

SERMON NOTES



Giving Like God

- Giving is the most _____ part of our worship

- Giving is a reflection of God's _____ (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9)

• God Gives _____

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FAMILY UPDATES

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

Prayer Requests

Della Brewster: She was in the hospital last week and is feeling better.

Charlotte Cook: will have outpatient surgery on her elbow in OKC on December 8.

Ernest Dean: is scheduled for knee surgery on December 5 at St Johns-BA .

Charles Holt: is home recovering from hernia surgery.

Melva Forman: is scheduled for knee surgery on December 4.

Sue Martin: is scheduled for shoulder joint replacement on December 8.

Glenna Pickel: is finished with rehab at the nursing home and has moved back home.

Prayers for Family & Friends

Pat Stufflebeam: pray for my daughter, Raquel, who is having tests done for health issues.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the **Cardwell Family**, for the loss of **Peggy Cardwell** on November 25. Her funeral was December 1.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the **Worley and Betty Holmes Family**, for the loss of his sister.

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.



Giving Statements

Internal Revenue Service regulations require contributions must be received or postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2017 for them to be considered deductible donations for the 2017 tax year. If your donations were made by check or cash donations made within an envelope with your name upon it, you will receive a statement from the church office shortly after the first of the year. Please wait to file your 2017 income tax return until after you have received this statement if you are claiming charitable contributions. Statements can also be provided upon request reflecting contributions made to that date.

TODAY >

December 3, 2017

Winter Bible Classes

December, January, February

SUNDAYS (BEGINNING TODAY):

Auditorium—*Let Your Light Shine*
—Steve Parker

Room 123—*Heroes of Faith*
—Roddy Roberts

(Rm 213)—*Continuation of Foundations of the Faith*
—Earl Logan and Robert Prater

WEDNESDAYS (BEGINNING DEC. 7th):

Auditorium—*Discover Your God-Given Gifts*

Ladies Christmas Party

*This Saturday,
December 9, 12:00-2:00pm.*

Bring your favorite potluck dish and a "white elephant" gift to exchange (limit \$15). Invite a friend to join us for great food, fun, and fellowship. White elephant gift is defined as; something funny or unusual and does not have to be new.

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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 Sundays of each month. Room 128. Dismissed prior to the sermon.
Today's Volunteers — Nursery: **Francine Crawford & Mary Dye**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Juanita Farmer and Ashton Bentley**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Carlie O., Jaiden B., and Kimberly B.**
 Bible Basics (2nd-6th grade): **will meet Dec. 3 & Dec. 10.**



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**. We use at least 60 bags a week.



Singles:

Monthly Activity — January 13 at 4pm.



Small Groups:

Group Bible Study — Led by **Keenan Meadors**. Sundays at 4pm.
Monday Night for the Master — Mondays 3:30-5:30pm. Room 122.
Life Groups — Connect / Grow / Serve. Contact an elder, a minister, or **Chris Clayton** to join a group.



Security: Class ~ **Louis R.**

Worship ~ **Earl Rockwell, Scott Fields**

Women's:

Women's Bible Study — **Walking In the Light Daily**. Thursdays at 9:30 in Room 122.
Ladies' Christmas Party – December 9, 12:00-2:00pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish and a "white elephant" gift to exchange (limit \$15). Invite a friend to join us for great food, fun, and fellowship. White elephant gift is defined as; something funny or unusual and does not have to be new.

Miscellaneous:

Christmas Store: See display in the foyer. Remove a tag and go shopping with your family to purchase item listed on tag, then bring unwrapped items with price tags still attached to the collection display area in the foyer by Wednesday, Dec. 13th. If you would prefer to donate money instead of shopping, please give monetary donations to an elder, staff member, or **Julie Miguez**. 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.
Leadership Training for Christ: (Grades 3-12) Please turn in your registration forms. If you missed the meeting, hand outs, forms, and hotel sign-ups are on the white shelf in the over flow hallway of the foyer.
Change Cans for Children: This is an ongoing collection. When your can is full, you can return it to office or Misti. Please pick up another can in the foyer. After we collect several cans, we call Hope Harbor to pick them up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November-December:
 12-9 Ladies' Christmas Party from 12:00-2pm.
 12/27 All-Church Devotional. 7pm in the Auditorium.
 12/31 Area Wide Worship Service. 4pm at 10th & Rockford Church of Christ (829 S. Rockford Ave. Tulsa, OK 74120).

