

## SERMON NOTES



### “Body Image”

- The world treats people like buckets of \_\_\_\_\_

- Romans 12:9-21

- Paul's description of the new \_\_\_\_\_ for the new \_\_\_\_\_

1. Love must be \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 9)
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to one another (vs. 10a)
3. Honor \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10b)
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13a)
5. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13b)
6. Live in \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16)
7. Be at \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 18)

- The church is designed to encourage people to \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY UPDATES

**Members with health issues:** Jim & LaFerne Caldwell, Peggy Cardwell, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Harlon and Maerene Hawkins, Alyssa Layman, Cristin Martin, Sherry Meadors, Fran Olden, Glenna Pickel, Michael Robison, Cathy Sharpe.

### Prayer Requests

- Charlotte Cook:** has an appointment scheduled November 15 to see an orthopedic oncologist for her elbow.
- Jerry Davee:** had outpatient surgery on Monday to install a heart monitor.
- Juanita Farmer:** is on medical leave from work, due to her wrist.
- Melva Forman:** is scheduled for knee surgery on December 4.
- Shirley Hoppes:** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on November 14 at St John's South.
- Elizabeth Logan-Murph:** broken collar bone.
- 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.
- Fran Olden:** will have surgery on November 15.

### Prayers for Family & Friends

- Melva Forman:** Please continue to pray for my son, Tommy.
- Keenan Meadors:** Pray for my son-in-law, Khalid Fonda, he is having heart spasms.
- Helen Troy:** was hospitalized in September and is now living with her niece. Her new address is 907 Deerfield Meadow, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

### Member Updates

**Nancy Geary: 918-932-8191**

**Toy Drive:** This Holiday Season Crosstown will be supporting **Contact Church of Christ's Christmas Store**, a mission church in Tulsa, which provides affordable Christmas gifts for families in the Tulsa area and to support programs at Contact Church of Christ.



Here's how you can help:

1. Go out shopping with your family making purchases of gifts. See display in the foyer. Remove a tag and purchase toy listed on tag.
2. Bring unwrapped toys with price tags still attached to the toy collection display area 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 Migues**.
5. Please let **Julie Migues** 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.

TODAY >

**November 12, 2017**



**TONIGHT, we are hosting the area youth for a Dodge Ball Tournament, Devotional and Meal!**

All youth grades 6-12 will meet at 4:30pm in our Activity Center for Crosstown's Annual Area Wide Dodge Ball Tournament. Last years winners were a team made up of Bartlesville and Crosstown teens. Invite your friends, you can make your own team, or join a team when you get here. This year our area wide theme is "Family". As a group service project we are collecting monetary donations for a family from one of our congregations to assist with adoption fees. We will be collecting at each area wide event until April of 2018.

At 5:30 we welcome the congregation to join us in worship. Aaron Kirkpatrick (Bartlesville) and Matt Johns (Park Plaza) will be sharing a message about God the Father and James Simmons (Park Plaza) will be leading us in singing. At 6:30 a meal will be provided for all the youth groups. If you stay and join us, please wait till all our youth guests and sponsors have made it through the line.



**Help Needed! To Provide a Thanksgiving Meal for our Food Pantry Guests:**

We have invited 280 guests for a meal on this coming Thursday, November 16th at Noon. We still need a few more volunteers to make mashed potatoes, help with cooking, and clean up. **Phyllis Russell** will be accepting monetary donations and giveaway items (household goods) until Wednesday, November 15th. Please keep this special day in your prayers. Please see the sign up sheet in foyer for more details.



**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

Our hearts go out to the people of Sutherland Springs, Texas. The First Baptist Church of this town and the entire community was ambushed in what was the worst mass shooting in Texas history. Twenty-six people are dead, including several children, the youngest of which was only 18 months old, and nearly two dozen more have been injured. This is heart crushing for this Texas community, and all of America, as we are reminded once again that evil is everywhere, and no place is perfectly safe.

These tragic events leave us all in shock, both the wider church community and the country at large. The church has always played a central role in American communities, serving as a place of hospitality, direction, and strength. Those are still its hallmarks as we intently try to love a dying world. And God instructs us not to *fear*. What a delicate balance! We must be both hospitable and aware, kind and discerning, loving and aware of potential danger.

