

## SERMON NOTES



### “The Benefits of Studying God’s Word”

- Psalm 19:7-11

- *A Study of God’s Word will help you to...*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **your life (vs. 7a, 8a)**

- God’s word will \_\_\_\_\_ your soul (vs. 7)

- God’s word will \_\_\_\_\_ your heart (vs. 8)

- \_\_\_\_\_ **God’s Wisdom (vs. 7b, 8b)**

- God’s Word will make the \_\_\_\_\_ wise

- God’s Word will \_\_\_\_\_ the eyes

- \_\_\_\_\_ **the rewards (vs. 9-11)**

- God’s Word is to be more desired more than \_\_\_\_\_

- God’s Word rewards the \_\_\_\_\_

- God’s Word points us to \_\_\_\_\_ (John 5:39)

## FAMILY UPDATES

### Prayer Requests:

**Rita Drummond:** had successful outpatient surgery on Wednesday.

**Barry Crawford:** had successful knee replacement surgery last week.

**Brandon Babitzke:** Skin graft healing, staph infection gone, but still fighting a fungal infection in ear.

**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, Paula Recess, Micheal Robison, Sterling Thomas, Helen Troy, Janice West.

**Sympathy:** Our hearts and prayers go out to **Jaiden and Ashton Bentley** in the passing of their grandfather, James Bentley, who passed after a long fight with cancer on May 23. Funeral is scheduled for May 30 in Choctaw, OK.

### Family & Friends:

**Terry Lou Elliot’s** brother is still needing prayers, he is still at Hillcrest for his burns and other health issues.

**Charlotte Cook’s** sister-in-law, Gene Bedding’s brother passed away.

### Thank You:

We want to thank Keenan and Sherry for all their acts of love and kindness and helping us grow in the Lord. We want to thank the church for our meal train during the loss of our kitchen, due to the fallen tree. We also have sadness and joy as we will be moving our membership back to North Peoria, to be closer to relatives. This has been a beautiful blessing to be here at this wonderful church. **Darnella & Miracle Dean**

Once again we thank the **MNFM** group for their continued support. Your love and dedication shines through in the cards you write and the encouragement you give to each other. Enjoy your summer and if it be the Lord’s will, we will meet once again in September. We love you all. **Ken & Charleen Smith**

Thank you so much for the beautiful memorial service honoring Lin's life. It was greatly appreciated by all of us who were there. Thank you to Robert for all his help and the words he spoke, for the flowers, cards, and especially to the members of Crosstown who served the wonderful meal for our family. Lin truly loved his Crosstown family and we deeply appreciate and thank you all for your love." Sincerely, **Claudia and Lucy Trompeter**

### New Members:

**Chuck, Tammy, & Kimberly Browne**

1400 W Rockport St.

Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Tammy Cell: 918-899-5320

### 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

TODAY >

**May 28, 2017**

**Summer Quarter**  
**~Sunday & Wednesday Schedule~**  
**June, July, August 2017**

**Sunday — 9:15am**

#### Auditorium (General)

*Keep the Faith: A Study of 1&2 Thessalonians*  
Tom Schellhorn

#### Room 123 (General)

*What is Truth?*  
Steve Parker and Earl Logan

#### College/Young Professionals (Room 214)

*Why I Am a Member of the Church of Christ*  
Merle Imhoff and Sterling Thomas

#### Young Adults (Room 213)

*Enough: The Attitude of Gratitude*  
Robert Prater

#### High School (Room 211)

Sean Layman

#### Middle School (210)

Ben Carson

#### Infants & Toddlers (107)

Charlotte Cook  
Debra Rodriguez

#### 2’s & 3’s (102)

Patty VanTuyl  
Carol Lindsay

#### Pre-K, K, 1st (104)

Tomi Sue Bentley

#### Sunday Elementary

##### Rotation Classes:

*Garden of Creation*—218 (Meri-Sue Bachlor)

*Truthful Pursuits*—217 (Marsha Scott)

*Cyber Journeys*—212 (Joanie Roberts)

*Knowledge Seekers*—128 (Beckie Null)

**Sunday Shepherds:** Judy Ezzell (2nd/3rd, Yellow/Red flag)

Wendell Scott (4th/5th, Green/Orange flag)

**Education Host:** Phyllis Russell

**Wednesday — 7:00pm**

#### Auditorium (General)

*Reaching the Family*  
Summer Series  
Various Speakers

#### Middle/High School

(Main Gathering Room)  
Sean Layman

**Wednesday—7:00pm**

#### 2’s & 3’s (102)

Tammy Pittman, Mary Parker

#### Pre-K, K, 1st (104)

Dean Still, Lois Cox

#### 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th (217)

Sandy Angelo



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**UPCOMING EVENTS      BIRTHDAYS**

**June:**

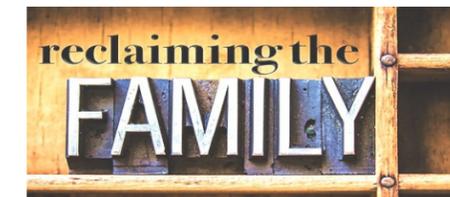
4-9 Burnt Cabin Christian Camp

**This Week:**

28 Tom Schellhorn

2 Jimmy Baker

3 Ken Smith



**Wednesday Nights Summer Series:**  
Flyers & Postcards available in foyer.

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

- Wed. Night Hang Out** ~ May 31. Snacks 6pm-6:45pm in Youth Room. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.
- Trek Pre Hike** ~ June 17 @ Turkey Mountain: Pink Trail. Meet at the building, van leaves at 9:00am. Required if going on Trek this summer. Wear hiking boots.
- Mission Trip & Trek** ~ Permission slips and details information sheets are available in the Youth Room.. (July 21-27)
- YAE & BOB** starts May 30, 10am-1pm. Meet in the Activity Center. This will occur every Tuesday until Aug. 8. (Except 6/9,6/29,7/4, 7/13,7/27) Bring a sack lunch.
- Mission Trip Practice:** Takes place for an hour after Tuesday's Bob/YAE and Thursday's workdays. (Except 6/9,6/29,7/4,7/13,7/27)
- Work Day** ~ June 1, 10:00am-Noon at the church building. Earn service hours. (Except 6/9,6/29,7/4, 7/13,7/27)
- Transportation** ~ If you need rides to YAE/BOB or workdays see Sean.

