

**Alignment: When God’s Vision Must Change Yours**

Phil Brookman

Nehemiah 5

Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ vision can become \_\_\_\_\_ vision which obscures \_\_\_\_\_ vision .

Never mistake your \_\_\_\_\_ vision for God’s \_\_\_\_\_ vision.

Poverty work will never be \_\_\_\_\_.

But it will always be \_\_\_\_\_ with the heart of God.

Hang on to the \_\_\_\_\_.

Play your \_\_\_\_\_.



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

1. When was a time when one of your opinions either intentionally or unintentionally rubbed someone the wrong way?
2. What part of God’s vision do you think you turn a blind eye to most often?
3. Nehemiah had a specific way he reacted to news. He felt, then he pondered, then he acted. Which of these three areas comes easiest to you?
4. What about hardest?
5. What are three parts of the Bible which illustrate God’s passion for justice?
6. What kinds of tensions in life are actually good and maybe not meant to be resolved?
7. What is your role in carrying out God’s vision for justice?

**FAMILY UPDATES**

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

**Hospitalized:**

**Marita Barnett** is in Community Hospital (on Broadway).

**Kim Carter** is in Mercy Rehab, #1124.

**Marynel Chabino** is in Epworth Villa Rehab, #1806.

**Stefanie Anderson’s** mother, Susan Jones, is hospitalized in Joplin, Missouri, awaiting heart surgery.

**Prayer Requests:**

**Ryan Ford’s** aunt, Patricia Vanairsdale, is having some serious heart problems; she lives in California.

**Our Sympathy is extended to...**

**Sandy Proctor**, the **Danny Proctor** family, and the Katie Jones family on the death of their husband, father, and grandfather, **Don Proctor**, who passed away Wednesday, August 28.

The **Chad Anderson** family on the death of his father, Don Anderson, Friday, August 23, in Guthrie.

**Richard & Ellen Brewer** on the death of his sister, Dixie Foster, Monday, August 19, in Denison, Texas. She was also an aunt of **Mark Brewer**.

**David & Darlinda Cassel** on the death of her father, Charles Cook, Wednesday, August 21, in Georgia.

**New Babies:**

Congratulations to **Blake & Kiley Hendley** on the birth of their son, **Krew Blake**, Tuesday, August 27. Grandparents are **Terry & Kim Spencer** and great-grandmother is **Sue Green**.

**Showers:**

Baby Girl Shower for **Jill Kelley** will be next Sunday, Sept. 8, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Amanda Bodine’s**. She is registered at *babylist.com*.

**Other News:**

**Cherokee Home for Children** is looking for additional houseparents, a job that comes with salary and benefits. If interested, contact Executive Director, **Shawn Hull**, at 325-622-4201.

Each year we participate in **Hope Harbor’s Change Can Campaign**, offering change cans to collect your spare change. Pick up an empty can at Information Central or in your Bible class. Checks and bills can easily be deposited inside. Filled cans should be given to **Barry Stafford** or any staff member by Wednesday, Sept. 25. Or you can take your change can to Hope Harbor on Saturday, Sept. 28, and enjoy the Free Fish Fry on their campus.

**Get Connected in a QGroup**

Now that summer is almost over, most of our weekly small groups will begin meeting soon. We have over forty groups, and we’d love you to be part of one. Some are age-specific, and others are inter-generational. If you’re interested in joining a group, go to [mrcc.org/qgroups](http://mrcc.org/qgroups) to get the process started.



**Friendships are really important.** And friendships are really hard. How exactly do we find those friends we want; and, once we find them, how do we make the relationships strong, meaningful, and mutually beneficial? Next week we are launching into a series called “Iron Sharpens Iron” in order to tackle these very questions. I believe that the next few weeks will breathe new life into your relationships.

In conjunction with this series, our Men’s Ministry, led by **Todd Wright**, is launching a new monthly event for men called Iron Coffee. These gatherings, which will happen on the first Thursday each month, are designed to give men of all ages a chance to talk, pray, listen, laugh, study – and drink coffee. Meeting times are 6:30-7:40 a.m.



The first date is this Thursday, Sept 5, at the following locations:

**Downtown** - Old School Bagel at 211 N. Robinson at Leadership Square

**Tinker area** - Panera Bread at 7199 SE 29th St. at the Midwest City Town Center Plaza

**Edmond** - Panera Bread at 15th and S. Bryant in Spring Creek Shopping Center

The **Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Class** will also begin September 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Summit building. Men of all ages and backgrounds are invited and encouraged to join this study of Paul’s letter to the Romans, led by **Dean Bryce**. Come a few minutes early to enjoy coffee and donuts.

Today’s message will focus on how vision relates to justice. Every great vision must take into account God’s passion for justice and His plan to see that justice carried out by His people. “Hate evil, love good; maintain justice” (Amos 5:15). Here at Memorial Road, we are dedicated to the kinds of ministries that carry out verses just like this - ministries that seek to right the wrongs of this world, to uplift the poor, to bless children. Today in the lobby we are featuring seven of these ministries. Stop by and see how you can get involved.

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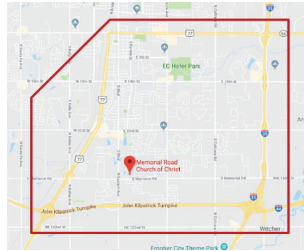


**Today in the Summit!**  
**7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



**A Vision for our City**

Last week we talked about a vision for our city. The map below represents the five miles surrounding our church building. 65,000 people live in this area. According to a recent survey, an astonishing 30.8% of people in this area identify their religious preference as "None." This means around 19,000 people surrounding our building do not believe in Jesus or go to church. This isn't our nation at large, this is our own backyard!



