

Iron Sharpens Iron: Covenantal Friendship
Phil Brookman

1 Samuel 18:1,3 - *Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.*

Friendship is a great _____ for the greatest _____.

Friendship is fueled by _____.

_____ is how God comforts his people..



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. Do you agree or disagree with the Florida court's assessment that Facebook friendship does not equate to friendship. Why or why not?
2. Which of the three main points of the sermon resonated with you the most and why?
3. What would it look like in practical terms to practice the second greatest commandment in the context of friendship?
4. Why do you think friendships today are such a far cry away from the friendship of David and Jonathan?
5. How might the deep theology of "covenant" throughout scripture inform our understanding of friendship?
6. What weaknesses do lack of commitment create in a QGroup or Bible class?
7. How can we make steps toward greater commitment in friendship?
8. When is a time when God ministered to you through a friend?
9. When was (or could be right now) a time when God used you to minister to a friend?

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Hospitalized:
Ricky Leturia is in OU Medical, ICU # 2004.

Prayer Request:
Mary Jo deSteiguer underwent hip replacement surgery last week. **Chris Nard** responded to the invitation last Sunday requesting prayers for God to work on his heart and bring healing to his relationship with his family.

Memorial Service:
Memorial Service for **Lloyd Rhodes**, father of **Dwaine Rhodes** and **Cindy Worth**, will be Saturday, Sept. 21, 3 p.m., here at MRCC.

New Baby:
Congratulations to **Dakota & Kelcy Enriquez** on the birth of their daughter, **Savannah Leigh**, Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Bridal Shower:
Bridal Shower for Brittany Redmond, daughter of **David & Ann Redmond**, will be next Sunday, Sept. 22, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Bobbie Walker's**. She is registered at *zola.com*, BeBe's/OKC, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Anthropology.

Other News:
WINGS is in need of volunteers for their upcoming Fall Festival events. For more information on dates and activities, or to register as a volunteer, please visit their website at *wingsok.org*.

Each year we participate in Hope Harbor's Change Can Campaign, offering 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.

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.

Get Connected in a QGroup

Now that summer is over, most of our weekly small groups have begun meeting. We have over forty groups, and we'd love you to be part of one. Some are age-specific, and others are intergenerational. If you're interested in joining a group, go to *mrcc.org/qgroups* to get the process started.

BENEFITING THE CHILDREN OF **VILLAGE OF HOPE** IN GHANA, AFRICA



TONIGHT AT 5:45


Walk the OC trail in honor of the kids at Village of Hope, then celebrate in the gym with pizza and Journey Land specialty donation booths. All proceeds benefit Village of Hope.

STARTING LINE: North Parking Lot
FINISH LINE: Summit Gym - Pizza Party!
COST: \$16/ individual or \$45/ family

REGISTER IN THE LOBBY

PRESENTED BY:  & 

And mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21



Purchase Colorado peaches or pears and support the Village of Hope

7 a.m. - 3 p.m., or until sold out
\$35 per box
Available in the church parking lot

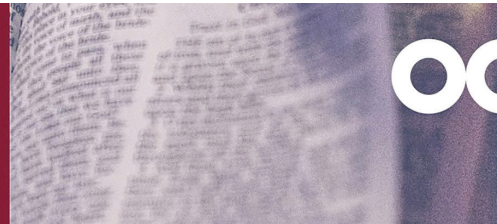


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SHARING GOD'S LOVE TO TRANSFORM PEOPLE INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

ONE VOICE
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UNITING IN WORSHIP



Last year many of you experienced a powerful evening called *One Voice*. It was an area-wide worship service hosted by Oklahoma Christian, and it proved to be one of the highlights of the year. *One Voice* will take place again this year, next Sunday night at 6:00. There will be no 5 p.m. worship at MRCC next week; we encourage everyone to attend *One Voice* at OC. We are living in challenging times with great opportunities for the Kingdom, and events like this call us back to the gospel and a sense of mission for the sake of others. We want to fill Baugh Auditorium with many voices glorifying God together in Jesus Christ.

