

SERMON NOTES



“Convenience vs. Commitment”

- The virus of “_____” (Charles Colson)

- God relates to humans not on the basis of convenience but of _____

Exodus 19:5, 8

Hebrews 8:7-13

Galatians 3:26-29

- Stay committed to _____ and _____

1. Hebrews 3:12-13 - _____

2. Hebrews 10:24-15 - _____

3. Hebrews 12:14-16 - _____

4. Hebrews 13:1 - _____

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: 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

Larry Addington: is recovering from pneumonia.

Peggy Cardwell: is very weak and has an infection.

Charlotte Cook: The doctor said it is not cancer in her elbow, but it is something that will need to be taken care of surgically. She will have outpatient surgery in OKC on December 8. She thanks the congregation for their prayers.

Ernest Dean: new doctor recommends surgery-fusion of knee. It will require two surgeries before completion of the process.

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

Shirley Hoppes: had knee replacement surgery on November 14.

Fran Olden: had surgery to remove cancer on November 15.

Praise & Thank You

Keenan Meadors: Thanks the congregation for their prayers and support, he was reinstated. He expresses a special thank you to **Mike Van, Tom Conklin, Tom Schellhorn, and Shannon Moore** who came to the hearing.

Prayers for Family & Friends

Lois Cox's sister, Lena Avery, fell and broke her hip.

Homer Cox's nephew, Dean, amputation and infection.

Marie Wilson's daughter, Jodi Lewis, lost her father-in-law James Lewis.

Responses

John Todd came forward asking for prayers.

Travis came forward and asked for prayers for the church as we go out into the world.

Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with **LaFerne Caldwell** and her family on the passing of her husband, **Jim Caldwell**, on Sunday. The funeral was held Friday at Crosstown. Memorials can be made to Hope Harbor Children's Home or Crosstown Food Pantry Ministry.

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 19, 2017

Happy
Thanksgiving



**All Church Devotional
Wednesday, November 22
at 7pm in Auditorium
(No Bible Classes)**



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. 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.
2. Pray for the families who will visit the Christmas Store on the 16th.
3. If you would prefer to donate money instead of shopping, please give monetary donations to an elder, staff member, or **Julie Miguez**.
4. Please let **Julie Miguez** know if you'd like to help volunteer to help set up or serve at the Christmas Store.

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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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Roger Ailes. Harvey Weinstein. Kevin Spacey. These are just a few of the more recent names that have exposed the steamy underbelly of sickening sexual power-plays for the world to see. Charges that these men sexually assaulted people with whom they worked have sparked a social media movement among countless victims of sexual assault, who are now declaring, #MeToo. These men's alleged sexual crimes have been roundly condemned, both in word and deed. Sexual assault is one of those issues on which all people with any moral center can agree: it should *never* happen.

Our modern sexual ethics have, in many ways, been reduced to the word "consent." As long as people consent to any kind of sexual activity, any kind of sexual activity is permissible and, yes, even moral. Indeed, in our sexually indulgent culture, it is considered immoral to restrain and contain one's sexual desires, for sexual desire is considered to be at least a window, if not the window, into a person's core identity. But, as **David French** points out in an article for *National Review*:

The practical result of consent-focused morality is the sexualization of every thing. With the line drawn at desire alone, there is no longer any space that's sex-free..... The result is everything is sexualized and virtually every woman is subject to the potential "ask," scandals we are seeing. Desire is elevated over fidelity and certainly over propriety, so bosses bully, spouses stray, hearts break, and families fracture.

Mr. French is precisely right. Sexual assault is a huge problem. It is a huge problem in and of itself, which is why we must stand with the women – and the men – who are victimized by it and declare, "No more!" But it is also symptomatic of another huge problem – a sexual ethic that has become so thin that it amounts to little more than a "yes" or "no" answer to an ask.

The Christian sexual ethic is wholly different from our culture's, as any glance through Leviticus 18 will quickly reveal, because its very trajectory is countercultural. In a culture that approvingly trends toward the permissive, Christianity vigilantly trends toward the restrictive. This is why Jesus says things like: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:27-28). In sexual ethics, Jesus goes far beyond consent. He cuts straight to the heart. Even what happens in one's interior life can be an opportunity for sexual immorality.

Why would Jesus trend toward the restrictive with regard to sexuality? Is He a prude? Or a Puritan? Hardly. He simply knows that with great power comes great responsibility. And sex does, in fact, carry with it great power. So, Jesus is inviting us to handle with care. The wise person understands that desire – even mutual desire – can be dangerous.

It is time for us to take a step back and recognize this reality. In a culture that exalts consent when it comes to sexuality, Christians have something much more profound to protect and prosper sexuality – a conviction that sex is to be contained in the beauty of marital fidelity (cf. Matt. 19:4-6), not so that joy in sex may be decreased, but so that joy in sex may be released.

-- Your friend,
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 Sundays of each month. Room 128. Dismissed prior to the sermon.



Today's Volunteers — Nursery: **Debra R. and Alice R.**
2&3s Bible Hour: **Molly C. and Sydney S.**
4&5s Bible Hour: **Maggie, Camden, Jordan, and Megan.**
Bible Basics: **will meet December 3 & December 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 **desperately** need **PAPER SACKS**. We use at least 60 bags a week.



Singles:

Monthly Activity — December 2. Deliver ornaments to nursing home. Meet at building at 10:00am. We will eat lunch together afterwards.



Small Groups:

Group Bible Study — Led by **Keenan Meadors**. Sundays at 4pm.
Monday Night for the Master — Mondays 3:30-5:30pm. Will not meet on 11/20 and 11/27, and will resume on 12/4.
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**. Will not meet on November 23 due to the holiday.
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:

Mentor Wednesday ~ November 29, join your mentee at 6pm in the gym.
Volunteers Needed: in children's classes for the upcoming winter quarter that starts on December 3. See **Misti Babitzke**, if interested.



This past month, **Scott Hathaway** agreed to lead the Monday Night for the Master Ministry. **Judith Ezzell** and **Scott and Kenna Fields** have also stepped up to take on some of the responsibilities with him.



Thanks for:
Stepping Up!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

November-December:

- 11/22 No Bible Classes. We all meet in auditorium for a devotional.
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/29 Mentor Wednesday: Meet your mentee in the Gym at 6pm.
- 12-2 Singles: 10:00am Deliver ornaments and eat lunch.
- 12-9 Ladies' Christmas Party from 12:00-2pm.

Upcoming:

- 11/18 Shirley Hoppes
- 11/19 Marsha Scott
- 11/20 Janessa Crandall
- 11/21 Claudine Willis
- 11/23 Wendell Scott
- 11/24 Easton Holt

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.
Angry Birds Devotional ~ Nov. 26. 5:00-7:00pm, in the Activity Center at Crosstown.
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. Accepting donations for adoption fees at this event.
Christmas Bunko Night: 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.
Contact Kids ~ Service Project: Does not meet again till February.
Girls Cookie Night: Dec. 28. Van leaves at 5:45 and returns at 9:30pm. Bring your favorite cookie dough mix. Sugar Cookie dough and frosting will be provided.

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
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CHURCH INFORMATION

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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, November 12
Bible Class Total 106
Worship Total 180
Wednesday, November 15
Bible Class Total 81

Statistics: Week of November 12
Weekly Budget \$9,100
Contribution \$8,928
Contribution YTD \$398,593
Budget YTD \$418,600
Under YTD (\$20,007)