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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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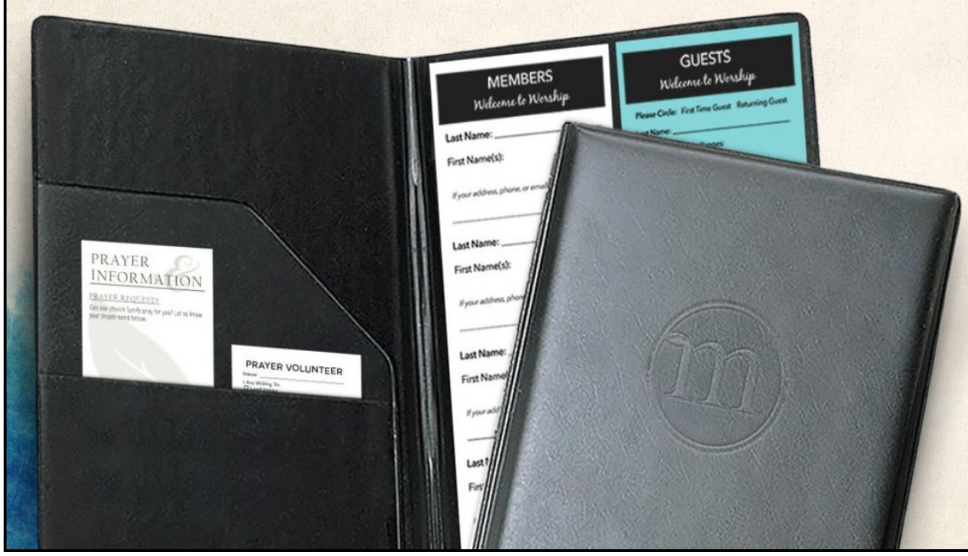


Please take a moment to sign the Welcome Book, located in your pew. Members, please greet any guests seated near you.

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 guests to MRCC, while baskets are for newcomers to your neighborhood.

Deliver a mug or basket today!

FEATURED ITEMS

HURRICANE RELIEF

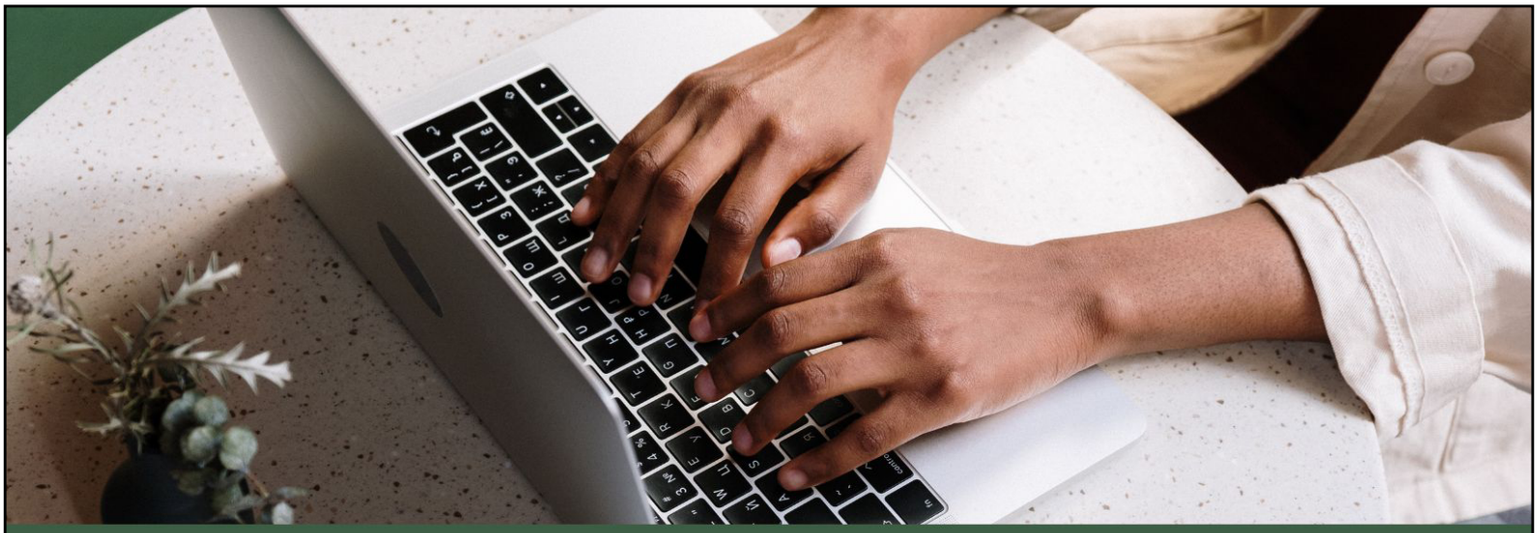
If you would like to contribute to disaster relief related to recent hurricanes, visit ***mrcc.org/give***.

