

Cross Words

"Today you will be with me in paradise"

Phil Brookman

To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life which is in the paradise of God (Rev. 2:7).

_____ awaits you after death.
 _____ awaits you after the second coming.

Therefore encourage each other with these words (1 Thess. 4:18).

The passion of the Christ reveals the passion of Christ



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT HOME OR IN QGROUP

1. Where have you been on earth that is the closest to Paradise as you imagine it?
2. How do you sort out the various teachings about the afterlife in the New Testament?
3. Do you think God's future world promised in scripture relates to the present world? Does heaven have bearing on what we do now? (Read 1 Corinthians 15 for more depth, paying attention to how the final verse relates to the rest of the chapter.)
4. How would you describe the evangelistic temperature of the church over the last 50 years?
5. Why do you think there is a decline in the church's collective concern for the lost?
6. What do you think it would take to rekindle that desire?

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Baptisms:

We rejoice with Kenneth Bell, who was baptized Sunday, April 21, at the Clara Waters Community Correctional Center.

Hospitalized:

Gladys Burcham is moving back to Tealridge Assisted Living, #A13, this week.

Kay Elder is in Deaconess Rehab, #340.

Our Sympathy is extended to...

The **Dennis Kelly** family on the death of **Elaine's** mother, Lena Faye Denson, Tuesday, April 23, in Ada..

Showers:

Bridal Shower for **Danielle Jackson** (daughter of **Ricky & Ronna Jackson**), fiancée of Zach Ruff, is this afternoon from 2 - 3:30 in the Parlor. She is registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Amazon.

Bridal Shower for **Brennan Mitchell** (daughter of **Barry & Lynn Mitchell**), fiancée of Scott Davis, will be next Sunday, May 5, 2-3:30 p.m., at **Beverly North's**. She is registered at Dillard's, Target, and Amazon.

Other News:

Invitation: We are invited to the 50th Anniversary Reception for **John & Connie Maple** next Sunday, May 5, 2-4 p.m., in Fellowship Central. Cards only please.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is set for Tuesday, May 14, at 6:45 a.m. in Fellowship Central. \$3 suggested donation per person.

The date of our **Spring Food Drive** has been changed to Sunday, May 19.

Camp Rock Creek Cleaning Supply Drive: Camp Rock Creek is a campground in Norman where we hold our Inside Out summer camps every year. In order to help maintain their grounds, we are collecting cleaning supplies including: Pine Sol, scented kitchen trash bags, new brooms, Clorox wipes (large containers), 42-gallon heavy-duty contractor trash bags, antibacterial hand soap (in dispensers). Please drop off these items in the boxes located near Information Central.



Celebrate Recovery
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Fifth Church Planted in Campinas, Brazil

It has always been the Guanabara congregation's plan to multiply and begin church plants. The Guanabara congregation began 19 years ago this April. God has blessed the Guanabara congregation. It now has 260 members!

In 2010 the Campo Grande congregation was started. With the Lord's blessings, this congregation now has 85 members and an attendance of 100 every Sunday. The Simonesia congregation was started in 2011. With the Lord's blessing, this congregation now has 28 members and an attendance of 30 every Sunday. Both Campo Grande and Simonesia have their own permanent buildings—completely paid for—and are functioning on their own.

In 2017 the Campo Grande congregation began the Monte Mor congregation. This new work is in the city of Monte Mor, a city of 60,000 people about 20 miles from Campinas. A theology course was taught at Campo Grande and the "pastor" of a small church in Monte Mor attended and was converted to Jesus. He then converted the ones that attended that small Pentecostal congregation. We now have 18 members of the Lord's church meeting in Monte Mor!

This past March, the Ouro Verde congregation was started. Ouro Verde (meaning "green gold") is a neighborhood in Campinas with a population of 240,000. Twenty-two members of the Guanabara congregation live in this area. We were able to rent a very nice place which seats close to 100 people, and we have already begun a theology course in this building. About 45 visitors are attending the theology course. What a great way to begin a new church plant! Our plans are to begin a worship service in the evenings in this new facility in August 2019. The members that live in this area will continue to worship with Guanabara for at least one year before gradually attending only the Ouro Verde congregation.

This is truly a dream come true! Please keep all of these works in your prayers. Thank you for your love for our family and for helping us to share the good news of Jesus. We love all of you. **-Allen Dutton**



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 JULY 14 | EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED



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

LTC Wraps Another Year

Last weekend, 90 students in 3rd-12th grade participated in Leadership Training for Christ in Dallas. Since January, they have been preparing for this event by studying the book of John. They tested their Bible knowledge Friday night during Bible Quiz and Bible Bowl. Saturday was filled with team and individual events including: Bible Reading, Drama, Puppets, Song Leading, Signing for the Deaf, and Chorus; along with viewing of art, scrapbooks, children's books, and sculptures that were made pre-convention.

