

## SERMON NOTES



### “Give Me the Bible”

- 2 Peter 1:16-21

- *The nature of Scripture...*

● **Scripture is a** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Pet. 1:20-21

- 2 Tim. 3:16-17

● **Scripture must be** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Pet. 1:19b;

- Acts 17:11; Heb. 2:1

● **Scripture is our** \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Pet. 1:19b

- Psalm 119:105; John 8:12

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayer Requests:

**Judy Roberts:** had a successful cornea transplant on May 1.

**Carole Medina:** is scheduled for an ultrasound on carotid artery May 8.

**Miracle & Darnella Dean:** a tree fell through our house, we have holes in our ceiling.

**Lin Rayburn:** fell and broke his hip and had surgery on Thursday.

**Members with health issues:** Jim & LaFerne Caldwell, Peggy Cardwell, Ernest Dean, John Carter, Harlon and Maerene Hawkins, Terry Howard, Alyssa Layman, Shelly Lewis, Cristin Martin, Sherry Meadors, Marilyn Parnell, Lin Raburn, Paula Recess, Micheal Robison, Sterling Thomas, Helen Troy, Janice West.

### Family & Friends:

Sholaunda Summers has a spot on brain, had a recent next surgery. Pray for a full recovery and ability to go back to work.

### Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Leroy Thomas** on his passing on April 27. His funeral was May 4th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Worley Holmes** and his family on his stepbrother Leslie Ponder's passing on April 30.

### Thank You:

Thank you so much brothers and sister of the church, for the prayers for my grandson, Talen Dillard. He suffered several seizures and God healed him. He is getting better and stronger. Please continue to pray for him and my family as we continue to worship our God in spirit and in truth. Also, we are praising God for giving my granddaughter, Jazz Davis, a job at Chick-fil-a. This will allow her to continue to worship here on Sunday's. **Mike Vann**

**Congratulations:** to **Mandy and Drew Nevius** on the birth of their son Cedar Michael Nevius, he was born on 4/25 at 6:05 pm, weighing 7lbs.7oz, and 20.5 inches long.

### Directory Update:

**Wesley & Ann Thurman:** New phone number is 918-829-7005

**Michael Stone:** 2204 E 66th Place #1908, Tulsa OK 74136

### Welcome Visitors:

You are our honored guests. Please complete a visitor's sheet, located inside the Connection Books that will be passed out during our worship service. We would also love to meet you at our Information Desk in the foyer where we can answer any questions you might have. Nursery facilities are available in the east wing of our building (silent pagers are available), and a cry room/training room is located in the back of the auditorium.

TODAY >

May 7, 2017



**FREE  
FLOWER, PLANT, AND SEED  
GIVEAWAY!**

**Saturday, May 20th  
9:00 till gone**

The event will be held in the East Parking Lot of the church building.

Pick up invite postcards on foyer table to give your friends and neighbors.

Hosted by the  
**Crosstown Church of Christ  
Gardeners of Women**

**ALL CHURCH**



**Lunch: May 21st  
following worship service**

Please bring food according to the first letter of your last name.

✦ Responsibility: Leadership (Elders / Deacons / Ministers / Wives)

✦ A-F: Dessert

✦ G-L: Sandwiches

✦ M-R: Fruit or Vegetable dish

✦ S-Z: Sandwiches

\* Please bring enough to feed two times the number in your family attending.\*







**IN LAYMANS TERMS**

Hello Everyone!

Alyssa and I wanted to write you all to thank you for your love, support and prayers, and to give you an update on what's been going on in her world of medications, doctors and tests. So prepare yourself!

