

Finding Faith: The Belief of Unbelief
Phil Brookman

Every _____ from one thing is a _____ something else.

Beliefs of Unbelief:

There is no _____.

There is no _____.

Something came from _____.

It developed with _____.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. Who is someone you know who has walked away from faith? What do you wish you could share with this person?
2. Why are you a Christian?
3. Which "belief of unbelievers" stood out to you the most from the sermon and why?
4. How did you react to the extended quote from Dawkins?
5. If you adopted a completely imperical, atheistic view of our world, what do you think you would miss the most about faith?
6. How do you recognize the existence of God in the world?

Please come back at 5:00 this evening. **Scott Young** will lead worship; **Phil Brookman's** lesson will begin a new series on Genesis.

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Hospitalized:
Cindy Seale is in St. Anthony, #6168.

Prayer Request:
Brenda Cotton is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Our Sympathy is extended to...
Lee Ann Cobb on the death of her mother, Jo Ann Pope, Sunday, Dec. 22. She was also the grandmother of **Lindsay Hix** and **Landon Cobb**.

The family of Maurice Claunch (former member) who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24, in Albuquerque.

The **Randy Patton** family on the death of his father, Cloys Patton, Sunday, Dec. 29.

Sharon Wilson (former member) on the death of her husband, Ernie, Monday, Jan. 6.

New Baby:
Congratulations to **Tanner & Brooke Rainey** on the birth of their son, **Ryder Stone**, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Bridal Shower:
Bridal Shower for **Katelynn Dickson**, fiancée of **Jeffary Collins**, is today, 2-3:30 p.m., in the Parlor. They are registered at Amazon and Bed Bath & Beyond.



Heartbeat for Hope will be going to the Village of Hope in Ghana, Africa, at the end of January, and we need help, once again, collecting a few supplies for the on-site medical clinic "New Baby Kits." New mothers will be more likely to go to the clinic to give birth, and receive needed care for themselves and their baby, instead of risking home births if they know they will receive one of the "New Baby Kits." The Village of Hope clinic can then provide needed follow-up care, as well as evangelize to these families. Needed items are: small baby New Testament & Psalms Bibles, Neosporin, Band-aids, baby gas drops. Or, if you would like to make a monetary donation for the kits, you can use Venmo: @heartbeat4hope or write a check to Heartbeat for Hope and deliver it to the church office. Thank you for your continued generosity toward Village of Hope!



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REAL FRIENDS BRUNCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL

BRUNCH BY: *Ingrid's Kitchen*

FEATURING SPEAKER: *Tina McCormack*

COST \$10

SIGN UP BY JANUARY 19 IN THE FOYER

OR AT mrcc.org/women

COORDINATED BY: *The Women's Fellowship Committee*

Lee Strobel Digital Invitation Kit

We're praying for God to open doors for lots of people from our community to join us on Saturday, Feb. 8, for **Facing Doubt: A Conversation with Lee Strobel**. As you think about the people in your life that you'd like to invite, we want to put resources in your hands that will help you take that step. There are printed invitation cards at all the pickup spots, and now we have a Digital Invitation Kit available for you as well.

Simply go to mrcc.org/StrobelKit or access the page from the MRCC App to find a library of short video invitations featuring MRCC members of various ages and life stages, as well as one from Lee himself. Each video can be downloaded directly, or you can copy the YouTube link. You'll also find several different invitation graphics that you can download as image files. From there, you can post the videos and/or graphics to your social pages or share them directly with contacts.

We hope you'll take advantage of these tools as you reach out to friends, neighbors, and others in your life!



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

A Place and a Purpose in the Young Adults Ministry

Did you know that of the 2600 Memorial Road members, just over 450 of those members are between the ages of 18-34, and this number doesn't even include our Campus Ministry students! At the same time, according to a 2019 Barna research study, "today, nearly two-thirds of all young adults who were once regular churchgoers have dropped out at one time or another." If this statistic is even moderately accurate, then the attention we give young adults in the church today is vitally important. We have to discover ways to grow disciples in our current culture.

When Amy and I made the decision to join the work here, we had one initial goal: help find a way to keep young adults in the church by giving them a place and purpose in the work being done here. Fortunately for MRCC, God is already doing some incredible things in our Launch class of recent college graduates, our Young Professionals class, and our Reach class of newly married couples. Each of these classes provide multiple weekly discipleship opportunities for young adults. If you fall into this age category, and desire a place and a purpose, we hope you'll join us. Anyone interested in following the things happening in our Young Adults Ministry can follow us on Instagram @mrccyoungadults.
 -Daniel Roberts

Church Plant Updates

Heritage Church of Christ is kicking off the new year with the 4900 North Broadway Pledge Campaign, named after the new address of our 9.5 acres. Heritage church won't be bound by this address. Our goal is to build a home where souls are saved and lives are transformed; a place where community worships, prays, and roots for each other. Heritage is that place, and 4900 North Broadway is the dream. Our campaign asks our members to give above-and-beyond for three years to help make this dream a reality. Please keep us in your prayers.

