

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

Your money. Your story. Your life.

FINANCIAL PEACE

University

Wednesday evenings, beginning January 6
Find more info or sign up* at mrcc.org/FPU

**please register by Wednesday, December 30*

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.

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

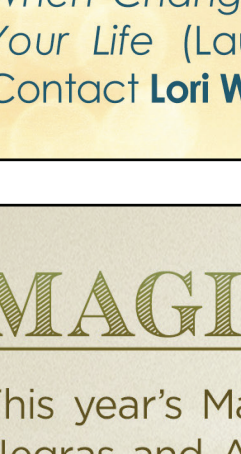
This event will not be live-streamed

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



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.

women's ministry

Winter Small Group Ladies' Bible Studies

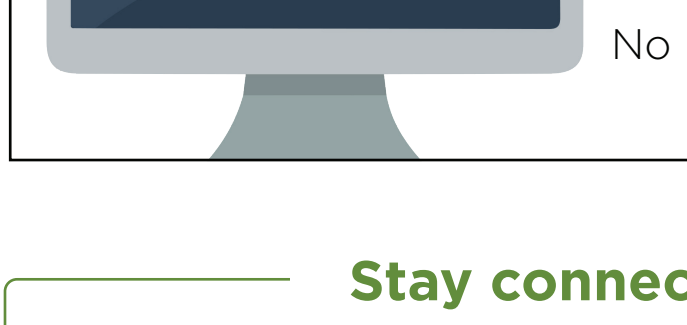
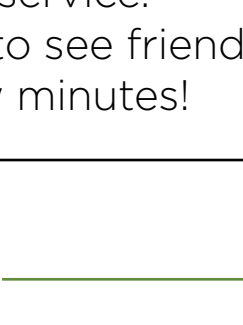
Register by next Sunday, Dec. 27, at mrcc.org/women for in-person and Zoom winter Bible studies beginning January 6. *Finding God Faithful: A Study on the Life of Joseph* (Kelly Minter) and *Take Courage: A Study of Haggai* (Jennifer Rothschild) will be offered on Wednesday mornings. *In His Image: 10 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. Contact **Lori Walle** at 405-213-4725 or LWalleSL@aol.com with any questions.

MAGI PROJECT THANK-YOU

This year's Magi Boxes have been delivered to the children in Piedras Negras and Allende, Mexico. It is with great gladness and humbleness we announce that 356 Magi Boxes were collected this year. Specifically, there were 204 boxes for the girls and 152 boxes for the boys. God is good and our gratitude is extended to the members of this congregation.

We must recognize **David & Darlinda Cassel** for their dedication and assistance in the completion of this project. A special thanks goes to **David & Linda Smith** for providing the shipping, and to **Sandy Harris** for the coordination of these boxes from Oklahoma City to Eagle Pass, Texas. We extend tremendous thanks to everyone involved for your kindness and Support.

~Steve & Beth Walker



Offices/Buildings Schedule

The church buildings and offices will follow this schedule for the remainder of the calendar year:

Dec. 21-22, open 9am-3pm

Dec. 23-26, closed

Dec. 28-30, open 9am-3pm

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, closed



mrcc.org/songslides

Each week, a PDF of song slides will be available for anyone who would like to follow along with worship on their device. Download on the MRCC App or at mrcc.org/songslides.

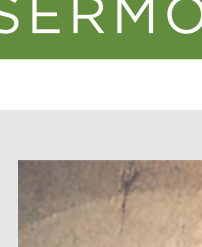
After-Worship Virtual Visit

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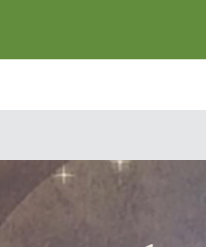
Go to mrcc.org/afterworship or use the MRCC App to join a Zoom call that will begin right after the Sunday morning service.

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

Today Phil presents the second message in the *God With Us* series. He will dive into the story and words of Simeon, an elderly man who spoke praise and prophecy over an infant Jesus in the temple. Simeon's words carried great meaning for Mary, who treasured them in her heart. Phil's lesson explores what this story can show us about the Immanuel promise.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Are you afraid of the dark? Why or why not?
- What is a moment in your life where something surprising happened to you at night or in the dark?
- We don't know a lot about Simeon from the Bible. But, based on what we do know, share what kind of person he is when you imagine him in your mind. Who do you know today that you think is like Simeon?
- Phil talked about the importance of keeping faith in "the end of the story." What are some ways we can do that?
- Phil talked about 1 Thessalonians 4, where Paul says that the dead in Christ will rise to meet the Lord in the air. What reunion do you look forward to seeing?

FAMILY UPDATES

12.20.20

Hospitalized

Billie Price is in OU Edmond, #405, following ankle surgery.

Prayer List

Ralph Burcham is recovering back at Tealridge now.

Margaret Heitmann has been discharged from Mercy Hospital and is now in Mercy Rehabilitation, room G101.

Ava Engelke, daughter of **Jason & Erin Engelke**, underwent surgery Friday for a broken leg sustained in a sledding accident.

Our Sympathy is extended to...

Richard and Elisha Elder on the death of their wife and mother, **Kay Elder**, Friday, Dec. 11. A memorial service is being planned for next month.

The **John Edmunson** family on the death of his mother, Betty Edmunson, Friday, Dec. 11, in Tulsa.

Wanda Neel on the death of her brother-in-law, George Neel, Sunday, Dec. 13, in Waco, Texas.

The **Greg Wedel** family on the death of his mother, Sue Wedel, Monday, Dec. 14, in Edmond.

Bill & Sarah Luttrell on the death of Sarah's sister, Mary Rapier, Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Chandler, Arizona.

Bud & Sarah McFarland on the death of their sister-in-law, Margaret Parker. She was also an aunt of **Susan Smith**.

The **Scot Eckhart** family on the death of his father, Frank Eckhart, Friday, Dec. 18. Frank was a member of Heritage Church of Christ.

Thank You

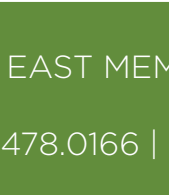
Thank you to all our church family who lifted us up in prayers, sent cards, texts, calls, food and many other kind gestures during the past months while Jay was fighting Covid-19 in Texas. Knowing so many people were praying daily for Jay and our family not only carried us during this journey but it also gave us the needed strength to positively support him. Your prayers and signs of encouragement also showed Jay's medical team he was a very special person and it was such a reflection on the Body of Christ at work. We love our MRCC family and we are very grateful for you all! In Him, **Montine Jones & family**

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you for the many cards, texts, gifts, and notes of encouragement on the passing of my mom, Sherrie. We're richly blessed to have a church family like Memorial Road. Thank you for lifting us up in your prayers. They are powerful, effective, and felt. We love you. In Christ, **James, Jana, Grant Hill, Sydney, Kelby and Wren Reneau**

Memorial Road church family: Thank you for loving our family through the illness and loss of my mother, Betty Mitchell. Thank you for the food, cards, texts, calls, and coming to Norman to comfort us. We are blessed to be part of this church family. We are so glad that Mom has the gift of salvation, and we have a great deal of peace about her eternity. Your love and thoughtfulness have held us up during our time of grief. Thank you!

~Devonne, Jerry, Jarrett, Jadyn and Jansen Carter

Ways to give



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: \$96,787 | YTD Budget Deficit: \$595,511