

The Friendly Word Marion

Church of Christ Inc
2020 Year of Fruitfulness

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

27 SEPT 2020 *Let's stay connected with one another!*

Welcome to our Friendly Word!

Whether you are joining us today on-site or online, we certainly want you to feel very welcome!

Please join us with thankful hearts as we show our gratitude to our God who is faithful and good, with everlasting love for us all.

Bill Tyrie, Senior Pastor will be sharing the message today. Continuing in the 'Navigating life in a troubled world' series looking at the "Possession Signpost" Focussing on Philippians 4:11-13. If you miss this week's message, the second to last in this Signpost Series, you can catch up on our YouTube Chanel Marion Church of Christ

We would love to hear from you!

Are you planning to come to the service on site? Are you planning to continue to worship via online streaming? Are you feeling disconnected and would value personal contact? Are you enjoying something specific about the services?

We have put together a brief survey that we would love for everyone to contribute. It has been a long time since we were all able to meet together and we would love to hear from you, so that we can work towards meeting the needs of our church family. Our mission is still the same Discovering Jesus, Valuing People and Building Community and we all need each other to grow towards fulfilling this for the glory of God. Please follow the link in the weekly email or ask at the church office.

Sunday Services: If you have online facilities and are happy to connect in online, please continue to do so. You may even like to invite a few friends over and do online church together!

If you are well, but unable to connect online, or are simply missing live church, please let us know as there is a seat for you on Sundays at either 10am or 6pm.

If you are able to volunteer with COVID Marshal position (training available) or welcomer, or communion distributor, then please contact the church office asap so we can put together a roster.

How can you let us know?

Ring, email, use the app or website—whatever works for you.

Phone: 8277 7388

Email: admin@marioncc.org.au

App: free download on Church Central

Web: www.marioncc.org.au, click events to RSVP for Sunday services

How are you going with memorising our focus verse for the year?



Ways we give with generosity & commitment

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DETAILS FOR CHURCH:

BSB: 703-810,
Account No.: 05 300 944
Acc Name: Marion C of C,
Ref: Offering

DETAILS FOR MARIONLIFE

BSB: 704-922,
Account No.: 100016849,
Acc Name: MarionLIFE Gift Fund,
Ref: Offering

Please note that Church Office hours are 9am to 1pm Mondays to Thursdays. Reception is closed for staff meeting and prayer 9:30am to 11am Mondays. Thank you.

Our Pastoral Care System is
for everyone!

*Thank you for staying
connected with one another.*



Ring – Chat – Pray!

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:

Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot, and compassionate toward all those who are suffering every kind of distress at this difficult time. May we hold back nothing, and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and mercy, like the disciples of Him who went about doing good in times of need.

Lord we lift up the many ministries that are done in Your name. We are mindful of the extra challenges that are being faced with the complications that COVID brings. We ask for clear and creative thinking to bring about the required actions to move forward. There is much good work that is being done—and we bring before You just a few that GMP are involved with:

- Indigenous Ministries Australia
- Bandarban Hills CoC, Bangladesh
- Fiji Community CoC
- Hosanna Ministries, India
- CofC Theological School of Indonesia
- Christian Mercy International, South Sudan
- CofC Thailand

We thank You for all the staff and volunteers working tirelessly to serve people in these areas. Bless them Father with resources, patience and stamina, and keep them safe we ask.

We pray for our local churches here in SA and across Australia. We thank You for the Pastors and ask for your protection and wisdom as they seek to serve. We thank You for Your global church, we pray that it may grow and blossom as a worthy bride of Christ.

Be with Your people we ask, and help us each to freely give and serve for the benefit of those who still need to hear the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord God we continue to pray for an end to the COVID virus. We pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones, and for the many health workers that put their own lives at risk to help others. We pray for the victims that are still coping with the virus. Bless them all we ask, may they be acutely aware of your peace and presence. May they look to You and know that they are loved.

MarionLIFE

Tax Help is a network of ATO-trained and accredited community volunteers who provide a **free and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns**. Did you earn around \$60,000 or less in the last financial year? Haven't sold shares? Don't own your own business or investment property? Then you are eligible to have your tax completed for free at MarionLIFE.

Appointments available Tuesday and Thursday from late July to early October. Please call our office on 8277 0304 to book an appointment.

Thoughtful Word : Possession Signpost

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength'. Phill 4:11-13

When it comes to poverty the issue is black or white—either you have it or you don't. **In contrast, with affluence, the issue can be much more subtle.** However, neither scenario brings a guarantee of contentment.