First, the bad news. As many of you know back in September 2015, Alyssa, Terri (Alyssa's mom) and I flew to Washington D.C. for Alyssa to have a major surgery. One of the only doctors in America who could do the surgery laparoscopically corrected Alyssa's MALS. (MALS is an extremely rare defect where a ligament along the spine is crimping the main artery to the stomach, causing stomach paralysis, pain, nausea, extreme food sensitivity and other symptoms.) After surgery, Alyssa received a boost for a few months with less nausea, occasionally even able to eat raw vegetables like salads again. But the past few months, her stomach has digressed to where she can barely eat and has extreme stomach pain. This week Alyssa had tests in Dallas that did not return the results we were hoping for. Her MALS has grown back and returned to the level of compression it was at pre-surgery. We were also told she has a similar condition compressing her left renal vein that goes to her kidney (Nutcracker Syndrome). From what we have heard so far, if she has to have surgery again it would most likely need to be an open procedure. It would be devastating if Alyssa needs open surgery because of the fragility of her body overall and her EDS connective tissue disorder that affects wound healing ability. We will learn more & explore our options over time.

Now for the GOOD news! Alyssa's doctor in Florida who has been treating her since January tested Alyssa's CD57 levels (an immune marker for Lyme Disease). A normal person's counts are in the 100's, while someone with severe Lyme Disease like Alyssa will be very low with numbers in the teens-twenties (which is exactly where Alyssa has been for the past four years in spite of various treatments). Her latest test revealed a CD57 increase from 29 to 70!!! That is HUGE! She also saw progress with her C-Reactive Protein inflammation marker decreasing from 12 to 1.4. Her doctors (as are we) are very excited with these results! It shows that Alyssa's treatments are WORKING and she is progressing with numbers to prove it. It is so encouraging to know, especially while she actually feels worse instead of better during this portion of treatment. God is working in and through Dr. Crozier to heal Alyssa, and he and his wife powerfully prayed over Alyssa and Terri during their last appointment. We have been so impressed with this doctor's knowledge, dedication, and his spiritual focus in helping Alyssa. Alyssa will also be able to do her stem cell transplant here in the US with this doctor instead of traveling to Germany! WOO! We had hoped she would do the transplant this month, but some toxicity levels have caused a minor setback. However, Alyssa is now on track to receive stem cells, which will greatly expedite her body's ability to heal and fight infection, in Florida in mid to late June! GOD IS GOOD.

Thank you for praying, loving us and walking this path with us. Alyssa and I, along with her parents Ron and Terri, also want to THANK YOU for the financial support you have so selflessly blessed us with as well. Alyssa's treatments so far in 2017 alone have cost upwards of \$50,000 out of pocket! Yet God provided! Alyssa's LuLaRoe clothing business has been an amazing gift from God in her life as well. She loves being able to bless others AND contribute toward her medical bills, with Terri and I acting as her hands and feet as she runs her biz from bed! Still, in the face of these high costs, we are humbled to create a GoFundMe account to continue to raise funds to help pay for her treatments. It will be up & running soon.

Alyssa has DEEPLY missed attending church and being able to participate in activities. We look forward to a time (hopefully SOON), when she can be as involved as she so desperately yearns to be! Most of all, we still ask you to join us in prayers of petition for total healing AND prayers of thanksgiving for this progress as well! We are so thankful we've found a home where we feel so loved. WE LOVE YOU and we love being at Crosstown! Alyssa asked to leave you today with one of her favorite scriptures:

1 Thess. 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

**Sean Layman**

**MINISTRY UPDATES**



**Children's:**

**Bible Hour** — available for 2&3-year old's and 4&5-year old's in our east wing. Children will be dismissed prior to the sermon.  
**Children's Sermon Notes** — Available at the Information Desk.  
**Today's Volunteers** — Nursery: **Mary Parker, Charlotte Cook.**  
 2&3's Bible Hour: **Cheala Green, Haley Babitzke.**  
 4&5's Bible Hour: **Joanie R., Camden P., Christian M., Megan**



**Women's:**

**Women's Bible Study** — Walking In the Light Daily. Every Thurs. at 9:30am in Room 122. For more info, see **Mary Parker.**  
**Crafts & Christ** — Two Tuesdays a month. 6pm-8pm. Room 123. Bring a craft and a Bible. For more info, see **Michelle Clayton.**



**Small Groups:**

**Small Group Bible Study** — Led by **Keenan Meadors.** Sundays at 4pm in Room 123.  
**Monday Night for the Master** — 3:30pm-6:30pm in Room 123.  
**Life Groups** — Connect / Grow / Serve. Contact an elder, a minister, or **Chris Clayton** to join a group.



