

reGift
The Gift of the Spirit
 Phil Brookman

Acts 20:28-31

_____ are gifts from God.

_____ is a gift from God.

Acts 20:22

He is not a _____.

Acts 20:23

He is not a _____.

Acts 20:24

He is a _____.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. What would you say are the top qualities for being an elder?
2. Why do you think God established the leadership structure of the church the way he did?
3. Why is the Holy Spirit the most forgotten member of the trinity?
4. Why do you think Jesus said it would be "better" for him to leave and God to send his Spirit?
5. How would your life look different if you were completely "full of the Spirit"?
6. How do you think, in practical terms, we "quench the Spirit" as Paul says in 1 Thessalonians?

FAMILY UPDATES

The monthly Prayer List is available at Information Central and on the Greeters' Stations.

Baptisms:

We rejoice with Breanna Cole, Georgeanna DeShazer, Damishea Martinez, Destiny Webster, Crystal Wilson, Blaze Flesher, Brent Jones, William Jones, Clayton Moore, and Gary Walker, who were all baptized Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Oklahoma County Jail.

Hospitalized:

Nova Elliott is in Valir Rehabilitation Hospital.

Mike Flowers is in Baptist, #1050, with complications from his recent kidney transplant.

Linn Wainner is in OU Edmond, #422.

Victoria Wilguess is in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital, #267, following surgery last week.

Prayer Requests:

Cheryl Caffee is recovering from neck surgery.

Judy Warnick was hospitalized last week.

Jay LeBeau is scheduled for knee replacement surgery tomorrow.

Our Sympathy

is extended to...

Mel & Marly Latorre on the death of Marly's mother, Joana, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Greg & Kelli Mahle on the death of Kelli's mother, Janie Pipes, Monday, Dec. 10.

Other News:

Coats Needed: New and gently-used coats of all sizes (children's and adults') are needed for our Sharing Room. You may take coats directly to the Sharing Room or put them in the box at Information Central.

Thank You:

To Our Family at MRCC: Mother loved this church and all the family here. Your love and concern, prayers and advice, hugs & understanding, is what carried us through the past six-and-a-half years of Mother saying goodbye. Thank you for loving her since the beginning, in 1963.

-In Him, The Family of Bonnie Ellison (Doug & Sherri Hooper, Robbie & Tiffany Hooper, Drew & Mandy Nevius)

New Members

You can find our new members' information on the online community.

Kenneth Wayne & Teresa Ballard **Allana Reames**

Ashley Daubenspeck **Cassie Sikes**

Easton **Tanner Sylvester**

Andrea Davis **Megan Harrell**

Marissa McCurtain *Tad, Nathan, Roxana*

Alan Miller **Jewel Harris**

Lindsay Moore **Johnna Jenkins**

Tyler & Hannah Overman **Diana Polley**

Timothy, Travis, Tia



Wednesday, December 19

Family Christmas WOW, 7 p.m.
 Teens meet as usual
 No children's or Early Bird classes

Sunday, December 23

Combined worship, 9:30 a.m.
 No Bible classes or p.m. worship

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 p.m., auditorium

Wednesday, December 26

No Bible classes
 Buildings closed

Sunday, Dec. 30

Combined worship, 9:30 a.m.
 No Bible classes
 Area-wide worship at MRCC, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 2

No Bible classes



Phil mentioned last week the importance of this season of the year as it relates to the unchurched. One surprising find from a recent survey by Lifeway is that 57% of those who had not planned to attend a Christmas Eve service would likely say yes if they were invited by friends or family. That means there is someone in your life who will be likely to come to our Christmas Eve service if you just ask. The service will be a hope-filled evening catered toward guests. So invite them to "start a new tradition your friends and family will love." Pray that God will use these efforts to further His kingdom.





2019 Purpose Cards & Budget Information

This morning, we are collecting completed Purpose Cards during service. You can pick up your Purpose Card in your pew, at the auditorium exits, or at Information Central. Completed Purpose Cards can be placed in the drop box at Information Central or given to elders, ministers, **Greg Schaefer**, or **Tammy McKeever**. You may also email your purpose card information to Tammy. If you have any questions regarding the cards, you can direct those to *tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org*. To see the full 2019 budget breakdown, copies are available around the auditorium.

Financial Peace University

Could you handle a \$1000 emergency right now? Do you know the types of insurance you need and which ones you don't? Are you sure you are investing correctly for retirement?

After attending Financial Peace University, you will be confident answering all of these questions and many more! If personal finance sounds complicated, don't worry; all you need is a plan.

We will meet every Wednesday evening for 8 weeks, starting January 9th, and discuss every facet of personal finance, making you an expert in no time. Sign up today at *mrcc.org/fpu* and make this year your year. Registration ends on Dec. 26. Limited scholarships are available. Questions? Email **Eric Noland** at *eric.noland@me.com*.

Selecting Additional Elders

The elders believe it is time to select additional elders. We continue to need qualified men who will serve and accept the role of overseer. Recently we have had a number of elders step aside due to family matters, health, or personal reasons. We want to give ample time for the congregation to prayerfully consider qualified men before we start the selection process in early January.

