

Thanks for joining us today!

Whether you're worshipping with us in person or online today, please take a moment to fill out our digital Welcome Book at mrcc.org/WelcomeBook



Please join us for First Cup

Immediately following worship, in the Conference Room
First Cup is a chance for newcomers to learn more about MRCC
Visit mrcc.org/firstcup for more information

2021 Budget & Purposing

A few purpose cards are available for pickup, located by the contribution boxes at the front and rear of the auditorium, but we encourage you to take advantage of the digital options:

Go to mrcc.org/purpose to fill out an electronic form, or you can email your purposing info to tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org.

Detailed budgets are available on the MRCC App, as well as in the auditorium and at Information Central.

MINISTRY UPDATES

one body

an outdoor, interpersonal
communion experience

Next Sunday, December 20. Sign up through a church-wide email to be sent out today or at mrcc.org/onebody.

You can select a) I would like to go to someone's home,
b) I would like someone to come to my home, or
c) I am willing to do either.

Each family/individual will provide their own communion.
Further instructions will be given to those who sign up.

Please join us on Christmas Eve

In-Person Service in the East Parking Lot

Bundle up! Arrive by 5pm for photo booths and hot cocoa
Service will begin promptly at 5:30
Please bring your own chairs and candles

This event will not be live-streamed

We'll also have an online offering

Posted on [YouTube.com/memorialroad](https://www.youtube.com/memorialroad) on Christmas Eve

Watch at your leisure by yourself or with family

Includes songs, scriptures, and a Christmas message from Phil

Secret Sister Drive-Thru Reveal Party

Today, 2-3:30 p.m.

All ladies who participated in the fall Secret Sister program are encouraged to stop by or drive by the South portico outside Fellowship Central today from 2-3:30 p.m. to pick up your final "reveal" gift from your secret sister and a little goodie. If you are unable to come by today, we will store your gift and contact you.

NEST for widows

NURTURE ENCOURAGE SUPPORT TOGETHER

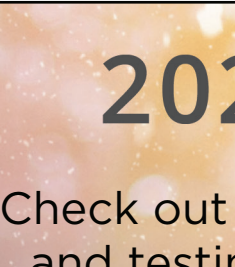
will have its monthly meeting on Zoom tomorrow from 7-8:30 p.m.

Contact **Lori Walle** at LWalleSL@aol.com or 405-213-4725 for the Zoom link.

women's ministry

Winter Small Group Ladies' Bible Studies

Begin January 6 on Zoom and in person. *Finding God Faithful: A Study on the Life of Joseph* (Kelly Minter) and *Take Courage: A Study of Haggai* (Jennifer Rothschild) will be offered on Wednesday mornings. *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character* (Jen Wilkin) and *When Changing Nothing Changes Everything: The Power of Reframing Your Life* (Laurie Polich Short) will be offered on Wednesday nights. Go to mrcc.org/women to register by December 27 and view details on all studies.



Bible Lesson Boxes

Children's Ministry has created Bible Lesson Boxes. These boxes are great for Families, Qgroups, Bible Classes, or Neighborhood Friends! Each box contains a lesson and an application to go with it. Boxes can be checked out in the vestibule of Door 4 (Guest Entrance). When you have completed the lesson, please return to the building for others to use.

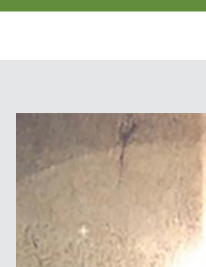
2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

Check out mrcc.org/2020 to see stories, images, statistics, and testimonies that show how God has been at work in and through Memorial Road in this remarkable year.

After-Worship Virtual Visit

Do you miss visiting in the auditorium or hallways after the service?
Go to mrcc.org/afterworship or use the MRCC App to join a Zoom call that will begin right after the Sunday morning service.
No program, just a chance to see friendly faces and talk for a few minutes!

Stay connected & informed



Watch live or previous broadcasts at
[YouTube.com/memorialroad](https://www.youtube.com/memorialroad)



Get the MRCC App in your app store today!

