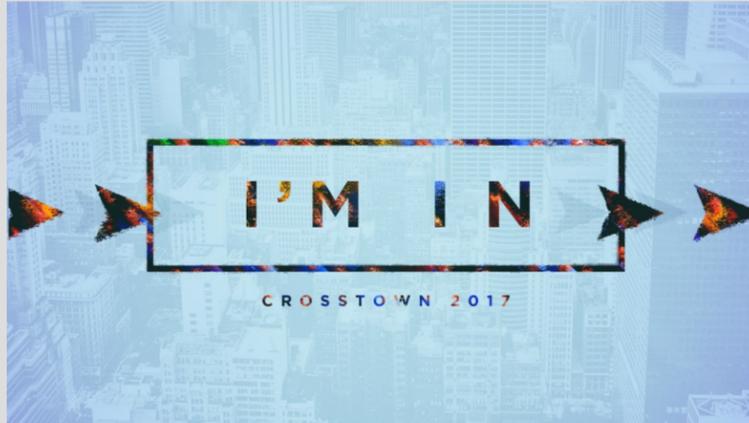


## SERMON NOTES



### “I Belong to Those Who Don’t Surrender”

Hebrews 10: 19-39

## 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, Fran Olden, Marilyn Parnell, Glenna Pickel, Michael Robison, Cathy Sharpe, Janice West.

### Prayer Requests

**Glenna Pickel** has been hospitalized this past week with kidney issues and other health concerns. She is hoping to get into Rolling Hills Care Center.  
**Fran Olden:** Diagnosed with cancer, please keep her in your prayers as she goes through this journey.

### Baptism

Shane Allison: was baptized here at Crosstown on October 5.

### Prayers for Friends and Family

**Juanita Farmer:** My uncle, Johnny Miller, who was in remission had his blood tested and the Leukemia is back.  
**Debra Rodriguez:** son Javier Hancock Sr. went back to work. The swelling went down, but still has a blood clot behind his eye, each day the vision is getting better.

### Food Pantry Guests

Iris asked for prayers to get workman’s comp claim funds on late husband, and for her bronchitis.  
Opal needs prayer for her heart problems.  
Labrandon needs prayer for safety, strength, and his family.  
Sandra prays for strength, guidance, and better finances.  
David for colon surgery on October 26.

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



TODAY >

**October 15, 2017**



**David and July López**

### ALL ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

will meet in the Auditorium to hear **David López**, one of the missionaries we support in Bogota, Colombia. David will be speaking during Bible Class and Worship Services.

David studied at Baxter Institute in Honduras for four years, getting a degree in Theology. During his studies at Baxter he met July. He began serving as a missionary in the Church of Christ in Suba, Bogota in 2012 and married July in January, 2013. Beyond the outreach and evangelistic services they provide as missionaries, together they work with the youth and July works with the children as well. Their future plans are to continue working as missionaries. They would like to express their thanks to God for the support and prayers of Crosstown.



**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

Everyone loves to be encouraged, praised, and valued. We all know instinctively that “Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down, but a good work makes him glad.” (Pro. 12:25) Yet many of us struggle to build habits of regularly encouraging others. Perhaps many are worried that too much praise and honor will result in big-headed pride, so the best thing to do might be to keep our compliments to ourselves. Certainly, complimenting and praising aren’t the only ways to encourage others (Scripture often shows us how to encourage with good and hopeful theology), but they *should* be tools we use often for the good of others.

Paul’s example in Romans 16 has always stood out as a great way to show honor and pay compliments in a way that continues to glorify God even while lifting up his servants. Here are just a few observations from the “farewell” chapter in Romans to get us started on showing others how much we value them.

First, *praise publicly whenever you can*. It’s not always possible, or even appropriate, but when someone’s good deeds are publicly known, they should be publicly recognized and valued. A side benefit of showing public honor is how much it encourages everyone listening. Doesn’t it delight and encourage you to hear one person praising another?

