

SERMON NOTES



“Children”

- Mark 9:33-37

● Adult \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 33-34)

- Jesus had just made his second \_\_\_\_\_  
announcement (vs. 31)

- At such a moment, the disciples’ greatest concern  
was \_\_\_\_\_

● Servant \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 35)

- The great paradox of spiritual greatness is one must  
be “the servant \_\_\_\_\_”

- The root of this paradox is \_\_\_\_\_

● Welcoming \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 36-37)

- The little child represented all those of  
\_\_\_\_\_

- When we receive those often viewed as  
“insignificant,” we receive both \_\_\_\_\_  
and the \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Sympathy

Our love and sympathy goes out to the family of **Beverly Burns**, in the loss of her brother Ralph Castor.  
Our hearts and prayers go out to **Sarah & David Dirrim**, our past missionaries in the loss of their daughter, Liliane. She died in a car accident, July 3.  
Our love and sympathy goes out to **Patsy Hunter**, in the loss of her sister Beverly Read. She passed on July 6.

Prayer Requests

**Wanda Dean:** please pray for Ernest Dean for the pain he’s suffering now keeps him from being able to bear weight on his leg. He has an appointment on 7/6 for future resolutions.  
**Maggie Prater:** had successful Thyroidectomy surgery on Monday. She is resting at home.  
**Roddy Roberts:** had outpatient knee surgery on July 6.  
**Danielle Imhoff:** had outpatient surgery on July 7.

Responses

**Julie Miguez:** I need prayer. I need to repent of sins and be a better example to my son. To teach him Gods ways and be a better Christian.

Family & Friends

**Cheala Green:** asks for continued prayers for her father Sherman Green who is still hospitalized. Pray for healing, strength, and peace.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

**Lopez Family** —Bogota, Colombia

**Austin Family**—Phoenix, Arizona

**Saint-Amour Family**—Milot, Haiti

**Pabillon Family**—Talisay, Philippines

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 >

July 9, 2017



Starts Tonight @ 6:30pm

Invite your family, friends & neighbors!

Pick up a registration form in the foyer, register online to save time in line. Still accepting, OKC Thunder, Yankees, Lakers, Dallas Cowboys, Packers T-Shirts or Jersey’s for teens or adults to borrow to wear for their team colors.

Volunteers:

**Registration Assistants:** report @ 6:00 pm

**Group Leaders:** report at 6:10 pm.

**Youth Group Actors:** For opening skits report at 5:30pm.

No Bible Classes  
Wednesday, July 12





AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

This evening begins our **Vacation Bible School** here at Crosstown! Our VBS runs through Wednesday evening and is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year’s theme is “*God’s Team*” – *Stories of Faith*. We’ll be looking different Bible characters and heroes of faith. Be sure and invite your friends, family and neighbors children to join us. It’s going to be a great week. Be praying and inviting!

John 3:16 has been called “the gospel in miniature.” One preacher called it “the greatest sentence ever written.” We keep it close to our hearts because it provides comfort.

John 3:16 is the heart of the gospel because it is about love. The love of God in sending His Son. The love of Jesus in dying on the cross. The Divine love that reaches out to all people and provides the means for salvation. God’s love is demonstrated to the greatest degree, more than man can imagine.

Why? Because God cares. God cares about people. God cares about you. He wants us to be saved. To enjoy eternity with Him. And to escape punishment assigned to unbelievers. But it is all motivated by pure, untainted, holy love.

The gospel is good news. And the good news is that sinful people like Robert Prater can be saved because of God’s love, mercy and grace. Because of what Jesus did on the cross.

The Bible speaks of the books being opened in judgment. I can imagine a giant ledger with my name. There is column after column of the debt of sin I owe. Of misdeeds. Of Failure. Then I see the Father write “paid in full by Jesus.” He paid the debt of sin I owe. He paid it all. Every bit. Why? Love. A love that is beyond our comprehension.

