

The Vision of Jesus: Blessed
Phil Brookman

The Sermon on the Mount is God's _____ of what He wants the _____ to be.

Matthew 5:3-4 - "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Anawim

Someone who was _____, _____, yet _____ God.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. Which beatitude is most intriguing to you and why?
2. Which beatitude from Sirach 25:7-9 jumps out to you?
3. What examples from our culture can you think of that support the beatitudes from Sirach?
4. When was a time in your life where you felt like the "Anawim"?
5. How can forgotten, broken people experience the blessing of God when the circumstances causing their brokenness are not changed?
6. Luke's version of the beatitudes has "Blessed are the poor." What do you think are some helpful and unhelpful ways to interpret that text? Are there any blind spots that our reaction to this short verse reveal?
7. Who is someone that you see on a weekly basis in your normal life that God would want to bestow his favor upon?

FAMILY UPDATES

The monthly Prayer List is available at Information Central and on the Greeters' Stations.

New Baby:

Congratulations to **Ross & Carli Morrisett** on the birth of their daughter, **Gemma Elizabeth**, Saturday, Oct. 5. Grandparents are **Brad & Holly Morrisett**.

Shower:

Baby Boy Shower for **Brooke Rainey** will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 2-3:30 p.m., in the Campus Lounge (Summit Bldg.). She is registered at Target and Amazon.

Other News:

Tealridge Retirement Community Taste & Tour: You're invited to a fall-festive breakfast and tour of our living community for senior adults who are 55 or older. We are celebrating the completion of our independent living remodel and the arrival of the fall season. We hope to see you at the Tealridge Taste & Tour event on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. Please RSVP at 405-608-8020 by Oct. 21.

THE VISION OF JESUS

This year we're talking a lot about vision. One thing we have learned is that your vision can become tunnel vision which keeps you from seeing God's vision. So, you might have a personal vision that's really important to you (a home remodel, a thinner waistline, a particular cause) but before you know it, that personal vision can become so dominant it pushes aside God's ultimate vision to rescue and restore the world through the gospel. One way to guard ourselves against this kind of tunnel vision is to ask the simple question, "What was the vision of Jesus?" What kind of a world did He want? What values and practices supported His vision of a flourishing life? If we can keep His vision in the forefront of our minds, then it becomes the litmus test through which we can subject our own desires, helping us distinguish our personal passions from the truly Christ-centered ones. The good news is that Jesus gave us His vision, in the form of the Sermon on the Mount. Over the next few weeks we will study this remarkable teaching and explore what it means to create the kind of world Jesus wants right here in our neighborhood.



New Members

For new members' information, visit the online community.

RoDi Baker, Sr.
(Aubri)

Jason & Amber Davis
(Grace, Claire, Kate, Brynn)

Sarah Fleming

Kirk & Claudia Foster

David & Emily Garnett

Jason & Andrea Gee
(Blakeley, Raylin)

Wes & Glenna Harrison

Alice Kolb

Mike Pratt

James & Missy Woodson
(Marshall, Isa, Alexandria)

Day For Our Family

In Galatians 6:10 Paul wrote, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." On Saturday, Oct. 26, we will have the opportunity to serve members of our church family in various ways. While some tasks will require physical labor, others are more suited for families with children or those able to make visits and encourage. To volunteer or suggest a project, go online to mrcc.org/dayforourfamily or sign-up at Information Central or in your Bible Class.



Young Adults & Singles Position Filled

The elders are pleased to announce that Daniel & Amy Roberts are joining our team, as Daniel will be our new Young Adults & Singles Minister. This concludes a year-long process to fill the role which was vacated when Travis Akins became the preacher for the Heritage congregation. The process included multiple listening sessions with our young adults, interviews with young adult leaders, and robust networking with contacts throughout the country to identify candidates that match our congregational needs. We believe God has answered our prayers in leading Daniel & Amy to Memorial Road.

Daniel & Amy are graduates of Oklahoma Christian and worked for OC prior to entering fulltime ministry. They each have experience being a single member of the church before their marriage, and they are known for their genuine love of people and their deep commitment to helping others thrive in their own faith. The Robertses have a unique gift for welcoming anyone from any background into shared community. Daniel has been serving the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland, Texas, as their Lead Youth Minister, leading a very large ministry with a focus on relevant teaching, leadership development, discipleship, and involvement. His role at Memorial Road will also include working with **Josh Kingcade** and **Terry Fischer** with our QGroups. Daniel recently said, "Amy and I look forward to doing life together with young adults and singles at MRCC. We're anxious to begin walking this journey of faith with them."



We anticipate that the Robertses will begin their ministry here before the end of the year, and we will keep you posted as the timetable for their move to MRCC firms up.



Try A Class Today

Maybe it's been awhile since you've been to one of our Sunday Bible classes. Maybe you've tried a class and felt intimidated, or it felt full, or for some reason it just didn't work. Maybe you've never made class part of your Sunday routine. If it's been awhile since you've come to class—for whatever reason—we'd like to invite you to try a class today at 9:35 a.m. All of our adult classes are studying the book of Isaiah. Come try a class today. We'd love to welcome you. If you need any help picking a class for next week and beyond, you can read about each one at mrcc.org/sundayclass, or feel free to contact our Education Minister at Josh.Kingcade@mrcc.org.



Children's Trunk-or-Treat & Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 27 | 6:15-7:30 p.m.
in the Summit Gym and the west and north parking lots of the Summit

Children may wear their costumes. We'll have carnival-like booths and a moon bounce for children through 6th grade.

We need more Trunk-or-Treat cars and more candy! Sign up at Information Central to volunteer your vehicle. Candy and Coke drop-off boxes are located in the foyer.

