

McAuley's Corner



This church family is in a time of transition, but I'm glad that this is not a time of transiency. There's a big difference between the two. Transient church attendees will attend different churches sporadically without really settling down and becoming rooted in one church community. Transition involves change, but it involves the same committed people working together through the process.

I read a reminder this past week about the value of long-term commitment to one church. "Spiritual formation occurs primarily in the context of community ... People who stay also grow."

I'm the newcomer here, but already I am thankful for so many of you who have been so committed to this church over the years.

Blessings, **Pastor Barry**

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MCC Spring 2026 Preaching Series 'Encounters w Jesus'

May 17: *Strength To Serve*

Mark 1:21-35

May 24: *Two Encounters With*

Jesus Luke 9:40-56

May 31: *Hometown*

Disadvantage

Luke 4:14-30

June 7: *Sifted*

Luke 20:31-34

June 14 : *Beth Schmidt*

June 21 : *Adams Family*

June 28 : *Lessons From Their
Lives' Summer Series Begins*

Stampede Breakfast July 12

Good Morning MCC ... the Pastoral Search Committee had a very productive meeting May 4th working on feedback from the survey and my 'interviews' with many of you. Plenty of encouraging input, some challenging scenarios to work through.

Just so you know, over my 3 visits to date in March, April and May I have met with 48 – 4 dozen – of you for between 1 – 2 hours ... an average of 90 minutes each. That's over 72 hours of *listening and learning* - incredibly helpful towards our understanding MCC's recent challenges, also our current scenarios and MCC's future options and opportunities, and eventually a pastoral search and hire.

As a number of you have asked, with Pastor Barry's arrival, and my 3 visits under our belts, we find ourselves well into TLM's blue circle with Pastoral Preaching, Pastoral Care and Pastoral Administration (Barry's world) and the 3 Renewal circles (my world) being our focus. Plenty of overlap there obviously, alongside the PSC and Elders. As noted in the green oval, assessment is ongoing, but we feel we have some traction and momentum happening now. Please keep praying.

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ps I will be back May 31 – June 3 ... and again Sunday June 7 for worship

