

New Here?

Welcome to Marvin Methodist Church! | We are glad you are here. **Text the word NEW to 90382 so we can connect.** First time at Marvin? We would love to welcome you with a gift! Pick up a Connection Card from the back of Pirtle Hall, complete it, and bring it to the Information Desk today so we can welcome you personally.

Information | Visit the Welcome Center for information about programs, ministries and places to serve. Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, *Marvin Messenger*. Click the NEWSLETTER SIGNUP button on the bottom of our homepage, marvin.church. Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/marvinmethodist.

Sunday School | Classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Get details at the information desk.

Kids | Your kids are special guests! Pick up a worship bag and children’s bulletin at the entrances of Pirtle Hall. Care is available for children 5 and under in the nursery.

Ready to join? | Complete the Connection Card found in the back of Pirtle Hall and then come to the front of the church at the pastor’s invitation for new members. You will be given the vows of membership and introduced to the congregation. Contact Alicia Hays (ahays@marvin.church) to join outside of worship.

Need prayer? | Take a prayer card from the back of Pirtle Hall, complete it and put it in the offering plate.

Assisted Listening & Hearing | Please see an usher for information about our assisted listening and hearing systems.

This Week

- Today** _____
Hill College Group, noon
- Monday** _____
Evening Pickleball, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday** _____
Tuesday Men’s Bible Study, 11 a.m. | Tapas & Testimonies, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday** _____
Morning Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. | Midweek Meditation, 12:05 p.m.
- Thursday** _____
Prayer Warriors, 9:30 a.m. | Men’s Covenant Group, noon
Marvin Mahjong, noon | Fishers of Men Bible Study, 1 p.m.
Afternoon Pickleball, 4 p.m. | 18+ Volleyball, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday** _____
Launch Sunday, 9 a.m. | Hill College Group, noon

Ways to Serve

Altar Flowers
Donate altar flowers to adorn our worship space. This can be done in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

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Habits of the Heart
Bring canned food, dry milk, dry pasta, and canned soup to benefit Food Finders and the food bank at St. James CME Church.

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Acolytes
First-grade through eighth-grade students are needed to light the candles during traditional worship services.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let the prelude be a veil dropped between a secular world of distractions and a singular desire to be in God’s presence.

PRELUDE

The Glory of the Cross
arr. Ken Farrell

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us live by the truth we have received in faith. Let us seek Christian maturity as we walk together in Christ.

People: **Our eyes are fixed on the goal. We press on toward the upward call of God.**

Leader: Do not set your minds on earthly things, for our citizenship is in heaven.

People: **From heaven we eagerly wait for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!**

All: **Praise be to God! Let us worship our coming King together.**

*OPENING HYMN 102

My Hope Is Built
THE SOLID ROCK

*SERMON TEXT

Philippians 3:15–21

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Choose Your Models Carefully
Dr. Doug Baker

THE INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who truly love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

THE CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

THE PARDON

In his great mercy, our Almighty God and heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to him. May he have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

OFFERTORY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
George B. Nevin
Payton Jewell, soprano; Richard Vandertulip, baritone

*DOXOLOGY 443

OLD 100th

**Be present at our table, Lord;
be here and everywhere adored;
These mercies bless, and grant that we
may feast in paradise with thee.
Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:

Therefore, we praise you with the angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor recalls the last supper, and concludes:

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The congregation joins the pastor in praying:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Everyone, regardless of denomination, is invited to receive communion. Gluten-free bread is available on request. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know and we will serve you in your seat. As you come forward, communion offerings may be placed in the offering basket prior to receiving the bread and cup.

