

THE
MOODY
CHURCH

LOVED
BY JESUS
A STUDY THROUGH JOHN

January 24, 2021

WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshipping online with us today! We're a family committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus. If there is any way we can serve you, please let us know by emailing us at info@moodychurch.org. If you have questions about our current schedule, please check our [weekly calendar](#).

We consider it a privilege to pray for you. If you have a prayer request, please email prayer@moodychurch.org. If you would like to pray with a member of our Prayer Team after our morning or evening services, please call 312.319.1570.

Above all, let's continue to trust God and to share the good news of Jesus.



Philip Miller
Senior Pastor

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

This week we once more affirm the sanctity of all human life. Because human beings are created by God, bearing His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26–27), they possess inherent dignity, transcendent value, and inestimable worth. Each human life is fearfully and wonderfully made by a loving Creator (Psalm 139:14). There is a precious sacredness to those who bear the *imago Dei*. From the miracle of conception until life's final breath, and every moment in between, we affirm the sacredness of life.

It is because of our deep commitment to the sanctity of life that we gladly partner with Caris here in Chicago. Some of you know that Caris was birthed out of The Moody Church back in 1985 as four women were burdened to offer a compassionate, trusted place for women facing unplanned pregnancies. To this day, through a holistic pregnancy-counseling approach, Caris works to address the needs of both the woman and the child with grace, community, and hope. The team at Caris addresses the cultural, societal, spiritual, and economic needs that arise during an unplanned pregnancy, ensuring that both women and children are able to thrive. And through their C25 Project they extend resources and support to women and children until the child's fifth birthday!

You can learn more about this amazing ministry at caris.org.

Thank you, Caris, for showing the love of Jesus in such tangible and life-affirming ways!

Pastor Philip

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for TMC News

The best way to stay up-to-date is to sign up for TMC News. Our weekly email newsletters provide information about church operations and communicate vital updates from our leadership, and include a link to the Sunday bulletin and Pastor Philip's *Pastor to People* column. Signing up is easy and takes only a moment.

Info: moodychurch.org/tmcnews

Connect on Social Media

Our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) are a daily source of encouragement. Find Scripture verses, inspirational quotes, live-stream links, and more. Like our [Facebook page](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#). You'll be blessed and refreshed!



TAKE A CLASS THIS SEMESTER

Never stop learning. Enroll today!

Our Spring 2021 classes begin shortly, and we encourage you to check them out!

- **Equipping Courses** will help ground you in what we believe, building holy habits, and sharing the gospel.
- **Premarital Counseling** will provide godly, biblical counsel as you approach marriage.
- **Griefshare** will help you navigate the difficulties of sorrow.
- **Precept Bible studies** will help you dive deep into God's Word.

Visit our website for details on these and other courses. Whatever your spiritual needs, however you want to grow, we have a class for you!

Info/Register: moodychurch.org/spring-2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome Pastor Tim Stafford

“His Mercy is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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“Great Is Your Mercy”

“And Can It Be”

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Bill Bertsche

“Your Mercy”

Scripture Reading from John 8:2–11 Aimee Lilly

Message Pastor Philip Miller

“O Come to the Altar”

Benediction Pastor Philip Miller

Live Prayer Team Please dial 312.319.1570 for prayer after the conclusion of the service.

[Home Study Questions](#)

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SERMON NOTES

LOVED BY JESUS

The Forgiver

[John 7:53-8:11](#)

Pastor Philip Miller

A Clever Trap

- Will Jesus choose to cruelly uphold the law or compassionately break the law?

A Brilliant Escape

- Jesus doesn't take the bait, but instead turns the spotlight of conviction upon their own sinfulness.

A Transforming Love

- Jesus separates the sin from the sinner.
- Jesus calls out her sin without condemnation.
- Jesus sees her at her worst and loves her anyway.
- Jesus loves her exactly as she is, and too much to leave her as she is.
- Jesus loves her with both truth and grace.
- Jesus loves her into loveliness.

Takeaways:

- Have you received Jesus' love?
- Are you abiding in Jesus' love?
- How can you extend Jesus' love?



At The Moody Church, we believe in the sanctity of human life from conception to death. That's why we're so passionate about protecting the unborn and supporting and caring for vulnerable women who are facing unplanned pregnancies. Caris is one of our ministry partners on the front lines of this issue in Chicago. Their team helps women and children thrive during and after an unplanned pregnancy. Learn more about their ministry at caris.org.

