

## SERMON NOTES

# BELIEVE

THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS.

## 2018

### “Humanity: We’re Only Human”

1. All of us are \_\_\_\_\_ in various ways

- Romans 3:10-12

2. All of us are \_\_\_\_\_ by God

- John 3:16  
- 2 Peter 3:9b

3. All of us can be \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Jesus Christ

- Romans 3:23-24

4. All of us can show \_\_\_\_\_ to every human

- 1 John 4:19-21

5. All of us can deal with the tension of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- Psalm 103:13-14  
- 1 John 2:1-2

6. All of us can \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ

## 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, Shirlene Roberson, Earl Rockwell, Cathy Sharpe, Ann Thurman, Terry West.

### Baptism

Vivian Carson was baptized by Ben Carson at Park Plaza on April 20, 2018.

### Placing Membership

Please make welcome, **Francisco and Linda Arevalo**, and their two children **Reina and Maximo**.

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### Prayer Requests

**Sandy Angelo:** husband, David, fell and broke his ribs.

**Michelle Clayton:** having neck surgery, April 30 at 9:00am at St John’s hospital.

**Carole Medina:** daughter, **Meri-Sue Bachlor** and granddaughter Randi Jo Bachlor and great grand daughters for love and endurance.

**Terry West:** has been moved to Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Rd NW, Room 527, Atlanta, Georgia 30309 for rehab for his spinal cord injury.

### Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

**Charlotte Cook:** brother, James Franklin, fell and broke his collar bone and cracked two ribs last week. He had surgery this week.

**Shirley Hoppes:** thank you for your prayers for our great granddaughter, Emlee Rapp, born 2 months early. She survived her first surgery and is off life support much sooner than expected. Please pray for the additional surgeries to come.

**Patsy Hunter:** grandson, Darien, diagnosed with Chron’s Disease.

**Jessica Helt:** her parent and grandparents, Christina, Pat, and Aurthor Chaffee to be healed and restored.

**Louis and Alice Robison:** daughter, Gina, had surgery for perforated appendix.

**Kathleen Corns:** brother-in-law, Max Corns, has been put on hospice care. Cancer is not responding to treatment.

### Thank You

Thank you, brothers and sisters for the many prayers, words of encouragement, and cards during this time of surgery. **Wanda Dean**

Your cards helped me bear the hardship while I was in the hospital after my triple bypass surgery. Thank you for your prayers and cards, that was really thoughtful of your. Marie Kasamatsu

### Senior Sunday Fellowship Lunch:

May 20th, immediately following services.

Join us on the day we celebrate our high school seniors and the welcoming of our youth interns with food and fellowship. Please bring food according to the first letter of your last name.

A-E: Ham or Chicken ~ F-L: Ham or Chicken

M-R: Salad & Bread ~ S-Z: Vegetable & Bread

Dessert cake will be provided.

~Set Up/Clean Up Responsibility: (Adults Room 123 & Room 213 Classes)

Elder Oversight Tom Schellhorn

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

TODAY >

April 29, 2018



Sunday, May 6th  
Immediately following Services  
Lunch Provided

For parents, guardians, and for those who volunteer or chaperone at events with the youth group.

- Medical forms
- Planned Activities
- Involvement



Free  
Flower, Plant & Seed  
Giveaway

*Bloom!*

Saturday, May 19th 9am till gone!

At  
Crosstown Church of Christ  
South Parking Lot

Invite your friends and neighbors!  
Invitation flyers available in the foyer

Hosted by: Crosstown Gardeners of Women





**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: **Debra R. and Judy C.**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Tammy P., Haley B., and Makenzie F.**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Lindsey K., Christian 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:**

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 3:30pm-5:30pm. Room 122. Write cards and pray for petitions.