Starting a new year, the Serve Midtown church is thankful. What started with 20-some people has essentially doubled in size. People who had given up on church are now actively serving with this church family. People struggling to transition from homelessness to a more stable life are being noticed and cared for. Doors are opening to invite members of the community to serve alongside us, giving them the opportunity to know us and to come to know Jesus. People in their 20's or early 30's who live in or near Midtown primarily make up the church family, and a rotation of three young men do most of the preaching. One need is for a bigger space as the Bakery is full on most Sundays. Another is for a full-time minister to help the congregation. Join us in praying that God will provide what is needed.

-Travis Akins & Terry Fischer

Intercession: A Group That Covers Life in Prayer

The past couple of months a group of men and women have been meeting to pray over the outreach potential presented by the upcoming Lee Strobel event. We are praying for every aspect of that day and for God to empower each member of this congregation as He opens doors of opportunity all around us. We'd love to have you join us Saturday, Jan. 18, and/or Feb. 1, 9-10 a.m. in A113.
 -Tonya Patton

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.

Every Sunday evening at 5:00, many of us gather for a time of praise, fellowship, and teaching. This service has been a blessing for many years, and to many people at MRCC. In an effort to make the best use of our space, we're asking those who attend Sunday evening service to sit closer to the middle and closer to the front. Tonight, we will dim the lights on the outer sections, as well as have a few signs in place to help facilitate this new seating arrangement. We appreciate your help. One other note regarding Sunday evening service: we will be conducting fifth Sunday singing services this year. These services will be similar to our summer WOW class, built around praise and worship. Our first Fifth Sunday Singing service will be March 29.
 -Dan Waugh



On Friday, Jan. 24, **Celebrate Recovery** will be observing it's 14th Anniversary at Memorial Road. We invite you and your family to join us for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a special time of worship and a powerful testimony of God's healing power in the life of one of His precious servants. Childcare is provided for all participants. We also hope to unveil newly formatted Men's and Women's Open Share Groups on this night.

It is an exciting time. Remember, **Celebrate Recovery** is for anyone struggling with any hurt, hang-up, or habit. We hope you will consider joining us.
 In Him, **Nate Ison**

Women's Ministry

- ✉ **SWAG (Single Women's Activities Group)** will have a brainstorming session today, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in A113, to plan for 2020. All single women are invited.
- ✉ **NEST for Widows** meets tomorrow, 7-8:30 p.m. in A105-6, with optional dinner at The Garage at 5:30 p.m. Details at mrcc.org/nest.
- ✉ **Winter Lunch-Hour Studies:** It's not too late to join a small group study at OC starting Tuesday at 12, or a study in NW Edmond starting Feb. 4 at 12:30. Details at mrcc.org/women.
- ✉ **Quilting Connection** meets Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (come-and-go) in S1 in the Summit. Details at mrcc.org/women.

Youth & Family Ministry

- The Bridge (6th Grade) Game Night:** TONIGHT, Jan. 12, 6-8 p.m., Summit gym. Pizza and games.
- ✉ **Bring-a-Friend Night:** Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2:30-8 p.m. in the high school room. Dinner (Chick-fil-a); cost \$5 per person.
- The Bridge (6th Grade):** Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. Father/Son (6th grade room) and Mother/Daughter (Jr. High room) classes.
- Winterfest:** Jan. 17-19 for 9th-12th grade students. Cost \$150.
- CHRISTeens:** Feb. 28 - March 1 for 7th-8th grade students. Cost \$135 (early-bird rate ends TODAY).



MUG SOMEONE TODAY!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 12** World Bible School Day at Johnnie's Brother's Keeper Group Meetings
- Bridal Shower for Katelynn Dickson, fiancée of Jeffary Collins, 2-3:30 p.m., Parlor
- SWAG (single women) Meeting, 3:30 p.m., A113
- 13** NEST for Widows, 7 p.m., A105/6
- 14** OCWA Monthly Coffee, 10 a.m., Art Gallery at OC (all ladies invited)
- 16** Quilting Connection Group, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (come-and-go), S1

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Intercession Prayer Meeting, 9 a.m., A113

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Women's Ministry Brunch, 10 a.m., F.C.

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Outreach Day at Johnnie's

February

- 1** Intercession Prayer Meeting, 9 a.m., A113
- 2** Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6 International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym Threads of Compassion, 2 p.m., A123
- 4** Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 6:30 p.m., A119



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: Max Pope and Tom Poteet will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Worship at Teal Creek

January 12 | 2 p.m.
Empty Nesters - Dennis Heitmann
January 19 | 2 p.m.
Generations - Chris Clark

Worship at Tealridge Independent Living

January 12 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ
January 19 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ

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 2020.....0

Sunday, January 5

Bible Class 1841
A.M. Worship..... 2283
P.M. Worship n/a
QGroups 279
P.M. Total..... n/a

Wednesday, January 8

Bible Class 1245

Weekly Budget.....\$108,697
Avg Weekly Offering \$110,417
YTD Budget Surplus \$1,720

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