As with other tragedies, people want to know *why* and *how* this could have happened. How did no one see this coming? How do we protect ourselves when so many places in our communities and neighborhoods, simply by virtue of the fact that we live in a free society, are soft targets for people with evil intent?

Another one of the blessings of being a part of a church family is that, if the church family is healthy, it tends to feel safe. It is a safe place for people to worship with their families. It is a safe place to make friends and grow in relationships. It is a safe place to turn when a sickness strikes or a loved one is lost in order to receive prayers and support. It is a safe place to process struggles and ask questions about faith and God.

Yet it is important to remember that this feeling of safety is not always enjoyed by churches all across the world, as many of them are bombed, shot up, and terrorized because of their confession of Christ. The apostle Paul, in Romans 8:36, writes about what it was like to be a member of a church in the first century when he quotes Psalm 44:22: "For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." This does certainly not sound safe. Yet, what makes Paul's words especially poignant at a time like this are their context. Paul begins by asking:

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:35-37)*

Even the sword of a Roman soldier – and, yes, even the bullet from an assailant's rifle – cannot separate us from the love of Christ. We are, Paul says, more than conquerors of those things because Christ loves us through those things.

Jesus once said, "My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more." (Luke 12:4) A shooter at a church in Sutherland Springs killed some bodies – but he can do no more. So, we should not be afraid. Why? Because there was a moment in history when instead of a mass murderer mowing down dozens of people with an assault rifle, there was a mass of murderers who brutally executed one man on a cross. But their murder didn't take. Because three days later, He came back.

Friends, we believe one day - on the Last Day—all those who have put their obedient faith and trust in Jesus, will come back even from death, when the One who once rose Himself will return to raise us. (cf. 1 Thess. 4:13-17)

One day we will gather around a heavenly throne where there will sit the Lamb of God who takes away every sin by His death and grants eternal life by His life. And one day, we'll join that great multitude of all the redeemed around that same throne. May that day come quickly. Maranatha.

**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 Dean Still**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Lindsey Kirkpatrick and Makenzie Farmer**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Joanie R., Cecilia M., and Mackenzie P.**  
 Bible Basics: **will meet TODAY & December 3. 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**. We use at least 60 bags a week.



**Singles:**

**Monthly Activity** — Christmas Party —December 16 at 4pm at Dean Still's house.



**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**.  
**Ladies' Christmas Party** – December 9, 12:00-2:00pm. Bring your favorite dish and a "white elephant" gift to exchange (limit \$15) Invite a friend to join us for great food, fun, and fellowship

**Miscellaneous:**

**Parent Meeting for all 3rd-12th grade students immediately following services in the activity center.** We will give out LTC information and dismiss those 3rd-5th grade parents, then continue with a youth parent meeting about upcoming events.

**Mentor Wednesday** ~ November 29, join your mentee at 6pm in the gym.  
**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.

**Fasting Fundraiser:** I wanted to give a big thank you to everyone who signed up to donate to the youth group. This week you should be expecting a letter from Sean telling you about the event and how your sponsored youth member did. It was amazing to see 13 out of 13 of our students last 24 hours with out eating or using their phones. I also want to thank everyone that helped with the event and who helped plan it. We also had some amazing women step up and help from staying with the kids to making breakfast for us Sunday morning. All these things are so very appreciated and you are all a great blessing to this youth group. So, once again, Thank you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October:**

- 11/12 Youth Area Wide at Crosstown. The congregation may join us at 5:30pm for worship.
- 11/16 Thanksgiving Meal for Food Pantry Guests at Noon.
- 11/22 No Bible Classes. We all meet in auditorium for a devotional.
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Upcoming**

- 11/13 Teresa Logan
- 11/13 Fran Olden
- 11/13 Meagan Stegall
- 11/14 Paul Schellhorn
- 11/17 Camden Prater
- 11/17 James Grimes

*Give thanks with a Grateful Heart And harvest Love*



**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** ~ Today 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

**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**

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 Tulsa, OK 74115-8227  
 Phone: 918-834-1395

**CHURCH STATS**

**Sunday, November 5**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 142  
 Worship Total . . . . . 205

**Wednesday, November 8**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 76

**Statistics: Week of November 5**  
 Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
 Contribution . . . . . \$7,431  
 Contribution YTD . . . . \$389,689  
 Budget YTD . . . . . \$409,500  
 Under YTD . . . . . (\$19,811)