SERMON INFO

God With Us

My years in youth ministry have shaped the way I parent. I know that for many girls, when they become teenagers the mirror becomes the enemy. As they gaze at their appearance each day, the unwinnable race of comparison begins. The endless pixelated images of others take hold in their minds, ushering in insecurity for innocence, and self critique for self esteem.

Because of this, I've tried to plant a thought in my daughters' minds from the day they were born. It's the simple phrase, "You are beautiful, on the inside and the outside." I've said it hundreds of times, from the toddler years to now. At this point when I say it, it's so familiar they roll their eyes and say, "Daaad, I knooow." But, this truth is so important that I keep saying it. Because I know a day is coming when they will forget it.

Sometimes we too can forget familiar words. Familiar words from God. Sometimes they become so familiar we lose perspective on their power. Today I'm starting a series to remind us of what I believe is the greatest promise in the Bible. It's called the Immanuel promise, and it's just a few words: God is with us. You've heard those words before. You've probably heard them a lot. But, just like my girls can lose sight of what it means that they're beautiful, so we can lose sight of what it means that God is with us. In the valley, in the dark, on the mountain, in the moment, in a pandemic, I need this promise. You need this promise.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- What stuck out from the message today and why?
- What is something someone told you that you really needed to hear?
- What have been your mountaintop moments this year? What about your valley moments?
- Do you find it easier to seek and find the presence of God on the mountain or in the valley?
- Why do you think the Immanuel promise is so prominent in scripture?

FAMILY UPDATES

12.13.20

Hospitalized

Ralph Burched is in OU Medical Center downtown OKC, #620.

Kay Elder is in Mercy, #383.

Margaret Heitmann is in Mercy, #239.

Prayer List

Judy Warnick is now under hospice care, due to cancer

Our Sympathy is extended to...

Don & Carol Winklepleck on the death of his sister, Linda Wood, Saturday, Dec. 5, in Kansas.

Rose Ann Krueger and family on the death of her husband, Steve, Sunday, Dec. 6.

Terry Jobe, Kris & Sherry White, the **Zack Tallon** family, the **Dusty White** family, and the **Cody White** family, on the death of Terry and Sherry's mother Laura Beth Jobe, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The **Pat Jones** family on the death of **Carla's** mother, **Jacquetta Blehm**, Friday, Dec. 11.

Showers

Baby Shower for **Vanessa Hyde** is this afternoon from 2-3:30 p.m., in the home of **Kelcy Enriquez** (address in online community). She is registered at babylist.com/baby-reg-vanessa-hyde.

Thank You

"It is with much gratitude and love that we say thank you for the years of friendship and kindness shown to our family and Sue during her long illness and passing. We felt the love of Christ through you with each act, and we know she did too. Also, Nana would want us to announce the birth of all her new great-granddaughters born in 2020 so you could share in her joy. Maya Linea, Sloan Olivia, Colbie Jean, and Winnie Alice are all healthy and continuing a beautiful legacy that Nana leaves behind."
~The family of **Sue Wilson**

"We have been overwhelmed by your thoughtful support during Dean's illness and death. Our family is grateful for the love and compassion you have shown us with your prayers, cards, food, flowers, gifts, and kind words over these last 38 months. We have also appreciated being able to livestream services for the last 38 weeks. We have missed the fellowship, but been encouraged by the worship. Dean loved teaching at Memorial Road, and he missed that greatly. Special thanks to those who made the memorial service possible and to those who were able to attend, both in person and online. Please continue to pray for us."

Gratefully, **Jeanine Bryce**, Kelly Bryce Taylor, Brady Bryce, and all the family

Ways to give



mrcc.org
mrcc.org
text amount to:
884.311.2333



Prayer Requests

We would love to pray for you. Submit your prayer requests at mrcc.org/prayer, or on the MRCC App.

Weekly Budget: \$108,697 | Avg Weekly Offering: \$96,759 | YTD Budget Deficit: \$584,984

