

Imagine
Phil Brookman

_____ has a cruel way of destroying _____.

Ephesians 3:16-19

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21).

You are the product of the _____ of God.

Christians should be on the leading edge of _____.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
2. What is one of the most creative things you've ever done?
3. What role does imagination play in the Christian life?
4. What was a dream you had that never came to fruition?
5. If God can do more than we imagine, why is there still so much pain in life?
6. In centuries past, Christians were leaders in art. That is not the case today. Why do you think that is?
7. What is your dream for Memorial Road?

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Hospitalized:

Max Dobson is at Concordia Skilled Nursing on Britton Road. Please check with a family member for visiting times.

Our Sympathy

is extended to...

Elender Shirley on the death of her father, George Shirley, Monday, Feb. 4.

The **Rick Kendrick** family on the death of **Dani's** mother, Norma Cable, Monday, Feb. 4.

Other News:

Giving Statements Available: Members were emailed a link to our online community system to print their giving statement. If you need assistance with your giving statement, please contact **Tammy McKeever** in the church office. If you prefer to have a statement printed for you to pick up or have mailed, please sign up at Information Central, call the church office, or email Tammy at tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to share God's love.

Free Tax Consultation: One of our members, **Louise Beyer**, and the Edmond Community Center are offering a free Tax Counseling service in the coming weeks. With the exception of military and international returns, most anyone can receive assistance. The service is offered at the Edmond Community Center (28 E Main St) from Feb. 2 to Apr. 15 on Mondays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.



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.



MUG SOMEONE TODAY!

Members, don't forget to stop by Information Central after worship to see if there are any mugs you can deliver today.



It has been one year since we launched *Imagine* — our ambitious, three-year campaign to eliminate debt in order to do more ministry. From a slew of great ministry ideas that you submitted, we presented 12 as potential areas where eliminating or greatly reducing our debt would allow us to do more to honor God and bless others. And when we initiated the campaign with a pledge drive, you responded in a big way. It's been a very successful first year, which the following numbers show:

\$2,781,245.....	Amount Pledged
\$1,350,013.....	Amount Donated from Pledges
\$108,731.....	Amount Donated above Pledges
\$1,458,744.....	Total Amount Received and Deposited
\$2,783,422.....	Remaining Debt

You can join *Imagine* at any time as we head into our second year and continue to discern where freed up funds can best be used. Maybe you're new to MRCC this past year. Maybe you're newly positioned to contribute. Maybe you want to adjust what you've already pledged. Feel free to pick up an *Imagine* packet from Information Central. It contains all the information about the campaign as well as a pledge card, which you can return in the drop box or to **Tammy McKeever** any time. Or contact Tammy at tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org with any questions you have. Your resounding support of this effort, even as we continue to give toward our weekly budget, Missions Sunday, and various benevolence and disaster needs, is truly impressive and appreciated. We're grateful to God and look forward to seeing what's in store as the campaign progresses. Thank you!



Spiritual Disciplines Retreat

Join us for *Refuge: A Spiritual Disciplines Retreat* March 8 - 10, at Sequoyah State Park in Hulbert, Oklahoma. The weekend will start at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 8, and conclude at about 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 10.

The cost is \$125/person, which includes two nights' accommodation, all meals and snacks, and the activities and content of the weekend. If you would like to attend but need assistance to do so, we have some scholarships available - just let **Debbie Carter** or **Andy Lashley** know. If you'd like to help with scholarship funds, also contact Andy or Debbie.

Registration is open; please contact Debbie at 405-607-6470 or debbie.carter@mrcc.org to make reservations and ask questions.

If you are interested in riding to/from the retreat in a church vehicle, please let Debbie know. If enough people are interested, we'll take a van or bus. Learn more about the retreat at mrcc.org/refuge.

FaceTime Phone-Free Game Night

Our family loves game nights; the opportunity to sit down, chat while playing, and have fun with friends is something we treasure and really enjoy. It's a wonderful way to connect better in a casual, relaxed setting. The FaceTime event last Saturday evening was such a fun, large-scale game night! Everyone brought their favorite games to share with one another - Ticket to Ride, Sequence, Banagrams, Avalon, Headbanz, just to name a few. There was ping-pong, a bouncy castle for the kids, and great snacks to munch on. It was refreshing to see everyone having fun together - and no devices in sight! We gathered around tables with people we knew, and we also had the pleasure of meeting new friends that we might never have met otherwise. The evening ended with a declaration that we will use our phones, but will not allow our phones to use us. So many people mentioned they would like to spend time together like this more often. What a fun culmination to the *Break Up With Your Phone* series!
-Faith Murrell

Serve Midtown Church and Heritage Church of Christ Updates

The church in Midtown recently had a family day. We prayed over our newest two babies, along with their parents, and committed as a church family to our role in their lives and growth. Also on that day, we invited everyone to sign up for ministries, small groups, and to fill out purpose cards so the church can plan a budget. Once every other month the church meets for the Lord's Supper and then goes out into the neighborhood to serve in various ways. We also continue to serve the refugee family we adopted as they settled in our city. Attendance has doubled since we started, so continued growth will require a bigger meeting place and a full-time minister in the future. Please join us in praying about those needs.
-Terry Fischer

