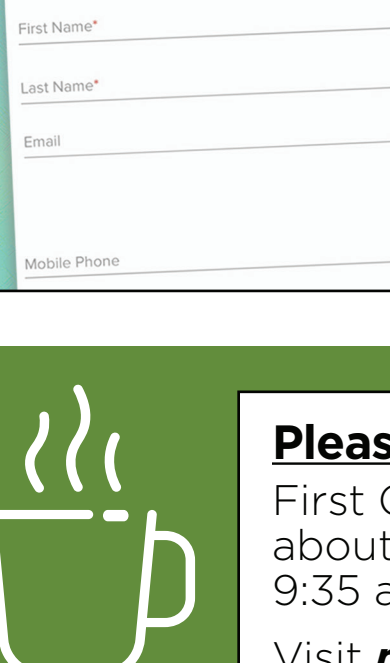




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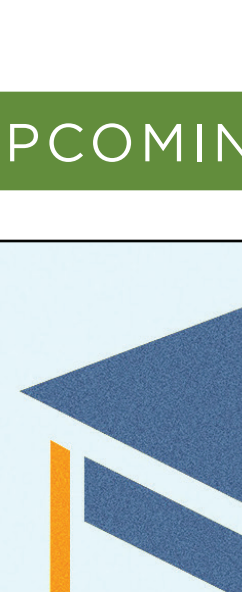
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Thanks for joining us today!

Please take a moment to fill out
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mrcc.org/WelcomeBook

We're glad you're worshipping with us!

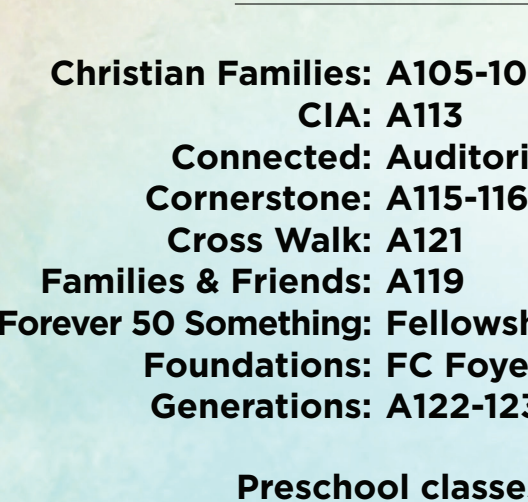


Please join us for First Cup

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SENIOR SUNDAY

IS NEXT WEEK. CONTACT
DEBBIE CARTER IF YOU NEED
PARTICIPATION INFO.

MINISTRY UPDATES

CLASS LOCATIONS FOR APRIL 18:

Christian Families: A105-106
CIA: A113
Connected: Auditorium
Cornerstone: A115-116
Cross Walk: A121
Families & Friends: A119
Forever 50 Something: Fellowship Central
Foundations: FC Foyer
Generations: A122-123

International: Gym
Launch: Gym
New Beginnings: A117-118
Reach: A103-104
Step By Step: A120
Thrive: A201
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

The Emptynesters class is meeting online today.

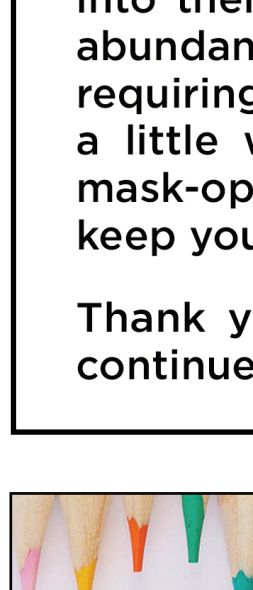


We hope you're
planning to join us
next Sunday!

**Benefiting the Village of Hope
in Ghana, the 2021 edition
of the Walk has in-person and
virtual options.**

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Tap on this image or visit mrcc.org/walk4hope

