

Iron Sharpens Iron: Designed to Refine

Phil Brookman

Proverbs 27:17; 2 Peter 1:5-7; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:18; Matthew 4:11

We are _____ to _____ each other.

Barriers to Friendship.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Friendship takes _____ and the _____ is _____.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. What is your earliest memory of seeing something violent on television?
2. What is an interesting encounter you've had with wildlife?
3. Who are three people in your life that have sharpened you?
4. With what barrier to friendship did you resonate the most?
5. What idea do you have to elevate the spiritual protection dimension of friendship?
6. What do you think it would actually take to develop a deep, abiding, spiritual friendship?

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Hospitalized:

Marita Barnett is in Mercy Rehab, #1116.
Norm Easter is in the Heart Hospital #265, following triple bypass surgery this past Monday.
Barbara Higgs is in McBride Hospital following knee replacement surgery.
Pam Worden is in Mercy, # 375, recovering from a fall.

Prayer Requests:

Stefanie Anderson's mother, Susan Jones, is undergoing tests.

Showers:

Baby Girl Shower for **Jill Kelley** is today, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Amanda Bodine's**. She is registered at *babylist.com*.
 Baby Shower for **Rachel Dudley** is this Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. - noon, in the Youth Lounge (Summit Bldg.). She is registered at Target, Amazon, and *spearmintlove.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 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 as well. 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.

New Members

For new members' information, visit the online community.

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| Cheryl Burke
Robert | Austin & Tara Taylor
Beatrice & Ezra |
| Seth Jones | Ryan & Katie Walters
Violet, Ella, Benjamin |
| Bob & Donna Satterlee | |

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 to get the process started.



RefresHER

You are Worthy

HOSTED BY THE NEW BEGINNINGS CLASS
 SPEAKERS: HOLLY ARTER & SHANNON PHELPS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL

Middle school girls and up are encouraged to attend!

\$10/PERSON & DINNER IS PROVIDED
 SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 12 IN FOYER OR ONLINE AT MRCC.ORG/WOMEN
 CHILDCARE AVAILABLE WITH PRE-REGISTRATION



This year we hope to reach many people in our city in the name of Jesus. We plan to do this in three phases. First, we will Get Stronger in our own relationships. Second, we will Get Ready by focusing on outreach. And third, we will Get to Work through three community initiatives (Christmas Eve, a Lee Strobel Event, and Day For the City). Today we begin phase one with the series, *Iron Sharpens Iron*. In order to cast a net into our city to reach people for Jesus, that net must be strong. This means our own relationships with each other in the body of Christ must grow beyond superficial companionship into deep, spiritual connection. In this series, we will study some of the most important passages in the Bible about relationships, and together learn what it takes to create the friendships we've always wanted but haven't known how to get.
 ~Phil Brookman



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



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

Navigators Parenting Conference

This year's Navigators Parenting Conference was a great day. Our Youth and Family Ministry, alongside our Care and Counseling ministry, hosted the day. We brought in speakers Robert Oglesby, Johnny Markham, **Dudley Chancey**, and **Jeff McMillon** to give us helpful insights on parenting and what it looks like to have a Faith At Home. Our hope and prayer from this conference is that our volunteers and parents leave feeling equipped and inspired to form the next generation of followers. Thanks to all who came and helped make it happen!

~**Brian Plumb**

Women's Night of Encouragement 2019

What brings you joy? Women of all ages and life stages filled nine homes around the Edmond/OKC metro on August 19 to "show and tell" about something that brings joy to their lives. Devo speakers shared a spiritual application of the "tidying up" craze with "Tidying Up Your Heart and Soul." We may have picked up a few tips to tidy up our homes along the way too! Refreshments and visiting afterward provided opportunities for more conversations and connections with friends new and old. Hopefully everyone will see a few more familiar faces at Memorial Road now. Thank you to the home hosts, devo speakers, home coordinators, and all who attended our annual end-of-summer/fall-kickoff event!