Coke Walk donation sign-up sheets will be in adult classrooms. Thank you for your help and generosity!

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

A support group for caregivers of loved ones battling Alzheimer's started at MRCC this summer. We are meeting monthly, averaging 16 participants. Recently our team, "MRCC Memory Keepers," participated in the OKC "Walk to End Alzheimer's," which raised \$1,485 in donations. Money raised will help with research for a cure for the disease and to continue funding the Alzheimer's Association services, which are free for caregivers and their loved ones.

The MRCC Caregiver Support Group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Beginning in November, we are moving to Room A119, just inside the east entrance. The dates for our next two meetings are Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. If you are a caregiver seeking support, encouragement, and/or camaraderie, please join us. We will occasionally have guest speakers at our meetings as well. Check out the Alzheimer's Association website (alz.org) for more information on the disease, as well as a multitude of services that are available to assist families in this care-giving journey.

-Dawn Hemphill

According to research, an important early step for most people who come to know Jesus was an invitation from a family member or friend. This icon indicates an event is guest-friendly. Your invitation could be someone's first step toward Jesus!



MINISTRY UPDATES

If you'd like to learn more about all of MRCC's ministries and the various ways you can serve in them, please pick up a copy of "Ministry Opportunities" at Ministry Central in the main lobby.

Campus Students are invited to join us every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Room S1 for a shared meal before class. We'd love the chance to get to know you better!



Journey Land needs three Sunday morning teachers for the next rotation (10/13 - 11/27) with a break during the week of Thanksgiving.

Sunday:
1st & 2nd grade: game room
3rd-5th grade: game and theater rooms
If you can help, please contact Amy.Scott@mrcc.org to volunteer.



Celebrate Recovery is in need of a group or an individual to help with our dinner team. We are looking for people who can commit to help one Friday a month or at least once every other month. This can be a QGroup, a Bible class, or just an individual who enjoys cooking. If interested, contact **Nate or Chellie Ison** at Nate.Chellie@gmail.com.

Women's Ministry

Details on these activities and more are at mrcc.org/women.

NEST for Widows meets tomorrow, 7-8:30 p.m. in A105-6, with optional dinner at Qdoba at 5:30. Details at mrcc.org/nest.

Fall Speaker Series: Join us Wednesday at 7 p.m. in A105-6 for "The Message Lived" with **Laura Eudey**. Lessons are also online.

Quilting Connection will meet Thursday, 9:00-6:00 (come & go) in S1 in the Summit. Bring your own machine & project. Contact **Custodia Ewald** at 405-706-3967 for more info. This group meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Youth & Family Ministry

Junior High Pick-Me-Up will be Wednesday, Oct. 16, for Deer Creek students. Look for church vans in the school parking lot. Let **Kurtis** know if you're coming (kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org).

Hangout & Dinner: Wednesday, Oct. 16; lounge opens at 2:30 p.m. Dinner (lasagna) at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost \$3 per person. Class at 7 p.m.

Huddles: Wednesday, Oct. 16; Jr. High groups meet at the Summit, 7 p.m. Sr. High meet in designated homes, 6:30 p.m.

Girls' Retreat: Nov. 16-17 to Waco, TX, for 7-12 grade girls and moms. Spots are limited, so register online today!

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
GRIEF SHARE & DIVORCE Care Simultaneous Seminars
Saturday, Nov. 2
10 a.m. - Noon @ MRCC

Discover how to deal with complex emotions the holidays bring, what to do about traditions, helpful tips for surviving social and family events, and how to find hope for the future.
Register online at mrcc.org/holidays or contact **Jenny Jones** in the Care Ministry office with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 13** Brother's Keeper Group Meetings
World Bible School Day at Johnnie's
- 14** NEST for Widows, 7 p.m., A105/6
- 17** Quilting Connection Group, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., come-&-go, S1
- 26** Day For Our Family
Baby Boy Shower for Brooke Rainey, 2-3:30 p.m., Campus Lounge
- 27** Outreach Day at Johnnie's
Baby Girl Shower for Stacey Naizer, 2-3:30 p.m., Brenda Deal's

Children's Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat, 6 p.m., Summit

November

- 2** *Surviving the Holidays*, 10 a.m. - noon, A101 & A102
- 3** Fall Food Drive
Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's
International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6
International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym
Threads of Compassion, 2 p.m., A123
- 5** Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30 p.m., A119
- 8-9** OCWA Garage Sale



A TIME FOR OUR GUESTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND TAKE THE NEXT STEPS AT MRCC
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:35 IN THE PARLOR (ROOM A114)

Elders Available: **Barry Perkins** and **Max Pope** will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Worship at Teal Creek

October 13 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ
October 20 | 2 p.m.
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Worship at Tealridge Independent Living

October 13 | 2 p.m.
Reach - Clark Woodfin & Austin McRay
October 20 | 2 p.m.
Upward Bound - Dennis Kelly

Worship at Tealridge Assisted Living, led in part by **Jay Mack** and the Campus Ministry, is at 4 p.m. every Sunday. Contact Bill.Luttrell@oc.edu to get involved.

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MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Worship 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Bible Class 9:35 a.m.
First Cup 9:35 a.m.
a time for guests to learn about MRCC

Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Capitol Hill 4:00 p.m.
2801 S. Robinson Ave, OKC, OK, 73109
QGroups various times
visit mrcc.org/QGroups to learn more

WEDNESDAY

Early Bird Bible Class 5:15 p.m.
Bible Class | all ages 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms in 2019 110

Sunday, October 6

Bible Class 1957
A.M. Worship 2234
P.M. Worship 276
QGroups 379
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers 17
P.M. Total 672

Wednesday, October 9

Bible Class 1357
Weekly Budget \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering \$102,916
YTD Budget Deficit \$153,937

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