

This Little Light: Matthew The Artist
Phil Brookman

_____ help us understand _____
_____ is a mirror image of _____

Matthew 28:19-20



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. What is the strangest thing that has happened to you when travelling?
2. When is a time you heard something out of context and came to a wrong conclusion?
- 3.2 Timothy 3:16 states "All Scripture is God Breathed." In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul gives two commands, the first with the intro "Not I, but the Lord" (v. 10), and the second with the intro "I, not the Lord" (v. 12). How do we make sense of these passages and what can they tell us about inspiration?
4. What struck you most about how Matthew put his gospel together?
5. Why do you think Matthew put the Great Commission at the end?
6. Why do you think the Great Commission has lost some of its influence in Christian circles? How might we reclaim its prominence?

Please come back at 5:00 this evening. **Matt McCook** will lead worship, and **John Curtis** will continue our *Message in the Music* lesson series.

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Baptism:

We rejoice with **Nylyndah Redeagle**, daughter of **Gia Redeagle**, on her baptism Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Hospitalized:

Hazel Mukes, mother of **Will Mukes**, is in St. Anthony, #7709.

Prayer Requests:

Mike Carroll was hospitalized last week; he has scleroderma and atrial fibrillation.

DeShawn Heusel underwent surgery last week in New Orleans.

Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Jackie McBroom**, who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 3. She was the mother of **Janie Leftwich** and the grandmother of **Robbie Leftwich**, **Kimberly Harper**, and **Bryan Leftwich**. Jackie was also an aunt of **Rhea Ann Lee** and **Samantha Roberts**. The service is scheduled for 10:00 tomorrow morning at Matthews Funeral Home.

Shower:

Adoption Shower for **Tim & Amanda Blair** is today, 1-2:30 p.m., in the Parlor. **Tim & Amanda** have adopted 13-year-old **Destini** and 11-year-old **Michael**. Both men and women are invited to attend, and gift cards are a suggested gift item.

Christmas Caroling: Men and women who enjoy singing are invited to bless our veterans with Christmas caroling on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the VA Hospital in OKC. We will meet at MRCC at 9 a.m. and return by noon. This event is limited to 30 singers. Sign up at Ministry Central or with **Robin Waugh** at robindeawaugh@hotmail.com or 405-627-7432.

Holiday Schedule

<p>Wednesday, Dec. 11 Christmas WOW at 7 p.m. Children & Teens attend usual classes Early Bird Class at 5:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, Dec. 22 Combined AM worship at 9:30 No Bible classes or evening worship</p>	<p>Sunday, Dec. 29 Combined AM worship at 9:30 No Bible classes Area-Wide Worship at North Mac</p>
<p>Wednesday, Dec. 18 Family Christmas WOW at 7 p.m. No Children's or Early Bird classes Youth Huddles meet as usual</p>	<p>Tuesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Jan. 1 No classes or activities Buildings closed</p>

Our regular worship and class schedules will resume Sunday, Jan. 5

Holiday Giving & Service Projects

We are grateful beyond words for how this church family once again stepped out in faith and provided for needs beyond yourselves. Here are some highlights:

Mabel Bassett Funds: Thank you to all who donated! We received \$3,597.29 for Mabel Bassett Christmas Care Packages. Your generosity, plus donations from other churches and groups, enabled the 1,450 ladies incarcerated at the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center to each receive a package containing basic hygiene items and an inspirational bookmark. This is the only Christmas many of the ladies receive. God bless you for your outrageous generosity!
-**Jerry Way**

Thanksgiving Day in the City: Thanksgiving is better when shared! Here is a quick numbers breakdown... meals served: 1,900; volunteers: 550; delivery locations: 225; pounds of turkey: 1,800; pounds of mashed potatoes: 500. We fed families in need; the Edmond Police Department; people in the Luther community; the Southeast Church of Christ; Edmond Hospital; and people working at Walgreens, OnCue, and other businesses surrounding the church building. Thanks to all who helped share God's love on Thanksgiving Day!
-**Holly Arter**

