

**Jan 16** 2022

# **THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY!**

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



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.



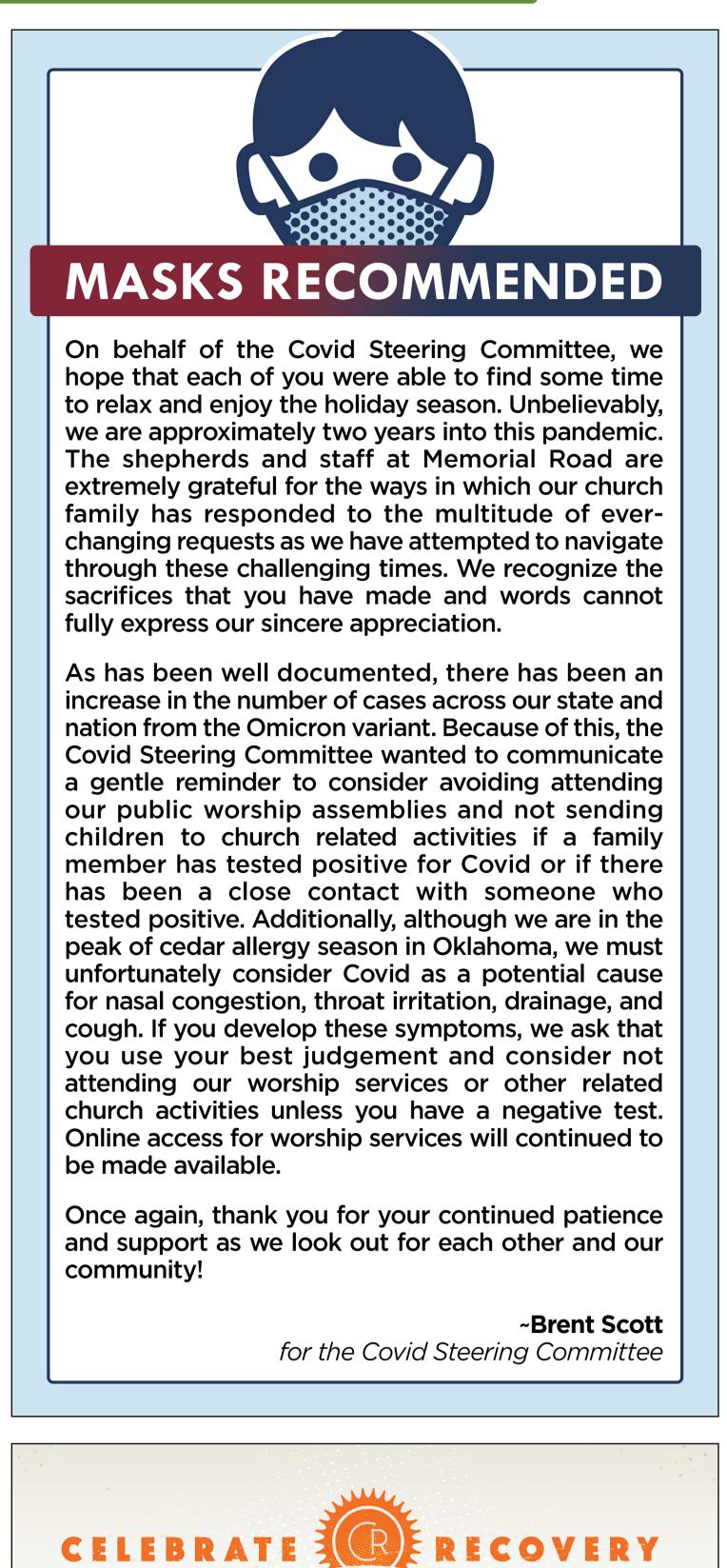
## Please join us for First Cup

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* 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





LTC practices have begun.

**Registration Fee is \$45/student.** Please sign up by Jan. 30.

Visit mrcc.org/LTC for a full rundown of charges and to find a registration link.