Heritage Church of Christ is off to an exciting 2019 as we continue to work and grow up in north Edmond. From an average attendance of 70 in July of last year at the Heritage Elementary School, we've grown to an average Sunday attendance of 120. Over the past year we've welcomed 17 new family units to our membership from the north Edmond, south Logan County, and Guthrie areas. The new year has also provided us the opportunity to begin our own Wednesday gathering at the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center in north Edmond. We currently average 70 of every age. Lastly, we've hired a local architecture firm to master plan our future home on the 9.5 acres off North Broadway. In a few months we'll have a much clearer direction of our future building plans. God continues to bless our young church, and we are forever grateful for your prayers and support.
-Jeff Bingham

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

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.



 **Father/Daughter Princess Tea:** A royal invitation has been issued for all girls ages 3-5 and their Honorable Escorts (dad or grandpa). Tea and cake will be served Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., and the coach will turn back into a pumpkin at 8:00. Wear your finest attire and be prepared to be treated like a princess! \$10 for members, community guests are free! Register online at mrcc.org/children.



 **NEST for Widows** meets tomorrow, 7-8:30 p.m. in A105-6, with optional dinner at 5:30 at Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe. Details at mrcc.org/women or contact **Lori Walle** at 405-213-4725 for more info.

 **Spring Small Group Bible Studies:** Register at mrcc.org/women or Ministry Central for classes starting in March. Options include *The Best Yes*, *Breathe, Keep It Shut*, and *Psalms 23* on Wed. a.m.; *Unglued* on Thursday lunch hour; and *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* and *Keep It Shut* on Wed. night. Study guides may be viewed or purchased at Ministry Central.



6th Grade Bridge Event: Today, Feb. 3, 6-8 p.m.; Summit Gym. Cost \$5 per person. Enjoy inflatables and pizza.

 **Jr. High Pick-Me-Up:** Feb. 13, for Cimarron students. Look for the MRCC church van in the school parking lot. If you plan to come, let **Kurtis** know (kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org).

 **Wednesday Hangout & Dinner:** Feb. 13, Dinner (Pizza); cost \$3/person at 5:30 p.m. (lounge opens at 2:30 p.m.).

Huddles: Feb. 13; Jr. High meet at 7 p.m. at the Summit. Sr. High meet at 6:30 p.m. at assigned homes.

Spring Break Ski Trip: 2nd payment (\$100) due now. Make payments online.

CHRISTeens: Feb. 22-24 (7th-8th grades). Balance due Feb. 17. Make payments online. For more info, contact **Kurtis Dobbs** (kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org).

United In Christ Shutdown Assistance Drive

With many in our area affected by the recent government shutdown, some of the churches involved in *United In Christ* are putting together a drive for food and other essentials to help families that could use a hand. Even though the partial shutdown has technically ended, some time lags are likely before many of the affected government employees receive their back pay. The Eastside congregation is coordinating donations and is asking for things such as food (canned or boxed items, bread, dry milk); toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, soap, lotion, etc.); and baby care items (diapers, formula, wipes, jars of baby food). You can deliver items to the Eastside Church of Christ (1501 NE 36th, OKC) on Mon. - Fri. from 9:30 a.m. to noon, or you can bring items to the box at Information Central and we will take items to Eastside.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

10
Brother's Keeper Group Meetings
World Bible School Day at Johnnie's

11
NEST for Widows, 7 p.m., A105/6

12
OCWA Monthly Coffee, 10 a.m., Art Gallery at OC (all ladies invited)
Father/Daughter Princess Tea, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Central

20
Teacher Training Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Central

21
Quilting Connection Group, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (come-and-go), S1

OCWA Chili Supper, 5-7 p.m., Fellowship Central

24
Outreach Day at Johnnie's

Baby Boy Shower for Kailey King, 2-3:30 p.m., Parlor

March

3
International Worship 11 a.m., A105/6

International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym

Baby Shower for Tara Nell, 2-3:30 p.m., Zina Siemer's

Bridal Shower for Addi Floyd, 2-3:30 p.m., Heidi Garner's

Bridal Shower for Crystal Marshall, fiancée of Austin Powell, 2-3:30 p.m., Parlor



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:

Tom Poteet & Doug Rice

will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5 p.m. worship.

Teal Creek Worship

February 10 | 2 p.m.

Edmond Church of Christ

February 17 | 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 2019 13

Sunday, February 3

Bible Class 1863

A.M. Worship 2256
P.M. Worship 342
QGroups 421
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers 32
P.M. Total 795

Wednesday, February 6

Bible Class 1164

Weekly Budget \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering \$102,795
YTD Budget Deficit \$19,846

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