



## THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY!



Please take a moment to sign the Welcome Book, located in your pew. Members, please greet any guests seated near you. If you're joining us virtually, sign easily at [mrcc.org/welcomebook](http://mrcc.org/welcomebook).



### Please join us for First Cup

First Cup is an opportunity 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](http://mrcc.org/firstcup) for more information.

## WELCOME MUGS AND BASKETS

These simple gifts are available at Information Central. Mugs are intended for first-time guests to MRCC, while Baskets are for newcomers to your neighborhood. Deliver a mug or basket today!



## MINISTRY UPDATES

# HOLIDAY GIVING & SERVICE PROJECTS



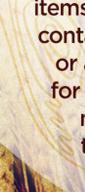
### FALL FOOD DRIVE - TODAY!

Bring bags of groceries to the stage today. Needed items are listed on the App and at [mrcc.org/fooddrive](http://mrcc.org/fooddrive). Items will supply food pantries at MRCC, Luther, and Second Chances.



### MAGI BOXES - DUE NEXT SUNDAY

Magi Box instruction sheets are available at Information Central, on the stage, at the auditorium entrances, as well as online at [mrcc.org/MagiBox](http://mrcc.org/MagiBox). Bring boxes to the stage next Sunday, Nov. 14.



### THANKSGIVING DAY IN THE CITY

This year for our traditional Thanksgiving Day in the City we will deliver Thanksgiving meal boxes on Wednesday, Nov. 24, to locations throughout Edmond, Oklahoma City, and the surrounding area. Each box will contain the common foods needed for a Thanksgiving meal, including a ham. Visit [mrcc.org/TDIC](http://mrcc.org/TDIC) for more information, to volunteer, to recommend someone to receive a meal box, or to donate money for pies.

## MISSIONS SUNDAY UPDATE

This year's Special Missions Contribution has proven to be more special than any of us ever imagined. Children saved their coins throughout the year to give to help others, and so many of our families give sacrificially each year to this effort. Last Sunday it was announced that \$802,700.77 had been given for Missions Sunday 2021, exceeding the goal by \$154,700.77. However, the most recent donations have created a new record for giving toward missions at MRCC in 19 years—\$833,150.77! All glory and praise go to God, and we humbly ask that He guide us as we steward these funds. The Missions Ministry leaders are currently reviewing mission efforts that were not included in the original goal, considering how we might enhance the mission works that were included, and we will report back on how we recommend your gifts be used. If you have any questions about the items, the process, or any part of this work, please contact **John Wilguess, Ben Knowles, Pat Jones**, or any of the Global Mission elders. Thank you for your love of the lost, your confidence in the ministry work of missions, and your desire to assure more people see Jesus through the work of this congregation.

## NEAR & FAR PRAYER CODA

AN INTENTIONAL AND DEDICATED TIME TO PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

Wednesday night in the auditorium from 7:35-7:55

This week's theme is The Pandemic

### Koois Transition to New Work

It was almost exactly 10 years ago that a young married couple agreed to be a part of the HIM program and would be going to Vienna, Austria, at the request of our mission team there.



In ten years, **Will & Holly Kooi** have added two beautiful children to their family and have been responsible for untold outreach into Austria, encouraging young people to draw closer to faith, baptizing many, developing connections with migrants coming through Vienna, and helping many others with mental health improvement.

And now, it is time for another transition. Will has accepted a position with Eastern European Missions. EEM gets Bibles into the hands of hundreds of thousands of seekers throughout Eastern Europe every year, and we wholeheartedly support their work. You may even recall that our former Young Adults Minister, Bart Rybinski, heads the Vienna operation for EEM. While we are saddened for our loss of a direct team member, we are so excited to see what EEM will accomplish with this great family joining the work across the continent.

**Jake & Amanda Haskew**, and their daughters **Abby & Katy**, will continue in the work with the church in Vienna, with the Rybiniskis and Koois continuing as members and helpers within the congregation.

The Global Outreach elders, who are tasked with overseeing missions, ask for your prayers for the Kooi family as they transition into this new role, for the Haskews as they reorient to a new ministry workload, and for the church in Vienna as it continues to grow and find new ways of reaching the seekers of Vienna.

## CONTRIBUTION TRAY-PASSERS NEEDED

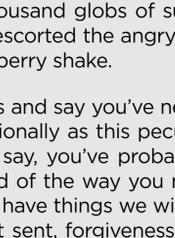
Please go to the check-in area in the small hallway across from Information Central (next to the Conference Room) to see if you're needed. Thank you!

### UPDATE ON AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

To this point, families, Qgroups, and Bible classes have furnished 13 apartments for 54 Afghans. This means that MRCC has "adopted" over a quarter of all the Afghans that have arrived so far. Currently volunteers are helping with English tutoring, transportation to school for the children, navigating paperwork for green cards and other documents, as well as providing clothing, groceries, and other necessities. We will be assisting eight additional groupings of refugees this week. We hope to host as many of these refugees as will come in our building for our upcoming International Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 21.

## NEST

for widows  
NURTURE ENCOURAGE SUPPORT TOGETHER



will meet tomorrow from 7-8:30 p.m. in A105-106, with optional dinner at 5:30 at Taziki's. Guests are welcome. Details at [mrcc.org/nest](http://mrcc.org/nest) or contact **Lori Walle**.

