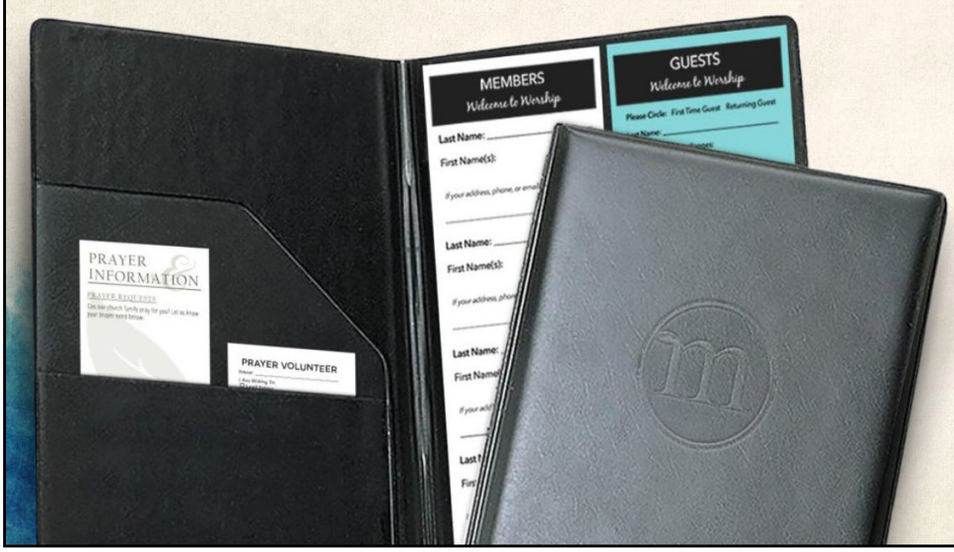
memorial road
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Aug 18 2024

THANK YOU 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 our digital book 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

FIFTH GRADE Studio

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 over their project. Everyone is invited to come by the 5th Grade Studio

display this Sunday morning, August 18th, before or during Bible class. There will be about sixty amazing projects on display in the foyer of the main building. The 5th graders would love the opportunity to share with you what they have learned.

Adopt a college student today!

We are bringing back the college adoption program. MRCC families have the opportunity to "adopt" a few college students for the school year. We love the community this provides within our church and hope you will consider how this could be a blessing to your family.

Visit ***mrcc.org/studentadoption*** to sign up.

Lilyfield

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

AND COMMUNITIES

EmpowerOKC

Join the team as a volunteer!

Mentoring

Child Care

Supply Drives

After School Volunteer

CLICK HERE

for details & to sign up!

MINISTRY UPDATES

MEN'S MINISTRY

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Over the past several years, Todd Wright has done an exemplary job as the director of our Men's Ministry. Under his leadership, the ministry has grown in scope and involvement. Adding opportunities for men to connect through Iron Coffees, grow through spiritual newsletters and men's classes, have fun together through skeet shooting and other activities, and bless our congregation and community through a service project group, Todd has greatly increased the interactions and impact of men at Memorial Road.

Todd has also built a sizeable contingent of leaders who help carry out various Men's Ministry efforts, and now he is handing the Ministry Director role over to one of those men – Russ Brensing. Russ has been deeply involved in the ministry in recent years, particularly as the organizer of the annual Sharpen event, which brings men together each fall for a meal, a speaker, and good conversation. Russ makes for an excellent choice to take over the ministry reins and we look forward to seeing what God will do through his leadership.

A huge thank you to Todd for his dedicated service and to Russ for picking up the mantle! If you'd like to get involved in Men's Ministry, contact Russ at *russellb79@hotmail.com*.

Seeking the Holy Spirit in Small Groups

Everyone is welcome: small group leaders, members of small groups, folks who are visiting our church, or members who want to join a small group.

We'll do a little housekeeping at the beginning, but most of our time will be dedicated to interviewing some of our members about the Holy Spirit.

If we want our small groups to go deeper, I don't think we can accomplish that goal without Spirit-filled small groups.

women's ministry

NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

is Monday, Sept. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up for one of 11 metro area homes (each limited to 20) by Sept. 1 at ***mrcc.org/women.***

HEARTFELT FRIENDS

It's time to sign up to be a Heart Mom or a Heart Sister for 2024-2025. Sign up at ***mrcc.org/women*** or in the foyer by Sept. 2.

