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Maltby Christian Assembly

connecting all generations

January - April 2012

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BACK COVER

Winter Life Groups!

We ended 2011 with a month-long celebration of Jesus, the Light of the World. The Church at Maltby celebrated Christmas quite well, with an amazing Kids Praise & Company Concert, three incredible nights of Dessert Theatre, Merge Reindeer Games, two Christmas by Candlelight gatherings, Life Group Celebrations and Projects and so much more. We served both locally and globally in so many ways this Christmas . . . Operation Christmas Child, Maltby Food Bank, Matthew House, families in need, senior centers, women's and children's shelters . . . and want to thank all of those who gave of their time, their talents, and their resources to make a difference in this world. What a perfect way to end the year as we followed the instruction in Matthew 5:16, as He commanded us to, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven". The Church at MCA rocked it this season - but even better, you did it ALL YEAR LONG!

Realize that as a church, we don't just make a difference in this world at Christmas; we're on the mission 365 days a year! Together our efforts make a difference and do affect lives - because we are reflecting the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Friends, let's stay on the mission in 2012 - let's dream big, let's believe for much and let's trust that our God can do the impossible through us, His church, as we let His light and love shine through our lives.

Wishing You a Happy New Year!

Pastor David & Sherry



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Experience Israel Trip: November 6-16, 2012

We are in the early stages of planning this incredible and life changing experience. Consider joining Pastor David & Sherry for travel and study in Israel with the AG Center for Holy Land Studies.

You are invited for an informational meeting & dessert on Sunday, January 22nd at 6pm at the home of Pastor David & Sherry. Please call 425.489.9898 or email mca@mcaweb.org if you plan on attending the informational dessert.



CONNECTING

all generations

MCA Weekly Opportunities

Church Office Hours: *Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm*

(The church office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2nd, Jan. 16th, Feb. 20th and April 9th)

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE: As the winter season continues, we want you to be aware that in case of cancellations or delays, a posting will be made at www.mcaweb.org as well as recorded on the church voicemail system. When in doubt, please use your best judgement as your family's safety is of the utmost importance.

SUNDAY

Worship Gathering - 9am & 11am
ALPHA Class - 9am (beginning 1/29)

TUESDAY

MOPS - 9:15am *(2nd and 4th only)*
NEXUS Young Adults - 7pm

MONDAY

Celebrate Recovery - 6pm

WEDNESDAY

Primetime Wednesdays - 10am
Kids' Life Groups - 6:30pm
Merge Student Gathering - 6:30pm
& Student Life Groups

Pick up a Life Group Catalog or go online to mcaweb.org beginning January 8th for a full list of weekly opportunities. We offer small groups for various ages, genders, stages of life, interests, etc... Don't miss out this winter!

Where We Are Going (Our Mission)
Connecting all generations to Christ through
loving, growing and serving.

What We Are Doing (Our Purposes)
Loving God, loving others
Growing in God, with others
Serving God, serving others

How We Are Doing It (Our Values)
Biblically Based
Relationally Centered
Family Focused
Spiritually Empowered
Prayerfully Directed

LEADERSHIP TEAM



David & Sherry Brakke
Lead Pastor



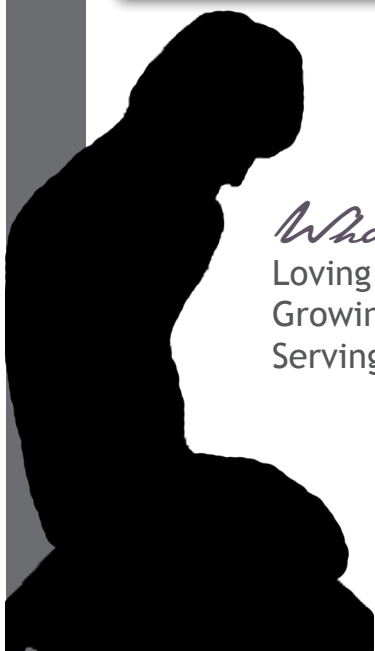
Tim & Karen Westerfield
Executive Pastor



Justin & Jana Farley
Teaching/Youth Pastor



Jolene & Ted Joosten
Children's Pastor



LOVING GOD

You are Welcome - Come Make Yourself at Home
SUNDAY GATHERINGS - 9AM OR 11AM

Sunday mornings are a time of both celebration and contemplation at the Church at Maltby. We enjoy a casual environment with great music and a relevant message. We also offer an exciting Kid's Church and quality nursery both gatherings.



