



ALL THINGS NEW

new life

phil brookman

Revelation 21:5; Lamentations 3:22-23

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

_____ need more than _____.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. What is the difference between a multigenerational church and an intergenerational church?
2. How could Memorial Road, in a practical way, get more generations interacting more consistently?
3. What are ways that a church could value children?
4. What other groups of people within the church can become unintentionally marginalized? What could be done about this?

Please come back at 5:00 this evening. **Scott Young** will lead our time of worship, and **Daniel Roberts** will continue our *Genesis* series.

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Hospitalized:

Betty Brookman has moved to Epworth Villa Skilled Nursing, #1849. (No visitors please.)

Bob Harmon is in Baptist, #557. (Visitors welcome.)

Margaret Heitmann is in Epworth Villa Skilled Nursing, #1836.

Martha Sadler is in Tuscany Village, #201. (Visitors encouraged.)

LaVerne Southerland is in Epworth Villa Skilled Nursing, #1808, following surgery for a hip fracture. (No visitors please.)

Prayer Request:

Gladys Anderson is recovering from a fall.

Phil Lewis broke a bone in his foot.

Sondra Roberts underwent back surgery last week.

Our Sympathy is extended to...

Debbie Utley on the death of her brother-in-law, Mark Mitchell, Sunday, Feb. 9, in Texas. He was also an uncle of **Karyn Johnson**.

Pat O'Neal on the death of his sister, Patricia Smith, Monday, Feb. 17, in Grove, Oklahoma. She was also an aunt of **Penny Harvey**.

New Baby:

Congratulations to **Jack & Hannah Hale** on the birth of their son, **Ralph Ray**, Tuesday, Jan. 21. Grandparents are **Rob & Karen Hale**.

Baby Shower:

Baby Girl Shower for **Emily Chitwood** will be next Sunday, March 1, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Dani Kendrick's**. She is registered at babylist.com.

Other News:

AARP Tax-Aide is offering free tax assistance at the Edmond Community Center, 28 E. Main, Edmond. Times of service are: Monday, 9-3pm; Thursday, 12-7pm; and Saturday, 9-12pm. All are encouraged to make use of this free service. Questions? Contact **Louise Beyer**, 512-635-3447.

Homeschooling Families are invited to opt-in to a new online community group to connect with other homeschool families. For more info, contact **Jessica Estes** at 405-410-5220 or jessandmorgan@gmail.com.

Thank You:

Thank you for your kind messages and support after my dad passed away last month. My family and I deeply appreciate the love and prayers of church family. With love in Christ our hope, **Katie Luttrell**

Register for Summit '20

Summit is a big highlight for the MRCC family. Bring your friends, kids, QGroup, and be a part of Summit 20, July 27-29 at Copper Mountain, Colorado! Brochures are available at our normal pickup spots. Call **Debbie Carter** (607-6470) in the office to ask questions and sign up. Fees waived for registrations made before March 31!



Here's some good news for you this morning. We are less than a month away from the official start of spring! That's right folks, the new year has come and gone, the groundhog did not see his shadow, and now we're poised for the season to change. Pretty soon the dead branches will give way to faint hues of red and purple. Birds will chirp, ice will melt, grass will grow, t-shirts will emerge from our closets.

I like this time of year because it reminds me of one of the most important attributes of God. He specializes in new beginnings. A barren mother receives Isaac. A destitute widow finds oil. A hungry crowd eats bread. A dark, confused world stumbles upon a baby sleeping in a manger. Why do these scenarios play out time and time again? It's because God knows how to make "new."

Now, His "new" is not based on our definition of the word, nor is it hamstrung by our personal preferences, and it rarely comes to us in the way we'd expect it. Nevertheless, God's ability to bring newness is as sure as the spring.

Today we start a three-week series based on a verse in Revelation 21, where God declares, "I am making everything new!" Today, as we begin the series, we will celebrate the new life God has brought to our families this past year through a special service we're calling "Family Blessing." We will highlight new births, as well as new additions to families through adoption. In the second week, we'll talk about God's promise to give us new minds, and on the final week we'll celebrate God's gift of rebirth through the gift of baptism.

~Phil

MERGE Marriage Prep Class

Spring and summer bring lots of new marriages to our church family and community. We offer our *MERGE* class each spring to help couples lay a strong foundation for marriage whether newlywed, engaged, or seriously dating. *MERGE* meets 7-8:30 on Wednesday nights for six weeks during March and April. This is a fun class taking on important topics to support strong marriages. For more details, or to register, visit mrcc.org/merge or contact **Terry Fischer** or **Jenny Jones**.



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Welcoming Ambassadors

In 2 Corinthians 5:20, Paul used the word “ambassador” to describe our mission as witnesses to God’s saving grace. Numerous ambassadors invited people to our recent outreach event, and we hosted many guests as a result. Being invited by a friend or family member is still the leading way people come to know Jesus, so let’s keep inviting! Easter, and the week of *Day for the City*, are just around the corner and are both great opportunities to invite others.

We also have two other easy and effective ways to be ambassadors for Christ—delivering a Welcome Basket or a Mug. Several ladies have put together great-looking welcome baskets for you to give to someone moving into your neighborhood. These baskets contain nice welcome gifts, information about our community, as well as information about MRCC. They are available at Information Central.

