



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!



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

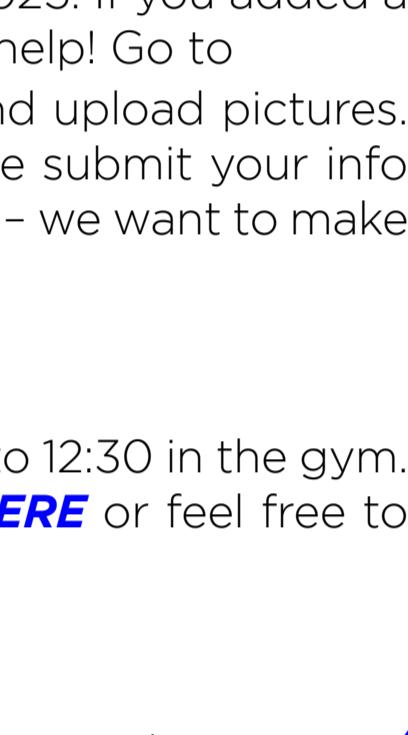
First Cup is an opportunity for newcomers to learn more about MRCC

Sundays at 9:35 a.m. in the Welcome Center *Will return Jan. 4*

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!

MINISTRY UPDATES

SUPPLIES FOR VILLAGE OF HOPE

A mission team is heading to Village of Hope Orphanage in Ghana, west Africa on January 28th and some supplies are needed:

- Band-Aids (regular size)
- Neosporin (small)
- Dry erase markers
- Pencils (sharpened, new)

Supplies can be dropped in the tub at Information Central by Jan. 25. Monetary donations can be given to Aubrie Ross, Judi Lashley, or via Venmo @heartbeat4hope.

Thank you so much for the countless ways you have encouraged, loved, and supported the children at Village of Hope over the years!

FOSTER & ADOPTION TUTORING PROGRAM

MRCC is re-launching the tutoring program for foster and adoptive families. Our amazing tutors and mentors are ready to support your kids! The program is designed for children in 1st-5th grade, but if your child falls outside this range and could benefit from tutoring, please reach out. Additionally, if you're a foster or adoptive family with a bio child who might benefit, they are welcome to register as well.

- **When:** Wednesdays, January–May, 5:15–6:15 PM
- **After Tutoring:** Kids will head directly to Bible class
- **Meals:** Provided each week
- **Cost:** FREE for MRCC members
- **Spots Available:** 20
- **Registration:** [CLICK HERE](#)

Fri, Dec. 19.

Spots are limited, so register soon! Contact ministry director **Janet Irvin** at mrccfoster@gmail.com with any questions.

HEALTH & WELLNESS SEMINAR // JANUARY 22

On Thurs., Jan. 22 from 5-6 pm, our Senior Adult Ministry is hosting a free seminar that is open for people of any age to attend. Ken Ellis, a 65-year diabetes survivor and author of multiple books, will be presenting on "Managing Diabetes the Uplifting Wisdom Way." If you or your loved ones are affected by this disease, you'll be blessed by Ken's practical health tips, daily blueprint for diabetes management, and offering of scientific research and Biblical wisdom. Join us on Jan. 22 in A105-106.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY // JANUARY 23

Friday, Jan. 23 marks two decades of God's faithfulness displayed in a ministry that has helped countless individuals experience healing, freedom, and restoration in Christ. All are welcome to attend and celebrate what God has done – and continues to do – through Celebrate Recovery. Dinner will be at 6 pm with worship and testimony to follow at 7, both in Fellowship Central.

THIS IS MY STORY: A NEW MRCC PODCAST

Get to know the many people at Memorial Road just a little bit better by subscribing to This Is My Story, our new podcast that's now available on the major podcast platforms. Every other Tuesday, we plan to release a new episode where **Chellie Ison** interviews a different member of our church family. The first two episodes dropped earlier this week. Hear **Rhonda Martin** talk about her approach to sharing her faith and listen to **Dan Waugh** reflect on how traumatic episodes in his life has helped shape his own relationship with God.

WINTER WEDNESDAYS

We've got an excellent slate of offerings in our winter quarter, which is now underway. The full rundown is at mrcc.org/wednesdays.

GRIEFSHARE

The GriefShare support program, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 from January through March, is a wonderful resource for anyone experiencing the pain of grief. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Contact **Tasha Hodges** at tasha.hodges@mrcc.org or 405-607-6411 to register or get additional information.

FAMILY BLESSING 2026 // FEBRUARY 1

We're looking forward to a favorite tradition on Feb. 1, when we'll celebrate all the children born and/or adopted in 2025. If you added a new child to your home last year, we need your help! Go to mrcc.org/familyblessing to fill out the form and upload pictures. We need the info and pictures by Jan. 18. Please submit your info and pics even if you're unable to attend on Feb. 1 – we want to make sure all 2025 kiddos are represented!

BLOOD DRIVE // JANUARY 25

Our first drive of the year is on Jan. 25 from 7:30 to 12:30 in the gym. You can reserve your spot through OBI's site [HERE](#) or feel free to walk in that day.

2026 BUDGET & PURPOSING

You can view the 2026 budget on the MRCC App or at mrcc.org/budget. We encourage every household to consider what you plan to give this year. Purpose cards and a drop box are at Information Central. You can also email your purposing information to tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

QUILTING CONNECTION meets Thurs., Jan. 15, 10 am to 6 pm (come and go) in S1 in The Summit. Beginning and experienced quilters are welcome. Details are at mrcc.org/women.

SWAG BUNCO NIGHT: SWAG (Single Women's Activities Group) invites single women of all ages to play Bunco on Sat., Jan. 24, 5:30-7:30 pm in S1 in The Summit. Sign up at mrcc.org/women.

SERMON INFO

Sunday morning: Phil will return to our 2025-26 *Believe in Me* theme with the question, "What makes faith plausible?" Often, belief doesn't begin with certainty or arguments, but with a change in perspective – an illumination. As we move toward Easter, we'll explore this idea together: that faith grows not just from sermons, but from encounters with goodness that open our eyes and lead us to see differently.

Sunday evening: John Curtis' message is entitled "Jesus' Father" and will look at God, the Father, His relationship with Jesus, Father's role in the life and ministry of Jesus.

OTHER NOTES

Information for the **Updates** can be directed to sally.masey@mrcc.org.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Lee Cassady received good news that infection hasn't impacted his hearing implant. The family asks for prayers for his body to recover from the high doses of antibiotics as he continues to fight infection.

Matt Waters has started his chemo. The family asks for prayers that he tolerates it well and cancer is eliminated. He tolerates it well and cancer is eliminated.

Ian Best is at home waiting for a heart transplant. The family asks for prayers for his mom, Peggie Hempill, who is recovering from a heart attack.

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BIRTHS Congratulations to... **Blade Harrison**, son of **Kristi** was born Jan. 6.

WEDDING SHOWER Wedding shower for **Appie Craig & Michael Forhan**, son of **Kristi Forhan** is on Sat., Jan. 10 from 2-4 pm at the home of **Mary Jia**. The couple is registered at [The Knot](#).

WEDDING SHOWER Wedding shower for **Emina Fenner**, daughter of **John & Tammy Fenner** is on Sunday, Jan. 14 from 2-4 pm at the home of **Christina Cavalier**. The couple is registered at [The Knot](#).

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