

**Cross Words**

Jesus was a teacher until the very end. On the cross, as he labored through his final hours of life, Jesus uttered some of his most breath-taking words. "Father, forgive them." "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" "It is finished." These utterances were not the random cries of a lunatic on the brink of death; they were Jesus's own way of instructing others about what was happening to him at precisely the moment it happened. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at these statements in a series called Cross Words. What better way to understand the magnitude of the cross than by listening to the one who hung there. After all, Jesus was a teacher until the very end.

**Cross Words: Forsaken**

Phil Brookman

*From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") (Matthew 27:45-46).*

The crucifixion is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

The crucifixion is God's \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross (Colossians 1:19-20).*



**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP**

1. What is your worst experience involving a shot?
2. What is your reaction to the discussion of the substitution of crosses for syringes?
3. How do you react to the idea that Jesus screamed?
4. How do you respond to God's way of dealing with suffering the way he did? What is your biggest question about the suffering of God? How would you have done it differently?
5. How might the deep meaning of the crucifixion make a difference for you on a practical, day-to-day level?

**FAMILY UPDATES**

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

**Hospitalized:**

**Gladys Burcham** is in skilled nursing at Bradford Village; Room #105, 906 North Boulevard, Edmond, OK 73034.

**Margaret Whaley** is in Bellevue Health & Rehab, #920.

John McCormack, former member and brother of **Joe McCormack**, is in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital, #236, following surgery last week.

**Showers:**

Bridal Shower for **Morgan Arledge** (daughter of **Kevin & Carrie Jane Arledge**), fiancée of **John Moehlenbrock** (son of **Todd & D'Ann Moehlenbrock**), will be next Sunday, March 31, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Sydney McMillon's**. They are registered at Dillard's, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.

Bridal Shower for Ashley Hambrick, fiancée of **Drake Green** (son of **David & Darra Green**), will be next Sunday, March 31, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Beverly North's**. They are registered at Dillard's and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Bridal Shower for **Bailey Thomas**, daughter of **Mark & Debbie Thomas**, will be next Sunday, March 31, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Jo Harmon's**. She is registered at Target, Dillard's, and Crate & Barrel.

**Other News:**

**Harmony 2019:** Did you attend a Church of Christ affiliated university? Do you want to attend one? Then come watch Harmony 2019 on Saturday, March 30 at 7:00 pm in room S1 in the Summit. Come and see participating universities' "Spring Sing" equivalents and live performances from talented alumni and students from these schools. Emceed by Tommy from The Skit Guys! Reserve your free ticket at [www.harmonizecommunity.org](http://www.harmonizecommunity.org).

Emily Cochran & Tyler Clark

**Invite a Friend to Church!**



According to research, for most people who come to know Jesus an important early step was an invitation from a family member or friend to worship. So, let's be inviters. You will see this icon next to events or programs in the bulletin that are especially good for guests. Maybe your invitation will be someone's first step toward Jesus.



**Get The MRCC APP Today!**

Download the MRCC app to see what's new this week, get info for guests, listen to sermons, and more. Search for "Memorial Road Church of Christ" or "MRCC" in your App store or go to [mrcc.org/apps](http://mrcc.org/apps). (Be sure to enable push notifications to receive important alerts and updates.)

**Proposed Elders and Their Wives**

The elders are happy to place before you the following five men for final consideration as elders. We believe they and their wives are godly people who will take this responsibility seriously. We ask you to pray prior to their appointment, which will take place next Sunday. If there are any scriptural objections why these men should not serve, those objections must be written, signed, and given to one of our current elders by this Friday, March 29, at 5 p.m. We thank the congregation for your input, support, and prayers in this process.



**Robert & Julie Edwards** began worshipping at MRCC five years ago when they moved to Edmond from Iowa. Both have been active in teaching at MRCC, Robert in various adult classes and Julie in the preschool. They participate in other ministries as well, including Capitol Hill, Mission trips, and Women's ministry. They have 5 children: Amanda Bodine, Kristi Wilson, and Erica, Alex, and Nadia Edwards; and 3 grandchildren. Robert works for Leidos, a large government contractor, and Julie is a stay-at-home grandma.



