

## SERMON NOTES



- John tells us the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus being born

- He takes us back to the very \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ Himself (vss. 1-2)

- Jesus made \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3; Col. 1:15-17)

- Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4)

- Jesus gives us the opportunity to become \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12; 3:5-7)

- \_\_\_\_\_ is made possible because Jesus was born (vs. 14; cf. Phil. 2:5-8)

## 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.

### Placing Membership

Dana Jiles, 2527 N Marshall St, Tulsa OK 74110  
918-210-9035

### Prayer Requests

**Charlotte Cook:** tumor was melanoma cancer, doctor is requesting additional tests before he recommends treatment.

**Ernest Dean:** staying at The Cottages, 2552 E 21st #212B, Tulsa, OK 74114 for rehab on his knee.

**Juanita Farmer:** had surgery on her wrist.

**Kathleen Holt:** on hospice.

**Ann Thurman:** has been moved to Kaiser Rehabilitation Center at Hillcrest, Room 228 (1125 S Trenton Ave).

**Darlene Engles:** cancer has returned. Treatments yet to be determined.

### Prayers for Family & Friends

**Sarah Beard:** asks for prayers for her niece, Cynthia Jones, for healing. She has bronchitis.

Former member, **Judith Stephens:** dad, Ed Walden is at St. John's Hospital.

### Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

**Lopez Family** —Bogota, Colombia

**Austin Family**—Phoenix, Arizona

**Saint-Amour Family**—Milot, Haiti

**Pabillon Family**—Talisay, Philippines



Giving Statements

Internal Revenue Service regulations require that 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 (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 24, 2017

## All Church Devotional & Special Youth Area-Wide Event (No Bible Classes)

Wednesday, December 27 at 7:00pm

Guest Song Leader: Aaron Kirkpatrick

The area-wide youth will be joining us for singing and a devotional. At 8pm the youth in grades 6-12 will move to the Activity Center for Nerf Wars and Zombies and all other members will be dismissed to go home. At 10:00pm the teens will travel to Owasso's New Entertainment Center "Wheels and Thrills." The cost to go to the skating/laser tag event is \$15.00. Expected time of return to the building for pick up is 12:20 am.



## Area-Wide End of Year Service

December 31st at 4pm  
At 10th & Rockford  
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MINISTRY UPDATES



**Children's:**  
**No attended nursery offered today and Bible Hour will not meet:** *all children will be called to the stage* for a special activity.  
**Sermon Notes for Kids:** an interactive sheet for kids to use during the sermon can be found in the Connection Books at the end of 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.



**Singles:**  
**Monthly Activity** — January 13 at 4pm. Business meeting, bring your own brown bag dinner and ideas to plan for the next year.



**Small Groups:**  
**Group Bible Study** — Led by **Keenan Meadors**. Sundays at 4pm at the church building.  
**Life Groups** — Connect / Grow / Serve. Contact an elder, a minister, or **Chris Clayton** to join a group. **Starting in January**, on the 4th Sunday of each month, all life groups will meet at the building at 5:00pm. We will start with a period of singing and prayer, then move on to study time, in which we will be discussing questions related to the topic of that morning's sermon. **All members and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.**  
**Monday Night for the Master** — will not meet again until Jan. 8.



**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. Will not meet 12/28.  
**Women's Exercise Group** — Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am in the Activity Center.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Holiday Mail:** Please check mail at the box tree in the foyer. You can find mail based on the letter of your last name.

**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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December:

- 12/25-12/29 Church office will be closed.
- 12/27 All-Church Devotional. 7pm in the Auditorium. Guest song leader.
- 12/31 Area Wide Worship Service. 4pm at 10th & Rockford Church of Christ (829 S. Rockford Ave. Tulsa, OK 74120).

BIRTHDAYS

Upcoming:

- 12/24 Eve Beard
- 12/24 Pat Wells
- 12/28 Brianna Land
- 12/29 Julie Wade
- 12/31 Clint Hoppes



Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

**Special Area Wide Event:** Dec. 27 following all-church devotional, nerf war and zombies. At 10:00pm we will leave for the new entertainment center in Owasso that has ice skating and laser tag. Cost for this portion is \$15.  
**Area Wide:** Jan. 7 at 29th and Yale Church of Christ. Van leaves at 4:15pm and returns at 7:15pm. This month's theme is adoption.

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, December 17

Bible Class Total	123
Worship Total	205

Wednesday, December 13

Bible Class Total	72
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Statistics: Week of December 17

Weekly Budget	\$9,100
Contribution	\$8,143
Contribution YTD	\$442,430
Budget YTD	\$464,100
Under YTD	(\$21,670)

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

According to the angel's words in Matthew chapter one, "you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Jesus is the Greek translation of the Hebrew name Yeshua, which means "Yahweh saves." As a reflection of the people's desire for deliverance, plenty of boys in ancient Israel were named Jesus.

The angel also told Joseph, "they will name him Immanuel, which is translated 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23) The birth of a baby boy was also the Incarnation of God Almighty. God is with us, and God saves us. It's so easy to call Jesus "Immanuel" and "Savior" without really considering why He chose to be with us and from what He has saved us.

I don't think we need much to convince us that something is terribly wrong with this world. We can look around every day and see that the world is broken, we broke it, and we can't fix it. The same is true in each of our individual lives. We don't do what we should. Instead, we do things we know we shouldn't.

We feel guilty, broken, empty, like we're always missing something — even at this time of year. Surrounded by bright lights and festive carols, many are still waiting and hoping for some sort of relief — for rescue. And in that longing we can find the hope of the "Christmas story."

God the Father, for the sake of His glory and because of His love for us, sent His Son, Jesus — who offered Himself as a willing sacrifice — to satisfy God's justice, so that Jesus took the place of sinners. The punishment we deserved was laid on Jesus instead of us, so that in the cross both God's holiness and love are manifested. (cf. Rom. 3:25-26)

This Christmas, when you sing about Immanuel — God with us — don't leave Jesus in the manger. He's not the silent baby, who seemingly makes no demands on you. Instead, remember the cross on which He died for you. But also remember that the story doesn't end with His suffering and death. He walked out of the tomb! He was raised on the third day. Death is conquered, and we have nothing to fear.

As you prepare to spend time with family and friends this Christmas, I hope you will make room for Immanuel to be God with you and let the Savior of the world truly be your Savior and Lord so that you can truly sing, as the great song expresses in regard to the coming of our Savior: "*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room.*"

-- Your friend,  
**Robert**

