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

April 4 2021





Thanks for joining us today!

Please take a moment to fill out our digital Welcome Book at mrcc.org/WelcomeBook

We're glad you're worshipping with us!



Please join us for First Cup

First Cup is a chance for newcomers to learn more about MRCC. First Cup happens every Sunday at 9:35 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Visit *mrcc.org/firstcup* for more information.

TODAY until 12:30pm in the Gym

Walk-ins accepted | Masks are required

Please bring ID and practice social distancing

All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors

COVID-19 Protocol Reminders

Wear a mask over your nose and mouth at all times while inside the building, including during active participation in worship.

Physically distance yourself from people not in your household. During worship, please sit in the blue marked pews.

Bring communion from home.

We thank you for your adherence to these guidelines as we strive to protect each other.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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IT IS TIME TO RESTOCK OUR SHARING ROOM PANTRY TO BLESS PEOPLE AT MRCC. IN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, THE LUTHER SERVICE CENTER, AND THE SECOND CHANCES THRIFT STORE MINISTRY.

GO TO MRCC.ORG/FOODDRIVE TO SEE THE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS. You can bring your bags to the stage on April 11 or drop them off

at the office during working hours any time before then.



MINISTRY UPDATES

CLASS LOCATIONS FOR APRIL 4:

Christian Families: A105-106 CIA: A113 Connected: A115-116 **Cross Walk: A121 Explorers: A112** Families & Friends: A119 Forever 50 Something: Fellowship Central Foundations: A201

Generations: A122-123 Launch: Gym New Beginnings: A117-118 Reach: A103-104 Step By Step: A120 **Thrive: FC Foyer University: S1** Upward Bound: A101-102 Young Professionals: Campus Lounge

Preschool classes are meeting in the Preschool wing Journey Land: JL wing, A111, and 5th Grade in Creation Station Youth Group: JH and HS rooms

> These adult classes are meeting online today: International, Cornerstone, Emptynesters



Spiritual Strength for the Long Haul, from II Corinthians This class, led by Mark Taylor via Zoom, begins this Wednesday

night and runs through May 26. You can read more about the class and pre-register at *mrcc.org/wednesday*.



Celebrate Recovery[®] A PLACE OF HOPE FOR EVERY HURT, HABIT, AND HANG-UP

CR meets every Friday night in Fellowship Central. Masks and physical distancing required. Friday schedule: Doors open at 6:30pm; Large Group at 7pm; Open-Share Groups at 8pm; Common Ground at 9pm. No meal at this time. We continue our online offering of small, open-share groups on Thursday nights at 8:30 for those who are not ready to meet in person.

the Alliance

Our CR teen program, the Alliance, returned to in-person meetings last Friday evening.

For more information on any of our CR program offerings, please contact Nate or Chellie Ison at *celebraterecovery@mrcc.org*.

women's B ministry

NEST FOR WIDOWS will meet Monday, April 12, 7-8:30 p.m. on Zoom, Contact Lori Walle at 405-213-4725 or LWalleSL@aol.com for the Zoom link.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE is coordinating virtual skills classes and Zoom activities weekly through April. Register at mrcc.org/women under Events, no later than the day before each event, to receive the Zoom link. Here are the next two classes:

ONCE UPON A TIME (K-2ND): Put the kids to bed and join Joanie Chambers on Tuesday, April 6, 8-9 p.m., to learn about current and classic children's books every child (and adult) should read.

ZOOM GAME NIGHT: Join us on Tuesday, April 15, 7-8:30 p.m., where we'll play (not) All Bad Cards, similar to Apples to Apples.



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SERMON INFO

fearLESS

Lamentations tells us the mercies of God are "new every morning." That is good news. But the bad news is that right alongside those daily mercies is a daily unwelcomed guest. FEAR. Fear of the unknown. Fear of failure. Fear of dying. Fear that whatever I did yesterday made no difference in the world. Fear of my spouse leaving me. Fear of not being enough. Fear of what's next. Fear of the world falling apart.

No matter how many times we've defeated it, fear seems to have infinite power to reinvent itself. Like the weeds that come every spring, we don't know precisely where they will sprout, but we know they are there, lurking under the soil of our hearts, ready at a moment's notice to take over our minds and hearts and send us into frenzied panic. Fear is real. And so too must be our defense against it.

For the next few weeks, we will engage in an important series called fearLESS. Jesus talks about the subject a great deal, precisely because there is quite a bit to learn. Each week we will look at one particular fear and talk about practical ways to deal with it. Today as we kick off this series on Easter, we will look at how the resurrection sets us free from our fear of death.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Do you like Zombie movies? Why or why not? ٠
- How has death been removed from our world today?
- How does a lack of attention to the devil impact one's walk with Christ?
- What helps you cope with the reality of death? •
- What is something from which you've been set free, but still makes you live like you are in bondage?
- How should the resurrection shape the daily life of believers? ٠

FAMILY UPDATES

Hospitalized

Colt Davidson, son of Travis & Chiara Davidson, is now at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Bethany.

Billie Price is in Epworth Villa Skilled Nursing.

Prayer Request

Marita Barnett is back home at Tealridge. She will be continuing physical therapy for strength and mobility.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to **Jeff McKnight** on the death of his grandmother, Nona Sue Sheerer, Friday, March 26.

New Baby

Congratulations to Cody & Kari Boyd on the birth of their son, Luke Duane, Tuesday, March 30.

Shower

Bridal Shower for Kaytlin Raney, fiancée of Jesse Garner (son of Jason & Heidi Garner), will be next Sunday, April 11, 2:30 - 4 p.m., in the Campus Lounge (Summit Building). They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Thank You

Thank you for all the calls, emails, texts, food, and prayers during my mother's illness and death. Our family is heartbroken but relieved that mom is not suffering anymore. Please get your Covid vaccine! In Him, Toni Davis & Family

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

Weekly Budget: \$102,065 | Avg Weekly Offering: \$99,418 | YTD Budget Deficit: \$34,397

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