

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER TONIGHT

Tonight Memorial Road's International Ministry will host the annual Thanksgiving dinner for the international community. This is an opportunity to reach out to the many people in our community that have come from other countries. This mission field is literally on our doorstep.

Our international guests will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner and learn about this major American holiday. Entertainment will be provided by Bill Pink and his newly organized singing group featuring OC faculty and staff. International guests will have the opportunity to learn about the services of Memorial Road's International Ministry to the community, and about the church.

A number of contacts from Thanksgiving dinners in the past have become faithful members at Memorial Road. Often they come to our conversational English class or to private English tutoring, then become very interested in the Bible. Last year our international guests were from 14 countries: China, Honduras, Russia, Venezuela, Columbia, South Korea, Kenya, Canada, Brazil, Taiwan, Japan, Malaysia, South Africa, and Mexico.

The key people to this successful outreach are the members of Memorial Road who will serve as table hosts. These are the people who will welcome our guests and make them comfortable. They will assist them with the registration forms, making sure they are aware of the services offered them by the International Ministry. The major task of the table hosts will be to make friends of the Internationals at their table. Many times our American hosts have made lasting friends of their dinner guests, maintaining communication with them and encouraging them long after the evening is over. The impression that our guests will take home with them about Memorial Road and perhaps Christianity is that formed by the new relationship with the table hosts.

There is still space for a few more hosts. If you were planning to come but have not signed up, you are still welcome. Cost for Americans is \$6.00 per person. Our International guests are free of charge.

Please pray for a successful outreach through tonight's International Thanksgiving dinner.

- Ken Beckloff

Register Today!

Call Debbie Carter @ 607-6470 to Register.



Memorial Road Encampment 2004

July 26-28, 2004
Keystone, Colorado

Holiday Schedule

November 26 ~ Church office closes at noon.

November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Devotional, 7:00 PM in the Auditorium (no Bible classes). Guest Speaker: James Bailey from Shreveport, Louisiana.

November 27 & 28 ~ Church office closed for Thanksgiving.

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Devotional, 5:15 PM in the Campus Auditorium in the new building (no Bible classes). Guest Speaker: Don Branscum from Skiatook, Oklahoma.

December 24-26 ~ Church office closed for Christmas.

December 31 ~ Area-Wide Year-End Devotional, 7:00 PM in the Auditorium (no Bible classes). Guest Speaker: Rusty Tugman, Alameda Church of Christ.

December 31-January 2 ~ Church office closed for New Years.

CALENDAR

November 23 - Preschool Teachers' Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Preschool Foyer
November 23 - Toddlers Teachers' Meeting, 4:15 p.m., T-6
November 23 - International Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Central
November 26 - Church office closes at noon
November 26 - Thanksgiving Devotional, 7:00 p.m. - All classes meet in the auditorium.
November 27-28 - Church office closed for Thanksgiving
November 29 - Bridal Shower for Abigail Smith, bride-elect of Britton Wolfe, 10:30 a.m. - noon, SE Foyer
December 2 - Youth Bible Studies, 7:00 p.m.
December 5 - Playgroups, 10:00 a.m., Potter's Room
December 6 - Ladies Holiday Brunch and Browse, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., OC Conservatory
December 7 - International Fellowship, 11:45 a.m., SE 1&2
December 7 - BK leader training, 4:00 p.m., SW 7&8
December 7 - 40/50 Something Class Party, 6:00 p.m., SE 1-4
December 7 - CARE Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Central
December 12 - Empty Nesters Class Party, 6:00 p.m., SE 1-4
December 12 - New Beginnings Class Party, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Central
December 14 - New Building Dedication

PICTURE DIRECTORY INFORMATION

We have had a wonderful response to our picture directory and as a result, we are running out of spaces. We do have other options if you would like to have your picture in the directory. To learn more about these options, contact **Stacey** at 607-6430.

You can also reach the check-in table directly after 2:30 PM at 607-6453.



