opens
- 11th January—Good Gear Re-opens
- 18th January—Side Gate Café Re-opens
- 19th January—Barista Training @ SG Café (bookings required)
- 20th January to 22nd January 'Kick Start' Special Youth Program—watch out for details
- 3rd February—Leadership meeting 7:30pm
- 7th February—Vision Sunday

MarionLIFE Programs starting from 11th Jan

- MarionLIFE ER Mon-Thurs 9am-12noon
 - Marion Mugs Mon 9:30-11:30am
 - Budget Couns. Mon by appointment
 - Brekky 4 Blokes Fri (2nd & 4th) 9am
 - Comm. Garden Tues/Thurs am
 - restarts 12 Jan
 - Community Meal 1st/3rd Thurs 6.30pm—
 - restarts 21 Jan
 - Women Together Wed—restarts 3 Feb
- If you need crisis support in the coming weeks, or anytime, please call Lifeline on 13 11 14.*

OUT NOW FOR 2021! MCC Worship CD!

NEW YEAR'S HOPE

They will be available to purchase on before and after services.
EFTPOS will be available. Great New Year Presents!



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:

'Sing to the LORD a new song: sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name: proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples'. Psm 96 1-3

- Thank You Lord, as we find ourselves at the dawn of the new year I'm filled with hope for what is to come. I have thankfulness in my heart for what has already passed. I pray that I will keep my focus where it needs to be this year and that we'll all have a year filled with joy, love and happiness.
- Thank You, Lord that, as Your Word reminds us—we do not need to be anxious for anything, but in everything we can pray with thanksgiving in our hearts and make known our requests to our God, and You will hear us.
- Lord, help us to trust You with all our heart and not lean on our own understanding. Help us to acknowledge You in all we do and lead us in the path you have set before us.
- Lord, At the beginning of this new day, I offer you my life. Come take my voice, may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness. Come take my hands, may the work they create be generous and giving. Come take my feet, may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within. Come take my life Lord, for I love your goodness, your kindness and your leading.
- Our God, Thank You for Your presence with us. Thank You that You go before us, and cover us from behind. Thank You that You are in our midst, and that our future is secure in the place You're preparing for us. Your words bring such hope and comfort. Remind us of Your strength today, may we see glimpses of Your glory and blessing along the way as we seek after You. For victory and salvation are found in you alone. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.



**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
the New Year



Ring – Chat – Pray!

Thoughtful Word : — Matthew 3:13-19

Here recounts the time of Joseph where the Lord appeared to him in a dream. Joseph was told in no uncertain terms that he, his wife and newborn needed to get out of town, pronto!

Interestingly Joseph did what he was told as soon as he woke up. He didn't take time to think about it, he didn't ask all and sundry what they thought he should do either. He heard and he acted.

We have the benefit of knowing the outcome, but Joseph didn't nor did Mary.

Have you ever wondered how you might respond if you were in Joseph and Mary's position?

Sometimes I think and even ask God for a neon flashing sign to help me make the right decision or to know which way to go. But, alas I haven't had that yet. But what I do have is His Spirit and past experience of trusting God and never being let down.

Joseph had already had an amazing visit which told him about the impending birth of Jesus to Mary. That came true. The visitors, Shepherds and Magi, told of their experience of angels and receiving the Good News and that too came to pass.

So when Joseph is visited in a dream and told to take the next steps, he has some experience to draw on. However, Joseph still had the choice to make—to follow in obedience and trust, although not understanding or knowing everything or risk it, ignore the message and stay put.

Joseph and Mary must have had their dreams of marrying and living together forever and maybe a family down the track. Yet suddenly everything seems to fall apart. But does it? No. Why? Because they are in God's plan for them.

Here's a great reminder to us all, particularly as we evaluate the New Year and what it might hold for us. Are we looking to God's leading, allowing His Holy Spirit to speak to our heart? We may not have vivid dreams, we may not hear an audible voice, or we may not even have angels visit us, but if we are in tune with Him and seek His will for us we can be blessed.

Will everything go swimmingly just because we are doing what God wants us to? Probably not. (It wasn't exactly easy for Mary and Joseph). That is because we are still in the world. However we can rely on God's peace, comfort, guidance, wisdom, love, grace and strength. He will sustain us.

There are so many verses of Scripture where God reminds us of this, here is just two.

Ps 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved"

Col 1:17 "And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together".

Prayer: Lord Jesus, remind me of Your Words I ask as I make choices each day. I pray that you would help me to boldly allow Holy Spirit to work in my life. When I become overwhelmed with decisions that are placed before me, please give me the peace that surpasses all understanding. Clear my mind to follow You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Help me grow in the fruit of the Spirit and so walk closer with You. I pray for guidance from your Spirit- let your will and promises always be a meditation of my heart. In Jesus' Name, Amen



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

KICK START 2021



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS.
3 DAY EVENT.
8:30AM-3:00PM EACH DAY.

REFUEL & REFRESH YOUR HEART AND MIND FOR THE YEAR AHEAD
LEND A HELPING HAND BY SERVING WITHIN THE CHURCH

FRIENDS | FUN | FAITH | GAMES | DEVOTIONS | ACTS OF SERVICE
(CLEANING, GARDENING, PAINTING & MORE)

JANUARY 20-22, 2021
MARION CHURCH OF CHRIST

SEE PASTOR STEPHEN FOR MORE DETAILS & TO REGISTER!
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