

## SERMON NOTES



### “A Faith as Precious as Ours”

- 2 Peter 1:1-11

- The word precious means \_\_\_\_\_

• Faith is precious when you realize....

- What you have been \_\_\_\_\_ from

- The price that was \_\_\_\_\_

- Faith is the means of \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption of the world

• We are to grow in the faith \_\_\_\_\_

- 7 qualities of \_\_\_\_\_ that come from our common faith (vss. 5-7)

- They culminate in \_\_\_\_\_

- We are to be a \_\_\_\_\_ people

## 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

**Jim Caldwell:** is weak and has been put on hospice care.

**Michelle Clayton:** is scheduled to have sinus surgery on Monday.

**Charlotte Cook:** had an MRI on her elbow, tests were inconclusive. She has been referred to an orthopaedic oncologist.

**Merle Imhoff:** had sinus surgery on Thursday.

### Prayers for Friends and Family

Pray for Lisa Collvert, that her health improves.

### Thank You

Dear Tom and Lisa,

We just received the thoughtful packet of get-well cards from the dear people at Crosstown Church of Christ. What a kind gesture! Please convey to each one who participated my deep thanks.

Special thanks for the loving concern and faithful prayers that each card represents.

Libby joins me in sending our love to all, Ron Blue.

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



TODAY >

**October 29, 2017**

# FALL FESTIVAL



Tonight we will be hosting our annual Fall Festival event. The fun begins at 5:30pm and ends at 7pm. Invite your friends and family to join us! We can't wait to see your costumes! We will have a mini trunk-or-treat, a light meal, and carnival games.

Oh, and lots of candy! If you want to volunteer, we could still use a few in the kitchen or running a carnival game.

(Volunteers, please arrive at 4:30pm to set up and eat. Thank you in advance for your help!)

**ALL CHURCH**

## Fell | wship

*time together around the table*

**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
- Bible Class Room 213 is responsible for set up and clean up.

\*Please bring enough to feed two times the number in your family attending.\*

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**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

Our annual **Fall Festival** will be later this afternoon from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. We'll have a Mini Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot, a light meal in the Activity Center with carnival games and lots of candy! This is a great alternative to traditional trick-or-treating that is safe for the whole family. We hope to see many of you here with friends and family. This is also a huge community outreach event that requires a ton of volunteers and workers. We appreciate all those who donated candy, money and time to serve during this event. We offer this event because we love our neighborhood, and believe in sharing the love of Christ with our friends, family and community. This is one small way for us to do just that.

There are many endeavors in life. We may go to work, school, a football game, movie, concert, or some other event. Each of these activities requires a certain amount of involvement, and when we involve ourselves in them, we commit to a certain level of participation. Some of these activities may be summarily dismissed because our involvement in them is minimal. Others require more involvement and participation. The more effort we put into the activity, the more we will get out of it in the long run. The greatest endeavor in which one may be involved is the Lord's church.

There are many, however, who look at the church as simply another opportunity like work, school, or a game. This, however, is not the Lord's view of the church. The church is the body of believers for which Christ died and shed His blood (Acts 20:28). He committed fully to her establishment, and he commits fully to her success. We must have the same level of commitment to the church if she is going to be successful. Lack of commitment to the church is one of the greatest threats to church unity.

A few years ago, a brother in Christ asked my opinion about where he ought to place his membership. He said that there was one congregation he was looking at that was small and didn't have a lot of resources. There was another congregation that was large and had many resources. My question to him was, "Where can you better serve the Lord?" In our day and time, religion is looked on as a cafeteria experience. Many have the attitude that they may shop around until they find a congregation that they like and are comfortable. This is not how we ought to think about our relationship to the body of Christ. Rather, our desire ought to be, "How may I best serve the Lord?"

Being a member of the body is not about comfort, ease, and safety. This notion would likely insult many early members of the Lord's church who endured severe persecution, suffered greatly, and even died for the Lord's cause. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24) Having Christian unity demands that we do just this. Such unity is not superficial, but truly profound, where Christians may have deep abiding personal relationships based upon true knowledge of one another—not just upon the niceties of making acquaintance.

Unity is hard; it is an endeavor. Trying to find easy solutions to difficult problems never works out in the long run; this kind of attitude leads to the cafeteria mentality for churches. Strong and lasting relationships depend on our working out our differences according to God's pattern. May God help us to so do.

-- 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: **Pat Stufflebeam and Julie Wade**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Cheala Green and Ashton Bentley**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Carlie O., Cecilia M., Hannah M., Megan P.**  
 Bible Basics: **will meet on November 5 & November 12**



**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!



**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 at 4pm in Room 123. Thanksgiving Dinner! Sign-up to brings sides and desserts in foyer. Come make a Christmas Ornament.



**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.



**Miscellaneous:**

**Fasting Fundraiser:** November 3-4. The youth group is going to be fasting and focusing on God. We will be learning about self-reflection, and how to become closer to God while simultaneously witnessing the hunger problem in the world and even here in Tulsa. This will be a time of spiritual growth, and mental growth while also learning about endurance, determination and strength and how those things are given to us by God. You can participate with us. You can pledge per hour or give a one time donation. Funds will sponsor youth events and our food pantry. You can pledge or donate at the table in the foyer.

**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 used giveaway items (i.e. decorations or household goods) to Phyllis Russell.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

October:

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



**BIRTHDAYS**

Upcoming

- 10/29 Homer Cox
- 10/29 Jim Caldwell
- 11/2 Mikayla Edgar
- 11/2 KayDee Rampey
- 11/2 Jade Green
- 11/3 Maerine Hawkins
- 11/3 Sharon Delosier
- 11/4 Ross Frasier



**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.

**"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. Please let Sean know if you are planning on coming to this event.

**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** ~ Sunday, November 12 from 4:30-7:00pm, at Crosstown. Dinner provided.

**Contact Kids ~ Service Project:** November 14. 5:30-7:30pm, dinner provided. Meet at Contact Church, 1529 West 49th Street.

**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  
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**CHURCH STATS**

**Sunday, October 22**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 120  
 Worship Total . . . . . 195

**Wednesday, October 25**  
 Bible Class Total . . . . . 81

**Statistics: Week of October 22**  
 Weekly Budget . . . . . \$9,100  
 Contribution . . . . . \$7,364  
 Contribution YTD . . . . \$374,070  
 Budget YTD . . . . . \$391,300  
 Under YTD . . . . . (\$17,231)