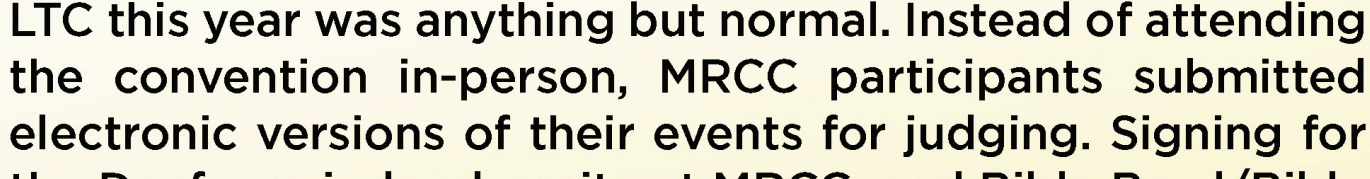


COVID-19 Protocols Update

As the elders announced last Sunday, we are about to begin a phased approach to relaxing some of our Covid requirements and protocols. Your responses to the recent survey indicated that 85% of you are already or will soon be vaccinated. And 90% of our church family plans to be back at worship in person by the end of spring. This feedback, along with our monitoring of Covid data and expert guidance, gives us confidence that we can safely begin to ease restrictions.

Beginning next Sunday, May 2, all pews in the auditorium will be open for seating and our adult classes will be able to move back into their normal spaces if they haven't yet done so. Out of an abundance of concern for the well-being of others, we will still be requiring masks for ages 1st grade and up while in the building for a little while longer. We are looking forward to moving to a mask-optional policy when we feel the time is right, and we will keep you informed as we decide on that specific timeline.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support as we continue progressing back toward more normal operations.



Community Creatives Studio

Community Creatives Studio is a new outlet offered to support Christians in their creative endeavors. We want Memorial Road to be a place that champions the importance of the arts in helping men and women express the way they see the world.

When: Begins Saturday, May 15, and will repeat the second Saturday of each month

Time: 10am - 4pm (come-and-go; bring your lunch if you'd like)

Where: Journey Land Potter's Room

Cost: FREE!

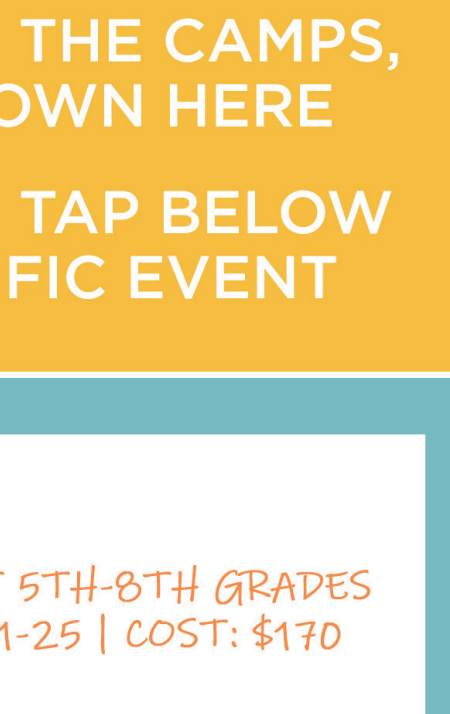
The Studio will offer space and time each month for artists and creatives to come together in a safe, encouraging environment to work on projects that they feel led to in their spiritual walk and to get feedback from fellow creatives. Non-members of MRCC are welcome and invitations are encouraged. Tables, chairs, and space are provided; all other materials are up to the participants. Contact **Kimberly Pagonis** at (405) 474-1973 or kpagonis4art@gmail.com with any questions.

Thrilled for the return of LTC!!

Chorus. Drama. Puppets. Bible Reading. Signing. Bible Bowl. Bible Quiz. All the "normal" events were there, but LTC this year was anything but normal. Instead of attending the convention in-person, MRCC participants submitted electronic versions of their events for judging. Signing for the Deaf was judged onsite at MRCC, and Bible Bowl/Bible Quiz participants gathered April 11 for their final exam. In all, 68 hard-working students participated across 13 different events, with the support of 21 terrific coaches. The students did a great job of coming up with creative and out-of-the-box ideas for their events to get around the social distancing guidelines. The current plan is to hold an Awards Ceremony on May 16.

We are already looking forward to LTC 2022. Next year's theme is "The Promise," taken from the book of Genesis. Mark your calendars for April 15-17, 2022!

~Janie Leftwich & Mendy Kooi



women's ministry

BODY & SOUL FITNESS is back and you can join any time! Pay by the month (\$40 twice/week and \$25 once/week), and the first class is free. Classes are in the gym Monday and/or Friday, 9:15-10:30 a.m., with prayer time before exercise. All fitness levels are welcome! Contact krista.welch@sbcglobal.net if you need free childcare or have any questions.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE has been coordinating virtual skills classes and Zoom activities weekly through the month of April. Our last class is **Once Upon a Time (3rd-5th)**. Your elementary kids may want to join you and **Joanie Chambers** tomorrow from 7-8 p.m., to learn about current and classic children's books every child (and adult) should read. Register by TODAY at mrcc.org/women under Events to receive the Zoom link.



