

**Iron Sharpens Iron: The Yoke That Sharpens**  
Travis Akins

Proverbs 27:17; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

Church \_\_\_\_\_ is designed to refine each other.

\_\_\_\_\_ are integral to being community (not simply doing church).

Start with \_\_\_\_\_.



**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN GROUP**

1. How have you defined "church" in the past? Has that definition changed over the years?
2. Why is community an important aspect of church life? In what ways do we short-change ourselves and church if we are not active participants in the community?
3. Why is not just "who" but "where" you are sharpened matter?
4. Why is it important to build friendships within the church community?
5. In what ways might we be able to do the hard work of building friendships in the church community?
6. Do you agree or disagree that "relationships are integral to being community (not simply doing church)"? Why?
7. What does your "hello" look like at Memorial Road?

We hope you'll return at 5:00 this evening as **Dean Bryce** continues our *Divine Questions* series.

**FAMILY UPDATES**

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

**Baptism:**

We rejoice with **Scott Moore**, who was baptized Sunday, Sept. 29.

**Shower:**

Bridal Shower for Keri Shaw, fiancée of **Mason Trimble** (son of **Jim & Denise McGinnis**), is this afternoon from 2-3:30 in the Parlor. They are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

**Other News:**

Lilyfield's fall Pass-It-On Kids' Consignment Sale is October 11-12 here at MRCC. All proceeds benefit Lilyfield, which is a non-profit that serves children and families in need in Oklahoma. You can find more information about the sale at [passitonkids.com](http://passitonkids.com).

**Invite a Friend to Church!**



According to research, for most people who come to know Jesus an important early step was an invitation from a family member or friend to worship. So, let's be inviters. You will see this icon next to events or programs in the bulletin that are especially good for guests. Maybe your invitation will be someone's first step toward Jesus.



**Celebrate Recovery**

A PLACE OF HOPE FOR EVERY HURT, HABIT, AND HANG-UP

During a lesson on a recent Friday night, we discussed the importance of a Daily Inventory. Principle 7 of the 8 Principles of Celebrate Recovery states, "Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life to gain the power to follow His will." By taking a daily inventory of ourselves, we are able to review the events of our day, see the positive and negative things we may have done, and figure out what action needs to be taken in order to grow within our recoveries.

When preparing to perform your daily inventory, ask God to reveal any areas within your recovery that He would like for you to work on. Psalm 139:23-24 says, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

What is the action step you need to take for your recovery or spiritual growth?

CR MEETS EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 6-9 | [MRCC.ORG/CR](http://MRCC.ORG/CR)

**Church Plant Updates**



CHURCH OF CHRIST AT OAKDALE

The Church of Christ at Oakdale began worshipping at the Oakdale School on Oct. 10, 2010. Today, almost nine years to the day, this congregation begins worshipping at their new facility at 10920 N. Sooner Road. Oakdale began with about 60 people from MRCC, and is now averaging around 200 on Sunday mornings. The mission statement of Oakdale has always been to fulfill the Greatest Commands of "Loving God and Our Neighbors." All at Oakdale hope to fulfill this mission by continuing to be a light in the local community, establishing local and foreign missions, and by making the new facility a tool for kingdom worship, outreach, and service. ~Darrel Sears



A CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Serve Midtown Church has worshipped in Brown's Bakery for two years. God has caused what started with 25 to double in size. They are active in serving that community, and guests from the community include some regulars from the homeless population. People in their 20's or early 30's who live in or near Midtown primarily make up the church family, and a rotation of three young men do the preaching. Please join us in praying about two challenges in this work. One is the need for a bigger space, as the Bakery is full on most Sundays. The other is the need for a minister to coordinate volunteers and make connections in Midtown throughout the week for the church to continue to grow. ~Terry Fischer



You may have heard about the success of Heritage's Foundation Sunday, but have you heard about our youth ministry yet? The HYG began with just three teens; and, a year later, attendance ranges from 15-20 students in the 6th - 12th grade, with two co-ministers. On Sunday mornings, the group builds their own classroom space at the elementary. Teens come early, grab tables and chairs, and head to a back hallway to set up a makeshift class. Not only do they set up their classroom, they also help serve communion, lead prayers, lead devo time for our preschool kids, and greet members and guests before service. But it's not all work! The HYG will go on its first-ever retreat this month, after their first camp this past summer. Heritage is proud of the way The HYG has stepped up and taken ownership. Our students don't just come to church—they are the church. ~Travis



memorial road  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

SHARING GOD'S LOVE TO TRANSFORM PEOPLE INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

**What's Next? Getting Closer to God**

Last Saturday, 47 seventh and eighth graders went to Camp Rock Creek for the Junior High Fall Retreat. We enjoyed some free time, "walking tacos," and running for our lives in the "Hunger Games." (Don't worry, parents—nerf balls and pool noodles were the most dangerous weapons.) The odds were in **Jackson Ortiz's** and **Greyson Alexander's** favor. We also searched for masked sponsors in a game called "Catch the Pig." **Caleb Estes** was the best pig catcher. And I was the best at finding a deep hole to step in. Everyone had fun, but there were serious times too. Jonathan "Monk" Juarez challenged us to think about things that keep us from growing closer to God. He encouraged us not to let these obstacles get in the way. What's next for MRCC's Junior High Youth Group? After this retreat, getting closer to God is definitely the priority. **-Katie McCook**