If money can't buy contentment and poverty doesn't provide it, what is contentment and how is it attained?

Contentment, contrary to popular opinion, does not mean being satisfied where you are. **Rather, it is knowing God's plan for your life, having a conviction to live it, and believing that God's peace is greater than the world's problems.**

So often Christians get so involved in the day-to-day activities of earning a living and raising a family that they forget their real purpose in life: to serve God. **We discover that our lives are out of balance and don't know how to bring them back into balance.** So, the trap is to buy more things or get rid of things in order to bring back the balance. However, nothing seems to work. Christians can easily get trapped into a discontented life by adopting worldly goals: more, bigger, and best. The evidence is a lack of peace, a lack of **spiritual growth, and a growing doubt about God's ability to provide.**

Contentment can't be achieved without personal discipline and staying within the lifestyle parameters God has established, based on His provision. There is nothing wrong with having nice things, but unless we are so detached from goods that we are willing to lose them we won't find real contentment.

However, as verse 13 says, we can do all this with the strength that our living God gives us.



Connect in with the MCC
Young Adults LIFE Groups
Contact Stephen Scott (*Growth Young Adults Pastor*) for details via church office on 8277 7388 or sscott@marioncc.org.au



Connect in with Element Youth returns for Term 4 on Friday 16 October (time and program to be confirmed soon for all Year 7-12s)
Contact Mark Selke (*Growth Youth Pastor*) for details via church office on 8277 7388 or mselecte@marioncc.org.au

KIDS@MARION

LIGHTHOUSE/JUMP : SUNDAY
27 September 9AM ONLINE

WITH ZOOM due to updates on COVID Guidelines.

We are continuing our Kids talks with Colin—so tune in and connect with the Parents group.

JAM : SUNDAY 27 September 9AM ONLINE WITH ZOOM due to updates on COVID Guidelines.

Sun 4th and 11th of October Kids@marion are on HOLIDAYS, then we return back in person on 18 October at the 10am service.



REMINDER

ALL VOLUNTEERS need to meet the requirements of a Working with Children Check and Vulnerable Persons Check to volunteer. **Thank you to the many who have completed them.**

We can step you through the easy steps:
Church office 8277 7388 or admin@marioncc.org.au

GOVERNING COUNCIL UPDATE



Governing Council Nominations

Governing council nominations are open as of Sunday 27/09! Please prayerfully consider whether you or someone that you know would be suitable to serve on our Governing Council starting in November.

A diverse and cohesive Governing Council is vital part of supporting a fruitful church.

There are four positions vacant.

There is also the option of a 12 month internship.

Please contact the Church Office for a nomination form and speak to a Governing Council member if you would like to find out more.

Nominations close on Sunday the 11/10. Nominees will be announced and voting opens on Sunday 1/11 with voting closing on Sunday 15/11. The AGM in Nov TBC. More information will be out soon about the process of voting and how the AGM will be run.

GC Communication:

- Prayer night is on Wednesday the 21st October from 7:30-8:30pm (the 3rd Wednesday of the Month). Please keep an eye out for the zoom link sent from the church office or contact the office if you are not on the list to receive the link.
- Thank you to all who took the time to fill in our sign survey. There are a couple of graphs below that were the main take-aways from the results. Governing Council will not be making any decisions regarding the sign until we have more clarity regarding our finances.
- If you would like to be considered as a delegate for Marion Church of Christ at the Churches of Christ AGM contact the Church Office or Governing Council.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

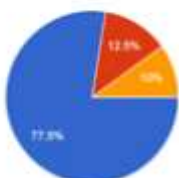
WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Please prayerfully ponder someone you can ask to consider being part of our church leadership - Nomination Forms out soon!

Arrange to have a coffee and chat with someone God has placed on your heart to be on the GC.



Do you find it important that the current sign is replaced with a sign that is digital?
40 responses



• Yes
• No
• Unsure

Do you see replacing the church sign as a priority?
35 responses



• Yes
• No
• Unsure



QUALITY SECONDS
at AFFORDABLE PRICES
Monday to Thursday
9.30am—1.30pm

PLUS Last Saturday of the Month
9.30am—1.30pm

AFFORDABLE TAKE-AWAY and DINE-IN
Home cooked meals—
just the way you like them!

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30am to 1.00pm



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4 Oct 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, 4 October 2020, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, 4 October 2020, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on 4 Oct 2020 than the day before. There will be [more light in the evening.](#)