January Message Series:

Dinners with Jesus: Jan. 8th - Feb. 5th

Just like any of us, Jesus spent time gathered around the table with friends and family. During the series "Dinners with Jesus" we will take a look at encounters such as Jesus' first dinner with Matthew and the Last Supper. Come see what you can learn and how you can be transformed through "Dinner with Jesus".

Other Upcoming Series:

"Unstoppable": February

"Be Contagious": March

"Famous Last Words": April

PRAYER

"Seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and soul." Deuteronomy 4:29

Partner in prayer for the Sunday Morning church gatherings. **Pre-Church Prayer at 8:30am in room 216.**



E-Line Prayer Team

You can participate in praying for the church family, community, region and world, by joining the E-Line Prayer Team. You will receive a weekly email with prayer needs by simply emailing mca@mcaweb.org and asking to be a part.

Need Prayer Support?

Enter a request for prayer at www.mcaweb.org under "connect at the church".

Messages



Subscribe to podcast and receive Sunday's message each week, or simply listen to or download it from www.mcaweb.org

CD's of the message can also be ordered at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00

MCA is on the Web!

Go to www.mcaweb.org and keep up with what we are doing

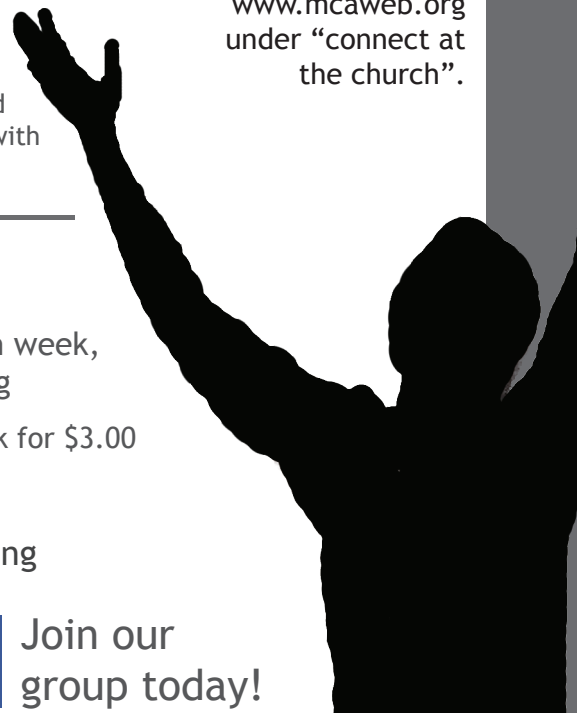


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GROWING WITH OTHERS

Upcoming opportunities for your calendar:



Ladies Breakfast - with guest Susie Tucker, dramatist

Saturday, January 21st, 9am Cost: \$10.00 (young daughters \$5, guests are free!)

Join us for this Ladies Breakfast as we welcome special guest Susie Tucker, dramatist and storyteller. She will be bringing to life the Christian heroine Corrie Ten Boom and the story of her courageous faith. All women are encouraged to attend and bring their daughters. Performance is appropriate for girls 10+.



Mens Breakfast - with guest speaker

Saturday, January 21st, 9am Cost: \$10.00 (Guests are free!)

Join us for this Mens Breakfast as we welcome a guest speaker, enjoy a great breakfast and spend time with friends. Be sure to invite someone - your guest comes free! Register at www.mcaweb.org.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: "COURAGEOUS"

Saturday, January 28th, 6pm Cost: \$10.00 per family (to cover childcare)

Couples are invited as we view "Courageous", the story of law officers who discover leading a family takes even more bravery than fighting crime. "Courageous" captures the heart of the father, calling him to Christ as he seeks to be a better dad. Childcare for children birth-6th grade provided.



Church Super bowl Party

Sunday, February 5th, doors open at 2pm. More details to come.