**Day For Our Family**

It's October, and that means *Day For Our Family* is almost here. We are excited about the opportunity to bless members of our church family by serving in various ways on Saturday morning, Oct. 26. It is time to start signing up volunteers. If you can help, please go online to sign up and let us know what type of help you are willing to give. While we have a dozen projects already, there is still time to suggest another one. To suggest a project or volunteer, visit [mrcc.org/dayforourfamily](http://mrcc.org/dayforourfamily) or stop by Information Central.



**Next Week is Try-A-Class Sunday**

Maybe it's been a while 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 a while since you've come to class—for whatever reason—we'd like to invite you to try a class on Sunday, Oct. 13. All of our classes meet at 9:35 a.m. and are studying the book of Isaiah. You can read about each one at [mrcc.org/sundayclass](http://mrcc.org/sundayclass).

Come try a class next Sunday. We'd love to welcome you. If you need any help picking a class, feel free to contact our Education Minister at [Josh.Kingcade@mrcc.org](mailto: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. Trunk-or-Treat cars are needed! 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!

**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 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.


 Our monthly Iron Coffee/Lunch meetings for men are seeing both numerical and spiritual growth. These gatherings meet on the first Thursday of the month at different locations around the metro, and serve as a time of conversation and prayer. The morning meetings are in Edmond, Midwest City, and Downtown; Iron Lunch meets in the Quail Springs area of town. Here are just a few thoughts shared by attendees after last Thursday's gatherings:

- "Meeting and discussing biblical topics with other men in an early morning study helps me reaffirm my priorities and provides insights on how others view their faith." **-Steve Thomas**
- "This experience with men that all have a mutual interest of learning from one another and applying their experiences of God's guidance is something that deep down we all yearn for. It was a very comfortable friendly fellowship with brothers. It was great. I enjoyed the fellowship and talking about the kingdom in real life experiences." **-Gary Mason**
- "It is nice to know you are not the only one in your situation. You don't know until you share." **-Bryan Williams**

Iron Coffee/Lunch meets on the first Thursday of each month. We hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to join us in November!


**Women's Ministry**

Details on these activities and more are at [mrcc.org/women](http://mrcc.org/women).

 **Threads of Compassion** meets today, 2-5 in A123. Details at [threadsokc.org](http://threadsokc.org).

 **Fall Speaker Series:** Join us Wednesday at 7 p.m. in A105-6 for "Grace Under Fire" with **Crislyn Ward**. Lessons are also online.


**Fall Retreat** registrants should have received an email with directions/info. Check in Friday 4:30-6:30 p.m., supper at 5:45.

 **NEST for Widows** meets Monday, October 14, from 7-8:30 p.m. in A105-6; optional dinner at 5:30.

**Youth & Family Ministry**

**Unplugged:** Monday, Oct. 7, for Sr. High. Eat before. Meet at the Summit at 6 p.m.

**Junior High Pick-Me-Up** will be Wednesday, Oct. 9, for Summit students. Look for church vans in the school parking lot. Let **Kurtis** know if you're coming ([kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org](mailto:kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org)).

 **Summit Night:** Wednesday, Oct. 9; lounge opens at 2:30 p.m. Dinner (Pizza) at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost \$3 per person. Class at 7 p.m.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- October**
- 6**  
Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6  
International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym  
Bridal Shower for Keri Shaw & Mason Trimble, 2-3:30 p.m., Parlor  
*Threads of Compassion*, 2 p.m., A123
- 8**  
OCWA monthly coffee, 10 a.m., Art Gallery at OC, all women invited
- 11-12**  
Lilyfield Pass-It-On Sale, Summit Building  
Women's Retreat, Canyon Camp in Hinton
- 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**
- 3**  
Fall Food Drive



**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:** **Byron Newberry** and **Stafford North** will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

**Worship at Teal Creek**

October 6 | 2 p.m.  
**Edmond Church of Christ**  
October 13 | 2 p.m.  
**Edmond Church of Christ**


**Worship at Tealridge Independent Living**

October 6 | 2 p.m.  
**Reach - Clark Woodfin & Austin McRay**  
October 13 | 2 p.m.  
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**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](mailto: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](http://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, September 29**

Bible Class ..... 1791  
A.M. Worship ..... 2049  
P.M. Worship ..... 259  
QGroups ..... 405  
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers ..... 7  
P.M. Total ..... 671

**Wednesday, October 2**

Bible Class ..... 1214  
Weekly Budget ..... \$106,764  
Avg Weekly Offering ..... \$102,777  
YTD Budget Deficit ..... \$155,499

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