Identifications

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Information Changes

John Mitchell Family 5800 NE 107 th OKC, OK 73151 771-3890	Grant Morgan 700 NE 122 nd , #211 OKC, OK 73114 202-1942	Dan Dlugonski Family 3832 Tambols Trail Edmond, OK 73034 285-1333
New Number Scott Horton Family 330-6254	Jeff Floyd Family 3601 Lea Ct. Edmond, OK 73013	

Update your directory information at www.mrcc.org under *Contacts*

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PURPOSE SUNDAY

Plan to turn in your Purpose Cards on
December 14, 2003

MISSIONS DAY IN THE CITY
NEW BUILDING ADDITION LIGHTHOUSE

Building Dedication

& All Church Fellowship

Please plan to join us on

**SUNDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 14, 2003**

*as we celebrate the opening of
our new facility.*

This will take the place of December BK group meetings.

Details

- **5:00 p.m.** ~ Special evening worship that will center around giving thanks to God for this project
- **6:00 p.m.** ~ Ribbon-cutting outside the new building
- **6:15 p.m.** ~ Time of prayer and praise in the new gym
- **6:40 p.m.** ~ Dinner and fellowship in the gym
- **7:30 p.m.** ~ Tours of the new facility



And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

~ 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Ministers

Kent Allen, *Pulpit*

Ken Beckloff, *International*

Matt Brock, *Involvement*

Shawn Fowler, *Campus*

Scott Franks, *Education*

Jeremy Kenney, *Youth*

Jeff McMillon, *Youth*

Bart Rybinski, *Singles*

Meeting Schedule

Sunday:

Early Worship	8:15 a.m.
Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Late Worship	10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Earlybird Bible Class	5:15 p.m.
Bible Class for all ages	7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Center for Women's Bible Study (Sept-April)	9:30 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	9:45 a.m.

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NEW FACILITY AVAILABLE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The time is quickly approaching when we will be able to celebrate the grand opening of our new building. This facility will be accessible to all generations represented in our congregation. Our "older" Christians will have use of this facility from 8:00 a.m. till noon, Monday thru Friday. Those choosing to walk and or participate in light exercise will be able to do so in the gym. A lobby area will welcome coffee drinkers, domino and car players, and those that prefer to just visit. This will be a place where we can reach out to the community by inviting our friends and neighbors to join us in fellowship and fun.

All those that choose to be part of our "older" Christians Ministry are invited to attend breakfast in the new building on **Saturday, January 17, 2004**. Please come so we can show how much we love and appreciate this segment of our congregation.

- Tom Boker

TODAY'S SERMONS

Sunday Morning - Shawn Fowler

SERIES: FOR MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY: BIBLICAL GIVING
Give and Let Live

The story has been told about a plane that crashed on a desert and uncharted island. All ten of the passengers survived, but 9 of them were extremely distraught because they feared they would never be found. But one of the passengers didn't seem a bit concerned. He was sitting back contentedly on the beach calmly enjoying the sand and surf. The other passengers approached him and asked, "Aren't you worried about never being found?" And the man replied, "No, I give regularly and generously to my congregation. I know my preacher will find me!"

Hopefully, none of us share his sentiment! We've been in a series on giving this month, and our aim has simply been to convey the biblical truth that giving is a "heart" issue. Just like living a holy and pure life, just like reading from God's Word and praying on a regular basis, giving should be an integral part of the Christian life.

This morning, Shawn Fowler is going to answer some commonly asked questions about giving. The answers will come direct from the Word of God and will further emphasize the importance of sacrificial giving as a part of our spiritual growth process.

Sunday Evening - Timothy Class

Our Young Men Leading in Worship

Tonight, you're in for a special treat as our Timothy class leads us in worship. Lyle Campbell and Jamie Scott have done an excellent job in preparing these young men to lead the congregation in worship to God. Many men in this congregation can remember the very first time they led a prayer, a song, or made a devotional talk in front of the church. It can be nerve wracking, but exhilarating at the same time!