# ADULT PICKLEBALL

The MRCC Gym is now open for recreational Pickleball

Monday and Tuesday nights from 8:30 - 10:00 and Saturday mornings from 8:30 - noon

There are three courts. If enough beginners show up, one court will be designated for them.

Bring your own paddle.

Note that these are adults-only games, so please leave the kiddos at home. Thanks!

### STAY CONNECTED & INFORMED



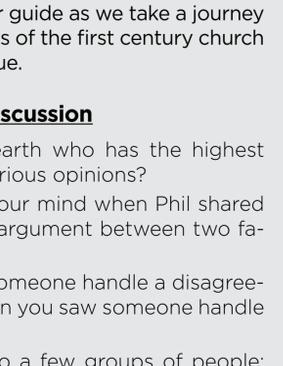
Watch live or previous broadcasts of worship, sermons, or WOW at [YouTube.com/memorialroad](http://YouTube.com/memorialroad).



Download the MRCC App (for iOS and Android) for easy access to all our resources. Check it out today!

## SERMON INFO

# disagree differently



A college student recently visited me in my office and shared that he works at Chick-Fil-A. I asked him the most bizarre thing he'd witnessed during his employment. He said that one day an elderly woman ordered a strawberry shake. A mistake was made, and she was given a chocolate one. Here's where things got interesting. The average person would simply point out the mistake and calmly wait for the order to be corrected. Not so with this particular senior citizen. Like a pitcher on the mound, she wound up her arm and flung the shake as hard as she could at this poor college student's head. However, she did not anticipate his quick reflexes. As the cold cup soared through the air, he ducked and narrowly avoided the nasty hit. Which was good for him... but bad for his fellow team member. Oh poor, kind, gentle, sweet, innocent team member. She had no time to prepare as the shake smashed directly into her face, exploding into a thousand globs of sugary brown substance. A security guard escorted the angry woman out. She did not receive her strawberry shake.

I'm going to take a wild guess and say you've never handled a disagreement quite as irrationally as this peculiar woman. But, I would also venture to say, you've probably had moments that you weren't proud of the way you navigated an argument. The truth is, we all have things we wish we hadn't said, texts we wish we hadn't sent, forgiveness we wish we hadn't withheld. There are times we wish we could have listened better, or been less defensive, or not yelled as much.

This week I'm starting a series called *Disagree Differently*. Disagreement is simply part of life. It's not going away. It will be part of our lives until the day we die. So our challenge is not how to stop disagreement, but rather how to disagree in healthier ways. Acts 15 will be our guide as we take a journey with the most prolific faith leaders of the first century church and discover a better way to argue.

### Questions for Reflection & Discussion

- Who is the one person on earth who has the highest agreement score with your various opinions?
- What thoughts ran through your mind when Phil shared the story of the 16th century argument between two famous church leaders?
- Share a story when you saw someone handle a disagreement poorly. Share a time when you saw someone handle a disagreement well.
- Assign the following verses to a few groups of people: Acts 15:5-11, Acts 15:12-21, and Acts 15:22-35. Have each group come up with a few principles we can learn from the text about how this group handled disagreement.
- What do you think the role of the Holy Spirit was in this story?
- Phil listed three main ways to disagree differently. See if you can name them. Which one stuck out to you the most?
- What is a particular opinion that you are passionate about but admit you don't know the history of?
- Phil talked about the conflict paradox. Disagreement is fueled by proximity plus small differences. Do you think this is true? Can you think of any examples? Why do you think this is the case? What do you think could be done about it?
- Seeing people rather than opinions sounds great. How do you think we can actually do this on a practical level?

## FAMILY UPDATES

11.7.21

### Hospitalized

**Dot Maple** is in Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital.

### Prayer Request

Please remember **JoAnn Hays**, who is having respiratory problems.

### Our Sympathy is extended to...

The **Barry Mitchell** family on the death of his mother, Josephine Mitchell, Monday, Nov. 1, in Albuquerque. She was also the grandmother of **Braden Mitchell**.

The **Chris McKeever** family on the death of **Tammy's** grandmother, Flossie Smith, Wednesday, Nov. 3, in Arnett, Oklahoma.

### New Babies

Congratulations to **Lori Walle** on the birth of her grandson, Brooks Daniel Williams, Friday, Oct. 29, to Daniel & Lindsay Williams in Virginia.

### Adoption Party

The Generations Bible class is having a come-and-go Adoption Celebration Party for **Jeremy & Janet Irvin** and their family on Saturday, Nov. 13, 3-5 p.m., in S1 of the Summit building. They recently added **Easton Ryder** (age 3) and **Hazel Amelia** (age 2). Everyone is invited.

### Showers

Baby Girl Shower for **Holly Hill** is this afternoon, from 2 - 3:30, on the Summit Deck. She is registered at Amazon, Target, and Walmart.

Bridal Shower for **Jade George** (daughter of **Kelly & Kelly George**), fiancée of **Abel Rodriguez**, is this afternoon from 2-4 p.m., in the home of **Judy Branch** (address available on the Online Community). They are registered at West Elm, BC Clark, Amazon, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

### Ways to give



[mrcc.org](http://mrcc.org)  
[mrcc app](http://mrcc.app)  
text amount to:  
884.311.2333

### Prayer Requests



We would love to pray for you. Submit your prayer requests at [mrcc.org/prayer](http://mrcc.org/prayer), or on the MRCC App.

Weekly Budget: \$102,065 | Avg Weekly Offering: \$95,452 | YTD Budget Deficit: \$290,961