

## SERMON NOTES



### “Me” Must Become “We”

- We are \_\_\_\_\_!

- Ephesians 4:1-16

• Stay \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1-6)

• Grow to \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 7-13)

• Work in \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 14-16)

## 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 Pickel, Micheal Robison, Cathy Sharp, Sterling Thomas, Earl Tillery, Janice West.

### Prayer Requests

**Jim Caldwell:** was back at the hospital earlier this week, he was treated for a UTI.

**Chris Clayton:** is in Africa and will be traveling home 9/29-9/30. Pray for safe travels and safety while there.

**Clint Hoppes:** had out patient knee surgery on Tuesday, to prepare for a double cartilage replacement in the upcoming weeks.

**Alyssa Layman:** had stem cell transplant surgery, it will take up to a year to see results. Please pray for strength and endurance.

### Prayers for Friends and Family

Henry Blalock: Needs prayers for depression and uneasiness.

Pantry Guest: Please pray for Betty, who has cancer.

### Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to **Jennifer Rampey** and her family in the loss of her father, Tom Page. His funeral service was last Friday.

### Directory Updates

**Shannon and Hannah Moore**  
5832 S 92nd E Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74145

### Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

**Lopez Family** —Bogota, Colombia

**Austin Family**—Phoenix, Arizona

**Saint-Amour Family**—Milot, Haiti

**Pabillon Family**—Talisay, Philippines

### Events Bulletin Board:

The bulletin board near the rest rooms has advertisements about surrounding church retreats, gospel meetings, and seminars. It also feature some of our church events, like the singles newsletters. On the table below the board you can find containers to collect box tops/labels, empty pill bottles, education requests, donation cans for Hope Harbor and payment lock box for all our church events. Sign up sheets may also be located on this table, if not on the main table in the foyer.

TODAY >

**October 1, 2017**

## NEED VOLUNTEERS & CANDY



**For Crosstown's Annual Fall Festival on October 29th (Volunteers arrive at 4:30pm; Event begins at 5:30pm) We need 26 more volunteers!** Trunk or Treat (3 needed), Carnival Helpers (16), Trash/Floor Monitor (3), Dinner Crew (4).

**Sign up in the foyer today!**

We also need **CANDY!** Please place donated candy in designated baskets. Monetary donations should be given to Misti Babitzke or put in black lock box (located on table by bulletin board).



**You can still join us for  
Crosstown's  
All-Church Retreat  
(Oct. 13-14th)  
at New Life Ranch**

Register at [crosstownfamily.org](http://crosstownfamily.org) or fill out a form (available in the foyer). Payment can be placed in the lock box located in the foyer or given to ministry staff or an elder. (If cash, please seal in clearly marked envelope.)

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**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

Jesus says in John 17:20-21, “*My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*” We were created for unity with fellow believers. It's in the pursuit of unity that the bonds of selfishness and pride are often broken. It's in the surrender of opinion and selfish ambition that we find the abundant life that comes through sacrificial living. And most importantly, it's in unity that Jesus is most glorified.

Unity between two humans is only truly possible by the working of the Holy Spirit. Apart from God dwelling and transforming man, we will never be able to live sacrificially with any level of consistency. It's for that reason that Jesus is so glorified through our unity. And it's for that reason that pursuing unity between believers is of the utmost importance.

What are we declaring to the world when we bicker, slander, and give up on unity with fellow believers? Why would the lost want anything to do with a group of dramatic, hateful, judgmental, and selfish Christians? Christ has charged us with the command to be His hands and feet. He's commanded us to make disciples. And our ministry is nothing without love. When we pursue our own pride and gain over unity, we are directly disobeying the commandments of Scripture. When we allow strife and pride to place barriers between us, we hurt the cause of Christ to which we are all called.