Iron Coffee Recap

Last Thursday, Sept. 5, the first Iron Coffee took place in Edmond, Oklahoma City, and Midwest City. We shared a time of prayer, heartfelt discussion, and scripture reading together. Guys really had great comments and thoughts regarding life, family, culture, work, and faith. It was a great opportunity for men to get together in close proximity to their work. Everyone seemed excited about the opportunity to build stronger relationships within their working community. We even had a handful of men who were already planning lunches with other members of the group. We're looking forward to seeing what God does with the groups in the next few months! Mark your calendars for the next Iron Coffee on Thursday, Oct. 3. Iron Lunches will begin in October, too! Stay tuned for locations and times, and make plans to attend one of these gatherings, because *Iron Sharpens Iron!*

~Justin Cornell, Ben Knowles, Kevin Arledge

Women's Fall Retreat

Retreats don't happen every year, so don't miss "Unfiltered: Be You, Bravely," with speaker Kathy Bishop of Wichita, Kansas, on Oct. 11-12! Get away to Canyon Camp & Conference Center, just an hour away in Hinton, nestled in Red Rock Canyon. Hear inspiring talks and enjoy fellowship and fun with your Christian sisters. Lodge (\$75/person) and cabin (\$65/person) rooms are available, so grab a friend or two, or sign up on your own and meet new friends. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Three meals, use of the facilities (with optional sunrise hike!), and all activities are included. Friday-evening-only and Saturday-only pricing is also available. Register and pay at the retreat center in the foyer, where more information is available, or at mrcc.org/women by Oct. 4. Contact **Robin Waugh** at 405-627-7432 or robindeawaugh@hotmail.com with any questions.

Day For Our Family

Day For Our Family is set for Saturday, Oct. 26, and we want to serve members of our church family in need. The first step is to discover what those needs are. If you or a church member you know has a need a few volunteers can take care of on that day, please let us know by submitting it at mrcc.org/DayForOurFamily. Limits on resources may result in not every project suggestion being adopted, so please do not make any commitments to potential service recipients. Thank you for your idea!

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 began last week. Sonshine School 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 or call 607-6450.

Campus Ministry

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



Journey Land

Journey Land children can choose a backpack (made from fabric from the Village of Hope) with a donation of any size, which will go to the Village of Hope. Backpacks are at the VOH table in the Journey Land hallway. We will be embellishing the backpacks as part of our art class this rotation.

Men's & Women's Step Studies Now Forming

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." -Prov. 27:17

Life and Recovery are not meant to be walked alone. Step Studies are gender specific (and non-issue specific) groups where the same group of women or men meet weekly to walk the 12 Steps and 8 Principles of Recovery. Step Studies are designed to help participants find accountability, genuine fellowship, healing, and victory over life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. If you are ready to stop doing life alone, we encourage you to contact **Nate or Chellie Ison** at celebraterecovery@mrcc.org or Nate.Chellie@gmail.com to sign up for a Step Study or find out more details.



Youth & Family Ministry

Jr. High Pick-Me-Up for Wednesday, Sept. 18; for Cimarron students. Look for church vans in the Pepperdine cul-de-sac after school for a ride to church/hangout.

Hangout and Dinner for Wednesday, Sept. 18; lounge opens at 2:30 p.m. Dinner (lasagna) at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost is \$3 per person.

Huddles: Groups meet Sept. 18. Jr. High groups meet at the Summit, 7 p.m. Sr. High meet in designated home, 6:30 p.m.

Jr. High Fall Retreat: Sept. 28-29; Register online. Cost \$75.

Women's Ministry

Details on these activities and more are at mrcc.org/women or Ministry Central:

Restaurant Groups: Sign up by today at Ministry Central or contact **Lori Walle** at LWalleSL@aol.com or 405-213-4725 to be part of a monthly brunch, lunch, dinner, or coffee group starting the second week of October.

Fall RefreshHER: Dinner reservations are closed, but ladies may come to Fellowship Central at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday to hear the speakers.

Fall Speaker Series: Lessons for "Peace in an Angry World" are online in the Wednesday Evenings section of the women's web page. Join us this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in A105-6 for "Words and Consequences" with **Erica Hollis**.

Quilting Connection meets Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (come-and-go) in S1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

15 Walk for Hope, 5:45 p.m., Summit

17 RefreshHER, 6:30 p.m., F.C.

19 Quilting Connection Group, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (come-and-go), S1

21 Memorial Service for Lloyd Rhodes, 3 p.m., Auditorium

22 Outreach Day at Johnnie's

Bridal Shower for Brittany Redmond, 2-3:30 p.m., Bobbie Walker's

One Voice (Metro-Area Worship) at OC, 6 p.m., Baugh Auditorium

October

1 Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Parlor

2 Teacher Training Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Potter's Room

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



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:

Bob Harmon and James Hill

will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Teal Creek Worship

September 15 | 2 p.m.

Christian Families - Jeff Tefertiller

September 22 | 2 p.m.

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Tealridge Assisted

Living Worship

4 p.m. | 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 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, September 8

Bible Class n/a
A.M. Worship 2331
P.M. Worship 283
QGroups 536
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers 23
P.M. Total 842

Wednesday, September 11

Bible Class 1329

Weekly Budget \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering \$103,393
YTD Budget Deficit \$121,359

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