**Byron & Tammy Newberry** have been at MRCC since 2001. Byron serves regularly as an adult Bible class teacher, is a member of the HIM Worker Committee, and also sits on the Adult Education Planning Committee. Tammy is a regular teacher in Journey Land. They have two children, Isaac and Olivia. Byron serves as the Dean of Engineering and Computer Science at Oklahoma Christian University and Tammy is a pre-K teacher at John Ross Elementary.



**Greg & Carrie Schaefer** have been members here since 1995, except for a few years when they lived out of state. Their daughter Isabel is a high school senior and member of the youth group's Lead Team. The Schaefers help lead a QGroup, served as co-leaders of MRCC's *GoMission* initiative, Greg serves as our Finance Ministry director, and they enjoy working with our annual Thanksgiving Day in the City project. Greg works at MidFirst Bank and Carrie works at OC, where Isabel plans to attend in the fall.



**Brent & Amy Scott** have three daughters: Madison attends Harding University, Olivia is a senior at Edmond Memorial High School, and Sophia is in 5th grade at Russell Daugherty. They have attended MRCC since 2009. Brent is currently a deacon and teaches adult classes and assists the Children's and Youth ministries. Brent is an ENT physician and Amy has been one of the children's ministers for Journey Land since 2011.



**Harold & Sally Shank** have been members at MRCC on several different occasions. Harold was one of our first youth ministers and has also previously served as an elder here. He works as a consultant for several faith-based organizations. Sally speaks frequently at women's events and is active in our Center for Women's Bible Study. They have two sons, Daniel and Nathan, and four grandchildren.



**Orvis Risner Tutors Finish School Year Strong**

MRCC volunteers recently completed our fifth year of tutoring at Orvis Risner Elementary School. Twenty-seven volunteers helped thirty-one students each Tuesday after school to practice their reading skills, as well as learn new board games, sports skills, and crafting. Each third grader had their own personal tutor for thirty minutes of direct attention and reading practice. What a blessing for both the tutor and student to get to know and share with each other! For the other half of our time, students were in small groups learning to do something new. After being in school all day, the kids really enjoyed playing soccer or basketball, learning Chinese checkers or dominoes, or making an art or craft. The volunteers who led these groups did a fantastic job of creating a fun time for the students. We look forward to next school year and hope you'll join us! Contact **Megan Eck** at [kcecks@yahoo.com](mailto:kcecks@yahoo.com) for information.

**Test Monitors Needed**

Volunteers are needed April 1-10, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., to serve as test monitors at our adopted school, Orvis Risner Elementary, 2801 S Rankin, Edmond. To sign up, please visit <https://bit.ly/2UDhpbzw>. For questions, contact **Preston Ackerman**, at [psackerman@gmail.com](mailto:psackerman@gmail.com).

**Parenting Seminar Set for April 12 and 13**

We plan for dinner. We plan for retirement. We plan for our kids' college tuition. But how much do we plan for our children's spiritual future? In this parenting seminar you'll learn practical, biblical insights and tools to help you raise your children to know and love God and to remain faithful to the Word. This seminar will help parents of children of all ages who are living at home. You will finish the seminar with a robust written plan to lead the way in your children's spiritual formation.

The seminar will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12, and 8:30 to noon on Saturday, April 13. Register online at [mrcc.org/parenting](http://mrcc.org/parenting) by April 4. Cost is \$10 to cover materials provided. Childcare for both sessions will be free for children up through 11 years old.

For several years, **Stafford North, Larry Scott,** and **Mike O'Neal** have been developing a strategy for parents to use in the spiritual development of their children. At the seminar parents will learn how to use this plan and begin developing a specific path for their children.



Connecting people to the hope, strength, and healing of Jesus Christ. CR meets every Friday evening: dinner at 6, worship at 7, groups at 8. Find out more details at [mrcc.org/cr](http://mrcc.org/cr). Change is possible.

