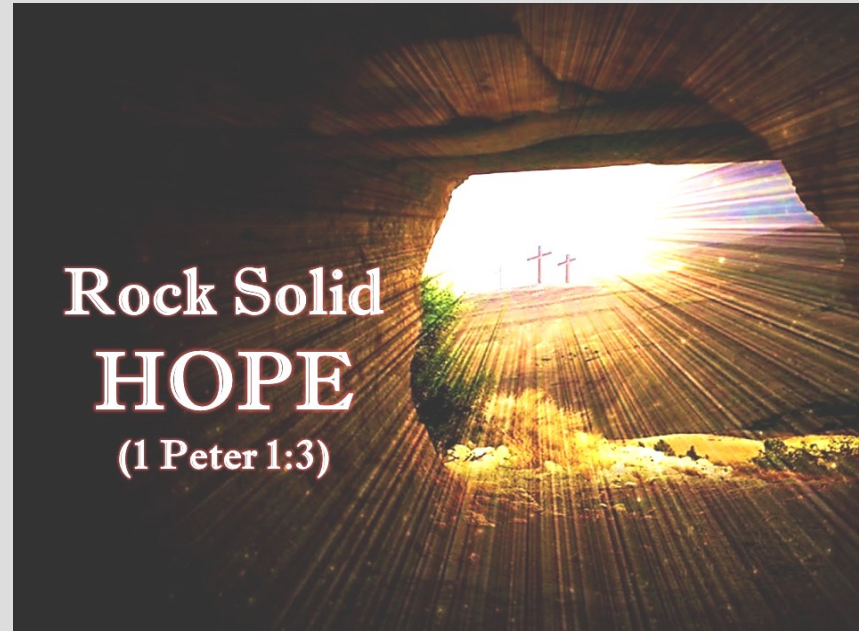


SERMON NOTES



- **Romans 1:3-4**
- **The resurrection is the _____ for our hope**
 - 1 Peter 1:3
 - The way you face your _____ circumstances is shaped by what you believe your _____ to be
- **The Passion story from the Gospel of Mark**
 - Mark 15:1-15
 - Mark 15:16-32
 - Mark 15:33-41
 - Mark 15:42-47
 - Mark 16:1-7

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: Larry Addington, LaFerne Caldwell, Charlotte Cook, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Melva Foreman, Harlon Hawkins, Kathleen Holt, Alyssa Layman, Cristin Martin, Sue Martin, Sherry Meadors, Fran Olden, Glenna Pickel, Michael Robison, Cathy Sharpe, Ann Thurman.

Prayer Requests

Wanda Dean: upcoming surgery on left elbow on April 10.
Cristin Martin: started a new medicine for her nerve pain and symptoms are worse. It says for some people that is normal and means an improvement in nerve repair. Praying this is the case but she is miserable.
Sue Martin: was admitted to hospital on Tuesday for anemia and had blood transfusions. She also has been in a lot of pain due to her shoulder surgery and now the other shoulder is giving her problems along with some other health issues.
Paul Schellhorn: was admitted to the hospital this past week for flu and pneumonia.
Ann Thurman: is at Parks Edge Nursing Home room 106.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Gene Anderson: Gene's mother, Wanda Anderson, fell and broke the femur on her left leg. Her surgery went well, but she has a long road to recovery.
Gussie Pitts: pray for my grandchildren's mother, Mandreha Chism, for safety and stability in her life.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

Lopez Family—Bogota, Colombia
Austin Family—Phoenix, Arizona
Saint-Amour Family—Milot, Haiti
Pabillon Family—Talisay, Philippines

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to the **Plaster Family** in the loss of **Lowell's** sister-in-law.

Thank You

Thank you church family for all the thoughtful cards and prayers for my and my husband and I. **Sharon Eskew**

Welcome Visitors

You are our honored guests. Please complete a visitor's sheet, located inside the Connection Books that will be passed 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 >

April 1, 2018

THIS WEDNESDAY

Youth Camp Fundraiser Meal
5:15pm-6:30pm

Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Salad, and Green Beans

Cost: A donation to aid Crosstown's youth and children with camp costs. (Cookies will also be sold throughout the evening.)



LTC Showcase
7:00pm-8pm



This showcase will feature our Leadership Training for Christ participants. Come to see what our youth have accomplished this year! (No Bible Classes— All adult and children classes will meet in the auditorium.)

You are invited...
**His shoes.
Her shoes.**
Marriage Seminar
Taught by: Wayne and Tami Roberts
Saturday, April 7
9 am-3:30 pm
Lunch and childcare provided
Hosted by:
Crosstown Church of Christ
3400 E. Admiral Pl., Tulsa, OK 74115

THIS SATURDAY

Free Marriage Seminar

Pick up an invitation flyer off the table to hand out to your friends, family, and neighbors.

Please RSVP on the sign up list in foyer or on our website www.crosstownfamily.org. Click on events.



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 the 1st & 2nd Sundays of each month. Rm. 128. Dismissed prior to the sermon.
Today's Volunteers — Nursery: **Meri Sue B. and Kay I.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Lindsey K. and Sydney S.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Maggie P., Hannah M., and Wesley Y.**
Sermon Notes for Kids: an interactive sheet for kids to use during the sermon is provided in the Connection Books on the pew.



Food Pantry:

You may make a donation by 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.