So as Christians, we need to always keep John 3:16 close to our hearts because it provides comfort. When life happens and we are called upon to do things or be in places with those who are struggling. It may be at a hospital, nursing home, funeral home or at someone’s house. We hurt when they hurt. We rejoice when they rejoice. We go to encourage. To equip. To pray.

So when life happens, here is what becomes easy for us to forget. Jesus loves you. He cares deeply about you. He wants what is best for you. He wants you to enjoy the abundant life. He gave His life for you. He goes to the Father on your behalf. You are valuable to Him. You life is meaningful to Him. You are a coworker with Him. He is thankful for all you do to serve others. To reach others. To glorify Him.

This is what Jesus is telling us in John 3:16. We are special to Him. Very special. So special that He gave His life for us. Why not use our life in giving Him the glory?

--Your friend,  
  
Robert



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: **Robin Addington, Meri Sue B.**  
2&3’s Bible Hour: **Molly Couch and Makenzie Farmer**  
4&5’s Bible Hour: **Joanie R., Camden P., Kaprise A., Makenzie P.**



**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** — Will take a break for the Summer, will resume in September.



**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** — **July No Meeting.** August: Tulsa Underground Tunnel Tour. Sign up in foyer by July 17. Cost is \$18.

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 web-site, and specify your donation is to go to the Food Pantry.

Security:

**Today** — Class: **Louis Robison.** Worship: **Owen Roberson, Gene Anderson**

Miscellaneous:

**Campaign Training Class:** July 16, immediately following services. Class will finish about 1:30pm.  
**Kids4Christ:** July 20. Crafts, Devotional & Games. 10:15-1:15pm. At Cross-town. Meet in Activity Center.  
**Baby Shower** for Vivian Carson Sunday, August 13, immediately after worship Room 123. Ladies, please sign up to help serve as hostess for the shower. The signup sheet is on the Women’s Ministry Bulletin Board.  
**Area Wide Singing Worship:** July 30. Park Plaza invites all churches to a sing-ing worship at 6pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

| July: |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 9-12  | Vacation Bible School         |
| 14    | Drive In Movie & Lock-In      |
| 16    | Campaign Training Class       |
| 20    | Kids4Christ Activity          |
| 30    | Area Wide Singing– Park Plaza |

BIRTHDAYS

| This Week |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| 12        | Annette Imhoff |
| 13        | Tomi Bentley   |
| 15        | Mary Parker    |

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

**Transportation** ~ If you need rides to YAE/BOB or workdays see Sean.  
**Mission Trip Practice:** July 18th and July 20th. 1:15pm-2:15pm  
**Drive In Movie & Lock-In** ~ July 14. Leaving for the Admiral Twin for double feature, then back to church for fun and games. \$10. Families are welcome to join us for the movie.  
**Wed. Night Hang Out** ~ July 19. 6pm-6:45pm in Youth Room. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.  
**YAE & BOB** July 18, August 1, & August 8. 10am-1pm. Meet in the Activity Center. Bring a sack lunch.  
**Mission Trip** ~ July 21-27. Van leaves at 6pm on Friday, July 21. Will send message after 5pm on Thursday with an ETA.  
**Youth Group Girls Day** ~ August 5. The theme is "Love Your #Selfie." 9am-5pm. Breakfast and lunch provided.  
**Youth Group Guys Day** ~ August 5. Hang out in youth room. 12:00pm-4pm. Eat before you come.  
**Wed. Night Farewell to Interns.** August 9. 6pm-6:45pm in Youth Room. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.

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

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

CHURCH STATS

**Sunday, July 2**  
Bible Class Total . . . . . 113  
Worship Total . . . . . 210

**Wednesday, July 5**  
Bible Class Total . . . . . 80

**Statistics: Week of June 18**  
Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
Contribution . . . . . \$9,617  
Contribution YTD . . . . \$238,921  
Budget YTD . . . . . \$245,700  
Under YTD . . . . . (\$6,779)