SUMMER PREVIEW

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE CAMPS,
TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES SHOWN HERE

VISIT **MRCC.ORG/YOUTH** OR TAP BELOW
TO REGISTER FOR A SPECIFIC EVENT

CAMPS

High
Pettijohn

CURRENT 5TH-8TH GRADES
JUNE 21-25 | COST: \$170

CURRENT
9TH-12TH GRADES
JULY 4-9
COST: \$180

senior high
PETTIJOHN

mission trips

11TH & 12TH GRADE
SAN ANTONIO

JUNE 6-12 | \$300
\$20 discount if you
register by April 26!

9TH-10TH GRADE
MEMPHIS

JUNE 20-25
COST \$275

CURRENT 7TH-8TH GRADE
TULSA MISSION TRIP

JULY 11-15
COST \$250

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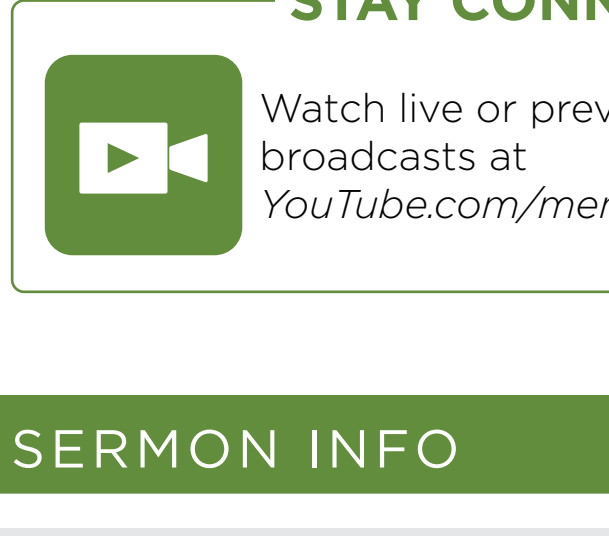
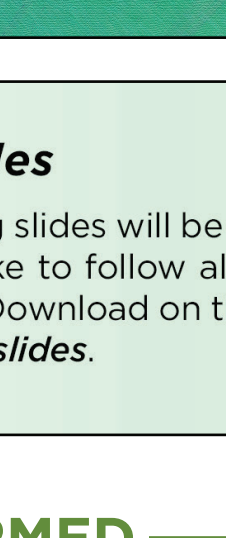
PROMO WEEK
CURRENT 5TH GRADE | MAY 31-JUNE 3 | FREE!

SERVE OKC
CURRENT 5TH-8TH GRADES | JULY 26-28 | COST: \$75

9TH-12TH GRADES **float trip** JULY 13
COST: \$40

Do you enjoy listening to podcasts on your daily commute or while you work out? Were you touched or inspired by a message that you'd like to hear again? Maybe you missed a message and would like to catch up on our current sermon series. Each Sunday we download the sermon audio and post to the MRCC app under MEDIA and to our website at mrcc.org/sermons. Give us a listen!

The MRCC app is available on iOS and Android



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.