~The Women's Fellowship

Campus Retreat Recap

This past Friday and Saturday, our Campus Ministry took over 100 of our college students to Jacob's Ladder Camp in Chandler for the yearly Kick-Off Retreat - a great way for our established students to spend time together after the long summer apart, and the perfect opportunity for our new freshmen to get to know each other and many of the upper-classmen and campus leaders. The weekend is full of games, sports, crafts, bonfires, worship, meals, s'mores, and fellowship. The weather was incredible this year, and the time spent investing in relationships with one another is one of the best ways to begin the school year. If this retreat was any indication of how the rest of the school year is going to shape up, it is going to be an amazing year in Memorial Road Campus Ministry!

~**Jay Mack**

Want to learn more about fostering and adoption?

Last Sunday, we honored and prayed for all our families who have fostered and/or adopted children. It was a really uplifting sight to see all these families on the stage and imagine the stories behind each of them. If you felt inspired or curious about fostering or adopting, and would like a casual opportunity to visit with someone about your options, contact **Josh Kingcade** (josh.kingcade@mrcc.org) or **Kari Laxson** (karilaxson@gmail.com), and they will connect you with an MRCC family who has been down that road and who can provide some encouragement and some answers to your questions.

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.

Preschool

We are in need of three Preschool teachers for Sunday mornings and eight teachers for Wednesday nights. Please email **Stephanie.Langley@mrcc.org** if you can help.

Campus Ministry

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

Journey Land

Journey Land needs help making backpacks. If you enjoy sewing, please stop by the Journey Land desk to pick up some fabric and sewing instructions.

Men's Ministry

MRCC men are invited to "Fourth Quarter: Finish Strong," Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in A119. Each week, an elder will speak about men in the Bible who finished life strong. Some of the selected Bible characters are easily recognizable, while others have smaller but important roles in the kingdom story. Plan on coming and bring a friend or co-worker to this class designed to help men focus on what's ultimately most important in life

Women's Ministry

More details available at mrcc.org/women:

NEST for Widows will meet tomorrow, 7-8 p.m. in A105-6, with optional dinner at Panera Bread at 5:30.

Fall Women's Retreat: "Unfiltered: Be You, Bravely" with speaker Kathy Bishop from Wichita, KS, is October 11-12 at Canyon Camp in Hinton. Lodge and cabin rooms are available. Sign up now!

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

Youth & Family Ministry

9th Grade Parents Meeting today at noon at Johnnie's. Buy your food and go to the back room for a meet-and-greet and get info about the High School Ministry.

Sr. High Fall Retreat: Sept. 13-15; cost \$115. **TODAY** is the last day to register!

Senior High Unplugged: Tomorrow, 6-8 p.m. at Logan's. Swim and Hangout.

Cimarron Shuttle: Every Wednesday after school. All Cimarron students should look for church vans in the Pepperdine cul-de-sac after school for a ride to MRCC.

Jr. High Pick-Me-Up Wednesday, Sept. 11; for homeschool students. Meet Kurtis at the Youth Lounge at 2:30 to get a snack and return for hangout.

Hangout and Dinner Wednesday, Sept. 11; lounge opens at 2:30 p.m. Dinner (pizza) at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Cost \$3 per person.

Jr. High Fall Retreat, Sept. 28-29; cost \$75. Register online.



MUG SOMEONE TODAY!

Members, please swing by Information Central to see if there are mugs you can deliver to today's guests.

This icon indicates an event is guest-friendly. Invite someone today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 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*, 5:45 p.m., Summit

- 17** *RefresHER*, 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, 2-2:30 p.m., Bobbie Walker's
- Metro-Ara Worship at OC, 6 p.m., Baugh 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:

Jeff Floyd and **Jason Garner**

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

Teal Creek Worship

September 8 | 2 p.m.

Christian Families - Jeff Tefertiller

September 15 | 2 p.m.

Christian Families - Jeff Tefertiller

Tealridge Assisted

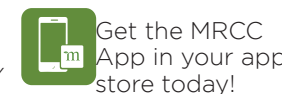
Living Worship

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 1

Bible Class 1857
A.M. Worship 2061
P.M. Worship 272
QGroups 106
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers...n/a
P.M. Total 378

Wednesday, September 4

Bible Class N/A
Weekly Budget \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering \$103,159
YTD Budget Deficit \$126,176

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