Small Groups:

Group Bible Study — Led by **Keenan Meadors**. Sundays at 4pm (except 4th Sunday) at the church building.
Life Groups — Connect / Grow / Serve. Contact an elder, a minister, or **Chris Clayton** to join a group. On the 4th Sunday of each month, all life groups will meet at the building at 5:00pm.
Monday Night for the Master — Mondays 3:30-5:30pm. Room 122. Write cards and pray for petitions.



Security:

Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ Michael R. and Larry A.

Women's:

Women's Bible Study — **Walking In the Light Daily**. Thursdays at 9:30am in Room 122.
Women's Exercise Group — Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am in the Activity Center.



Miscellaneous:

Believe Adult Study Guides, Reading Schedules, and Take It Home For The Family are available in the foyer by the "Believe" Bulletin Board on a small bookcase. These are also available on our website.
Bloom: Free Flower, Plant, and Seed Giveaway: May 19 at 9am 'til gone. Ladies we need help with the event, sign up sheet is located on the foyer table. See **Delia Brewster** or **Sharon Thomas** for any questions.
Fundraiser Dinner: (See Front) Parents and/or mentors are asked to make cookies with students for this fundraiser. Student should arrive early to help set up, serve and sell cookies.
Marriage Seminar: "His shoes. Her shoes." April 7. Volunteers are needed before and during the seminar. Please see sign up sheets on the foyer table. There are four important areas in which you can serve to help make the seminar a success.
Mowing: Adopt a weekend to mow the church lawn. Sign up list is located on the table in the foyer.
Take Home Lunches: If the potential teacher Walkout goes beyond Monday, April 2 we are planning to assemble and distribute sack lunches for the families with children who of our Food Pantry on Tuesday, April 3, from 10:00 am to Noon. If you would like to help on that morning at the building; please see **Maggie Prater** or **Phyllis Russell**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/4 Fundraiser Dinner 5:15-6:30pm & LTC Showcase
- 4/7 His shoes. Her shoes. Marriage Seminar
- 4/22 Combine Life Group at church building 5pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Lynn Hoppes
- 4/4 Owen Roberson
- 4/5 Marshall Brooks
- 4/6 Mackenzie Prater
- 4/6 Kenneth Hearrell
- 4/8 Christian Migues



Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Out: on Wednesdays from 6pm-6:45pm in Youth Room. Bible Class will follow at 7pm. Meal provided on 1st Wednesday and snacks provided on 3rd & 5th Wednesdays.
Youth Area Wide Retreat: April 6-8. Van leaves Friday at 6:30pm and will be returning Sunday at noon. The discounted rate is \$35 for those who registered before March 23. You may still register, but the price is now \$65 and you will not receive a shirt. Sign ups and medical release forms can be found at Crosstownfamily.org under upcoming events.
Devotional: April 22. 6pm-7pm immediately following combined Life Group. We will play some games, have a short devo, and finish up at 7pm. Parents encouraged to attend. Snacks provided
Mentor Wednesday: April 25 at 6pm. Play games and hang out with your mentors before Bible class.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday
 Bible Class 9:15 am
 Worship 10:15 am

Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 pm

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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, March 25	
Bible Class Total	109
Worship Total	200
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$8,362
Contribution YTD	\$102,313
Budget YTD	\$111,600
Difference	(\$9,287)
Wednesday, March 28	
Bible Class Total	96

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Though our culture continues to drift — and sometimes dart — farther and farther from its religious heritage, we can see the unmistakable traces of faith in our holidays. Even those outside the church still associate Easter with hope and new life. And this enduring connection offers each of us a wonderful opportunity to share “the hope of the gospel” (Col. 1:23) with those God has placed in our lives. In fact, we are instructed to be “ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Pet. 3:15)

According to Peter, we must both have hope and have a reason for our hope. One of the most powerful demonstrations of hope we can give is through how we handle hardship and suffering as we show our confidence that God is working all things for good and that we can trust Him no matter what. And the source of this hope is the work of the risen Christ (1 Cor. 15).

Beyond any of the everyday struggles or global atrocities in our world today, Jesus' death on a Roman cross is the ultimate example of injustice and evil as God Himself was betrayed and killed by His own creation. And this all happened “according to God's determined plan and fore-knowledge” (Acts 2:23). Scripture makes clear that God used “both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, assembled together against [His] holy servant Jesus, whom [He] anointed, to do whatever [His] hand and [His] will had predestined to take place.” (Acts 4:27-28)

Yet, God used the greatest act of evil in history — Jesus' death — to bring about the greatest good — His glory and the redemption of humankind. If He did this, then we can take comfort and confidence from the knowledge that He is also using our difficulties and tragedies to bring about good, even when we can't see how. (cf. Romans 8:28) And even more, Jesus was raised to life on the third day so that we could see death conquered once and for all.

This is the reason for the hope that is in you: a wooden cross and an empty tomb. Jesus didn't just die for you. He rose from the grave for you — to give you hope. Because just as Jesus died and rose again, God promises that all who die trusting and obeying Jesus will be raised to everlasting life.

Christians are called to be people of hope (Eph. 4:4), and this hope should be evident in our lives. It should be reflected each day and upon every Lord's Day (first day of the week) as we remember the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. Friends, show this hope to others. Share the reason for your hope. And then invite others to know the peace and hope that can only come through Jesus.

**-- Your friend,
Robert**