

A Look Ahead
Phil Brookman

Philippians 4:15-18

Giving grows the _____.

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FAMILY UPDATES

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

Shower:

Adoption Shower for **Tim & Amanda Blair** will be next Sunday, Dec. 8, 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 (921 NE 13th). 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.

Other News:

Hope Harbor is looking for Relief House Parents for their Claremore Campus. Relief parents will live in their newest cottage for one or two weeks each month (14 weeks total per year) care for up to six residents. Hope Harbor will provide the training and 24/7 support. This is a paid position. Please call Dr. Bob Whiddon Jr. at 918-343-0003 for more details.

Holiday Schedule

- Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 11**
Christmas WOW at 7 p.m.
Children & Teens attend usual classes
Early Bird Class at 5:15 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 22**
Combined AM worship at 9:30
No Bible classes or evening worship
- Sunday, Dec. 29**
Combined AM worship at 9:30
No Bible classes
Area-Wide Worship at North Mac
- Wednesday, Dec. 18**
Family Christmas WOW at 7 p.m.
No Children's or Early Bird classes
Youth Huddles meet as usual
- Tuesday, Dec. 24**
Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 1**
No classes or activities
Buildings closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 25**
No classes or activities
Buildings closed

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



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN GGROUP

1. What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?
2. What is your dream car?
3. What factors have led to your philosophy of giving?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how generous would you consider yourself?
5. What upcoming events at MRCC would you most want to get involved in and why?

Please come back at 5:00 this evening. **Luke Watson** will lead worship, and **Phil Brookman** will continue our *Message in the Music* lesson series.



Celebrate Recovery

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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM 6-9 | MRCC.ORG/CR

Memorial Road Church of Christ 2020 Tentative Budget

Global Outreach

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| International..... | 17,200 |
| Missions..... | 173,000 |
| Salaries & Benefits..... | 454,000 |
| | <u>644,200</u> |

Local Outreach

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Capitol Hill Grant..... | 259,000 |
| Celebrate Recovery..... | 22,250 |
| Community Outreach..... | 20,850 |
| Our Town..... | 11,600 |
| Prison..... | 67,500 |
| Qgroups..... | 3,000 |
| Salaries & Benefits..... | 305,000 |
| | <u>689,200</u> |

Nurture

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Care & Counseling Ministry..... | 71,500 |
| Community Benevolence..... | 62,950 |
| Salaries & Benefits..... | 144,000 |
| | <u>278,450</u> |

Edification, Feeding the Flock

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Adult Education..... | 12,750 |
| Children's Education..... | 77,000 |
| Leadership Training for Christ..... | 11,700 |
| Men's..... | 4,550 |
| Women's..... | 5,850 |
| Worship..... | 14,000 |
| Young Adults..... | 10,200 |
| Salaries & Benefits..... | 731,000 |
| | <u>867,050</u> |

Students' Ministries

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Campus..... | 45,750 |
| Youth..... | 84,500 |
| Salaries & Benefits..... | 445,000 |
| | <u>575,250</u> |

Planning & Support

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Buildings & Grounds..... | 547,500 |
| Communications..... | 67,750 |
| Involvement..... | 17,950 |
| Technology Resources..... | 55,800 |
| Transportation..... | 69,600 |
| Salaries & Benefits..... | 1,075,000 |
| | <u>1,833,600</u> |

Administration & Debt Service

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Administration..... | 275,500 |
| Debt Service..... | 489,000 |
| | <u>764,500</u> |

Total.....5,652,250
Per Week.....108,697

Detailed budgets are available on the stage and at Information Central. They're also available online at mrcc.org/budget and on the MRCC App.

Next Sunday, Dec. 8, we will collect completed Purpose Cards during morning worship services. You can pick up your Purpose Card today at the auditorium exits or at Information Central. Next Sunday, they will also be located in the pews. We ask that this week you prayerfully consider as a family how much you can give in 2020. Completed Purpose Cards can be placed in the drop box at Information Central, given to elders, ministers, **Brent Williams**, or **Tammy McKeever**. You may also email your purpose card information to Tammy. If you have any questions please contact Tammy at Tammy.McKeever@mrcc.org.



memorial road
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Upcoming Holiday Events for Children

Our **Polar Express Movie Night** has become a special annual tradition here at MRCC. It is set for Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Summit. Bring a plate of cookies for sharing, and invite your friends and neighbors!

We're sponsoring a new event this year on Saturday, Dec. 7. **Sensitive Santa** gives families of children with autism or other special needs an opportunity to meet Santa in a sensory-friendly environment. Reservations are required for this event. Please reserve a time for your family at mrcc.org/santa. Contact **Jill Jones** for more information.

