

Second Hour Meetings 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Everyday Gospel Devotional will not be meeting this morning to attend the session with Sean McDowell.

Mid-Week Fellowships and Studies

9/28 Monday Ladies Bible Study

Until He Comes – 1 & 2 Thessalonians

10am Conversation Café

9/29 Tuesday Youth Group

7-9 pm Upstairs Fischer Bldg.

Heather Weden at heather@magnoliabaptist.org

9/30 Wednesday Acting Up Kids Drama Club

6:30pm in the FORT

Evening Bible Study

Until He Comes – 1 & 2 Thessalonians

6:30pm Conference Room

10/1 Thursday MBC Walk Up Pantry

9 am – 11 am Parking Lot

10/2 Friday

10/3 Saturday



Contact the church office: 714 827-0553

9:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday through Thursday

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Email: staff@magnoliabaptist.org

Website: www.magnoliabaptist.church

Giving to Magnolia – We are deeply thankful for the generosity of our Magnolia community. You can support the ministries of Magnolia online at (www.magnoliabaptist.church), by scanning the QR code, using the giving box on the table in the lobby or by mailing to the church office.



Sean McDowell
Encounters With Truth
September 27, 2026

9 Lies that Masquerade as the Gospel Galatians 1:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCC Bake Sale Today! Stop by the tables in the courtyard with all the goodies! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of Operation Christmas Child Packing Party supplies.

Saturday, October 31st – Trunk or Treat is back!

We plan to invite our neighbors on campus for some family friendly fun. **We need decorated cars!**

Sign up at the Welcome Booth if you

would like to decorate your car, pass out candy and share the love of Jesus with our neighbors. Please contact Heather Weden at heather@magnoliabaptist.org for more info.



CANDY NEEDED! – We would like candy donations to distribute at our Trunk or Treat. Candy needs to be individually wrapped. Chocolate is okay. Drop off your candy on Sunday at the Welcome Booth or the church office during the week.

Purls to the World is a Ministry of MBC. We Knit, Crochet and Sew for a variety of organizations.

Our next meeting will be October 4th at 11am in Room 422, upstairs in the Sanctuary. Everyone is

welcome! Please contact Sylvia McCain at 714 827-2664 or Valerie Pugsley at 714 220-9237 for more information.



A Celebration of Life Service for Leslee McNeff's mom, Jeannien Swift will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 2pm here at Magnolia. We invite you to celebrate her life with us and give thanks to the Lord for eternal life!



Operation Christmas Child Angel Tree – Pick up a tag or two to purchase supplies from our Angel Tree table in the courtyard. Please return the items on the tag by Sunday, October 4th. We have created an **Amazon OCC Wish List**. Here is the link to order from. <http://Tinyurl.com/2hpy5j6b>. For more information, please contact either Barbara Gustavson or Allyson Baligad.



Golf for a Cause! – Grace Redeemer Church is hosting a golf tournament benefiting JMh (Love Anaheim) on

Monday, November 30, 2026, at Los Coyotes Country Club in Buena Park. Registration is \$225, including 18 holes of golf and lunch. You can support this fundraiser by praying, registering to play, sponsoring a golfer, or donating. Make checks payable to Grace Redeemer Church with “Love Anaheim Golf Fundraiser” written on the memo line. Join us for a great day of golf while supporting a great cause! **Please register or donate by September 30!** For more information, visit our website: grcanaheim.org / loveanaheimgolf, contact the MBC office or Pastor Sam Noh.

Board Game Night – Make plans to join us for a fun evening of fellowship and playing games. Our next board game night is scheduled for **Friday, October 9th from 6:30pm – 9:30pm** upstairs in the Fischer building.



Our next **MBC Walk Up Pantry** will be Thursday, October 1st. If you are available and would like to help, be at MBC at 8:30am. We will meet you in the courtyard. Also, if you know anyone who struggles with food security, we start serving the community at 9am.

Please remember to pray for our community, our Leaders, and our Military.



**OCTOBER 24TH, 2026
9:00AM - 3:00PM**

*Grab your friends and join us
In shopping small and supporting
local owned businesses!*

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

*Held at: Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim
720 S Magnolia Ave, Anaheim, CA 92804*

Encounters with Truth – Fall & Spring

December 12 & 13: Dr. Titus Kennedy

Titus Kennedy joins us Saturday evening and Sunday morning, December 12th and 13th. Titus is an Archeologist, author, speaker, and Professor of Biblical Archaeology. He will be sharing not only information on the Christmas season but also looking at archeology of the Exodus and Conquest period in Israel's history.

