

The Friendly Word

Marion Church of Christ Inc

2021 Year of Restoration

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

31 January 2021 —Please join us—Everyone's Welcome

Welcome As we join together to worship may we be open to what the Lord has for each of us.
May our hearts be receptive to the Word, may our souls soak in the wonder of God's love and may our minds be stirred by the power of God's Spirit.

*Let your love, God, shape my life with salvation,
exactly as you promised;*

*Then I'll be able to stand up to mockery
because I trusted your Word.*

*Don't ever deprive me of truth, not ever—your commandments
are what I depend on.*

*Oh, I'll guard with my life what you've revealed to me, guard it
now, guard it ever; And I'll stride freely through wide open
spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom; Then I'll tell the
world what I find, speak out boldly in public, unembarrassed. I
cherish your commandments—oh, how I love them!—
relishing every fragment of your counsel.*

Psalm 119—The Message

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.

We will continue in our mini series on 'Our Souls Need...'

Today's message is on "Our Souls Need 'Resilience'"

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

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

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LIFE GROUP WORD: Are you in a Life Group? Are you interested in leading or hosting a Life Group? Is your Life Group ready to split off and start another?

Let's start the year off well, by studying God's Word, the Bible, together in a safe, personal environment.

Life Groups are also a great way to connect with others, care for and be cared for.

Our challenge: if not in a Life Group, let's sign up today!

CHECK OUT THE LIST IN THE FOYER

Need Help? Contact MCC Office.



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



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 church family to come and celebrate and start the year off with a bang!



Do you love to bake? We would love some goodies for our stall for Sunday 7th Feb. They can be made ahead and frozen or freshly baked—it's up to you! Please contact Ruth at the church office ASAP. THANK YOU!



If you're in Years 7-12 come along Fri 5 Feb 7pm see what Stephen & the team have planned!

Now is the time for serving @ MCC!

Everyone would have received an invitation to register your times that you are un/available to serve in either your usual or perhaps a new role! The new roster is coming out so please check the dates you are on. There are still vacancies and we would love to welcome you to the team if you are willing. Please contact us at the Church office.

Sundays

- ☐ Welcome/Greeter
- ☐ Marshal
- ☐ Pre Service Tea n Coffee set up/serve
- ☐ Pre Service Barista
- ☐ After Service Tea n Coffee serve/pack up
- ☐ After Service Barista
- ☐ Sanitiser
- ☐ Lock Up
- ☐ Car Park Attendant
- ☐ Bus Driver (N.b. 6pm is only required for BBQ Church weeks)



Sundays – Worship Team

- ☐ Worship Leader
- ☐ Musician (please identify your instrument)
- ☐ Backing Vocalist
- ☐ AV Operator
- ☐ Sound Operator

Weekly Ministries

- ☐ Flower Power
- ☐ Good Gear
- ☐ Side Gate Café
- ☐ Bus Driver
- ☐ Office Volunteer

Occasional Ministries

- ☐ Street Signage
- ☐ Gardening
- ☐ Other [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Ways we give with generosity & commitment

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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.

- Lord, we ask that we be open to Your promptings of who to pray for and to pause and pray often during our day.
- We pray for those we know around us that are in need, be it healing, funds, support, employment—we ask for a special blessing to those that are on our heart today.
- We pray for blessings over our street in which we live, the residences, the business. We pray for peace, for unity and community among us all, may it begin with me.
- We thank the Lord for His protection of people and property during the recent fires. We thank Him for the timely and refreshing rain. We thank Him for the firefighters and all those involved in serving others in times of need and danger. We ask for continued protection from fire over this summer period.
- We continue to pray for those still affected and working with the COVID-19 Virus. We thank You for the immunisation and we pray that it will be successfully distributed in time to those in need the most.
- We pray for our leaders who need wisdom and direction. We pray that they would have divine encounters that lead to strength in every nation.
- We pray for the many that are connecting in to our online services. Some who we may not yet know. We ask a blessing on their life and pray that they may come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as their personal Saviour.
- We thank our Lord for the many volunteers who are serving in and around MCC. May God bless them and protect them. May they each know His peace and love as they serve for Him.
- We give thanks for the many groups that are starting up again for the New Year—we ask for strength and stamina for leaders and volunteers.
- We pray for people to seek the place that God is calling them to serve. We know Marion needs more volunteers and we thank the Lord in anticipation for His provision.
- We pray that we never allow the enemy to bring timidity to our prayers, but we continue to stand on the Word of God and pray as a warrior for Him.