Thank you, Linda!

In 1992, the Memorial Road Church of Christ had 900 members. Howard Norton and Kent

Allen shared our pulpit, and the ministerial staff totaled a team of five. What is now Fellowship Central was our auditorium, and the church offices were located in what is currently our Teachers' Resource Room. There was no Summit building, and the Early Childhood Wing was one story. Our administrative staff worked on small, boxy, vintage McIntosh computers, and there were no cell phones or internet. Much has changed over the last 32 years. And yet one constant, faithful staff member has steadfastly anchored our church office this whole time. Linda Wheeler and Barbara Heath were hired in October of 1992 to job-share the role of lead secretary. Barbara co-worked in that job for 17 years, and in 2009 Linda increased her hours to solely hold the position. Linda has worked with four pulpit ministers and 53 different elders during this tenure, providing executive administrative assistance to our preachers and shepherds. She has managed building reservations and scheduling, playing a key role in the overall functioning of our ministries. She has served church members and the community alike with great grace and a joyful spirit.

As you may know, Linda has been away from the office for a while, undergoing treatment for cancer. That treatment is going well, and we continue to lift Linda and Bob before our Heavenly Father for her healing. Linda is now announcing her retirement after 32 years of faithful service, and we simply can't thank her enough for her dedication. She will be greatly missed. And yet, she will be no stranger. Linda plans to be our "uber-volunteer," filling in when others are out sick or on vacation, and she will continue to serve as a proofreader for our publications and as an office consultant with her unparalleled knowledge of all things MRCC.



MRCC OFFICE JOB OPENING

While we search for Linda Wheeler's replacement, Barbara Heath has graciously agreed to return to her previous role three mornings a week on an interim basis. What a blessing that is. Wanda Neel, who has also worked in our office in the past, will be filling in for Linda on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you, Barbara and Wanda.

If you, or another MRCC member you know, are interested in this opening, please contact **Mark Taylor** in the church office. This position is 20 hours per week, working from 8:00 a.m. till noon, Monday through Friday. The primary duties include overseeing our building scheduling and reservations and providing administrative support for our Elders and our Executive Minister. It also entails routine office duties such as filing, document preparation, answering phone calls, and assisting members who enter the office for day-to-day church business needs.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Trunk or Treat

October 27

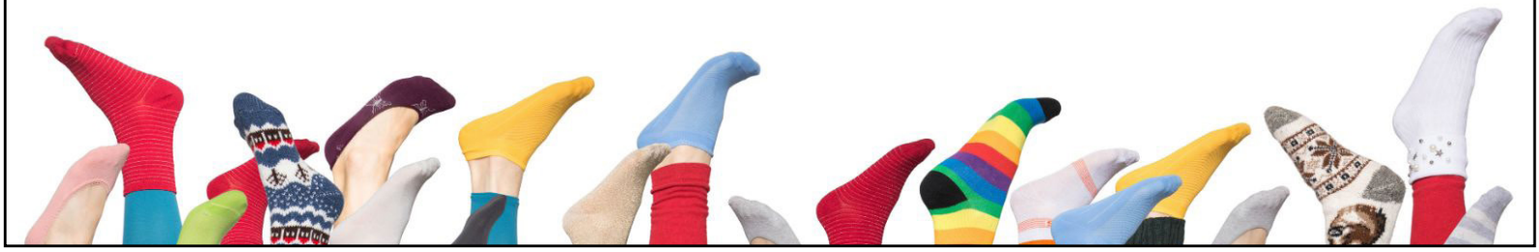
6:00 PM to DUSK

We need lots of candy donations for this event. They can be dropped off in boxes in the foyer.

We also need decorated trunks! Sign up HERE or at *mrcc.org/trunks*.

SOCKS & SHOES DRIVE

The *Socktober* drive is a sock and shoe drive to donate to Citizens Caring for Children, an organization dedicated to helping foster kids in OKC. Socks and shoes, preferably toddler sizes and up, need to be new and can be put into the box labeled "Socktober" at Information Central. Your donations are much appreciated; reach out to organizer Kate Davis at (405)-209-0723 with any questions.



