

## SERMON NOTES

1/19/20

### Finding Faith: Why? Phil Brookman

Be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ someone else's \_\_\_\_\_ for your argument.

*John 16:33; Luke 13:4; Matthew 6:19*

Suffering happens on \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Revelation 7:17; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Acts 17:31*

The answer to suffering in the Bible isn't \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_.



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

1. Finish this sentence. I can't believe I hurt myself when I \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you could ask God one question, and you knew He would give you an answer, what would it be?
3. What point about suffering stood out to you the most?
4. What are some other ways to talk about and think about suffering that Phil did not cover?
5. Phil quoted several authors' perspectives on suffering. Which stuck out to you and why?
6. What is one thing you've learned through your own suffering, or from someone close to you?

Please come back at 5:00 this evening. **Scott Young** will lead worship; **Mislav Ilic** will update us on the work in Zagreb, Croatia.

## FAMILY UPDATES

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

### Baptisms:

*We rejoice with...*

**Reagan Grau**, son of **Randy & Renee Grau**, who was baptized Sunday, Jan. 12.

Shannon Osborne, Melissa Webb, Phillip French, Steven Freudenrich, and Rocky Rhines, who were all baptized Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Oklahoma County Jail.

### Hospitalized:

**Cindy Seale** is in St. Anthony, #6168.

### Prayer Requests:

**Andrew Clubb**, a campus student, responded to the invitation last Sunday to request prayers for stronger faith and for his family who is going through a difficult situation.

**Dee Dobson's** mother, Ann Adams, is hospitalized in Ft. Worth, Texas, with congestive heart failure.

*Our Sympathy is extended to...*

**Bernadette Powers** on the death of her mother, Ann Ashurst, Wednesday, Jan. 15.



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TODAY >

January 19, 2020

"I found Celebrate Recovery at a time when my life seemed to be at its lowest. I was questioning if something was wrong with my faith. Panic attacks started hitting in the middle of the night, and my prayers for peace seemed to go unanswered. I just thought I had high expectations of myself. I never realized I was dealing with anxiety. God used CR to help me. I learned to manage my anxiety in a healthy way and that my faith wasn't broken. I even found others like me. Whatever is keeping you up at night, putting a strain on your faith, God wants to help you with it. Celebrate Recovery isn't only for those with addictions. It's for those like me, and those like you. Why not give it a try?"



On Friday, Jan. 24, **Celebrate Recovery** will be observing its 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. Remember, **CR** is for anyone struggling with any hurt, hang-up, or habit. We hope you will consider joining us.

### Croatia Missions Update

Mission work at Kuslanova Church of Christ, located in the east side of Zagreb (capital of Croatia with 0.8 million people), is going through new dynamics. Some ministries and activities stay active and vital, such as our Children's Ministry (called Champs Camp, reaching unchurched children up to 12 years and their families), Women's Ministry, *Let's Start Talking*, summer teen and family camps, spring retreats, and Bible Institute, all which operate in the same building as Kuslanova Church. Other opportunities are opening with broadcasting of Gospel messages at local TV stations, Men's Ministry, *Let's Start Talking* follow-up, various open classes and online classes at Bible Institute, Children and Teens Ministry on the west side of Zagreb, and social media evangelism.

HIM workers, Zachary & Savannah Shaffer, are a big part in making the mission work successful, especially with children and teens. *Let's Start Talking* follow-up is getting off the ground with the help of John & Susan Cooper leading small Bible study groups in English for LST readers. And on the west side of Zagreb, a completely new Teen Ministry is developing out of Champs Camp, led by Steve Taliaferro.

Disciple Making Movement is becoming a new mission field in reaching new people and equipping believers in their faith walk. Using media like social networks has become a new venue for identifying those who seek God and inviting them to Discovery Bible Study for finding truth about God and themselves.

With new opportunities, new challenges also arise and many prayers are needed. Please remember Croatia missions in your prayers

-Mislav Ilic



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INTO FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST



## Facing Doubt: A Conversation with Lee Strobel

February 8 | 6:30 pm

As we continue to prepare for the Lee Strobel event on Saturday, February 8, here are a few things to have on your radar.

**Video Shoot today in the main lobby.** Take a few seconds before you leave to come by the video station at the north end of the main lobby and tell us who you've invited or plan to invite to the event. Just a quick line like, "I invited John" or "I'm going to invite my new neighbor." That's it! We'd love as many as we can get from people of all ages and we'll be set up until 12:30 p.m.

**Digital Invitation Kit at [mrcc.org/StrobelKit](http://mrcc.org/StrobelKit) or on the MRCC App.** Be sure to take advantage of the digital resources we've created to help you invite others. The kit includes a library of short video invitations from MRCC members of various generations, as well as one from Lee himself. Download them directly or copy the YouTube link. You'll also find different invitation graphics that you can save as image files. Grab as many as you like and post them to your social pages or share them directly with contacts.

