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Welcome to Church
If you are a visitor to our service this morning, please provide your name and address so we can acknowledge your visit by sending you a welcome note.

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And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
“And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.’
This is the great and foremost commandment.

The second is like it,
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
On these commandments depend
The whole Law and the Prophets.”

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;

And lo, I am with you always, even to
The end of the age.”

THE GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20

You can use the tear off on the edge of the bulletin and drop it in the offering box or the box in the foyer. Alternatively, you can click [here](#) or use the contacts below if you would like to:

- Acknowledge your visit with us (physical or virtual) OR
- Contact us with prayer requests, questions, concerns, needs OR
- Request visitation prayer at your specific location (in your home, at the hospital, or nursing facility, etc.)

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December 4, 2022

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Sunday Service beginning at **9:30 AM**

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Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — December 4, 2022

ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, [Micah 7:1-7](#)

Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes.

The Nursery is available for infants & toddlers at any time.

New Testament Reading, [John 15:1-8](#)

“The Curious Case of CURSING THE FIG TREE”, [Matthew 21:18-22](#)

by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

The Lord’s Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry while worship continues.

Benediction & Closing Prayer

This Sunday Morning:

Children’s Church: Pre-school—1st grade class and 2nd—6th grade class.

12/09: Friday Evening:

Christmas Party, from **6:00-8:00 PM** at MCC. Bring an hors d’oeuvre or dessert. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, also bring a gift, a maximum \$10.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

12/04: Sunday Morning:

Golf Outing, **11:30 AM** at Melbourne Golf Course \$40 per person, includes 18 holes and cart. Contact Paul Prior [\(610\) 741-8060](#).

12/04: This Sunday Evening:

Young Adult Small Group, meeting at, **6:00 PM**, at Nathan and Heather Eley’s home.

12/06: Tuesday:

Memoirs Group, led by Barbara Murgatroyd, at **4:00 PM** in the church sanctuary. Text Barbara at (321) 355-9705 for more information or just join us.

The *Chosen Study for Ladies*, is on hiatus until January.

12/07: Wednesday Evening

Under the Cross (UTX), this week with pizza at **6:00 PM**, then a lesson from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM**. For ages pre-school through 6th grade.

Salt Youth Group will be meeting **6:00 PM—7:30 PM** at MCC.

Adult Gathering from **6:30 PM—7:30 PM** to pray, and discuss any questions regarding Sunday’s teaching and other items of devotional interest. We also have a *Zoom* option available.

12/08: Thursday Afternoon:

Bible Art Journaling Group from **10:30 AM—12:30 PM** also from **2:30—4:00 PM** in the MCC sanctuary. Text Barbara Murgatroyd [\(321\) 355-9705](#).

Women’s Prayer Group, meeting at **1:30 PM—3:30 PM**, For weekly meeting location, please contact the leads, Jenny Reed [\(321\) 704-9227](#), or Laurie Wilson [\(321\) 961-3658](#).

Guitar Class for ages 10 and up at **6:30 PM** in the MCC sanctuary. See Walter Straub, Worship Pastor.

12/10: Saturday:

Ladies’ Morning Prayer Group at **8:00 AM** on *Zoom*. See Cindy Coleman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/11: Sunday Morning:

Sunday Service at **9:30 AM**. For Sunday’s Sermon, continue reading ahead the book of [Matthew 21:23-46](#).

Date 12/04/2022 I have a Prayer Request Questions Need

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Prayer Requests or Questions for the Pastoral Team?

If you have questions or a prayer request, write in the space below and place in the offering basket or the box in the foyer.

(Optional) Name _____ Phone _____

eMail _____

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Sunday Service — December 4, 2022



12/24: Christmas Eve, Saturday Evening

Christmas Eve Service, Saturday evening at 6:00 PM.

12/25: Christmas Morning

No Sunday Service Christmas day.

Sermon Notes

Last week: “*Venit, Vedit, Verat*”, [Matthew 21:1-17](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 53:1-6](#); New Testament Reading: [Matthew 20:17-34](#)

[He came, He saw, He cleaned (God’s) house.]

- Jesus enters Jerusalem, [vv. 1-11](#)
- Jesus enters the temple, [v. 12](#)
- Jesus “Cleans House”, [vv. 12-16](#)
- Jesus clashes with leaders, [vv. 14-16](#)
- Jesus leaves, [v. 17](#)

This week: “*The Curious Case of CURSING THE FIG TREE*”, [Matthew 21:18-22](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Micah 7:1-7](#); New Testament Reading: [John 15:1-8](#)

What was the:

- Problem?
- Point?
- Principle?

Why do you think the narration indicates that it was probably ‘breakfast time’ and Jesus was hungry? ([Philippians 2:6-8](#))

Jesus sees a fig tree along the road. What was the maturity of the tree?

Jesus had just spent the night in Bethany. That morning on the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was passed by Bethphage. What is the meaning of the name Bethphage? ([Strong’s G967](#))

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The time of year was April. What should one expect from a fig tree at this time:

- With respect to the leaves?
- With respect to fruit?

What major event had just occurred the day before at the temple in Jerusalem?

This is the only mention when Jesus uses his power in a negative way. Why might Jesus curse a (expectedly) fruitless fig tree?

What does Jesus say to the leaders at the temple? How does this compare with the fig tree? ([Micah 7:1-2, 4](#))

Why are the disciples shocked by how quickly the fig tree withered?

How does Jesus turn this into an especially important teaching moment?

How might the disciples also see God do things that would ‘shock and awe’? ([Matthew 21:21-22](#); [1 Corinthians 13:2](#))

The cleansing of the (outer court of the) temple and the cursing of the fig tree demonstrates that God requires what from his creation? ([Genesis 1:27-28](#); [Micah 6:8](#); [Romans 7:4](#); [Colossians 1:6, 10](#); [Galatians 5:22-23](#))

Additional Notes:

Internet Resources: [The Bible Project: Matthew 14-28](#); [Matthew Overview Poster](#)