Saturday night we gathered to applaud all of their accomplishments. There were lots of chocolate bars handed out, along with tons of gold, silver, and bronze medals! The weekend ended with an LTC-wide worship service featuring some of our own students! Other highlights included the first ever stair challenge, and the guest appearance of Isaac Newton! Shout out to **Billy & Linda Brown** for once again keeping us well-fed at the convention (and thanks to the many snack providers for our Sunday rehearsals). Thanks, too, to all of the coaches, parents, and organizers for another great year of LTC!
-Emily McKnight

MRCC Streaming Moving From LiveStream To YouTube

Beginning next Sunday, May 5, we will have a new online location for our Sunday morning worship live streams. For the past several weeks we have been streaming our services at both *LiveStream.com* and on our YouTube channel. Next Sunday, we will move exclusively to YouTube, and the *LiveStream.com* option will no longer be available. You can easily access the YouTube channel from our *mrcc.org* homepage, bookmark *youtube.com/memorialroad* directly, or visit Memorial Road's channel on the YouTube app to view live streams of either Sunday morning service each week, if you can't be with us in person. We will also use the YouTube outlet to continue to stream events like WOW. We hope this move will help as we work to improve our streaming experience. And with YouTube already functioning as one of our primary online outlets, it should provide a more convenient location to view live events, archived sermons, and other MRCC videos.



This icon indicates an event is guest-friendly. Invite someone today.

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.



Allen & Robin Dutton, our missionaries serving in Campinas, Brazil, will be with us for their furlough through May 1. If you'd like to host them for a meal, please go to *mrcc.org/duttonmeals* and sign up for a date and time. If you have any questions, please contact **Brent Nichols** at (405) 779-9459 or *Brent@BrentNichols.net*. Due to Robin's severe allergies, if you have strong scents or fragrances in your home, or pets, we ask that you consider taking them to a restaurant.



From Chore to Core: Sign up at *mrcc.org/women* or Ministry Central, then check in tomorrow night from 6-6:30 in the Fellowship Central lobby. Enjoy healthy snack samples, a talk by **Elizabeth Mullins**, and up to two 30-minute breakout classes. Bring your water bottle and any equipment required for your classes. No charge to attend, but registration is required. Disclaimer forms will be signed for the six exercise classes, which are offered along with Christian Meditation and Naturally Healthy Eating.

Women's Events Bookmark: Stop by Ministry Central for a bookmark listing the 2019 dates for women's fellowship opportunities.



Cimarron Shuttle: May 1, 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: May 1, for Sequoyah. 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: May 1, Dinner (Chick-fil-A); cost \$3/person at 5:30 p.m. (lounge opens at 2:30 p.m.).

Wichita Work Camp: \$75 deposit due TODAY! (Late fee will be applied after today); Register online. June 3-7 for current 7th & 8th grade students.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

One in ten people over age 65 live with Alzheimer's dementia. Statistics indicate that in the next 25 years most of us will be immediately affected by this disease among those we love. The Care & Counseling Ministry is exploring offering a new support group for caregivers of a loved one with Alzheimer's. As we explore the details of this potential support group, we are seeking facilitators to lead a once- or twice-a-month support group, and we're curious to know the level of interest in participating in such a support group at MRCC. If you are interested in facilitating or participating, or have questions, please e-mail **Jenny.Jones@mrcc.org**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

28

Outreach Day at Johnnie's

Bridal Shower for Danielle Jackson, 2-3:30 p.m., Parlor.

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From Chore to Core Ladies Event, 6:30-8:30 p.m., F.C.

May

2

Sonshine School Program, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

5

Heartbeat for Hope Day at Johnnie's International Worship, 11 a.m., A105/6

International Potluck, 12 p.m., Gym

50th Anniversary Reception for John & Connie Maple, 2-4 p.m., F.C.

Bridal Shower for Brennan Mitchell, 2-3:30 p.m., Beverly North's

Threads of Compassion, 2 p.m., A123

7

Mother/Son Western BBQ, 6:30 p.m., F.C

12

Mother's Day

World Bible School Day at Johnnie's

13

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

14

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:45 a.m., F.C.

16

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

19

Spring Food Drive



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 and **Doug Rice**

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

Teal Creek Worship

April 28 | 2 p.m.

Edmond Church of Christ

May 5 | 2 p.m.

Forever 50 Something - Kevin Turner

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.....48

Sunday, April 21

Bible Class 1559
A.M. Worship..... 2339
P.M. Worship 218
QGroups 149
MRCC Capitol Hill Volunteers..... 10
P.M. Total..... 377

Wednesday, April 24

Bible Class 1025

Weekly Budget..... \$106,764
Avg Weekly Offering.....\$104,917
YTD Budget Deficit\$29,561

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