BIRTHDAYS

Upcoming:
 12/3 Cayden Addington
 12/4 Rita Drummond
 12/6 Richard Stufflebeam
 12/6 Wanda Dean
 12/8 Halle Wade
 12/10 Juanita Farmer

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.
Area Wide: Dec. 10 from 4:30-7:00pm, at Broken Arrow. Dinner provided. Van leaves at 4pm and returns at 7:30pm. The theme is Family Dinner. Collecting donations for adoption fees at this event. Bring a gift of your choice: funny, useful, crazy, and new or used. No money has to be spent on this gift, but if you choose to, we recommend not spending much.
Christmas Bunko Night: Dec. 11. at Sean's. Van leaves Crosstown at 5:45pm and will return at 9:30. This is a fun time of bunko and presents. Bring a gift of your choice: funny, useful, crazy. No money has to be spent on this gift, but if you choose to, we recommend not spending much.
Christmas Party & Ice Skating: Dec. 16 starts @ 6pm at Prater's house, 3908 S 77th W Circle and ends @ 9pm at Winterfest ice rink in downtown Tulsa. Bring \$12 and gift (\$10 limit). Snacks provided. RSVP with Megan P. (Student lead event)
Girls Cookie Night: Dec. 21 at Sean's house. Van leaves at 5:45 and returns at 9:30pm. Bring your favorite cookie dough mix. Sugar Cookie dough and frosting will be provided.

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Psalm 46:10 says in most translations, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The NASB says, "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

"I'm out of here!" Many people feel like crying out this way at some point in life. When a demanding circumstance feels overwhelming, or when the pressure of the daily routine seems unbearable, a common reaction is the desire to escape. Whether the stress is related to a job, relationship, or other situations where it seemed too hard to handle, we want relief. So we decide we are walking out, moving on, heading for anywhere but where we are now.

God's Word has a powerful truth for us: The way to handle stressful situations is to cease fighting against them and instead be at rest. To the psalmist, this meant being still and knowing that God is truly God. Jesus promises peace in the midst of trials when we let go of troubles and entrust them to His care. (See Matthew 11:28-30; John 16:33.) So, while human instinct clamors for escape, God calls us to draw near to Him. Then we will find it easier to be still and truly know He is God.

In the context of Psalm 46:10, the voice of God rings out to all the inhabitants of the earth in assurance and supremacy, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Every fear is stilled, every anxiety quieted. His people can relax. He is God! His cause is victorious. He is supreme among the nations, supreme over all the earth.

It is from verse 10 that Katharina von Schlegel, the author of the hymn "Be Still, My Soul" drew inspiration.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake
 To guide the future as He has the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the winds and waves still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

No matter what may happen or how dark the hour may be, the believer can still say with confidence and fearlessness, "The LORD of hosts is with us!" (Psalm 46:11) If the One who directs the armies of heaven is on our side, who can be successful against us? "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31) If God is for us, then no one can be successful against us! If Omnipotence is working on our behalf, no lesser power can defeat His program.

-- Your friend,
Robert

Holiday Mail Station

You may drop off your Christmas Cards, addressed to members only, at the box tree located in the foyer (near the restrooms). Please place mail alphabetically according to last name. Members, please check your letter box occasionally to pick up your mail.



MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday
 Bible Class 9:15 am
 Worship 10:15 am
Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 pm

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- Info on events & ministries
- Our roster of elders & staff
- Sermon audio & other resources

CHURCH INFORMATION

3400 East Admiral Place
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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, November 26
 Bible Class Total 115
 Worship Total 220
Wednesday, November 29
 Bible Class Total 96

Statistics: Week of November 26
 Weekly Budget \$9,100
 Contribution \$8,565
 Contribution YTD \$415,171
 Budget YTD \$436,800
 Under YTD (\$21,629)