International Thanksgiving Dinner: God blessed us with a memorable and wonderful International Thanksgiving Dinner! Highlights include: 22 friends from Stillwater; 20 Turkish first-time guests who were provided with a special menu to suit their dietary needs; the largest number of table hosts we've ever had: 75; great conversations between people from 20 different countries; display tables representing 11 different world cultures; Doxology was sung in four languages, and God truly dwelt in the praises of His people! Please join us in prayers of praise, as well as petitions for the blessing of abundant fruit from the ongoing follow-up efforts in the coming weeks and months.
-**Clay Hart**

Christmas Gift Projects: Your generosity blessed 29 MRCC families (52 MRCC children were registered for holiday gifts). Forty-four MRCC families responded, including one student group. You blessed nearly 100 children at Capitol Hill—99 individuals were given Christmas gifts through this effort. The Luther Christmas Project served 120 children. These children received toys and clothing essentials for the winter season.
-**Jenny Jones, Hope Judd, Andrea Davis**

Magi Boxes: The generosity of MRCC is obvious once again! You provided 385 Magi Boxes for children in Allende and Piedras Negras, Mexico. Thank you! -**Steve & Beth Walker** and **David & Darlinda Cassel**

Fall Food Drive: Thank you for answering the call of filling our pantry! Collectively, you have filled the shelves of our pantry and enabled this church family to bless many people with food to eat! This ministry is here for you, those who come in off the streets, those in Luther, and those at Capitol Hill. It's an open-hand ministry with no questions asked. May God bless you in ways beyond what you gave, and may He get the glory for what is yet to come.
-**Tonya Patton**

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

Children's Ministry Summer B.L.A.S.T.

The Children's Ministry team, alongside the education elders, has been praying, listening, researching, and dreaming of great things for our children in the summers to come. As a result of this time spent together, starting in 2020, our summer program will be called *Summer BLAST: Bible Learning and Sharing Together*. Our goal is to offer something different each year that will influence the spiritual development of the children in our ministry.



As outlined in worship last Sunday, our 2020 Summer BLAST program will be **30 AD Marketplace: A Biblical Experience**. We, in addition to a plethora of volunteers, will be creating a first-century marketplace for families to experience together. We hope to have a synagogue, first-century marketplace stands (a potter, a butcher, fresco painting, carpentry, produce stands, perfumery, bakery, etc.), and reenactments of events that happened at the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

If you would be interested in putting together a group to create and sponsor one of the marketplace activities, please contact **Amy Scott** (amy.scott@mrcc.org). Mark your calendars now for June 27-28, and plan for a great summer experience. We hope you can join us.

Facing Doubt: A Conversation with Lee Strobel

Our community event *Facing Doubt: A Conversation with Lee Strobel* is a little over two months away, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Some of Lee's books are available at Information Central for the discounted rate of \$5 each, while supplies last. Invitation cards are available at Information Central, as well. Personal invitations from people just like you will be the determining factor in driving community engagement. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to this event?



Invitations Available

Printed invitations to our Christmas Eve service are now available, located at all of our regular pick-up spots. More than 200 community visitors attended our 2018 Christmas Eve service. Please be praying for the individuals or families you plan to invite.

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!

Intercession: A Group That Covers Life in Prayer

We believe we are on the verge of a great outreach in our city, and we want to begin covering it in prayer. This Saturday, Dec. 14, our specialized prayer group, *Intercession*, will meet for another time of focused prayer. If you sense God leading you to join in this effort, please join us at 9 a.m. in A113.

2020 Purpose Cards and Budget Availability

Purpose cards are now available at all our regular pick-up spots. Completed purpose cards can be dropped in the collection trays, given to any elder or minister, or to **Tammy McKeever** or **Brent Williams**. Purposing info can also be emailed directly to *Tammy.McKeever@mrcc.org*. The full budget is available at Information Central and on the MRCC App.

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.



All 3rd-6th graders are invited to join **Tammy McKeever** for **Christmas Caroling**. Practices are today and Dec. 15, 3:30-4:45 p.m. in Journey Land. The caroling trip is Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22. Children should attend at least two practices if they would like to participate.

