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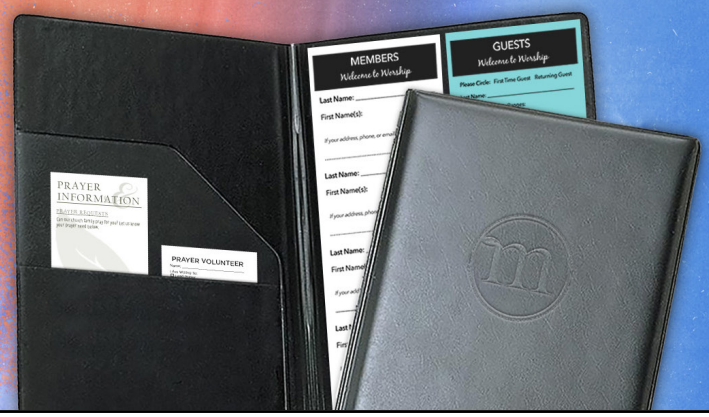
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Aug 20 2023

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***.

Please Join Us For First Cup

First Cup is an opportunity for newcomers to learn more about MRCC

Every Sunday at 9:35 a.m. in the Welcome Center

Visit mrcc.org/firstcup for more details

WELCOME MUGS AND BASKETS

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

FEATURED ITEMS

5th Grade Studio today

All summer the 5th graders in Journey Land have been participating in a class called, ***5th Grade Studio***. This class has given each child the challenge of taking a story from the Bible and thoroughly researching it from the scriptures. We are so proud of their hard work. We have seen each child develop such a sense of ownership with their project. Everyone is invited to come by the 5th Grade Studio display this morning, before or after the conclusion of Bible class. It is located in the north foyer of the main building by the portico to the Summit. The 5th graders would love the opportunity to share with you what they have learned.

MINISTRY UPDATES

SMALL GROUP SUMMIT

AUGUST 30 | 6:30

Small groups are vital to the health of our church, and we want them to flourish. The Small Group Summit on Wed., Aug. 30 is for anyone and everyone who leads, attends, or is interested in small groups. Join us as we share resources, cast a vision for the future of small groups at Memorial Road, and provide information and encouragement to those thinking about joining or leading a group.

women's ministry

NIGHT OF ENCOURGEMENT:

All those who signed up for Night of Encouragement should be at their homes by 7:00 p.m. Carpool if you can!

UNPACKING THE BOXES,

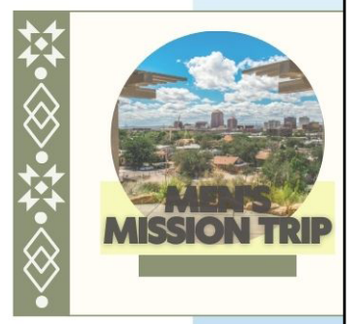
a 10-week class for women new to the community, meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays this fall, beginning Sept. 6. Invitation brochures are at Information Central, and registration is at ***unpackingtheboxes.com.***

FALL SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

will begin Wednesday mornings on Sept. 6. Options include *Navigating Gospel Truth, Never Alone: Parenting in the Power of the Holy Spirit,* and *Sermon on the Mount*. **CWBS** will start *Living as Exiles: A Study of 1 & 2 Peter* and *Jude* on Sept. 7. Register for both programs at ***mrcc.org/women*** by August 23.

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S MISSION TRIP to serve Albuquerque Christian Children's Home is Aug 27 - Sep 1. Visit ***mrcc.org/mensmission*** for details or contact **Jamie Scott** at ***the.jamie.scott@gmail.com***.



"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17

When men gather and study the word of God, and when they pray together and share their victories and their struggles, the earth moves a little closer to the Savior. **IRON COFFEE** is an opportunity for men to meet regularly in small groups to do just that. You are encouraged to consider signing up online (click this box) or in class this Sunday to be a part of an Iron Coffee group.

The **MRCC Golf Tournament**, open to men and women, will be Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Edmond Golf Club. The $80 fee includes breakfast, 18 holes of golf, a shared cart, lunch, and prizes! Click ***here***, or visit ***mrcc.org/golf***, for more information and to register.

Saturday, August 12, families gathered to slow down and serve people. The theme for the day was taken from John 21:17-19, when Jesus urged his followers to, "*Follow Me.*" Jesus served all mankind and *BLAST* (*Bible Learning and Sharing Together*) participants were able to do the same. As families entered each service project room, they were reminded of the message of Jesus - that each ministry needs volunteers in lots of ways to care for Jesus's sheep (all the people in the world). It was faith affirming to see so many energetic little servants, with big hearts, working with smiles. We made freezer bags of soup, assembled meals and supplies for the homeless population, decorated cookies, wrote encouraging notes, packed wound-care kits, blessed babies with books and prayers, created teacher packages, tested machines, helped pediatric patients, stuffed envelopes, spread mulch, remembered loved ones, and filled birthday boxes. So many will be blessed by the day's efforts. The day was beautiful because we got to bless our community, talk about loving others, and exhibit being kind. I know today changed lives for the better and what a blessing!
Can you do the same where you are?
~Beverly North