HOLY LAND TOUR INTEREST MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
3 PM IN A122

Phil Brookman and David North are making initial plans to lead a group to the Holy Lands in early summer 2026. Obviously, this trip will be contingent upon the safety of that region and would not happen if circumstances do not change. In fact, first and foremost, we invite you to be in prayer for this devastating war to end. The last few weeks have seen the conflict escalate, and it seems there is no end in sight.

However, if things do settle down and a MRCC Holy Lands trip becomes a possibility, it would require 18–24 months of lead time to make proper preparations. So, in that light, we'd like to invite you to an initial interest meeting on October 27th, at 3 pm, in A122. David and Beverly have led many trips to this area of the world and have extensive knowledge of the various Biblical sites scattered throughout Egypt, Israel, and Jordan. At this initial meeting, you'll be informed about dates, cost, length of trip, sites to visit, and plenty of other helpful information. There is no commitment required for this initial meeting. We just want to get the information out to you so you can think and pray about if you'd like to join us on the journey.

Last week's Men's Ministry Sharpen Event, centered around Dr. Benton's impactful speech, emphasized the necessity of maintaining a solid foundation in Christ. Dr. Benton articulated a compelling vision for men to build their lives on this foundation, encouraging them to seek strength and purpose through faith.

Following his address, participants engaged in meaningful table discussions, fostering camaraderie and allowing attendees to share personal insights and experiences related to faith and leadership.

The evening concluded with Lee Langdon's stirring reminder of the importance of mentorship and legacy, stressing the need to "pass the baton" to the next generation. His call to action inspired attendees to take responsibility in guiding younger men in their spiritual journeys, ensuring that the values of faith and strength endure.

Overall, the event fostered a spirit of unity, growth, and commitment to Christ-centered leadership. To get involved in Sharpen and other Men's Ministry events, reach out to ministry director Russ Brensing at russellb79@hotmail.com.

women's ministry

WOMEN'S PAINTING NIGHT

with **Jessica Stokes** is Thurs., Nov. 7, 6:30-8:30 pm, in S1 in the Summit. The cost is $15. Details and signups are at ***mrcc.org/women*** or Ministry Central through Oct. 30.

NEST for Widows

will have a reorganizational meeting Mon., Oct 14, 6:30-8:30 pm in A120. We will discuss new fellowship opprotunities. All widows are welcome.

QUILTING CONNECTION

meets Thurs., Oct. 17,
9 am to 6 pm (come and go) in
S1 in the Summit. Beginning
and experienced quilters are
welcome. Find details at
mrcc.org/women.

CARE & COUNSELING MINISTRY

Visit mrcc.org/care for details
on all our CARE Ministry offerings

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

If you're the caregiver of a loved one
with Alzheimer's, please consider joining us:

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 3 -5 p.m. in A119
Led by Denise Hawkins

Groups are led by trained facilitators who each have been shaped by how this disease has impacted their families.

DID YOU SEW BAGS???

If you picked up bags to sew for the children in Journey Land, THANK YOU! We need those returned to the Journey Land desk this week so we can use them for our project.