SUPPORT THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Every January, we remind our church family of how they can biblically engage with the issue of abortion and support women who face difficult decisions related to unplanned pregnancies. Below are steps we can all take today to make a difference:

- 1. Repent:** If you have been apathetic toward the millions of lives lost and hurt by abortion, ask God for forgiveness. Then ask Him to help you reflect Christ's love for the unborn and their mothers. *If you or someone you love has walked through abortion, please know that you/they are loved so much.* Jesus as the ultimate answer to all our sins and brokenness. Turn to Him for forgiveness, hope, and healing. We are eager to walk through this journey with you.
- 2. Pray:** Pray for an end to abortion, and ask God to show you what He would have you do next. Consider participating in a [40 Days for Life Campaign](#). Pray for abortion-minded women in your community, pray as you drive past a clinic, pray for your friends and family who need their hearts and minds changed.
- 3. Engage:** The abortion issue is a complicated one. Invest time to learn about the procedures and statistics, why women turn to abortion, and the arguments surrounding the debate. Equip yourself with the tools to address the topic in an intelligent and loving way.
- 4. Serve, Give, Support:** Serve with your [local pregnancy center](#) like [Caris](#), or invest in the life of vulnerable children through [By The Hand](#) or by opening your home through [Safe Families](#). Vulnerable children become vulnerable young adults who are susceptible to abortion. Share the love of Christ with a child and become the person they turn to when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Support [foster care and adoption](#).
- 5. Advocate:** [Contact your elected official](#) and urge them to support legislation that protects the unborn. If you live in Illinois, visit [Illinois Right to Life](#) to learn about pending legislation.

If you have any questions or need help taking any of these steps, please contact Roxana Thisse, Hope for Kids Coordinator at roxana.thisse@moodychurch.org

COMMUNITIES



Communities (our adult Sunday school classes) are the best way to get connected with others at The Moody Church. Some groups are organized by life stage, while others are open to adults of all ages. No matter your gender, age, marital status, or stage of life, there's a place for you to grow in your connection with God and others.

Throughout the pandemic, all of our Communities have continued to meet online, while several are now meeting in person. And everyone is invited to join one. Classes meet before and after the Sunday morning service, and many have online or in-person gatherings during the week as well. You'll meet new friends and connect with people who are maturing in their faith. There's something for everyone!

To get connected this Sunday, visit the online Calendar. You'll find links to each Community's website, where they've posted details about how and when they're meeting.

Info: moodychurch.org/calendar

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Church Fund)

	<i>December</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>Income</i>	\$937,267	\$2,300,492
<i>Expense</i>	<u>534,915</u>	<u>1,982,991</u>
<i>Net</i>	\$402,352	\$ 317,501

The General Fund provides for our day-to-day operations, including our regular weekly ministries, support for active and retired missionaries, and support for our local and global outreach efforts. As a reminder, our fiscal year began September 1. To give online visit moodychurch.org/give.

FELLOWSHIP FUND

This fund assists our church family with emergency housing, food, clothing, and medical needs. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, please [contact Pastor McCarthy](#). He will bring requests for assistance to the Fellowship Committee for consideration. You can also give to the fund on Communion Sundays and/or designate "fellowship fund" on your offering envelope.

TODAY AT A GLANCE

8:30AM

[Christian Fellowship Community](#)
[Fourth Watch Community](#)
[Impact Community](#)
[Light & Life Community](#)
[Next Chapter Community](#)
[Sisters in Christ Women's Community](#)

10:00AM

[Sunday Morning Service](#)
[ASL Translation](#)
[Transmisión en Vivo en Español](#)

11:15AM

Q&A on [Live Stream](#) & [Facebook](#)
[Online Connection Center](#)

11:30AM

[Co-Laborers \(Adults with ID/DD\)](#)
[Apply the Message Community](#)

11:30AM continued

[Crossroads Community](#)
[In Focus Community](#)
[International Friends Community](#)
[Ministerio Hispano](#)
[Mosaic Community](#)
[YourMarriage YourFamily Community](#)

12:30PM

[Fusion Community](#)

2:15PM

[What We Believe Equipping Class](#)

2:30PM

[Veritas Community](#)

5:00PM

[Sunday Night Service](#)

TONIGHT

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

New Series: *Wake Up Call*

The Fruit of being Faithless (Malachi 2:10-16)

Pastor Michael Best

Spiritual drift happens gradually. Few people wake up one day and suddenly decide to stop following God. Rather, it's in the busyness of life, even in the midst of spiritual practices, that our hearts can turn cold and cause us to wander from God. The prophet Malachi brought a strong message to God's people who had fallen into spiritual apathy. He wanted them to wake up and renew their passion for the Lord before it was too late.

Join us for *Wake Up Call*, a journey through the book of Malachi, as we discover how to avoid sliding into spiritual drift.

Info: moodychurch.org/sunday-night-service

WAKE UP CALL
a study in Malachi



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

TUESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Women's Precept Class: *Exodus*](#), 9:30am

[Fusion Prayer Meeting](#), 7:30pm

[Mosaic Prayer Meeting](#), 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Prayer Meeting](#), 6:00pm

[Thrive \(Junior High\)](#), 6:30pm

[Revolution \(High School\)](#), 6:30pm

[Griefshare](#), 6:30pm

[International Friends Bible Study](#), 6:30pm

[Parenting Class](#), 6:30pm

[Beth Sar Shalom Bible Study](#), 7:00pm

[Reunión de Oración](#): 7:00pm

THURSDAY

[Men's Thursday Morning](#), 6:00am

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Veritas Community](#), 6:30pm

[International Friends Bible Study](#), 7:00pm

[Women's Precept Class: *Mark*](#), 7:00pm

[Spiritual Maturity Class](#), 8:00pm

FRIDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Estudio Biblico en Español](#): 7:30pm

SATURDAY

[Men's Praise & Prayer](#), 7:30am

[Women's Precept Class: *Acts*](#), 10:00am

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