Single Women's Activities Group (SWAG)

invites single women to join us for *Paper Piecing on Canvas* at Paper Arts in Edmond on Sun., Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. Register by TODAY at ***mrcc.org/women***. Cost is $12.

Center for Women's Bible Studies (CWBS)

will have nine small groups of *The Gospel of Luke: A Promise Fulfilled* on Thurs. mornings (including one Zoom group). There is also a group on Wed. nights. They begin Sept. 4&5

and end March 12&13. Register at ***mrcc.org/women***.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

this fall include *God of Creation* (Gen. 1-11), *God of Freedom* (Ex. 19-40), and *Becoming Mom Strong*. Register at ***mrcc.org/women*** for these 8-10 week classes that begin Sept. 4.

MEN'S MISSION TRIP

- **Albuquerque Christian Children's Home**

- **September 8 - 13**
- **Men Of All Ages Welcome**
- ***mrcc.org/mensmission***

LOVE One Another

What fun we had at BLAST this year! The day started out for me enjoying all the giggles and singing with Stephen, followed by uncontrollable laughter at the antics of our staff, who really turned it up during the drama for our kiddos. My children couldn't decide which was their favorite. In the words of my five-year-old, "Everything! The show, the bounce house, the balloons, the popsicles, and the putt-putt!" It was also a great chance to put their little hands to work thanking their teachers for the upcoming school year at the station for Orvis Risner Elementary. Families had 16 choices of different service stations to work on a project together that would bless others. Each station represented a ministry work that involved a MRCC member. So many good things went out into our community on Saturday.

I was lucky enough to represent our ministry partner, Lilyfield, and together with the families who volunteered, we put together over 60 boxes with essentials like baby wash, lotion, diaper ointment, a new book, and a little bunny teether! In the next few weeks, these will go to the sweet parents enrolled in our Foundations program who are pregnant or have just recently brought home a new baby. I so enjoyed singing to and rocking baby dolls with my friends who volunteered as we learned together how to bless the babies in our own lives while also blessing those we might not have the privilege to know. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to learn and serve! ~Tiffany Hooper

There is a Lost and Found box behind Information Central with items looking for their owner! August 28 is the last day to claim items. Any items left will be donated.

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

MRCC.ORG/CR
celebraterecovery@mrcc.org

SERMON INFO

Today, Phil will deliver our second message within the Like Stars in the Sky series. This message, based on the division of Israel in 1 Kings 12, will focus on the impact of outside parties in our lives that make us prone to unnecessary conflict. The path to peace begins with identifying these “conflict entrepreneurs” and distancing ourselves from their negative effects.

Nic Grounds will be taking us the place of Golgatha. Join us as we experience this important location in the life of Jesus.

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. Visit the App *mrcc.org/familydevo* for a guide for families.

OTHER NOTES

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!

FAMILY UPDATES

08-18-24

HOSPITALIZED

Daniel Watson, infant grandson of **Cindy Watson & Alan Schinnerer**, is in the NICU at University of Missouri Children's Hospital. His parents are Tyler & Ashley Watson.

Karen Harmon is at Mercy Rehab room 1107 recovering from pneumonia and a fall. She welcomes visitors.

SYMPATHY

Bill Wallis passed away Friday, August 9. Services will be in Tyler, Texas. Date and time of the service has not yet been determined.

SHOWERS

Wedding shower for **Hayla Gainey & Keegan Langdon**, son of **Lee & Aime Langdon**, on Sun., Aug. 18, 2-3:30 pm at Valeri Wedel's. They are registered at https://www.zola.com/wedding/haylaandkeegan/registry

Baby shower for **Leslie Swartz** on Sunday, August 25, 2:00-3:30 pm in the SE Foyer (outside rooms A105/106). Grandparents are **Sam & Sandy Moore**. She is registered at Cinnamon Bears in Edmond, Amazon, and Target.

Ways to give

mrcc.org
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: $111,970 | Avg Weekly Offering: $108,095 YTD Budget Deficit: $124,007