**Printed invitations** are also available at the usual pickup spots.

Go to [mrcc.org/strobel](http://mrcc.org/strobel) for more details about the event and to preregister for childcare, which is available for children age 2 through 4th grade.

### Children's Ministry Staff NCYM Presentation

Members of our Children's Ministry team recently presented classes at this year's National Conference on Youth Ministries (NCYM), which added a children's ministry track this year. **Amy Scott, Karla Taylor, and Delise Williams** led a session on rotational model children's classes, like our Journey Land. **Stephanie Langley and Jill Jones** presented on welcoming and including children of all abilities and needs. **Josh Kingcade** discussed trauma-informed children's ministries, and **Andrea Rieger** led a session on tech-wise children's ministry. We were all excited to have conversations with others about these important topics, and we loved meeting and hearing from other children's ministers and learning how they do things in their own congregations. We are grateful to the people at Memorial Road for their work alongside our Children's Ministry team to create a welcoming, dynamic ministry that serves as an encouragement and example to others.



### MUG SOMEONE TODAY!

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

## 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.



**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!

### Women's Ministry

**Women's Brunch:** Sign up by today at [mrcc.org/women](http://mrcc.org/women) or in the foyer for our annual women's brunch next Saturday, Jan. 25, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Fellowship Central. Join us for "REAL Friends" with speaker **Tina McCormack** and brunch by Ingrid's Kitchen (gluten free and vegetarian options available). Cost is \$10.

**Women Walking With God** annual women's conference "Fix Your Eyes Upon Jesus" is April 17-18 in Wichita. Early bird registration through Jan. 31 is \$63 (\$30 for ages 25 and younger). Details at [womenwalkingwithgod.org](http://womenwalkingwithgod.org) or contact MRCC Ambassador **Carolyn Donaghey** at 479-841-0390 or [cdjoyfulpraise@gmail.com](mailto:cdjoyfulpraise@gmail.com). Gather some friends and come!

### Youth & Family Ministry

**Cimarron Shuttle:** Cimarron students look for church vans in Pepperdine cul-de-sac after school every Wednesday for a ride to church/hangout.

**Pick-Me-Up:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, for OCA students. Look for church vans in the school parking lot. Let **Kurtis** know if you are coming.

**Wednesday Hangout & Dinner:** Lasagna at 5 p.m. Cost \$3 per person.

**Huddles:** Wednesday, Jan. 22. 7th-8th grades meet at the Summit at 7 p.m.; 9th-12th meet in assigned homes.

**6th Grade The Bridge:** Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. Father/Son (6th grade room) and Mother/Daughter (Jr. High room) classes.

**Senior Lunch:** Thursday, Jan. 23, at Raising Canes.

**ChrisTeens:** Feb. 28 - March 1 in Russellville, AR, for 7th-8th grades. Register online.

### Bring-A-Friend Night Was a Huge Success!

This past Wednesday, our Youth Group hosted an event that has come to be known as "Bring-A-Friend Night." In Sunday morning service, as well as class, we have recently talked about the idea of God opening doors for us to fulfill His vision to bring the Good News to our surrounding area; and, for our Youth Group, this is one of the ways we are able to do so! **Scott Young** led our worship time, and **Phil Brookman** delivered an amazing lesson about the flourishing life not being the way, but GOD being the way! We also enjoyed life-sized Hungry Hippos, Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, 9-square, the game Box of Lies, and Root Beer floats! All in all it was an amazing night, as 22 guests joined us! **-Isaac Newberry**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

**25** Annual Women's Brunch, 10 a.m., F.C.

**26**

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

**6**

Men's Iron Coffee and Iron Lunch, 6:30 a.m. and 12 noon, Various Locations

**8**

Lee Strobel Event, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

**9**

Brother's Keeper Group Meetings

World Bible School Day at Johnnie's

Baby Girl Shower for Sydney Reneau,

2-3:30 p.m., Campus Lounge

**10**

NEST for Widows, 7 p.m., A105/106

**11**

OCWA Monthly Coffee, 10 a.m., Art Gallery at OC (all ladies invited)

Father/Daughter Princess Tea, 6:30 p.m., F.C.



## 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 Rice and Greg Schaefer** will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

### Worship at Teal Creek

January 19 | 2 p.m.

**Generations - Chris Clark**

January 26 | 2 p.m.

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### Worship at Tealridge Independent Living

January 19 | 2 p.m.

**Edmond Church of Christ**

January 26 | 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.

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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 2020..... 6

### Sunday, January 12

Bible Class ..... 2063

A.M. Worship..... 2421

P.M. Worship ..... 463

QGroups ..... 528

P.M. Total..... 991

### Wednesday, January 15

Bible Class ..... 1259

Weekly Budget.....\$108,697

Avg Weekly Offering ..... \$121,941

YTD Budget Surplus ..... \$26,488

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