Last Sunday evening, Memorial Road hosted a state-wide youth worship called ***Unite***, and it was something special. Students from 50 churches across two states gathered together to worship God, eat dinner provided by OC, and play together. We had an estimated 1,200 students in our building. It was truly an incredible night seeing so many students gather together in the name of Jesus, singing out to

God! We praise God for the outcome and the ability to host this event. We know we are often divided over many things, but on Sunday evening unity was on full display through 1000+ students. Thank you to all those who volunteered and helped us serve. We couldn't have done it without you! ~ **Emily Carter**

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY

6 PM - DINNER
1ST TIME GUESTS EAT FREE!!!

7 PM - LARGE GROUP
A TIME OF WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY PERSONAL TESTIMONY OR RECOVERY LESSON

8 PM - OPEN SHARE GROUPS
GENDER AND ISSUE SPECIFIC SMALL GROUPS

9 PM - COMMON GROUNDS
FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DESSERT

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE
FREE CHILDCARE 6:45-9:15

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celebraterecovery@mrcc.org

THE ALLIANCE

Celebrate Recovery has an **immediate** need for volunteers to help with the CR teen program, which is called *The Alliance*. We are looking for volunteers in groups of two to help lead the group (which averages 6-10 teens) at least one Friday evening per month (from 6:50-9). This group likes to laugh and have fun, so volunteers need to be patient and enjoy working with and mentoring those in 6th-12th grades. Interested parties must submit to a background check. For more details or to volunteer, please contact **Nate** or **Chellie Ison** at ***celebraterecovery@mrcc.org***.

STAY CONNECTED & INFORMED

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!

Last week we launched our 2023-2024 school year theme, ***Follow Me: The Way of the Cross.*** This is the second year of our six-year initiative called ***Word Meets World***. This nine-month journey will take a close look at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. In Jesus' first century world, "Follow Me" was a radical call to reorient one's entire life – heart, mind, will, relationships, and habits – toward the lifestyle of another. This call from Jesus is why we see Peter and Andrew drop their nets, and it's why Matthew left his tax booth.

For us today, following Jesus includes much more than church attendance and being kind. In fact, we plan to structure our year around three big ideas that help us follow Jesus. First, we *Adopt His Rhythms*. Jesus had distinct patterns for how he interacted and related to the world around him. We will study these patterns, specifically ones related to people, pace, and prayer, and learn how to adopt them ourselves. Second, we *Practice His Teaching*. In the New Testament, Jesus is given many names and titles, but the one used the most often is "Rabbi." Jesus was a teacher. Following him means learning the core of his message and making it our own. In this part of the year we will take a deep dive into the Sermon on the Mount. Third, we *Share His Mission*. Jesus understood his calling and vocation from God. He had specific aims and goals for his life and ministry. In this third part of the year we will explore how Jesus understood his own vocation and how we might adopt his same goals to our own lives.

Our year will culminate on **April 13th**, when we host world-renowned author Philip Yancey in a community event. Yancey's books have sold more than 17-million copies, and he is widely known as one of the best thinkers on faith, suffering, and prayer. Please save the date in your calendars and begin praying right now that God will work through us, and through this event, to make an impact for the gospel in our city.

Tonight, **Grant Perkins,** son of **Barry and Diana Perkins,** will present a message about holiness from 1 Peter 1. Grant is a ministry major at ACU and has spent his summer as an intern in our youth ministry. Join us tonight to hear his message and encourage this young man.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you would like to dig deeper into the sermon or Sunday class discussions, check out the MRCC App or visit *mrcc.org/dq* for supplemental material.

FAMILY UPDATES

8.13.23

Hospitalized

Terry Clingman has moved to Oklahoma City Therapy Hospital to complete his rehab before going home.

Prayer Requests

An ongoing Prayer List, updated at the beginning of every month, is available at Information Central and digitally at *mrcc.org/prayerlist.*

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to . . .

Our sympathy is extended to **Bailey McBride** and the **Jonathan Heusel** family on the death of **Bailey's** wife and **DeShawn's** mother, **Linda Samples McBride**, this past Sunday, August 13. Graveside service will be Saturday, Sept. 2, 11 a.m., at Resthaven Memorial Park (5740 19th St., Lubbock, Texas, with reception following at St. Paul's Chapel (4215 University Ave., Lubbock).

Showers

Baby Girl Shower for **Tacy Pickard** will be this afternoon from 2-3:30 at **Joanie Chambers'**. Her registry

Frankie Daniel, one of our campus students, who was baptized Wednesday, August 16.

"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." Colossians 2:12

Ways to give

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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***, or on the MRCC App.

Weekly Budget: $106,147 | Avg Weekly Offering: $104,366 | YTD Budget Deficit: $58,777

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