Elders were appointed in each congregation in the early life of the church. In 1 Timothy, 1 Peter, and Titus, we find the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of an elder. These passages teach that each congregation should have men qualified to serve as elders. That elders are to be shepherds of God's flock, serving as overseers - not because they must, but because they are willing. The elder should not be greedy for money, but eager to serve. He must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not disobedient, not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain, hospitable, love what is good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

This congregation has many qualified men - men who soundly and boldly teach the word of God; men who are active in ministries; men who serve as deacons; and other men who possess the qualities of overseer.

MINISTRY UPDATES

If you'd like to learn more about all of MRCC's ministries and the various ways you can serve in them, please pick up a copy of "Ministry Opportunities" at Ministry Central in the main lobby.



Dante's Divine Comedy Book Club: Caleb McCoy will be leading a weekly group through Dante's *Divine Comedy*, starting in January. Meeting time will depend on the schedules of those who'd like to participate. If you're interested, email *caleb.nolan.mccoy@gmail.com*.



Two teachers are needed for a two-year-old class on Sunday mornings during January and February (8 weeks total). The curriculum is provided, and there is no prep work to be done outside of class. If you can help, please email *stephanie.langley@mrcc.org*.



Winter Small Group Bible Study registration is at *mrcc.org/women* or Ministry Central for *Armor of God*, *Keep it Shut*, and *Psalms 23* on Wed. morning (w/child care), *Power of a Focused Heart* on Tuesday/Thursday lunch hour, and *Breathe* on Wed. night. Sign up by December 30.

Body & Soul Fitness winter session is January 7 - March 15, Mondays and/or Fridays, 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the gym. Details at *mrcc.org/women*.

Single Women's Activities Group (SWAG) will have a 2019 Kickoff Dinner meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, 6-8 pm. in the private room of Cafe 7. Details and signup are at *mrcc.org/womens-events*.

Save the Date for our "Having an Unoffendable Heart" brunch on Saturday, Feb. 2, 10-11:30 a.m. Details to come!



Lock-In: Dec. 30; 9 p.m. - 7 a.m. Dec. 31 (7th-12th grades). Cost \$40. Register online by Dec. 28. After deadline cost is \$55.

Winterfest: Jan. 18-20; (9th-12th grades). \$75 deposit due now. For more info, contact **Logan Mayes** (*logan.mayes@mrcc.org*).

Spring Break Ski Trip: March 16-20; (9th-12th grades). \$100 deposit due now. For more info, contact **Brian Plumb** (*brian.plumb@mrcc.org*).

Honduras Mission Trip: May 31 - June 7; (11th-12th grades). \$100 deposit due now. For more info, contact **Logan Mayes** (*logan.mayes@mrcc.org*).



Children's Bible Hour & Worship Nurseries

Creation Station, a Bible hour for children three years through kindergarten, meets in P100 during second service. Children are dismissed from worship prior to the sermon. We also offer an infant nursery for 0-16 months and a toddler nursery for 17-36 months during both services. These nurseries are across from Information Central.

This icon means guests are welcome! We encourage you to be inviters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 19** Family Christmas WOW (no Bible classes)
- 22** Buildings Closed
- 23** Combined Worship, 9:30 a.m. (no classes; no p.m. worship)
Outreach Day at Johnnie's
- 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 p.m., Auditorium
- 24-26** Offices and Buildings Closed
- 26** No Classes

27-28

- Church Offices Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 30** Combined Worship, 9:30 a.m. (no classes)
Annual Area-Wide Worship, 5 p.m., MRCC

January

- 2** No Evening Bible Classes
- 6** Blood Drive, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Gym
Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's
- International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6
- International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym
- Threads of Compassion*, 2 p.m., A123



A TIME FOR OUR GUESTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND TAKE THE NEXT STEPS AT MRCC

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:35 IN THE PARLOR (ROOM A114)

Elders Available:

Jeff Floyd & Jason Garner will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Teal Creek Worship

December 16 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ
December 23 | 2 p.m.
Edmond Church of Christ

Tealridge Assisted

Living Worship
4 p.m. | *bill.luttrell@oc.edu*

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MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- Worship 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
- Bible Class 9:35 a.m.
- First Cup 9:35 a.m.
a time for guests to learn about MRCC

- Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
- Capitol Hill 4:00 p.m.
2801 S. Robinson Ave, OKC, OK, 73109
- QGroups various times
visit *mrcc.org/QGroups* to learn more

WEDNESDAY

- Early Bird Bible Class 5:15 p.m.
- Bible Class | all ages 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms in 2018199

Sunday, December 9

Bible Class1832

A.M. Worship.....2284
P.M. Worship..... 316
QGroups 353
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers.....39
P.M. Total.....708

Wednesday, December 12

Bible Classn/a

Weekly Budget.....\$104,678
Avg Weekly Offering..... \$100,034
YTD Budget Deficit \$227,535

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