Be back tonight, and show your support and encouragement as they lead us in our worship of the Lord God almighty.

Sermons can be heard, ordered, or downloaded online at www.mrcc.org

Ring in 2004 with MRCC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 PM ~ New Gym

\$5 per family or \$2 per individual

Bring a finger food. Drinks will be provided.

Invite your friends!

Babysitting will not be provided, but a sleeping/changing room will be available.

There will be **PRIZES** and talent provided by MRCC Bible classes.

Devotional at midnight, followed by fireworks.



Family Update

HOSPITALIZED: Deidre Meacham's mother, Vondine Stratton, is in Deaconess, ICU #447, following heart surgery.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Emilie Fowler underwent surgery this past week. Gary Shreck has been undergoing tests. The Shreck's 2-year-old granddaughter, Hannah, has been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Continue to remember **Frank and Cleo Bivens, John and Katherine Brown, Milton Brumley, S. R. Bryant, April Buchanan, Hank Cloud, Vi Hendrix, Jane Johnston, Rob Noah, Lavern Scott, Joyce Vick, and John Ware.**

BAPTISM: We rejoice with **Matt Lakins**, who was baptized Friday, Nov. 14.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to **Heather Hartman** and **Annaleise Mitchell** on the death of their grandfather, Jack Dodgen. He was a member at 12th and Drexel Church of Christ. Sympathy is also extended to Kim Davenport, fiancée of **Chad Hanna**, on the death of her father, John Davis.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Andy and Lisa Gibson** on the birth of their son, **John "Grant,"** Thursday, Nov. 20.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Dwaine and Phyllis Rhodes** on the birth of their grandson, Aidan Ryan Rhodes.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS: Preschool teachers will meet this afternoon at 2:30 in the preschool foyer, and toddler teachers will meet 4:15 in T-6.

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER is tonight at 6:15 in Fellowship Central. Table hosts are still needed. The price is \$6 at the door for hosts. International guests are free.

FREE SPANISH CLASS, taught by **Lynda Sheehan**, takes place every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 in Room A-9. The class will not meet Sunday, Nov. 30. It will meet the first two Sundays in Dec. and then take a break until Jan. 4.

DIRECTORY PICTURES are being taken in the northwest part of the building. Enter from the northwest door. Call **Stacey Bonham** if you need to change your time. We are almost full, but other options are available.

PARENTS: Please read the important letter we have sent regarding new procedures to ensure the safety and security of our children in Bible classes. These changes will go into effect Dec. 7.

THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL will take place this Wednesday evening at 7:00 in the auditorium. No regular Bible classes will meet - including the Early Bird class.

BRIDAL SHOWER for Abigail Smith, bride-elect of **Britton Wolfe**, is this Saturday, Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m. - noon, in the SE Foyer. They are registered at Target and J. C. Penny.

LADIES HOLIDAY BRUNCH AND BROWSE will be Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., in the OC Conservatory. You may sign up and pay at the table in the foyer. If you are interested in displaying a table to sell items such as jewelry, crafts, etc., call **Teri Mueller** at 340-3296 or 808-7009.

THANK YOU for the great response for the purchasing of lotion for holiday baskets for the women at Mabel Bassett. No more money is needed.

ELDERS AVAILABLE: Duane Eggleston & Bob Harmon will be available in the Conference Room for consultation following 5:00 worship.

Tealridge Worship

2:30 p.m.

November 22
New Beginnings
Greg Schaefer

November 30
New Beginnings
Greg Schaefer

Church Stats

Baptisms in 2003321

Sunday, November 16

Bible Classes1925
8:15 a.m. Worship988
10:40 a.m. Worship1273
Total**2261**
5:00 p.m. Worship1215
Offering.....\$67,727.27
Budget\$54,900.00

Wednesday, November 19

Bible Study1353