Finally, all 3rd-6th graders are invited to join **Tammy McKeever** for **Christmas Caroling**. Practices will be Dec. 8 and 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.

Prepare for Lee Strobel

Our community event **Facing Doubt: A Conversation with Lee Strobel** is a little over two months away, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8. We'd like to offer a few suggestions to prepare for the event.

Watch. Because of the popularity of the book series, in 2017, *The Case for Christ* was made into a movie, which can now be accessed on Netflix. The film chronicles Lee's journey of faith and is a great discussion piece for friends and family. We hope you can find some time this holiday season to watch it. We will also have a church viewing of the movie on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Read. If you haven't heard of Lee Strobel or are wondering why it is a big deal that he is coming, then it's time for you to get into his works. Here are three books for you to start reading. In *The Case for Christ*, Lee primarily explores the credibility of scripture and the evidence for the resurrection, both of which were monumental in his journey from atheism to faith. In *The Case for Faith*, Lee tackles perplexing questions like, "How could a loving God send people to hell?" and "How could a good God allow pain and suffering?" In *The Case for a Creator*, Lee deals with questions of evolution, cosmology, and intelligent design. We have purchased these books in bulk and starting this week, you can purchase them at the discounted rate of \$5 each, while supplies last. This could be for yourself, or can make a great gift for a friend.

Pray. Paul urged the Colossians to "pray for open doors." This winter we are making this prayer our corporate petition. Please make this a part of your regular prayer list.

Invite. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to this event? Personal invitations from people just like you will be the determining factor in driving community engagement.

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.

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.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in Room A119.

Creation Station will not meet today. Please join us next week!

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECTS (benefitting Capitol Hill, Luther, and MRCC families) are due **TODAY**. Please bring items to the church office.
Funds for **MABEL BASSETT CARE PACKAGES** are also **DUE TODAY**. Please give donations to **Jo Anne North** or **Jerry Way**.

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 today at mrcc.org/fpu and make this year your year. 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 next Sunday, Dec. 8, in Fellowship Central after 10:45 a.m. worship. Single parents, **please RSVP** to Jenny.Jones@mrcc.org with how many from your family will attend this lunch. We look forward to visiting and sharing holiday cheer together!

Men's Ministry
Iron Coffee and Lunch gatherings are set for this Thursday, 6:30 a.m. for coffee and 12 noon for lunch. More details, including location info, are available at mrcc.org/men.

Women's Ministry
NEST for Widows will have a special Christmas dinner offsite on Monday, Dec. 9. Regular monthly meetings (second Monday of each month) will resume on Jan. 13. Details at mrcc.org/nest or contact **Lori Walle** at 405-213-4725 for more info.

Youth & Family Ministry
Unplugged: Monday, Dec. 2, for Senior High.
NO Cimarron Shuttle in December.
Summit Night: Wednesday, Dec. 4; Lounge opens at 5 p.m. Dinner at 5:00 in the gym. Cost \$3 per person. Classes at 7 p.m.
Senior Lunch: Thursday, Dec. 5, at Chick-Fil-A on 2nd Street.
Honduras 2020 Mission Trip: June 1-8 for 11-12 grade students. \$100 deposit due NOW. Register and pay online.
Winterfest: Jan. 17-19 for 9-12 grade students. Cost \$150.
Lock-In: Dec. 29, starting at 9:45 p.m. Cost \$40 for 7-12 grade students. Register online by Dec. 27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December**
- 1** Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's
 - 2** Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30 p.m., A119
 - 5** Men's Iron Coffee & Lunch, 6:30 a.m. and 12 noon, Various Locations
 - 6** Polar Express Movie Night, 7 p.m., Summit Building
 - 7** Children's Ministry Sensitive Santa, 9 a.m. - Noon; sign up online
 - 8** Brother's Keeper Group Meetings
World Bible School Day at Johnnie's
International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6
 - 9** 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
 - 18** Family Christmas WOW, 7 p.m.
 - 22** Combined Worship at 9:30 a.m. (no classes or evening worship)
Outreach Day at Johnnie's
 - 23-25** Offices & Buildings Closed
 - 24** Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m., Auditorium



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: **Doug Cox** and **Robert Edwards** will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Worship at Teal Creek
December 1 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ
December 8 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ

Worship at Tealridge Independent Living
December 1 | 2 p.m.
Launch - Jeff McKnight
December 8 | 2 p.m.
Launch - Jeff McKnight

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 10:00 a.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.....122

Sunday, November 24

Bible Class 1707
A.M. Worship..... 2137
P.M. Worship287
QGroups277
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers...n/a
P.M. Total..... 564

Wednesday, November 28

Bible Class n/a

Weekly Budget..... \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering \$102,587
YTD Budget Deficit\$196,348

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