Ladies Scrapbooking/Crafting Day

Saturday, February 11th from 10am-10pm Cost: Early Bird (by 1/30) \$25, Std. \$30

This is a ladies scrapbook and craft time with prizes, a welcome gift, project ideas, warm meals and lots of fellowship! Questions and sign-up with Shelley Ramcke at rsramcke@verizon.net.



Annual Members Gathering

Sunday, March 25th, 6pm

All voting members and regular attendees are invited as Pastor David presents his Annual Report looking back to celebrate what God has done and looking ahead to where *He* is taking us. It is an exciting gathering of worship, prayer and vision. We encourage all those that consider MCA their church home to make this gathering a priority.

Opportunities for Primetimers (those in their senior years)

Primetime Wednesday - Wednesdays at 10am

All seniors are welcome for fun, friends, food and faith! Invite a friend to join you!

Valentine Luncheon - February 11th at 12pm

Join us for this fun and festive Valentine Luncheon location, cost and details coming soon. No "Valentine" required to attend this event. :-)



GROWING WITH
OTHERS

Why join a life group?

life groups

build a committed community

Develop a Connection - If you feel as though you are disconnected in our congregation, small groups are a perfect way for you to plant your feet in the church and feel more at home.

Grow Spiritually - Small groups serve as a vehicle to help the body of believers engage all of who they are with all of who God is. Small groups are places to grow in spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, Bible study, and life together.

Love & Be Loved - Small groups offer you deeper experiences of Christian community by emphasizing the fullness of shared journeys, shared joys, shared struggles and shared growth.

Follow Christ's Example - Jesus Himself was a part of a small group. The twelve apostles were His friends, protégés, and confidants. We are created to be in relationship with one another!

To get connected in one of the various life groups offered this winter please pick up a LIFE Group catalog starting January 8th, and sign-up on your Connection Card. You can also sign-up online at www.mcaweb.org starting January 8th.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY
*freedom from your hurts,
habits & hang-ups!*



Monday Night

6pm - Dinner

7pm - Large Group Gathering

8pm - Small Groups

9pm - Solid Rock Dessert

Baby Dedications at the Church: Jan. 29th, Feb. 26th or March 25th.
We recognize that every child is a gift from God, and we choose to gather together as family and friends to celebrate that gift. Parents or Guardians that are followers of Christ and are committed to training up their children in the love of Jesus Christ, are welcome to request a Baby/Child dedication online.

baptism

at the church

Baptisms: Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th, and March 11th

Life is filled with big decisions. Some are so exciting we can't wait to celebrate them. Some are so challenging that we know we'll need help to follow through. Baptism is about both celebrating your decision to follow Christ, and inviting others to be a part of your life journey.

If you have decided to follow Christ but have not yet been baptized, we encourage you to follow Christ's example (Matt. 3:16) and be baptized, don't hesitate!

Applications available at www.mcaweb.org.

membership

at the church

**Introduction to Membership Breakfast
Sunday, January 22nd at 9am**

If MCA is your church home, you're encouraged to take the step of commitment by partnering in membership. Come for breakfast and a casual gathering as we share the mission and purposes of MCA and how you can be a part.
(childcare provided)

Please email mca@mcaweb.org or call 425.489.9898 to RSVP.



**LOVING &
SERVING OTHERS**

SERVE SATURDAY!

JANUARY 7TH FROM 9:00AM - 12PM (LIGHT BREAKFAST PROVIDED)

Meet at MCA for a light breakfast where we will then split into two groups and serve through practical acts of kindness. Please bring cleaning supplies, yard work tools etc... The groups will serve at:

**Matthew House (Monroe Prison Ministry)
Special Delivery (Woodinville Pregnancy Resource Center)**

EASTER WEEKEND AT THE CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 7th from 10am-12pm

Easter Sunday Celebration Services

8:30am, 10am & 11:30am



missions at the church



Short-Term Missions Trip Opportunity Washington D.C. in August of 2012

Prayerfully consider joining the team as we partner with Pastor & Author Mark Batterson and the National Community Church as they prepare to open the D.C. Dream Center. The trip is scheduled for early August.

First team meeting February 19th at 12:30pm in room 115/117. Initial deposit of \$200 is due at that time.

Watch for other new missions opportunities coming in 2012!