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# THE PRºMISE

## CHILDCARE WORKERS NEEDED!

Substitute childcare workers are desperately needed! These are paid positions, and include filling in for the worship nursery and during weekday Bible study classes, just to name a few examples.

For more information, contact Evelyn Sindorf at mrccChildcare@gmail.com or (405) 620-5464.











Watch live or previous broadcasts of worship, sermons, or WOW at YouTube.com/memorialroad.

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

## SERMON INFO



This morning, Phil starts a new series called *Road to Recovery*. This series will highlight some of the key principles of spiritual transformation. Most of us can identify some area of life that needs some attention, whether that be an old grudge, a bad habit, an apathetic spirit, or an outright addiction. In this first sermon, Phil will open up the fifty-seventh book of Isaiah to explore the main reason why Israel could not right the ship of their self-destruction and how we might learn from their mistake.

## **Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

- Do you prefer a pen or a pencil, and why?
- Phil said that eventually the normalcy of a particular behavior overshadows the evaluation of that behavior. What do you make of this? Can you think of any examples in the world or
- from your life?
- What is something you used to feel bad about but no longer do?
- What do you think the role of conscience is in the Christian life?
- Is there a difference between our conscience and the Holy Spirit?
- What is one way you have changed for the better in the last 10 years? (Or if you can't answer for yourself, share your perception of someone else in the group.)
- Phil pointed out six character flaws about Israel from Isaiah • 57. They were: restless, individualistic, greedy, addicted, immoral, and secretive. Which of these do you think still plague Christians today? Care to share one prevalent in your life?
- Why are we, in general, reluctant to admit we need help? •
- Share a story when you did ask for help. What happened?
- What is one thing in life you feel like you can't do by yourself at the moment?

## FAMILY UPDATES

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## <u>Hospitalized</u>

Dee Allen, mother of Kent Allen and Melissa Lauxman, is in Epworth Villa Skilled Nursing.

Harold Shank's sister, Bonnie Young, is hospitalized in West Virginia, following complications from a biopsy.

## **Prayer Requests**

Sherry Duncan, wife of George Duncan, is under hospice care. Quinton Martin is recovering from Covid and will be able to resume chemo treatments at M.D. Anderson soon.

## **Our Sympathy** is extended to...

Abby Caviness on the death of her mother, Johanna Caviness, Saturday, Jan. 8, in Tulia, Texas.

## Memorial Service

The memorial service for **Dick Anderson**, husband of **Aloma** Anderson, will be Saturday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m., here at MRCC.

## <u>New Baby</u>

Congratulations to Chase & Annika Anderson on the birth of their daughter, Mallory Jay, Thursday, Jan. 6. Mallory was born 11 weeks early while Chase & Annika were visiting California. She is in NICU at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose.

## **Showers**

Bridal Shower for Ally Freeman, daughter of Michael & Lori Freeman, is today from 2-3:30 p.m., in the home of Beth Brewer (address available in the online directory). She is registered at Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, and Amazon.

Wedding Shower for Kylie (Buggeln) and Alex Northcott, son of Randy & Kim Northcott, will be Sunday, Jan. 23, 2-3:30 p.m., at Kela Baird's (address available in the online directory). Kylie & Alex were married Dec. 15. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

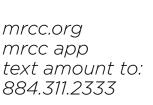
## **Thank You Notes**

After the loss of our dad, Bill Hurst, the whole church went to work. An army of men and women came together to help with the service and made a fabulous lunch for our entire family. We had so many helpers, and what a blessing! Words are not enough; your generosity was overwhelming. Thank you!

~The Hurst Family

We often read these heartfelt thank-you notes to the church and now suddenly find ourselves the ones writing. We are so grateful for the prayers, encouragement, food, shared memories, tears, and laughter that have carried us this past week. We mourn Sarah's loss in our daily lives yet rejoice in her freedom and Homecoming. Thank you for walking this journey with us! God bless you all. ~Bud McFarland and the family







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

**Prayer Requests** 

Weekly Budget: \$102,065 | Avg Weekly Offering: \$102,639 | YTD Budget Surplus: \$1,158