THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We welcome Brook, located in our Preschool Wing, to our family of faith!

If you're joining us virtually, sign ready or stay on Memorial Road.

Please join us for First Cup!

FIRST CUP IS A CHANCE FOR FELLOWSHIP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MEMORIAL ROAD

We meet at 9:35 in the Fellowship Room, which is located off the lobby near the our Preschool Wing.

WELCOME MUGS AND BASKETS

Welcome Mugs are given to our first-time guests to MRCC, while Baskets are for newcomers to our worship service. Deliver a mug or basket today!

FEATURED TEAMS

holiday schedules

WORSHIP & CLASS

Wednesday, Dec. 21
No evening classes or activities

Saturday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25
Combined worship at 10:30 a.m.
No Bible classes, no evening service

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Year-End, Area-Wide Gathering
with speaker James Barber
7 p.m. at MRCC

Sunday, Jan. 1
Combined worship at 10:30 a.m.*
No Bible classes, no evening service

Wednesday, Jan. 4
No evening classes or activities

**WORSHIP NURSERY CLOSED, NO BABY ROOM*

CHURCH OFFICES

To give our ministry staff additional time off this holiday season, our offices will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 22, Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, as well as Friday, Dec. 30, and Monday, Jan. 2.

Offices will be open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Dec. 19-21 and Dec. 27-29.

MINISTRY UPDATES

NEWS FROM CAMPINAS, BRAZIL

I hope all had a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving! We have so much for which to be thankful for here in Brazil. This month we are celebrating our 30-year anniversary of partnership with Memorial Church of Christ. We began our work together in Campinas, Brazil, with the Gospel in December 1992. Thank you to our Elders and to the Missions Committee and to all our brothers and sisters. Giving thanks first of all to God and then to our great sponsoring church for all these years! We are forever congregations. And these congregations have begun other congregations. We now have 10 congregations of the Lord's church in the region of Campinas.

We are thankful for the work that began just 2 years ago in Sumaré, Brazil. It is in the suburb of Campinas and is the city where we live. We rented a very nice place and began a Tuesday night Bible study. We are averaging 16 people in this study and have visitors. We began a worship service as well and are averaging 22 people on Sunday. We have had three visitors from the community in worship. Please pray for our efforts in Sumaré. Please pray for our city.

We are thankful for our family. Brian, Tyler and Laura are all doing well. God is good! We love you and pray for you!

–Allen Dutton

LISTEN TO MY VOICE

THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

DAILY VOICE

Don't miss these daily readings of scripture from MRCC members. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, and follow MRCC on Facebook. The videos will premiere on those sites every weekday morning. Sign up at **mrcc.org/myvoicetweetworld** or through the MRCC App.

2023 BUDGET & PURPOSING

Be informed. Pick up a full 2023 budget at the usual pickup spots, on the MRCC App, or at **mrcc.org/2023budget**.

Purpose prayerfully. We are asking each family to turn in a purpose card during the Business Manager knew what you plan to give in 2023. We will use these cards to help us plan for our ministry. It is important that we all prayerfully consider our role in supporting the work of the church. Cards are available in the pickup spots and can be placed in the drop boxes. You can also use the MRCC App or email **Tammy McKeever at tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org**.

Celebrate God's blessings. We are expected a remarkable year. If you missed it, please visit **mrcc.org/myvoicetweetworld** to read more about some of the ways momentum is building here at MRCC.

ONCE UPON A ROOM

TOY DRIVE

The *Once Upon A Room* program, which documents hospital rooms where kids facing long-term stays, is collecting toys for the holiday season. For all you can imagine, these rooms will be placed in the wrapped boxes in the main hallway. Bring toys to the **Toy Drive** Sundays or **mrcc.org/events**. Questions? Contact **taylor.steele@mrcc.edu**.