Children's Ministries & Student Ministries

Sunday Mornings for Kids 9am or 11am

Kid's Life (K - 6th grade)
Pre-School Kid's Life (3yrs. - 5yrs.)
Well-Baby Nursery (Birth - 3yrs.)

kid's life

Kids Winter Camp: February 3-4



Standard Reg.: \$40 / Late Reg.: \$50 (after 1/29)

Drop Off: 5pm Friday Pick Up: 3pm Saturday

A weekend of fun for kids ages 1st-6th grade. They will enjoy an excellent speaker, exciting activities, engaging worship, yummy camp food and more! Register your child today online so they don't miss out on this weekend.

Small groups for kids

Serve Groups & Growth Groups

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30pm

Serve Groups

Praise & Co. (02/01)
Community Projects
Rainbows Serve

Growth Groups

Rangers for boys
MPact for Girls
Rainbows for Preschool

Register your child at www.mcaweb.org

Nitro Kids Conference

March 9th-10th - a weekend where your child can experience God in a unique way.

PINEWOOD DERBY



JUNE 9TH
10AM-12PM

merge

student ministries

connecting my generation to the love of Christ.

Please contact Pastor Justin or Jana at jfarley@mcaweb.org or 360.668.4180 if you ever have any questions.

Merge Student Gathering & Groups

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Meet us in the Worship Center for high-energy music, relevant messages, small groups and a welcoming atmosphere. Check out below the upcoming message and small group discussion series.



January - "IDK"

If you could ask God anything, what would you ask?

modern family

February - "Modern Family"

Is your family as strange as mine?



March - "Lucky"

LUCKY

live by chance or by faith?



April -

"Runaway"

A look at the book of Jonah.



The Difference: Winter Retreat 2012

January 27-29, 2012 Camp Ghormley (Rimrock, WA)

Cost: Early Reg. (by 1/8) = \$145. Standard Reg. (by 1/22) = \$165.

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for this life-altering weekend featuring the epic tubing hill, the later-than-late show, guest speaker Jeffery Portmann and music by Chris Judd. A fundraiser is available, see Pastor Justin for details.

- Valentine Party: February 8th from 6:30 to 8:30pm -

- Spring Break Event: April 4th from 6:30 to 10pm -

Mark Your Calendars

Merge Sunday Special - March 11 at 9am or 11am

An opportunity for our students to serve through various ministries on a Sunday.

Washington D.C. 2012: Short-term missions Trip (Early August)

First team meeting February 19th at 12:30pm. \$200 deposit due at that time. Prayerfully consider joining the team as we partner with Pastor & Author Mark Batterson and the National Community Church as they prepare to open the D.C. Dream Center.

Leadership Meetings

12:30pm on 1/8, 2/12, 3/11 and 4/15.

Summit: March 1-3, 2012

A chance for us to play, worship and learn together.

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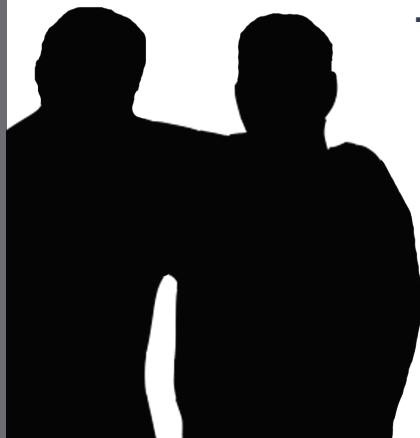
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build a committed community

life groups

Winter quarter sign-ups begin January 8th!

Life Groups are the small groups of the church at Maltby and are a great way for every member of our families to get connected to the church, one another, and to God. The author of Hebrews instructs us to “encourage one another daily” and “not to give up meeting together”. Life Groups are the greatest way to help us grow spiritually and follow Christ’s example more closely.



Two easy ways to get connected in a life group:

- 1. Online** - available January 8th
At www.mcaweb.org you can read the full descriptions of all the life groups offered and register for the one of your choice.
- 2. Sunday Gatherings** - available January 8th
Sundays in January when you pick up your program you will find inside a complete catalog of our winter life groups. Once you have read over the descriptions and made your selection, just write the corresponding code on your connection card.