Thoughtful Word : Our Souls need Resilience

We know that resilience is the capacity to recover from life's difficulties. It is an essential skill that helps us bounce back from a variety of hardships. We also know that being resilient doesn't make us immune from stress or hardships. We are going to explore this further in our 'Souls need'...series looking at Resilience.

Have you ever thought about how people are like trains? We as people need to travel with the right fuel and drive. We need to be cared for and maintained to keep on track. Like trains, that although the track is laid down, we can only get to our correct destination, when the driver is in control and knows what is up ahead.

If we allow Jesus control of our life as our driver, He will keep us on track. He knows what is ahead and knows if and when we need to change directions. However, we still need to give Him that control.

You see resilience is not something that we are necessarily born with. Rather it is learned and developed over the **lifespan**. **Allowing Jesus to be the driver of our life, doesn't mean we won't come across things on our pathway that stops us, or causes us to wait for repairs, or even attempts to throw us off the track altogether.**

However looking to Jesus for our perspective, allowing Him to remind us of the faithfulness of God will help us to be resilient and not give up. God has promised us in His Word to supply all of our needs. In times of anxiety, stress and hardship He is here for us. He will show us how to move those obstacles, or if we need to stop and ask for help with things that are outside of our control.

There are a number of people throughout the Bible that show us about resilience and keeping the faith, even when things look bleak and hopeless. Think of Joseph for one, in the Old Testament. His dad gave him a wonderful and colourful coat, you would think that is a great thing yes? Only it just made his brothers even more jealous of him.

This led to a whole lot of drama, including Joseph being sold into slavery and later, thrown into jail! It was a long time before he was put in a place that actually gave him power over his brothers. He could **have given up so many times, but he didn't and God blessed Joseph.** He went from Prisoner to Prince.

We, like Joseph can't determine what the future holds. We are subject to unforeseen circumstances and conditions including calamities and victories. But if we, like Joseph remain hopeful and have faith even when it seems there is no reason to think our surroundings will improve—that is remain resilient—then we too will be blessed by our loving, living God.

*Dear Lord,
thank you for this day.
I thank you that through
the highs and lows, you have
promised to sustain me...
I may have troubles, but
you won't allow me to
be crushed by them.
I thank you that the
same power that raised
Christ from the dead is
living inside me. It doesn't
matter who or what comes
against me, because you
are with me and you have
made me more than a
conqueror. Help me to
keep my heart and mind
focused on you today so
my mind can be at peace.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen*

Regular Programs Returning Soon:

Craft	Wed 3 Feb 10.00am
MOPS (returns Feb)	Mon F/n 9.30am
Friendship Club	Thurs 11 Feb 1.00pm
Girls Brigade	9th Feb Tues 6.30pm
Walking Group	Sat 6 Feb 10am
Church Prayer Night	returning February
Element Youth	Fri 5 Feb weekly 7pm
	School Year 7-12

MarionLIFE
Women Together Wed 3 Feb

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 3rd February—Leadership meeting 7:30pm
- 7th February—Vision Sunday



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.30am—1.30pm | Dine-In & Take-away



OPEN
Monday to Thursday
9.30am—1.30pm
(Plus last Saturday
of the month during February only)

KIDS@MARION

Holiday Program on this week. Term 1
Starts Sun 14 Feb.

MarionLIFE

Donation
Bin

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



COVID-SAFE
CHECK-IN
Marion Church of Christ

Thanks to those who
are diligently sending
in their RSVP's for
services. We do need

to continue to do this, for at least the near future, whilst restrictions are still in place. RSVP helps us to ensure we have adequate seating for families and individuals, especially as our numbers continue to increase. 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

Right to Life Assoc. wish to highlight the current Bill before House of Representative that is due to be voted on 2nd Feb, 2021. The leadership of MCC encourage each of us to be in prayer to the Lord and to seek His will for this situation and to act as He leads us personally. There is further information that can be obtained if you wish.