An average Sunday brings approximately 180 guests to MRCC, 15 of whom are first-time attendees. We thank these first-time guests (and invite them to return) by delivering a coffee mug to their home. Please stop by the shelves near Information Central on Sundays and pick up a mug or two to deliver. When delivering, simply present the mug, saying it is to thank them for being our guest at MRCC. Since we are dropping by unannounced, the deliveries should be a brief “thank you,” not a lengthy, in-home visit. If no one is home, leave it in a safe place where they will see it when they return. Let’s be ambassadors! ~**Terry Fischer**

Sharpen 2020: Every Man a Leader, Every Man a Servant

On the evening of Thursday, April 16, the Men’s Ministry will host our annual men’s fellowship dinner in the Summit! Mark your calendar for a very special evening for the men of MRCC to fellowship together, have a great meal, and hear a message from David Duncan, minister at the Memorial Drive Church of Christ in Houston, TX. This year’s theme is “Every Man a Leader, Every Man a Servant.” Signups will begin soon. Make plans to be there! ~**Todd Wright**

Princess Tea Recap

Once upon a time, a tradition began where princesses ages 3-5 would gather together at Memorial Road for a Father/Daughter Princess Tea each year. On the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 11, the princesses celebrated 15+ years of this tradition, accompanied by their father or a guest of their choice, and dressed in their finest for a night that did not disappoint.

The event began with an hour of activities for the girls, led by Disney princesses and volunteers from the MRCC community. From magic carpet rides, to makeup stations, to a number of fun and interactive games, there were plenty of options from which to choose. The night ended with blue and pink tea and plenty of sugary treats, and the princesses returned to their homes just in time for bed and a sugar crash. Thank you to each of the volunteers who helped make this event a night to remember! ~**Daniel Roberts**

Kooi Furlough

Vienna missionaries Will, Holly, Elliott, and Lucy Kooi will be joining us soon on furlough. Will and Holly will be sharing updates next Sunday morning during worship and Wednesday evening, March 11, in the Missions class. There are a few openings for small groups to host the Koois through Mar. 14. Please send me an email (*darin.martin@oc.edu*) for scheduling. God is moving in Vienna in so many ways. It is truly amazing to see His hand at work. ~**Darin Martin**

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

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.

Children’s Ministry

Journey Land needs **SIX JOURNEYMEN** for the spring quarter:

- 1st grade YELLOW needs 1 person on Wednesday evenings
- 3rd grade GREEN needs 2 people on Sunday mornings
- 5th grade GREEN needs 1 person on Wednesday evenings

If you can fill one of these roles, please contact **Delise.Williams@mrcc.org**.

Journey Land also needs **THREE TEACHERS** for the spring quarter:

- Sundays - 1 person for 3rd-5th grade Game room
- Sundays - 1 person for 3rd-5th grade Music room
- Sundays - 1 person for 1st & 2nd grade Art room

If you are available, please contact **Amy.Scott@mrcc.org**.

Preschool is in need of 21 teachers on Sundays and 5 teachers on Wednesdays for baby and preschool Bible classes this spring (March 1 - May 31). Please email **Stephanie.Langley@mrcc.org** if you can help.

Summer B.L.A.S.T. Needs: If you can donate fabric or help make costumes for *Summer B.L.A.S.T.*, please contact **Karla.Taylor@mrcc.org**.

Women’s Ministry

Spring Small Group Bible Studies: Register by this Wednesday at *mrcc.org/women* for classes beginning March 4. Options on Wednesday morning are *Becoming Mom Strong*, *It’s Not Supposed to Be This Way*, or *Psalms 23*. Wednesday night classes are *5 Conversations You Must Have With Your Son* (the *Daughters* groups will start April 22), *Legacy*, and *Trustworthy*.


SWAG Service Project: Bring your fabric scissors and join us at the Tealridge Activity Room Thursday, 1-2:30, to cut out rectangles for the 30 AD Marketplace. Take-home packets are available at Ministry Central if you want to help but can’t attend. Contact **Debbie Petersen** at 972-839-3671 for more info. No sewing required!

Youth & Family Ministry

Unplugged: Tomorrow; Sr. High.

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

Pick-Me-Up: Wednesday, Feb. 26, for Summit students. Look for church vans in the parking lot. Let **Kurtis** know if you are coming.

 **Wednesday Hangout & Dinner:** Feb. 26; chicken strip dinner at 5 p.m. Cost \$3 per person. You may pay online for the spring semester.

Summit Night: Wednesday, Feb. 26. Class at 7 p.m.

6th Grade The Bridge: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.; Father/Son (6th grade room) and Mother/Daughter (Jr. High room) classes.

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

Senior High Road Trip: March 27-29. 9th-12th grades. Cost \$90. Register now for early-bird discount.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23

- Family Blessing Day
- Outreach Day at Johnnie’s
- Spring Teacher Workshop, 12:15-3:30 p.m., A105/6

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OCWA Chili Supper, 5 - 7 p.m., Fellowship Central

March 1

- 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
- Baby Girl Shower for Emily Chitwood, 2-3:30 p.m., Dani Kendrick’s

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Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group, 6:30 p.m., A119

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Men’s Iron Coffee/Lunch, 6:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., Various Locations

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Bridal Shower for Lauren Shaver, fiancée of Grae Ginsberg, 9:30-Noon, Campus Lounge

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- Brother’s Keeper Group Meetings
- World Bible School Day at Johnnie’s
- Baby Boy Shower for Jessica Ruckman, 2-3:30 p.m., Amanda Bodine’s

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NEST for Widows, 7 p.m., A105/6



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 Carpenter and Doug Cox will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Worship at Teal Creek

February 23 | 2 p.m.

Edmond Church of Christ

March 1 | 2 p.m.

Forever 50 Something - Kevin Turner

Worship at Tealridge Independent Living

February 23 | 2 p.m.

New Beginnings - David Wright

March 1 | 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.....13

Sunday, February 16

- Bible Class 1893
- A.M. Worship.....2273
- P.M. Worship392
- QGroups337
- P.M. Total.....729

Wednesday, February 19

Bible Class 1072

- Weekly Budget.....\$108,697
- Avg Weekly Offering \$111,601
- YTD Budget Surplus \$20,326

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