Communion Meditation

There Is a Fountain
arr. Cindy Berry

Communion Meditation

The Old Rugged Cross
arr. Mark Hayes

Communion Meditation

Be Still My Soul
arr. Dino Kartsonakis

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

MARVIN CONECTION

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*COMMITMENT HYMN 616

When We All Get to Heaven
HEAVEN

*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome and receive you into the fellowship of Marvin Methodist Church. We promise to surround you with a community of love and forgiveness as you grow in Christ. Today, we renew our vows of loyalty both to Christ and the church. As representatives of Christ in the world, we promise to do all in our power to strengthen Marvin’s ministries through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress
arr. Ovid Young

**Please stand as you are able.*

Ministers: The people of Marvin Methodist Church
Lead Pastor: Dr. Doug Baker | **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Diego Mercado
Director of Music and Fine Arts: Kara Story | **Organist:** Jonathan Story
Acolytes: Elizabeth McCord, James McCord (8:30); Marietta Oden, Maggie Oden (11)
Liturgical color: White, calling to mind the purity of Christ and our light and joy in Him.

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Coming Events

Tapas & Testimonies
Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m., Willowbrook Country Club

Ladies, enjoy an evening of fellowship and food, and hear inspirational stories of faith from women in our community. To register visit the Events page on our website. Registration is \$40 per person and free childcare will be provided with registration.

Launch Sunday
Sunday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m., Gymnasium

Launch Sunday marks the beginning of a new school year and ministry season at Marvin! Join us for a come-and-go breakfast, as well as an opportunity to reconnect with friends and celebrate all that God has in store for the months ahead. Whether you’re new to Marvin or have been here for years, Launch Sunday is a great opportunity to discover ways to grow, connect, and serve together.

Blood Drive
Sunday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m., Gymnasium

Make a difference in the lives of others by donating blood. Make an appointment at carterbloodcareorg. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Souled Out Jazz
Sunday, Aug. 16, 8:30 & 11 a.m., Pirtle Hall

The Souled Out Jazz Orchestra has been sharing the message of hope with a swing beat since 2010. You are invited to hear this message of hope as the SOJ orchestra, along with the Marvin Chancel Choir, lead our music worship.

Eternal Flame Fund Dinner
Thursday, Aug. 20, 6 p.m., Pirtle Hall

Join us for the 11th Annual Eternal Flame Fund Dinner. This year will be a seated dinner featuring steaks prepared by Kenny Cotten with Dr. Burt Palmer, Lead Pastor of Kingswood Methodist Church, as our guest speaker. Tickets (\$125) can be purchased at the Welcome Center or by scanning the QR code. Childcare will be available by reservation.



Love Thy City
Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m., W.T. Brookshire Conference Center

We will have an informational table at the 3rd Annual Love Thy City event. All church ministries will be represented and we will have information to share with the community about Marvin. If you are interested in volunteering to sit at the informational table during the event, contact Kenley Moore (kmoore@marvin.church) to sign up.

Marvin’s Family

Pray for | Joan Beach, Audrey Chartier, Bill Cooper, Barbara Dorsey, Rusty Fletcher, Carol Glidewell, Benji Guinn, Kathleen Herschbach, Jim Higgs, Sherri Higgs, Kelvin Iske, John Horton, Doug Hogue, Phyllis Kimmel, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Bart Lane, Dorothy Mackey, Judie Murphey, Steve Norris, Anita Nourse, Nita Pennington, Pam Petty, Su Plunkett, Linda Rehm, Glenn Shackelford, Jacque Shackelford, Terri Sharman, Barbara Sjerven, Juanita Smotherman, Margaret Spellman, Susan Turner, military personnel and their families.

New this week | Cheryl Wessels

Sympathy to | Margie Criswell and the death of her husband, Ellis “Cris” Criswell, July 28.

Juanita Zuniga on the death of her brother, Francisco Zavala, Mexicali, Baja California, July 18.

SERMON NOTES

Giving News

Thank you for your generous gift to the annual operating budget, ensuring Marvin Women’s Ministry continues to thrive. Your faithful support makes evenings like Tapas and Testimonies possible, where powerful stories of transformation, healing, and hope will be shared.



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY



Joyful
Living



HOME TEAM THINKING
WHILE AWAY



DR. DOUG BAKER, LEAD PASTOR | MARVIN.CHURCH