**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.



**Sharing God's Word With Children:** For the past several years, through our Missions Sunday contribution, we have been blessed to partner with and support the good work of **Mary Nelson** and her [missionbibleclass.org](http://missionbibleclass.org) website, which provides free teaching resources for small churches around the world. Now we are pleased to host Mary's one-day, practical workshop on how to teach children in small churches, house groups, mission sites, and at home. The seminar is Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Central. There is a \$10 fee for materials and lunch. The registration deadline is April 6 at [mrcc.org/workshop](http://mrcc.org/workshop).

**Eastern European Mission** is hosting it's annual Oklahoma City Area Event on Tuesday, April 2, at the Gaylord University Center on the campus of Oklahoma Christian. It's going to be a remarkable evening. The presentation theme is "A New Day," based on this scripture: "A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful," Luke 1:78. To register, visit [www.eem.org/events](http://www.eem.org/events). Scroll down to April 2, OKC Event, click the "register" button, and provide the required information.



✉ **Body & Soul Fitness** spring session starts tomorrow and/or Friday, 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the gym. Details and costs are at [mrcc.org/women](http://mrcc.org/women). Try the first class with no obligation. Free child care with registration.

✉ **Spring RefreshHER** dinner reservations are closed, but ladies may come at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday to Fellowship Central for the program.

✉ **SWAG Game Night** is Saturday at 5 p.m. in the home of **Mary Jo Jones**. Details and signups are at [mrcc.org/women](http://mrcc.org/women) in "Events & Programs."

✉ **Women Walking With God** is April 12-13 in Wichita, Kansas. For details on this annual women's conference, go to [womenwalkingwithGod.org](http://womenwalkingwithGod.org).



✉ **Cimarron Shuttle:** March 27, Cimarron students—look for church vans in the Pepperdine cul-de-sac after school for a ride to church/hangout; invite friends!

✉ **Jr. High Pick-Me-Up:** March 27, for Heartland. Look for the MRCC church van in the school parking lot. If you plan to come, let **Kurtis** know ([kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org](mailto:kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org)).

✉ **Wednesday Hangout & Dinner:** March 27, Dinner (Lasagna); cost \$3/person at 5:30 p.m. (lounge opens at 2:30 p.m.).

✉ **Huddles Groups:** Meet March 27. Jr. High meet at the Summit at 7 p.m. Sr. High meet in designated homes at 6:30 p.m.

✉ **Memorial Madness:** March 31, 2-4 p.m., Summit Gym.

**6th Grade Bridge Day Camp:** April 6, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp. Cost \$15. Register online. For more info, contact **Kurtis** ([kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org](mailto:kurtis.dobbs@mrcc.org)).



**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March**

**24**

Outreach Day at Johnnie's

**26**

RefreshHER, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Central

**31**

Bridal Shower for Ashley Hambrick, fiancée of Drake Green, 2-3:30 p.m., Beverly North's

Bridal Shower for Bailey Thomas, 2-3:30 p.m., Jo Harmon's

Bridal Shower for Morgan Arledge, fiancée of John Moehlenbrock, 2-3:30 p.m., Sydney McMillon's

**April**

**5-6**

Empowered to Connect Simulcast, F.C.

**7**

Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's

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

International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym

Baby Boy Shower for Kaitlyn Knedler, 2-3:30 p.m., Logan Mayes'

Threads of Compassion, 2 p.m., A123

**8**

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

**9**

OCWA Monthly Coffee, 10 a.m., Art Gallery at OC (all ladies invited)

**10**

Journey Land Teacher Training Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Potter's Room

**12-13**

Parenting Seminar, 6:30-8:30 Friday in A122, 8:30-noon Saturday in A105



**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:**

**Jason Garner** and **Bob Harmon**

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

**Teal Creek Worship**

March 24 | 2 p.m.

**New Beginnings - Greg Schaefer**

March 31 | 2 p.m.

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**Tealridge Assisted**

**Living Worship**

4 p.m. | [bill.luttrell@oc.edu](mailto: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](http://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..... 35

**Sunday, March 17**

Bible Class ..... 1325  
A.M. Worship..... 1743  
P.M. Worship .....283  
QGroups ..... 137  
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers.....22  
P.M. Total..... 442

**Wednesday, March 20**

Bible Class ..... 594  
Weekly Budget..... \$106,764  
Avg Weekly Offering.... \$106,486  
YTD Budget Deficit .....\$3,066

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