March 7, 2027: Dr. Tim Muehlhoff

Tim Muehlhoff is a professor of communication at Biola University. He is a co-director of Biola's Winsome Conviction Project and cohost of the Winsome Conviction podcast. He is the author of several books, including *I Beg to Differ* and *Eyes to See*. His newest book, *The Heart of Civility*, will be released in early 2027.

Also at MBC this fall ...



Sweet Magnolia Craft Market

October 24th Crafts, Food, Jewelry & More

Grab your friends and join us in supporting small and local businesses right here at MBC. Free Admission and Parking.

Trunk or Treat

October 31st Giving to our family and neighbors

Grab a parking spot, come up with a fun theme, and help bless our community with fun, games, and of course, treats.



Magic of Christmas

December 5th Our special kid's drama program ... and a few snacks.

Join us as our kids perform a special drama written by one of our own!

*Prayer, Praise, Community, New Life, Family, Learning,
Celebration, Truth, Service, Mission, Thankfulness, Joy!*



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ENCOUNTERS WITH TRUTH

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Galatians 1: 1-10

9 Lies that Masquerade as the Gospel

*"I am **astonished** that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be **accursed**... I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be **accursed**." Galatians 1:6-9:*

Group 1: False Gospels _____

#1: The _____ Gospel

#2: The _____ Gospel

#3: The _____ Gospel

Group 2: False Gospels _____

#4: The _____ Gospel

#5: The _____ Gospel

Group 3: False Gospels _____

#6: The _____ Gospel

#7: The _____ Gospel

#8: The _____ Gospel

#9: The _____ Gospel

These are not the only false Gospels – there are many more. The question is how we respond to the many false gospels we find today.

- 1.
- 2.

The true Gospel brings freedom from fear, comparison, performance, and more.

The Fate of the Apostles

Resurrection Faith

- Creeds: 1 Cor 15:3-5
- Apostolic Preaching: Acts 2:24
- Apostolic Fathers: 1 Clement 42:3
- Modern Scholars: James Dunn, Ph.D.
"It is an undoubted fact that the conviction that God had raised Jesus from the dead and had exalted Jesus to his right hand transformed Jesus' first disciples and their beliefs about Jesus."

Were Early Christians Persecuted

- John the Baptist, Stephen, James
- Jesus taught that his followers would suffer – Matt 10: 16-18
- Suffering is a central theme in the New Testament
 - o Philippians 1:29-30; Hebrews 11:35-38; James 1:2; 1 Peter 2:20
- Statewide Persecution

"Therefore, to eliminate this rumor he falsely produced defendants and inflicted the most extraordinary punishments upon those whom, hated for their crimes, the people called Christians." Tacitus, the Annals 15:44.2-5

Evidence for Martyrdom

Polycarp refers to Paul and the other apostles who "are in the place they deserved, with the Lord, with whom they also suffered"
His letter to the Philippians 9:2

Peter

Paul

James, brother of Jesus

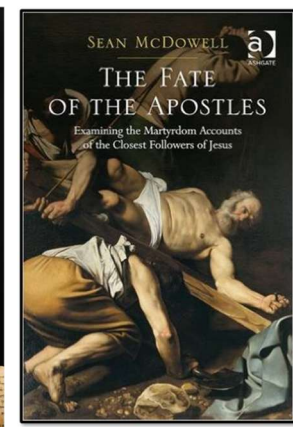
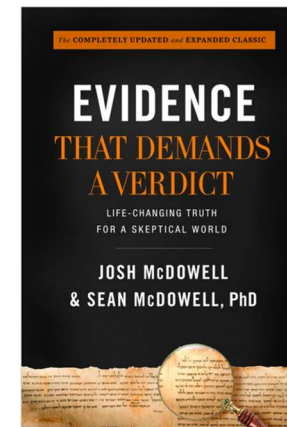
James, son of Zebedee

Thomas

Andrew

The rest of the Apostles

The apostles were all willing to suffer and die because they believed Jesus had risen from the grave. There is no evidence any of them recanted, and we know in fact that some of them were martyred. They really believed Jesus had risen from the grave. In fact, what else could they have done to convince us of the strength of their testimony?



About Dr. Sean McDowell

Sean McDowell is a professor of Apologetics at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. He has earned two Master's degrees in philosophy and theology and his Ph.D. in Apologetics and worldview Studies. He is the author, editor, or co-author of more than 20 books including *More Than A Carpenter*, *Chasing Love*, *End the Stalemate*, and *The Fate of the Apostles*. He is the co-host of the *Think Biblically* podcast—one of the most popular podcasts on the intersection of faith and culture. Sean has one of the top apologetics YouTube channels. He is also on the teaching team at his home church in southern California. The QR code takes you to his website with a lot more information – including links to his podcasts, blogs, and writings. Or type in your browser <https://seanmcdowell.org/>