This year, we want to change that number by reaching our city in the name of Jesus. We plan to tackle this project in three phases: *Get Stronger. Get Ready. Get to Work.* This fall we plan to focus on strengthening our own relational infrastructures to poise ourselves to receive more people later in the year. In the winter, we will train and educate ourselves on how to do outreach in today's postmodern, post-truth, post-Christian climate. Then, we plan to go to work with three events as premiere vehicles to reach our city. First, Christmas Eve 2019. Second, a community outreach event featuring author, Lee Strobel. Third, an event called *Day For The City.*

These are big plans. Please pray about how you can contribute to the efforts this year to reach our city in the name of Jesus.

**You are Worthy**  
 TUESDAY, SEPT 17 | 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL  
 SPEAKERS: HOLLY ARTER & SHANNON PHELPS  
 \$10/PERSON & DINNER IS PROVIDED  
 SIGN UP BY SEPT 12 IN FOYER OR ONLINE AT MRCC.ORG/WOMEN



**Unpacking The Boxes**  
 For women who are new to the community  
 Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
 September 4 through November 13  
 Register at [www.unpackingtheboxes.com](http://www.unpackingtheboxes.com)

**walk of hope**  
 BENEFITING THE CHILDREN OF VILLAGE OF HOPE IN GHANA, AFRICA  
 Walk the OC trail then celebrate in the gym with pizza and Journey Land specialty donation booths.  
 9.15.19 5:45pm [www.mrcc.org/walk4hope](http://www.mrcc.org/walk4hope)

**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.

**Sonshine School**

MRCC Sonshine School begins Thursday, Sept. 5. SSS meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Sept-May) from 9:30-2:30. Space is currently available for 3-year-olds and PreK. For more information, email [sonshine.school@mrcc.org](mailto:sonshine.school@mrcc.org) or call 607-6450.

**Preschool**

We are in need of 25 Preschool teachers for the months of September, October, and November. If you can help, please email [Stephanie.Langley@mrcc.org](mailto:Stephanie.Langley@mrcc.org).

**Journey Land**

**Journey Land needs one Journeyman for the fall quarter** for 1st grade on Wednesdays. If you can help, please email [delise.williams@mrcc.org](mailto:delise.williams@mrcc.org).

**This rotation, the children of Journey Land** have the opportunity to embellish a backpack made with fabric from the Village of Hope. We need help pre-making the backpacks. If you enjoy sewing, please stop by the Journey Land desk to pick up some fabric and sewing instructions.

**Adult Bible Classes**

Summer is turning into fall, and we have a new slate of adult classes beginning today! On Sundays, our adult classes will study the first part of the book of Isaiah, with its twin themes of judgment and hope. Isaiah has much to teach God's people about faithfulness, justice, and God's expectations. On Wednesdays, we have textual and historical classes, topical and practical options, and special series for men and women.

To see the full list, visit [mrcc.org/education](http://mrcc.org/education).

**Youth & Family Ministry**

**Cimarron Shuttle is Back!**

Wednesday, Sept 4; All Cimarron students should look for church vans in the Pepperdine cul-de-sac after school for a ride to church/hangout.

**Hangout and Dinner:**

Wednesday, Sept. 4; lounge opens at 2:30 p.m.

**Campus Ministry**

All college students are welcome to come at 6 p.m. every Wednesday in Room S1 for a shared meal before class.

**Women's Ministry**

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

**Unpacking the Boxes** starts Wed., 9:30-11:30 a.m. It's not too late to sign up at [unpackingtheboxes.com](http://unpackingtheboxes.com)!

**Fall Speaker Series:** All women are invited to A105-6 on Wed. night to hear **Robin Waugh** kick off "Peace in an Angry World" with "Hearts That Listen."

**CWBS** starts Thursday in A105-6. Bring \$10 for your study guide.

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

**NEST for Widows** meets Monday, Sept. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. in A105-6, with optional dinner at 5:30 at Panera Bread.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September**

- 1** Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gym  
Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's
- 2** Buildings Closed for Holiday  
Cunningham Peach sales for Heartbeat for Hope, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., MRCC Parking Lot
- 3** SWAG Dinner and Fellowship, 6 p.m., F.C.  
Alzheimer's Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
- 4** "Boxes" Class begins, 9:30 a.m., A103/4  
DivorceCare Class begins, 6:30 p.m., A201  
GriefShare Class begins, 7 p.m., A102
- 5** Iron Coffee, 6:30 to 7:40 a.m., 3 locations

- CWBS begins, 9:30 a.m., Main Bldg.  
Men's Bible Class begins, 9:30 a.m., Jr. High Room, Summit Bldg.
- 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  
Baby Girl Shower for Jill Kelley, 2-3:30 p.m., Amanda Bodine's  
Threads of Compassion, 2 p.m., A123
- 9** NEST for Widows, 7 p.m., A105/6
- 14** Baby Shower for Rachel Dudley, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Youth Lounge
- 15** Walk for Hope, 6 p.m., Summit



**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.

**Teal Creek Worship**

September 1 | 2 p.m.

**Christian Families - Jeff Tefertiller**

September 8 | 2 p.m.

**Christian Families - Jeff Tefertiller**

**Tealridge Assisted**

**Living Worship**

4 p.m. | [bill.luttrell@oc.edu](mailto:bill.luttrell@oc.edu)

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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 ..... 102

**Sunday, August 25**

Bible Class ..... 2028  
 A.M. Worship ..... 2229  
 P.M. Worship ..... 307  
 QGroups ..... 316  
 MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers...n/a  
 P.M. Total ..... 623

**Wednesday, August 28**

Bible Class ..... 1164

Weekly Budget ..... \$106,764  
 Avg Weekly Offering ..... \$103,032  
 YTD Budget Deficit ..... \$126,887

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