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

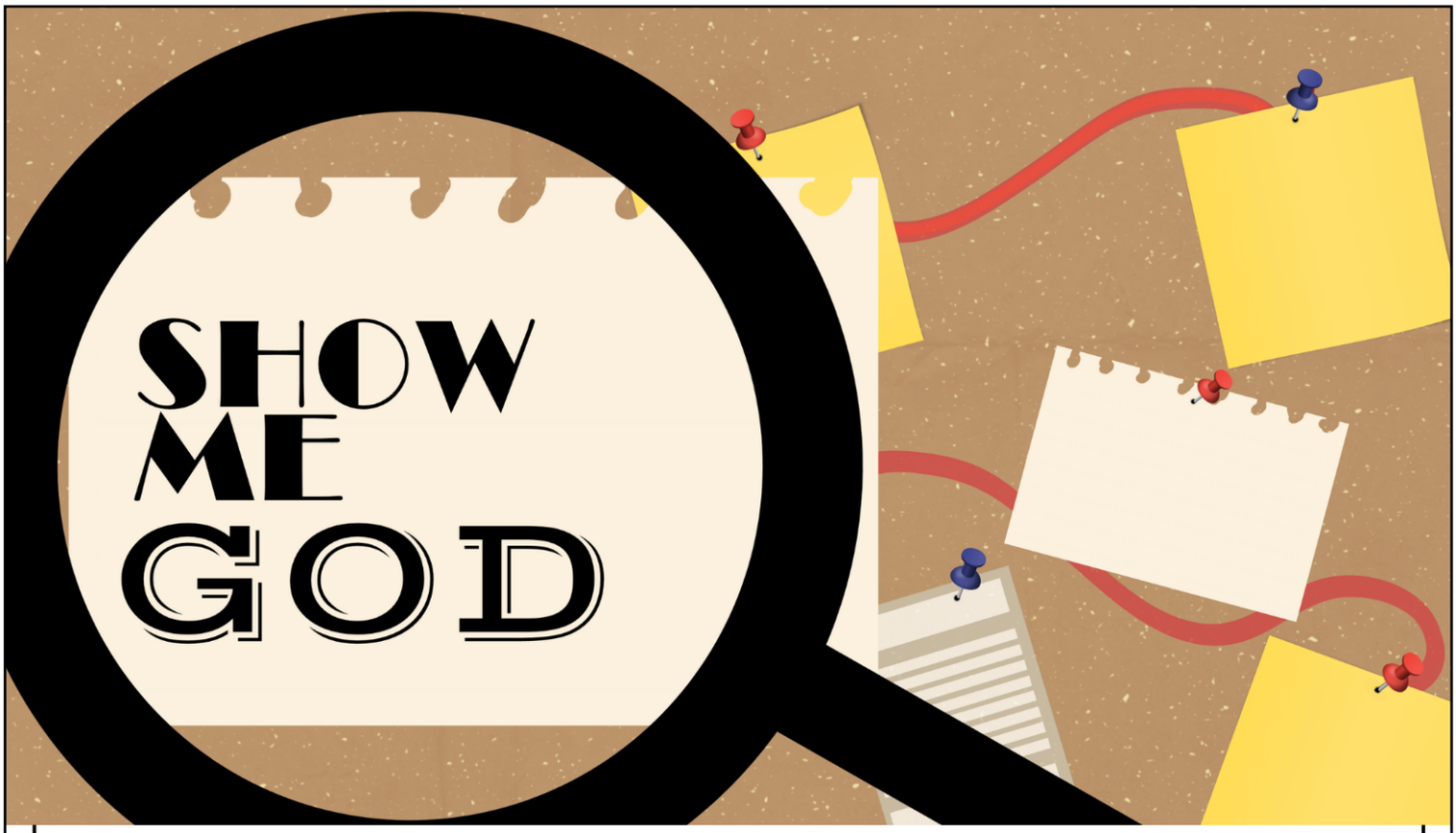
FREE CHILDCARE 6:45-9:15

MRCC.ORG/CR

celebraterecovery@mrcc.org

SERMON INFO

This Sunday, David Duncan, minister with the Memorial church in Houston, will bring us a message encouraging us to share our faith. Scripture reminds over and over the importance of sharing Jesus, and David will give us tips on how to do that well.



“Show me the Holy Spirit!” Who could do that? Is it even possible? After all, He is a spirit. Join us Sunday night at 5 pm as we look at two ways Christians can portray the Holy Spirit in their lives.

OTHER NOTES

If you're ever in the mood for a podcast while washing dishes, doing laundry, taking a walk, or on a drive, you can find **MRCC Sunday Morning Sermons** on all major podcast platforms! It is also a great way to re-listen or catch up on our weekly messages!

You can also access study materials based on these lessons for small groups at ***mrcc.org/dq*** and for families at ***mrcc.org/familydevo*** or on the MRCC App.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

We have a special program for children 3 years - Kinder during the 8:15 & 10:45 services.
Children will be dismissed to attend during the song before the message.

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

10-13-24

PRAYER REQUST

Please be in prayer for...

Lyn Poinsett who was placed on hospice care Oct. 9.

*Visit **mrcc.org/prayerlist** for an extended list of those to keep in your prayers*

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to...

Jeannine Bennett on the death of her son, Jordan Bennett, who was killed in a traffic accident Sept. 27. His funeral will be Thurs., Oct. 24, 11 am at Quail Springs Baptist Church.

Austin Powell family on the death of his father, Charlie Powell, who passed away Oct. 3. He was also brother-in-law to **Marilyn Dobson**. A celebration of Charlie's life will be held Oct. 12 at 10:30 am at the Britton Road Church of Christ.

Barbara Courtney on the passing of her husband, **Ralph Courtney**, Tues., Oct. 8. His funeral is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 9 at 10:30 am at MRCC.

UPDATE

Sharron Coffman has been moved into Jasmine Estates Memory Care in Edmond.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to...

Austin & Emily McRay on the birth of their daughter, **Francine Lovey** on Sept. 14. Grandparents are **Dave & Shelley Kurt**.

SHOWERS

Baby shower for **Kelsey Wilguess** will be Sun., Oct 20, from 2-4 pm at **Zina Siemer's**. She is registered at babylist.com.

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: $107,491 YTD Budget Deficit: $179,149