

SERMON NOTES



“The Guiding Principle”

- 1 Corinthians 14:26b

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: Jim & LaFerne Caldwell, Peggy Cardwell, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Harlon and Maerene Hawkins, Terry Howard, Alyssa Layman, Cristin Martin, Sherry Meadors, Marilyn Parnell, Glenna Pickle, Micheal Robison,

Prayer Requests

Melva Foreman: requests prayers for her son, Tommy, her husband, James and herself.

Jim Caldwell: is at St. Francis hospital, he is fighting an infection that has gone septic.

Peggy Cardwell: is very weak and is back at the Villages of Southern Hills, 5721 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa OK 74105

Mary Dye: had Cataract surgery on Tuesday.

Kenna Fields: had surgery to remove her gall bladder on Thursday.

Debra Rodriguez: prayers for healing for her broken arm and finger.

Community Guests:

Sarah asks for prayers for her eyesight.

Jennifer Hernandez asks for prayers for her family for the loss of her step dad on Monday.

Praise & Answered Prayers

The **Anderson** Family responded last Sunday in rejoicing the anniversary of the restoration of their daughter. The request your continued prayers for their family.

Sympathy

We would like to extend our sympathy to **Judy Carter** on the passing of her husband **John Carter**, August 25. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. His funeral was this past Friday.

We would like to extend our sympathy to **Amanda Edgar** on the passing of her father **Bates Powell**, August 28. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. His funeral was this past Thursday.

We would like to extend our sympathy to **Sarah McGill** and **Cristin Martin** in the passing of Sarah's mother and Cristin's grandmother, Norma Kelley August 25. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sean & Vivian Carson** on the birth of daughter **Ava Carson**. She was born 8/30 weighing 7lbs, 7oz and 20.5 inches long.

Celebration

The family of **Scott and Kenna Fields** invite you to join in the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Saturday, September 23, 2017 2-4pm in the activity center at Crosstown Church of Christ.

Thank You

Crosstown Family, thank you for your sympathy of my sister's passing. I appreciate your love and concern for others. ~ **Gussie Pitts** and Family.

Everyone, thank you so much for the prayers and meals. I'm sorry for having an accident during the campaign. You are all the best. ~ **Debra Rodriguez**

Wedding Ceremony

You are invited to witness a ceremony under God. (All legal action has already been made) for **Madelynne (McCarthy) Pittman** and **Sterling Pittman**. Reception will follow. Saturday, September 16 at 5:30 pm at Gardens at Lafortune Park, 5202 S Hudson, Tulsa, OK. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

TODAY >

September 3, 2017

Fall Quarter ~Sunday & Wednesday Schedule~ September, October, November 2017

Sunday — 9:15am

General Adult (Auditorium)

Gospel of Mark

Roddy Roberts

General Adult (Room 123)

Let Your Light Shine

Steve Parker

General Adult (Room 213)

Foundations of the Faith

Robert Prater/Earl Logan

Middle & High School Boys

(Room 211)

Chris Clayton

Brandon Babitzke

Middle & High School Girls

(Room 210)

Michelle Clayton

Mary Parker

Infants & Toddlers (107)

Charlotte Cook

Meri-Sue Bachlor

2's & 3's (102)

Patsy Hunter

Shirley Wasson

Sunday Elementary

Rotation Classes:

Garden of Creation—218 (Judy Roberts)

Truthful Pursuits—217 (Dana Brooks)

Cyber Journeys—212 (Juanita Farmer)

Knowledge Seekers—128 (Beckie Null)

Sunday Shepherds: (2nd/3rd, Yellow/Red flag) Debra Rodriguez

(4th/5th, Green/Orange flag) Matt Imhoff

Wednesday — 7:00pm

Auditorium (General)

Lamentations

Chris Clayton

Women's Class (Room 123)

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Michelle Clayton

Men's Class (Room 214)

Lessons From the Life of David

Various Men

Middle/High School

(Main Gathering Room)

Inspirational People

2's & 3's (102)

Maggie Prater

Teresa Logan

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)

Misti Babitzke

Emily Ratliff

2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th

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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: **Francine Crawford and Della Brewster**

2&3's Bible Hour: **Tammy Pittman and Ashton Bentley**

4&5's Bible Hour: **Shannon, Jaiden, Wesley, 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 — Will take a break for the Summer, will resume in September.



Small Groups:

Small Group Bible Study — Led by **Keenan Meadors**. Sundays at 4pm.

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 — September 9, at 4pm. Pick up monthly newsletter in Foyer, at bulletin board.

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. We need **PAPER SACKS**, please leave by food pantry door.

Security:

Today — Class: **Louis Robison**. Worship: **Earl Rockwell and Scott Fields**

Miscellaneous:

All Church Retreat October 13-14th . Please register now! Forms available at the foyer table and online at www.crosstownfamily.org. Please return forms to red basket. Registration form and \$20.00 deposit per person due by October 1st.