STAY CONNECTED & INFORMED

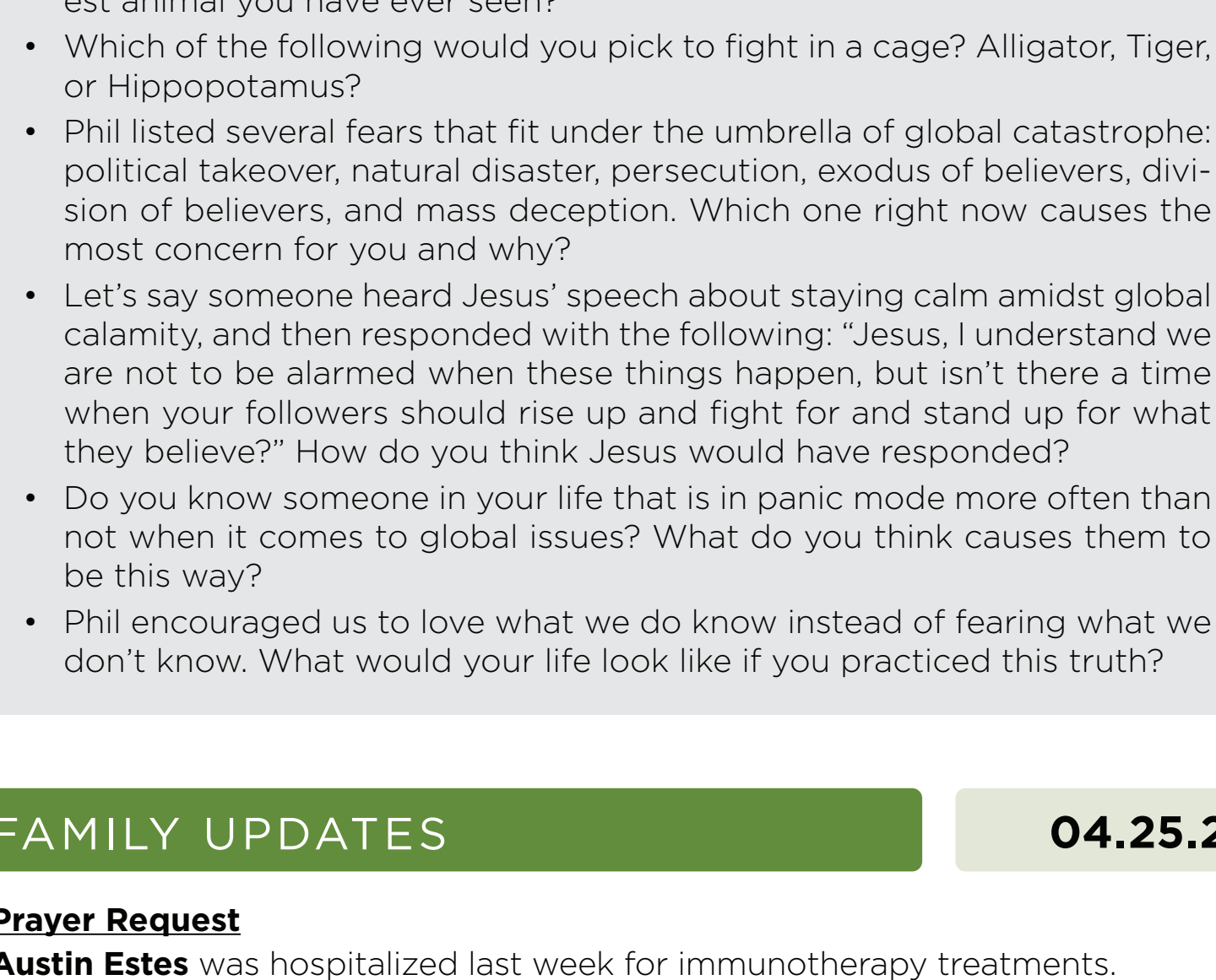


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SERMON INFO



Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Have you ever seen an alligator in its natural habitat? What is the strangest animal you have ever seen?
- Which of the following would you pick to fight in a cage? Alligator, Tiger, or Hippopotamus?
- Phil listed several fears that fit under the umbrella of global catastrophe: political takeover, natural disaster, persecution, exodus of believers, division of believers, and mass deception. Which one right now causes the most concern for you and why?
- Let's say someone heard Jesus' speech about staying calm amidst global calamity, and then responded with the following: "Jesus, I understand we are not to be alarmed when these things happen, but isn't there a time when your followers should rise up and fight for and stand up for what they believe?" How do you think Jesus would have responded?
- Do you know someone in your life that is in panic mode more often than not when it comes to global issues? What do you think causes them to be this way?
- Phil encouraged us to love what we do know instead of fearing what we don't know. What would your life look like if you practiced this truth?

FAMILY UPDATES

04.25.21

Prayer Request

Austin Estes was hospitalized last week for immunotherapy treatments.

Our Sympathy is extended to...

B.J. & Jeannie Brockett on the death of her mother, Beulah Swindle, Monday, April 12, in Oklahoma City.

Ann Richardson on the death of her sister, Alice Ritter, Friday, April 16, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Steve & Gail Brookman, Rory & Mary Ann Rosenbalm, and the **Phil Brookman** family on the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, **Betty Brookman**, Friday, April 23.

Ways to give



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text amount to:
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Prayer Requests

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