Scripture is clear in its command to pursue unity. Unity isn't a suggestion that we don't have to adhere to because people can be difficult. It's a command straight from God, and it's of the highest importance. Ephesians 4:1-3 says, *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*”

We are called to be a carrier of peace. The Holy Spirit dwelling within us longs to make us a person who pursues restoration, comfort, agreement, and peace with fellow Christians. He longs to fill us with love, honor, patience, and respect for the fellow believers He has placed in our midst. When we feel dissension arise within us, we choose to serve your brother or sister out of reverence for God.

Friends, it is our desire to see our Crosstown church family grow and develop greater unity among all the groups within our congregation. We have new members, long term members, members with varying religious backgrounds, members with no faith background, White, Black, Hispanic, teens, single parents, traditional families, blended families, singles, men, women and multiple generations. We believe that being a church that embraces all aspects of who we are will greater enhance our ability to reflect God and declare to the world the wonderful transformation that comes only through salvation in Him.

“*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (Romans 15:5-6)

--Your friend,  
**Robert**



**MINISTRY UPDATES**



**Children's:**

**Bible Hour** — available for 2&3-year olds and 4&5-year olds 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: **ElvaLee A. and Kenna F.**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Lindsey Kirkpatrick and Haley Babitzke**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Shannon M., Hannah M., Kimberly B., Megan 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.**



**Small Groups:**

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



**Singles:**

**Monthly Activity** — October meeting cancelled. Please join in the All-Church Retreat.

**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: **Michael Robison and Larry Addington**

**Miscellaneous:**

**All Church Fellowship Meal: November 5, immediately following services.** Please bring food according to the first letter of your last name.

- A-F: Vegetable/Potato dish
- G-L: Salad/Fruit dish
- M-R: Dessert/Bread
- S-Z: Casseroles/Main Dish
- Set Up/Clean Up Responsibility: (Bible Class Room 213)

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

**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 with private nursing area is located in the back of the auditorium.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September:**

- 10-1 Bible Basics Class begins for students 2nd-6th grade.
- 10-13 All-Church Retreat
- 10-29 Fall Festival 5:30-7pm

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Upcoming**

- 10/6 Cecilia Murrell
- 10/7 Louis Robison
- 10/7 Whitney Knight



**STARTS TODAY:** Offered to students in grades 2-6. This class meets only the 1st and 2nd Sunday of every month. The students will be dismissed at the Bible hour slide during worship. Class meets in Room 128.



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

- Wed. Night Hang Outs** ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.
- Transportation** ~ If you need a ride to church or an event, please contact Sean.
- Contact Kids ~ Service Project:** October 3 at 5:30-7:30pm, dinner provided. Meet at Contact Church, 1529 West 49th St. at 5:30pm and pick up is 7:30pm at Contact or rides back to Crosstown can be arranged by contacting Brandon that night at 918-289-5733.
- Area Wide** ~ Sunday, October 8 at North Heights Church of Christ. Van leaves at 3:50pm and will return 7:30pm. Dinner provided.
- Halloween Festival at the Castle of Muskogee:** October 27. 5:15-9:50pm. We encourage parents to join us. This event is a-la-carte so you must sign up on our website @ [www.crosstownfamily.org](http://www.crosstownfamily.org) by October 8.
- “Spooky” Movie Monday** ~ October 30 @ Sean's house. Pumpkin carving contest, Hocus Pocus and Food, so please bring \$5 for food and prizes. Van leaves @ 5:45pm and returns at 9:15pm.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

**CONTACT US VIA EMAIL:**  
 > [info@crosstownfamily.org](mailto:info@crosstownfamily.org)

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 > [www.crosstownfamily.org/donate](http://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, Sept 24**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 99  
 Worship Total . . . . . 201

**Wednesday, Sept 27**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 78

**Statistics: Week of Sept 24**  
 Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
 Contribution . . . . . \$7,100  
 Contribution YTD . . . . \$340,480  
 Budget YTD . . . . . \$354,900  
 Under YTD . . . . . (\$14,420)