

:: CASA Informational Meeting

Today - Sunday: August 8th, 2021 from 2-4pm @ the church (in the basement)

Would you like to learn more about CASA and how you can get involved? We are having an informational meeting TODAY from 2-4pm in the basement and would love to have you join us! No need to RSVP - feel free to just show up!

What is CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA volunteers are everyday people - teachers, business people, retirees, stay-at-home moms, and grandparents - who are committed to making a difference for children who might otherwise slip through the cracks in an overburdened foster care system. Being a part of CASA is a way that we can practically care for the orphans in our city and really love people in our community.

Interested? Come to the meeting this afternoon or scan the QR code.

**:: Budget Update**

This past weekend, Pastor Kevin gave a budget update as we head into the fall. This was an important update as it gave a comprehensive overview of where our giving goes and it addressed the new building and how that will impact our finances in the coming year.

If you missed the budget update, scan the QR code to watch it now.

**:: Fall Children's Ministry Recruiting**

Do you love kids? Are you looking for a place to plug in and serve? The Children's Ministry is recruiting for the school year. We are looking for some new teachers and additional helpers for the ministry and we would love to have you join our team.

Interested in being a part of Children's Ministry? Contact Cayenne Kerbs at cayenne.kerbs@mvcchurch.org.

:: FAFLC Shoe Drive

Foster and Adoptive Families of Larimer County (FAFLC) is currently doing a shoe drive collecting new and gently used shoes as part of a partnership with a non-profit fundraiser. Collected shoes will be shipped to Florida and a non-profit there will send them on to third world countries. FAFLC receives money per pound of shoes collected. We are trying to raise \$1,000. The funds raised will be used to purchase gift cards for our FAFLC kids so they can buy new shoes for school. Shoes of all shapes and sizes are accepted - no ice skates or roller blades.

Shoe Drive Drop Off: Shoes can be dropped off at church TODAY or you can take them directly to FAFLC: 246 S. Cleveland Avenue, Loveland, Colorado 80537

Questions? Contact mindy@mvcchurch.org.

:: Family Meeting Follow Up

Thank you to all of you who made time to attend our family meeting on Sunday night. We hope it was beneficial to you all and helps us to be unified in pursuing Jesus and the ministry of reconciliation. We know many were not able to attend in person or view the livestream. If you would like to view the recording, please contact Aaron at aaron@mvcchurch.org and he can give you the details.

Aaron LeDuc

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1 John

THE BURDEN OF AFFECTION

(1 John 5:1-12)

Main Idea: When our hearts' affections are centered on Christ, our lives are marked by joyful obedience

The Filling of Our Hearts (1 John 2:15)

An insight from Thomas Chalmers in "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection"

The Foundation of Our Obedience (v. 1-5)**The Testimony of Our Faith (v. 6-12)****DISCUSSION & REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

- What stood out to you most from the message? Why?
- How has your heart been inclined to things that are not God? What are the ways that you find yourself prone to wander from the riches of the gospel?
- Has obedience to God felt burdensome? How might aligning your heart to His change this for you?
- How does remembering the *testimony* of the Good News help you to follow Christ in greater obedience?
- How does the promise of eternal life change your perspective on following Christ today?