Hope Harbor: Open House ~ Saturday, September 30 10:00 am. Silent Auction, Fish Fry, Kids and Family Activities, and Campus Tours.

www.hopeharborinc.org

Relief efforts: If you are interested in donating we suggest Memorial Church of Christ in Houston You can go to their main website (www.mcoc.org) and they have information on giving. There are several ways to donate, online, by phone and by mail listed on their website.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

August:

- 9/9 Singles Event: 4pm
- 9/11 Monday Night for the Master resumes
- 9/10 Youth Group Area Wide Devotional

BIRTHDAYS

Upcoming

- 6 Willie Rose
- 9 Hannah Parker

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Out ~ September 6. Meal sponsored by Sandy Angelo. 6pm-6:45pm in Youth Room. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.

Transportation: If you need a ride to church or event, please contact Sean.

Area Wide Devotional: September 10. At Park Plaza Church of Christ. Van leaves at 4:10 and will return 7:15.

Contact Kids ~ Service Project: Sept. 12. 5:30-7:30pm, dinner provided. Van leaves at 5:15 and returns 7:45pm.

Riversport Adventure in OKC ~ September 24. All day pass for white water river rafting, sky slide, rock wall, rumble drop cloud bounce, kayaks, paddleboards. Van leaves immediately following services and returns 7:30. Event cost \$30, but you will need to bring a sack lunch to eat on the van and money for dinner on the way home. (fast food) Sign up on our website @ www.crosstownfamily.org by September 11.

Halloween Festival at the Castle of Muskogee: October 14. 4:50pm-9:50pm. We encourage parents to join us. This event is a-la-carte so you must sign up on our website @ www.crosstownfamily.org by October 8.

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@crosstownfamily.org

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> www.crosstownfamily.org/donate

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WHERE YOU WILL FIND:

- 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, Aug 27
Bible Class Total 128
Worship Total 245

Wednesday, Aug 30
Bible Class Total N/A

Statistics: Week of Aug 27
Weekly Budget \$9,100
Contribution \$8,054
Contribution YTD \$307,812
Budget YTD \$318,500
Under YTD (\$10,688)

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Recently we have lost some very special people in our Crosstown church family. We also have several members who have in recent days experienced the death of a loved one. I pray what I write is a comfort to them and others in our church that may lose a loved one. As a preacher, one of the joys in serving the Lord and serving His people is to pray for people who I have come to love and care for. God has blessed me with a wonderful church family to serve as a minister. And even though facing death is a painful and difficult trial to endure, what a blessing it is to know that our church family prays for us, and our Savior is near those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

We feel the pain of losing our loved one. We long for the day when we will see our loved ones again face to face. We grieve because we miss having them in our life. All of that is normal. I'm touched whenever someone shares the memories of their loved one. I'm blessed to hear about their life. And I am especially affected when someone knows God's peace in the midst of their pain.

I'm thankful that God never leaves us nor forsakes us in our pain. We live in a sinful, fallen, broken world, so our heart yearns for the day when everything will be made right again. One day there will be no more tears, no more pain, no more sorrow, no more despair, and no more death!

If it wasn't for the resurrection of Christ then our faith would be in vain, yet we serve a risen Savior. We may grieve, but we don't grieve as those who have no hope, for we can find peace in the presence of God! He's alive, therefore, we live! And one day we will see our Savior and loved ones face to face! Can you imagine what that will be like?

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

Now it is very true that we will greatly miss our loved ones, but this is also true, it's a prayer Paul prayed, and it's my prayer for you as your preacher: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

Friends, we don't walk this life alone. God sent His Son to rescue us from sin and sorrow. God is a God of hope. He's a God who cares. He's a God who is worthy! Praise Him for His mercy and grace. Praise Him for His comfort and peace.

**--Your friend,
Robert**

JOHN CARTER



The Crosstown church family lost a wonderful servant of God on Friday, August 25, with the passing of **John Carter**. We express our deepest sympathy and love to his sweet wife **Judy** and the entire Carter family. For several years now John had been faithfully serving on our staff as volunteer church treasurer. Every member of this body was blessed by his tireless service. The position of church treasurer requires both financial expertise and the trust of the congregation. It carries a potentially heavy burden of trust and responsibility. For years John has volunteered more hours around the office (and at his home) than anyone can imagine. It is so vital for the church to keep good financial records. It's important for the record to be clear and to relay it to the congregation. With John Carter, we never had any question about something not being right. This is so critical for the church to have that kind of a witness. Truly heaven gained one of the finest Christian men I have ever been blessed to know. He will be missed sorely I know especially around the office by myself, Sean, and Misti. No doubt about it, heaven's gain is our loss.