

SERMON NOTES



“Living in the Body” (part 1)

- Putting others ahead of ourselves requires _____
(cf. Rom. 12:1-2)
- Romans 12:3-8
- We _____ to one another
 - Our unity is found in the _____
 - We have been given _____ in the body
 - *Two questions:*
 - 1) What does this body _____?
 - 2) What can you _____?
 - God has created each one of us distinctly _____ so more _____ can get done
 - Fulfill your _____!

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.

Prayer Requests

- Charlotte Cook:** waiting on referral from insurance to an orthopedic oncologist for her elbow. Her elbow is continuing to swell and cause pain.
- Keenan Meadors:** asks for prayers and support for his upcoming hearing before the board. The hearing is scheduled for November 13th at 5pm at the Education Service Center (3027 S New Haven) on 2nd floor.
- Glenna Pickel:** is at Rolling Hills Care Center, 801 N 193rd E Ave, Catoosa, OK 74015. She is having back and leg pain from a recent fall. She welcomes visits.

Prayers for Family & Friends

Pat Well's: 5 year old grandson, Melique Hollingsworth, was hospitalized for respiratory issues.

Prayers for Food Pantry Guests

Larry would like prayers, he has cancer.

Thank You

To Our Fabulous Fall Festival Volunteers: Thank you so much for giving of your time and talents. We gave away 16,369 pieces of candy and served 542 hot dogs. We registered 291 guests from the community and counted 88 members and volunteers. We want to thank each and every one of you who, decorated a trunk, dressed up, ran a carnival game, served food, greeted our guests and helped with clean up. Thank you again for this safe event we provided for our community. In Christ We Serve,

—Misti, Sean, & Robert

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, and a cry room/training room with private nursing area is located in the back of the auditorium.



TODAY >

November 5, 2017



Fellowship Lunch Today
In the Activity Center
Following morning services
Visitors please stay and be our guests.



**This Holiday Season Crosstown will be supporting
Contact Church of Christ's Christmas Store**

Donate toys to the Christmas Store to help provide affordable Christmas gifts for families in the Tulsa area and to support programs at Contact Church of Christ, a mission church in Tulsa.

Here's how you can help:

1. Go out shopping with your family making purchases of gifts. A flyer with detailed information will be available today in the foyer.
2. Bring unwrapped toys with price tags still attached to the toy collection box in the foyer by Wednesday, Dec. 13th.
3. Pray for the families who will visit the Christmas Store on the 16th.
4. If you would prefer to donate money instead of shopping, please give monetary donations to an elder, staff member or **Julie Miguez**.
5. Please let **Julie Miguez** know if you'd like to help volunteer to help set up or serve at the Christmas Store.
6. To shop at the Christmas store, financially struggling families must call **Courtney Grider at Contact Church of Christ at 918-447-1130** by December 1st. If your family or an acquaintance needs this opportunity don't hesitate to call.

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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: **Mary Parker and Maggie Prater**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Brandy Schultz and Haley Babitzke**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Shannon M., Jaiden B., and Wesley Y.**
 Bible Basics: **will meet TODAY & November 12. Beckie Null and Elvalee Addington.**



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



Singles:

Monthly Activity — November 11 at 4pm in Room 123. Thanksgiving Dinner! Sign-up to bring sides and desserts in foyer. Come make a Christmas Ornament.



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.



Security: Class ~ **Louis R. Worship ~ Earl R. and Scott F.**



Women's:

Women's Bible Study — **Walking In the Light Daily**. Every Thursday 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!

Miscellaneous:

Mentor Wednesday ~ November 29, join your mentee at 6pm in the gym.
Thanksgiving Meal for our Food Pantry Guests: November 16 at Noon in Activity Center. We will be inviting all our Food Pantry guests from this past year to a Thanksgiving Dinner. How you can help make this possible: we need people to purchase and prepare turkey, potatoes, make a pie, and/or cook/serve/cleanup meal. Sign-up is sheet located on the table in the foyer. You can also give monetary donations to an elder; donate new or gently used giveaway items (i.e. decorations or household goods) to Phyllis Russell.
Volunteers Needed: To teach or assist in preschool and elementary classes for the upcoming winter quarter that starts in December 3. See Misti Babitzke if interested, we have a place for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

11/5 All Church Fellowship ~ Today following services.
 11/12 Youth Area Wide at Crosstown. The congregation may join us at 5:30pm for worship.

BIRTHDAYS

Upcoming

11/6 Terry Howard
 11/8 Lindsey Kirkpatrick
 11/8 Kathy Anderson
 11/9 Kimberly Browne
 11/11 Shirley Wasson



Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Outs ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm. The 1st Wednesday of every month a meal will be provided. Snacks provided on the 3rd and 5th Wednesday of every month.
Mentor Wednesday ~ the last Wednesday of the month.
Transportation ~ If you need a ride to church or an event, please contact Sean.
Area Wide ~ Sunday, November 12 from 4:30-7:00pm, at Crosstown. Dinner provided. Dodge Ball Tournament you make your own team.
Contact Kids ~ Service Project: November 14. 5:30-7:30pm, dinner provided. Meet at Contact Church, 1529 West 49th Street.
Angry Birds Devotional ~ November 26. 5:00-7:00pm, in the Activity Center at Crosstown.

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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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
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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, October 29
 Bible Class Total 127
 Worship Total 190

Wednesday, November 1
 Bible Class Total 94

Statistics: Week of October 29
 Weekly Budget \$9,100
 Contribution \$8,859
 Contribution YTD \$382,928
 Budget YTD \$400,400
 Under YTD (\$17,485)

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

The Apostle Paul was deeply concerned after finding out how his friends in Galatia abandoned God's grace for the burdensome yoke of a works based religion. These Christians were caught up in dead works. Reduced to slaves, they denied themselves of their freedom, working vigorously to secure their spot in heaven. Somehow they bought into the idea that salvation is based upon man's performance rather than on God's promise. Paul likens this type of legalism to paganism.

"But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods." (Galatians 4:8) This is true of every believer. There was a time each of us served something as if it were a god, but it wasn't a god at all. While it had no authority over us, we bowed to it regardless. Your god may have been money, a career or a hobby. Perhaps it was a drug that dominated your life. Or maybe it was a person. Whichever the case, you answered to another master besides the true and living God. While you may not have realized it at the time, you were in bondage. Someone or something had a tight leash on you. Instead of ruling it, it ruled you. Then Christ set you free!

Before the Galatians came to Christ, they bowed to useless idols. These so-called gods were not all that different from you or me. They may not have looked human, but they were believed to have human appetites, emotions and interests. It's for these reasons they were idolized. They epitomized our most basic instincts and deepest desires. This offered man a convenient means to worship his own nature. Indeed, pagan worship is self-worship.

While modern man may not bow to carved images, self-worship remains the most popular form of worship even today. Jesus turned this idea on its head when He declared, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."* (John 13:34) This golden rule is an absolute impossibility when our focus is inward. It requires a radical paradigm shift, from a self-serving mindset to a mindset of serving others. This is how the Christian exercises his or her liberty.

"For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:13-14)

The flesh offers only one thing and that is bondage. There is no getting around this. Whether it's sins of the flesh, or works of the flesh to satisfy the law, the end-result is always the same: you become a slave. Deliverance is found in Jesus alone. Once we embrace Him we embrace love. When we embrace love, we embrace the highest form of freedom.

Allow His love to rule over you, in you and through you. Freedom never tastes sweeter than when we do. Love like Jesus!

**--Your friend,
 Robert**