**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: **Brenda George and Judy Ezzell.**  
 2&3's Bible Hour: **Molly Couch and Elysha Byrd.**  
 4&5's Bible Hour: **Missy S. Christian W. Cecilia M. Allison B.**



**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** — Will resume September 11.  
**Life Groups** — Connect / Grow / Serve. Contact an elder, a minister, or **Chris Clayton** to join a group.



**Singles:**

**Monthly Activity** — Second Saturday of every month. Beginning at 4pm at Crosstown. (See our monthly newsletter in the foyer.)

**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: **Michael Robison, Larry Addington**

**Miscellaneous:**

**VBS:** July 9-12 at 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration forms available in the foyer.  
**VBS:** We need props. Any type of sports equipment (esp. football, baseball, soccer, & basketball), team jerseys, team pennants, mega phones, referee clothing, etc. All items will be returned to owner. Basket available in the foyer, under the table, near restrooms. If you have anything of Mia Hamm or Jackie Robinson or Ken Griffy, Jr. items for a Hall of Fame.  
**All Church Retreat:** Pick up brochures and registration forms. You can also sign up online at [crosstownfamily.org](http://crosstownfamily.org).  
**Kids4Christ Event:** We are going to the Tulsa Zoo. June 22. Meet a building 9:00am-2pm. Ages 6-11, cost is \$6 and 12-up is \$10. Bring a sack lunch and drink to put in cooler. Sign up sheet in foyer. If we get at least 25 signed up, we will refund group discount of 20%.



**Resigning:** "Due to unexpected personal reasons, **Hunter Covalt** will not be serving as the male intern this summer." **The Elders**

(Guest Writer...by **Patrick Mead**, Pulpit Minster, Fourth Avenue Church of Christ, Franklin, TN)

A suicide bomber times it just right, lets the crowd exit and move into a chokepoint where they will be densely packed. It is then that he hits his detonator, creating carnage, grief, and horror where, moments ago, there was joy. What should we do after the smoke clears?

This is not a new problem. Our 24/7 news cycle and instant video from iPhones and news cameras might make us forget that we've seen this all before. In the 1960s and 1970s we saw it in Northern Ireland; Protestants and Catholics let off nail bombs, shot down fathers and sons, crippled young people with baseball bats all because of religion (and the politics wrapped around it). Before that, the KKK spread terror throughout the United States. Most will have forgotten this, but the Klan went under the guise of religion. It claimed it lynched and burned and bombed for Jesus. To this day, the Christian Identity Movement and many other similar groups preach hate and division in the name of Jesus.

Those who enslaved their fellow man claimed that God gave them not only permission but the obligation to do so. Other Christians disagreed and fought for the end of slavery. Their conflicting theologies drove us into carnage that defies description in the 1860s. Every time we go back another generation, we can see people doing evil in the name of Abba Father and the Prince of Peace.

It is certainly wise to take precautions, to increase security, and to – in the words of Jesus – watch and pray. As my Marine son reminds me, "Keep your head on a swivel." Or, as I've told him many times, "Pray with your eyes open." We can and should acknowledge that there are evil people out there who wish to do us harm. At the same time, we should and must pray for them – not just about them or against them but for them. Had we not been given the unearned gift of being born in a certain place and time where the name of Jesus was known and Christianity was the dominant faith and had we not been given the Spirit as a gift, we might very well have fallen prey to the same doctrines that led to the bomb in Manchester this week. Remember that and be humble.

Jesus said to love our enemies. He told us to do good to those who hurt us, despite-fully use us, and speak against us. (Matthew 5:11,12, 43-48) He didn't give us any exceptions to that rule. He forgave those who were crucifying him and those who approved of it. I make myself remember that when I look at the facts: there are 1.6 billion Muslims in the world. There are about 50,000 members of ISIS. Yes, there are millions who approve of ISIS but the majority of Muslims do not. Still, my job is not to sift and decide who is worthy of love and kindness and who is not. My job is to follow the example of Jesus and forgive both the actors and those who approve of them.

It's tough. But we have clubbed, shot, and bombed each other for millennia and it hasn't brought lasting peace. I am not a pacifist (but it's okay if you are!) and I am not asking for any of us to surrender. Instead, I am asking us NOT to surrender to hate, despair, fear, or division.

What Jesus called us to do is hard – sometimes unbearably hard. But it isn't optional. So, what do we do after the bombs have gone off? I would remind you of what I've told you many times in the past: For the Christian, fear is not an optional and love is never optional.

*"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this you will heap coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* (Romans 12:17-21)

Do the hard thing.

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

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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 Tulsa, OK 74115-8227  
 Phone: 918-834-1395

**CHURCH STATS**

**Sunday, May 21**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 105  
 Worship Total . . . . . 230

**Wednesday, May 24**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 93

**Statistics: Week of May 21**  
 Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
 Contribution . . . . . \$8,251  
 Contribution YTD . . . . \$186,746  
 Budget YTD . . . . . \$191,000  
 Under YTD . . . . . (\$4,354)