WORLD'S MINISTRY

Small Group Sign Ups

- Three 8-10 week Wednesday Small Group Bible Studies: **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES** on Jan 5. Sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 28. Contact **Jeff McMillion** at **ext. 2 at 2.4.6** by Jan. 5 for: *Written Better: A Study of the Life of Paul* by Jeff McMillion; *Rising to Forever: A Study of the Grand Narrative of Scripture* by Jeff McMillion; *Hebrews* by Jeff Arnold. Childcare provided for children up to age 5.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. for a brunch in Dan's Fellowship Hall. Contact **Anne Langham** to brunch catered by Mercatta & Bella Vita. Childcare provided. Contact **Jo Ann** at **mrcc.org/events** by Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Ladies of Jesus

Ladies of Jesus! Let's get away! You are invited to join us for our annual retreat, Feb. 10-12, at Camp Lake Bridgewater. Cost is $75 for a Conference Center near Hinton, WV. We will have a Friday night dinner and a Saturday night luncheon, noon, you have the option of coming one or two days. Friday night we will have a Bible study, we will be playing games, doing craft night with snacks, games, puzzles, and coloring. Saturday night we will have a Bible study with crafts. Contact **Debbie Kistler** at lots of singing, and fun optional activities. We will enjoy all the camp has to offer, including an overnight campfire! Finally, we will conclude on Sunday morning with a Bible study and communion service. Accommodations are dormitory-style rooms for 2-4 people or cabins. Lots of pay-full times are planned! Contact **Debbie Kistler** or **Jeff McMillion** at **mrcc.org/events**. The event is for women; refunds will be given. Questions? Contact **Robin Waugh** at 405-621-7412.

Join your church family on a trip to Walnut Creek!

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

Sunday, January 29

May 25-26, 2023

Approximate Costs:
Price per adult - $175
One couple - $320
Three people - $450

Contact **Debbie Carter** at **mrcc.org/events** for full details to register

Museum of the Bible...

**These costs are ballpark estimates and cover our group's museum stay (May 25-26) and hotel stay (May 25). Transportation, meals, and other expenses are not included. Prices are based on double, triple, and quad occupancy. Pricing and the number of rooms we can reserve will be dependent on how many we can lock in by the end of the month. Deposits will be required.*

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

A place of hope
for every hurt, habit, and hang-up

Dinner at 6
Program at 7
Small Groups at 8

mrcc.org/CR

Come as you are.

Bible Hour Options

We now have Children's Bible Hour for both of our morning worship services. Beginning in Sept. 2022, we will be using the Kingdom Story Journey Land. Creation Station is available during 10:30 worship service in the Multipurpose Room in the preschool wing.

OTHER NOTES

VISIT THE HOLLY LANDS IN 2023

David & Beverly Reith are leading a group on a tour of the Holy Lands, Jordan, and Egypt, June 1-June 15. The group will visit Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Egypt. There is nothing like walking in the footsteps of our Savior and the Bible characters. We still have a few spots available. Contact them for you to join us. For more information, contact **David at david.b.reith@gmail.com**.

STAY CONNECTED & INFORMED

Watch live or previous broadcasts of sermons, sermon, & WORSHIP on YouTube/Facebook

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

SERMON INFO

This morning PhD continues our *Listen to my Voice* series. We have been reading through the Bible. We have seen Jesus PhD see the heart of God. We have begun to see how God's story is being written in the story of God's people. Today we will see the story of God's people. Come back tonight at 5:00 for this message by John Curtis.

CHECKING CONNECTION

Click for "Sermon Questions" in the Sermon Notes section for discussion questions related to this morning's sermon.

FAMILY UPDATES

12.18.22

Washed Anew

We rejoice with **Preston Gorrell** who was baptized into Christ on Sunday.

Welcome to the family!

Hospitalized
Peggy Day - mother of **Jan O'Neal**, is in Epworth Villa, #1837.
Nova Elliott is in Pam Pavilion, Room 1-A.
Aiden Plummer newborn son of Eric & Pei-Li Plummer, is in Children's Hospital.
Clyde & Gwen Kerbo's daughter, Debbie, is hospitalized in Oklahoma City. Following is a prayer request.

Prayer Request
Tom Keith was released from the rehabilitation hospital.

Our Sympathy
Carolyn Edwards on the death of her mother, Lorraine Day, in Oklahoma City.
Lynn McMillion - brother of **Jeff McMillion** family, and the **Greg McMillion** family on the death of their sister, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Jerlene McMillion.

Bobbie & Linda Tidwell on the death of their son, Tyler Tidwell, age 35, in Oklahoma City. Funeral is Friday, Dec. 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Road.

Nathan & Evelyn Sindorf on the birth of their daughter, Ivy Juliet Sindorf, Tuesday, Dec. 13. Grandparents are **Tom & Robin Pettit**.