**Singles:**

**Monthly Activity** — (See our monthly newsletter in the foyer.) Tulsa Architecture Tour, May 13, meet at church at 9:30am, RSVP and \$10 due to Judith Ezzell by May 10.

**Food Pantry:**

You may make a donation using the 'Food Pantry' envelopes in the back of the pew, and placing them in the contribution plate. Or you can donate online from our website, and specify your donation is to go to the Food Pantry.

**Security:**

**Today** — Class: **Louis Robison.** Worship: **Louis Robison.**

**Miscellaneous:**

**VBS Recruitment Volunteer Meeting:** TODAY in Rm. 123, immediately following services. Please come to see how you can help. We need props. Any type of sports equipment, team jerseys, team pennants, mega phones, referee clothing, etc. All items will be returned to owner.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

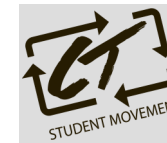
- 7 **VBS: Recruitment Volunteer Meeting**  
Rm: 123
- 9 **Ladies' Crafts & Christ:** 6pm-8pm in Rm. 123. Bring craft & Bible.
- 14 **During AM worship, we will honor Brianna Land & Halle Wade.**
- 20 **Free Flower, Plant, Seed Giveaway**  
9:00 am till gone
- 21 **All Church Fellowship Lunch:** immediately following services
- 21 **Youth:** Welcome Devotional for upcoming 6th grade and interns.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**This Week:**

- 9 Melva Foreman
- 9 Shannon Moore
- 11 Matt Green
- 12 Joanie Roberts

**Save the dates:**  
**VBS: July 9th-12th~6:30-8:30pm**  
**All Church Retreat~Oct. 13-14th.**



**Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)**

**Youth Retreat Participants:** Van will return around noon today.  
**Wed. Night Hang Out** ~ May 10. 6pm-6:45pm in Youth Room. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.  
**Trek Pre Hike** ~ May 20 & June 17 @ Turkey Mountain: Yellow Trail. Meet at the building, van leaves at 9:00am. Required if going on Trek this summer. Wear hiking boots.  
**Burnt Cabin** ~ Camp Forms available in Youth Room and booth by elevator. To receive discount completed application due TODAY. Final deadline for camp is May 24. (June 4-10)  
**Mission Trip & Trek** ~ Permission slips and details information sheets are available in the Youth Room.. (July 21-27)  
**Devotional @ the Prater's** ~ This will be a welcome devotional to all our upcoming 6th graders and the interns! Van leaves Crosstown at 4:40pm will return around 7:20pm.  
**YAE & BOB** starts May 30, 10am-1pm. Meet in the Activity Center. This will occur every Tuesday until Aug. 8. (Except for Camp, Trek, VBS, Mission Trip weeks)

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**  
 Bible Class . . . . . 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship . . . . . 10:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 Bible Class . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

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 > [www.crosstownfamily.org/donate](http://www.crosstownfamily.org/donate)

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- Info on events & ministries
  - Our roster of elders & staff
  - Sermon audio & other resources

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

3400 East Admiral Place  
 Tulsa, OK 74115-8227  
 Phone: 918-834-1395

**CHURCH STATS**

**Sunday, April 30**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 121  
 Worship Total . . . . . 212

**Wednesday, May 3**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 88

**Statistics: Week of April 30**  
 Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
 Contribution . . . . . \$9,882  
 Contribution YTD . . . . \$161,900  
 Budget YTD . . . . . \$163,800  
 Under YTD . . . . . (\$1,900)