Second, *praise specifically whenever you can*. Paul praises Phoebe, who had been “a benefactor of many and of myself as well.” (Rom. 16:2)

Third, *praise effort as well as success*. Twice Paul praises someone in the church simply because they “worked hard” (Rom. 16:6, 12). If we wait until a job’s finished to honor someone, we have probably missed a great opportunity to encourage them along the way.

Fourth, *praise from the heart*. Paul’s public honor of the Christians in Rome wasn’t solely a record of their deeds, but included how much they meant to him. He used words like “my beloved” and “my kinsmen,” showing that these were valued, not just for their fruitfulness, but for their love.

Finally, *honor God above all*. Please realize that showing public honor to Jesus’ servants does not rob Him of honor—after all, He’s always the greater example and source of whatever good they’re doing! True servants of God are incredibly encouraged to hear a compliment that goes something like: “I honor God often for how well you are doing what He has called and equipped you to do!”

**...and a couple extra thoughts for good measure**

- If you want to do something really scary, ask the honest people in your life how often you compliment or praise them. There are very few of us that do this too much, or even enough.

- *Leaders*, if you are discouraged because you aren’t shown enough honor, you need to lead! Develop a habit of striving to show honor to others whenever and wherever you can.

- *Parents*, especially dads, compliment your children! Praise them to their face and especially in front of others. It’s almost impossible to comprehend the type of courage, strength, and love this communicates to their hearts.

- *Spouses*, honor your husband or your wife. Tell other people how great they are (this works a lot better in person than on social media, by the way). Pay your husband or wife genuine and thoughtful compliments whenever you can think of them.

**--Your friend,  
Robert**



**MINISTRY UPDATES**



**Children’s:**

**Bible Hour** — available for 2&3-year olds and 4,5,&6-year olds in our east wing. Children will be dismissed prior to the sermon.

**Bible Basics**—offered to students in grades 2-6 on 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month. Room 128. Dismissed prior to the sermon.



**Today’s Volunteers** — Nursery: **Kay Imhoff and Judy Carter**

2&3s Bible Hour: **Juanita Farmer and Makenzie Farmer**

4&5s Bible Hour: **Maggie P., Wesley Y., Camden P., Allison B.**

Bible Basics: **will meet on November 5 & November 12**



**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**.

**SAVE THE DATE** – December 9, 12:00-2:00pm for a Ladies’ Christmas Party. Details to come!



**Small Groups:**

**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** — November 11. Room 123.



**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 always need **PAPER SACKS**. Please leave sacks by food pantry door

**Security:**

**Today** — Class: **Louis Robison**. Worship: **Lowell Plaster and Louis Robison**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Fall Festival:** Sign up to volunteer, donate candy, and pick up invitations to invite your friends and neighbors at the table in the foyer. Event is October 29. 5:30-7:00pm. Monetary donations should be given to ministry staff, put in lock box, or given to an Elder. Candy can be put in any of the baskets located throughout the building.

**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.\*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October:**

10/29	Fall Festival 5:30-7pm
11/5	All Church Fellowship
11/12	Youth Area Wide at Crosstown

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Upcoming**

10/20	Elliot Wade
10/20	Kareda Tea
10/20	Roddy Roberts
10/20	Cathy Sharpe



**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 17 from 5:30-7:30pm, dinner provided. Meet at Contact Church, 1529 West 49th Street.

**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) **October 22** is the deadline.

**“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.

**Fasting 24 Fundraiser** ~ November 4. Beginning at 8:00am Saturday morning until Sunday morning services. Breakfast served at 7:00am. Bring bedding, bath towel, toiletries and clothes for church in the morning.

**Area Wide** ~ We are hosting November 12 at Crosstown. Dinner provided.

**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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  - Our roster of elders & staff
  - Sermon audio & other resources

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

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**CHURCH STATS**

**Sunday, October 8**

Bible Class Total . . . . . 118  
 Worship Total . . . . . 179

**Wednesday, October 11**

Bible Class Total . . . . . 103

**Statistics: Week of October 8**

Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
 Contribution . . . . . \$8,847  
 Contribution YTD . . . . \$358,393  
 Budget YTD . . . . . \$373,100  
 Under YTD . . . . . (\$14,707)