Financial Peace University

Could you handle a \$1000 emergency right now? Do you know the types of insurance you need and which ones you don't? Are you sure you're investing correctly for retirement? If personal finance sounds complicated, don't worry—all you need is a plan. FPU will meet every Wednesday evening for 8 weeks starting Jan. 8 (7 p.m. in rooms A115-116). Sign up by Dec. 25 at mrcc.org/fpu and make this year your year. Cost is \$99. Limited scholarships are available. Questions? Email **Eric Noland** at eric.noland@me.com.

Holiday Cheer for MRCC Single Parent Families

The Generations Bible class invites all MRCC single parents and your children to be our guests for lunch **TODAY** in Fellowship Central after 10:45 a.m. worship. We look forward to visiting and sharing holiday cheer together!

Leadership Training for Christ

Registration is Open! LTC, for students in 3rd through 12th grades, is \$45/student if you register before Jan. 5. Visit the table in the foyer for more info and registration forms. Registration is also available at mrcc.ccbchurch.com (look for **2020 LTC STUDENT REGISTRATION** under the "Forms" section of the home page). Our first practice of the season will be Jan. 5.



LTC Teaching Challenge: The MRCC Preschool Ministry would love to help LTC participants earn a gold in the 2020 LTC teaching challenge! There are opportunities for both older and younger students. Please contact **Stephanie.Langley@mrcc.org** for more info.

Women's Ministry

Winter Small Group Bible Study registration is open at mrcc.org/women for classes starting Jan. 8 and 14. *Anxious for Nothing*, *Legacy*, and *Trustworthy* will be on Wednesday mornings. *Legacy* and *Think Good* will be offered on Tuesdays at lunch. View sample study guides at Ministry Central. Sign up by Dec. 29.

REAL Friends Brunch: Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. for our annual women's brunch. Details coming soon!

Youth & Family Ministry

NO Cimarron Shuttle in December.

Summit Night: Wednesday, Dec. 11; Lounge opens at 5 p.m. Dinner (Chick-fil-A) at 5 p.m. in the gym. Cost \$3 per person. Classes at 7 p.m.

Lock-In: Dec. 29, starting at 9:45 p.m. Cost \$40 for 7-12 grade students. Register online by Dec. 27.

Winterfest: Jan. 17-19 for 9-12 grade students. Cost \$150.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 8** Brother's Keeper Group Meetings
- World Bible School Day* at Johnnie's
- International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6
- International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym
- Generations Class & Single Parent Families Lunch, 12 p.m., F.C.
- Adoption Shower for Tim & Amanda Blair, 1- 2:30 p.m., Parlor
- Threads of Compassion*, 2-5 p.m., A123
- 9** NEST for Widows, 6 p.m., meeting offsite
- 22** *Outreach Day* at Johnnie's
- 23-25** Offices & Buildings Closed

24

- Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m., Auditorium
- 26-27** Offices Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 30** Offices Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 31** Offices & Buildings Closed
- January**
- 1** Offices & Buildings Closed
- 2-3** Offices Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 2** Men's Iron Coffee & Lunch, 6:30 a.m. and 12 noon, Various Locations
- 5** Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. - noon, Gym



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: **Jeff Floyd** and **Jason Garner** will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Worship at Teal Creek

December 8 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ

December 15 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ

Worship at Tealridge Independent Living

December 8 | 2 p.m.
Launch - Jeff McKnight

December 15 | 2 p.m.
Connected - Jeff Lovett

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.

Stay informed and engaged with our online resources



Watch:
· YouTube app
· YouTube.com/memorialroad



Get the MRCC App in your app store today!



Choose how you give

· mrcc.org
· mrcc app
· text amount to 844.311.2333

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Baptisms in 2019.....123

Sunday, December 1

Bible Class 1676
A.M. Worship..... 1974
P.M. Worship267
QGroups 310
P.M. Total.....577

Wednesday, December 4

Bible Class n/a

Weekly Budget..... \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering \$102,597
YTD Budget Deficit\$200,034

2221 EAST MEMORIAL ROAD
EDMOND, OK 73013
405.478.0166 | MRCC.ORG
f t i @ y | @MEMORIALROAD