**Security:**

Class ~ **Louis R.** Worship ~ **Louis R.**



**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.

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**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. Invitation Flyers now available on foyer table.  
**Come Fill Your Cup Annual Virtual Ladies Retreat** - an in-depth study of the Sermon on the Mount. Hosted at the home of Michelle Clayton (fyi – cat in home) on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1p-6p. There is no cost to you but a head count is needed so that notebooks can be printed. Please RSVP to Michelle by **TODAY**. If able, bring snacks to share.  
**eGiving:** url site will change on May 1st. The donate page on our website will be changed accordingly. If you have saved the url on your device, please update it on Tuesday after we post new link.  
**Host Home Needed:** we need a place for our male intern to stay this summer while serving with our youth. He will be here May 20 — August 8.  
**Mowing:** adopt a weekend to mow the church lawn. Sign up list is located on the table in the foyer.  
**V.B.S: Jonah Man Overboard** July 29-August 1st. 6:30-8:30pm. K-6th grade.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 5/6 Youth Parent Meeting: immediately following services. Lunch provided.
- 5/19 Bloom: Flower, Plant, and Seed Giveaway
- 5/20 Senior Sunday: honor our high school seniors.
- 5/29 Deacons meeting at 5pm in conference room.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 5/2 Barry Crawford
- 5/4 Holly Fraser
- 5/5 Lily Wade
- 5/6 Julie Migues

**Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)**

**Camp Fundraiser Funds:** All Bible camps or Mission Trip applications will be need to be turned in by **May 20 to receive funds**. One discount per student, please tell Sean or Misti which application you would like to apply discount too.  
**Parent Meeting:** May 6 immediately following services. Lunch provided.  
**Area Wide:** May 6, at Veteran's Park in Jenks, Van leaves at 4pm and returns at 7:20pm. Bring a sack dinner.  
**GLAM:** (Girls Leading and Mentoring) May 12, 9:30am-1:00pm. Hosted at the home of the Kirkpatrick's. Van leaves at 10:00am and returns 1:30pm.  
**BLT:** (Boys Leadership Training) going to the Renaissance Festival. 0-12yrs \$5.95, 13-18yrs \$10.95, adults \$14.95. Date TBD 5th grade + welcome.  
**Mentor Wednesday:** May 30 at 6pm. Play games and hang out with your mentors before Bible class.  
**Burnt Cabin Church Camp:** Soul Wars — The Last Christian: June 3-9. For students completed 3rd-12th grade. \$200 per person before fundraiser applied. We are encouraging online applications this year. Please be ready to upload a photo of your student. Application link is available on our website at [www.crosstownfamily.org](http://www.crosstownfamily.org). See Student Movement menu and then look for downloads and forms. **Last day to sign up to attend camp is May 23.**  
**Camp Zenith:** (Completed 8th-12 grade) June 17-22. \$275. Register before May 6 to save \$25. Application available at [www.campoc.org](http://www.campoc.org). \$125 deposit required

**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**

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 Tulsa, OK 74115-8227  
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**CHURCH STATS**

<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	
Bible Class Total	116
Worship Total	215
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$8,253
Contribution YTD	\$140,653
Budget YTD	\$148,800
Difference	(\$8,147)
<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	
Bible Class Total	88

**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

Judges chapters 6 through 8 records the story of Gideon and how the Lord called and used him to accomplish His will. I'm always drawn to this familiar story when faced with long odds and dwindling numbers because it reminds me how God often works in such circumstances.

When the Lord called Gideon, He said to him, "Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the grasp of Midian. I am sending you!" (Judges 6:14) God told Gideon that he already had all the strength he would need because God Almighty was the One sending him.

Looking solely at his own strength and background, though, Gideon objected, "Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's family." (Judges 6:15) Gideon missed the point, so the Lord reminded him, "But I will be with you. You will strike Midian down as if it were one man." Yes, the Lord told Gideon to go in the strength he had, but He didn't say that Gideon would go alone. The Lord would be with him and would display His power through Gideon's weakness.

This is precisely why we later see the Lord commanding Gideon to use a smaller army to defeat the Midianites. "You have too many troops for me to hand the Midianites over to them, or else Israel might elevate themselves over me and say, 'My own strength saved me.' Now announce to the troops: 'Whoever is fearful and trembling may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" (Judges 7:3)

With such a large army, it would be far too easy for the people of Israel to think it was their own strength and skill in battle that allowed them to drive out their oppressors. So, all those who were fearful and didn't trust the Lord were sent back home. God wanted to make it unmistakably clear that He alone would provide the victory as His people relied on and obeyed Him.

Once the army of more than 30,000 was reduced to 300 men and the time came for their attack, Gideon was able to boldly declare to his men, "Get up, for the Lord has handed the Midianite camp over to you." (Judges 7:9) Gideon and each of these men knew that the Lord had already won the battle, all they had to do was go fight it according to the directions God had already given them. So Gideon "divided the three hundred men into three companies and gave each of the men a trumpet in one hand and an empty pitcher with a torch inside it in the other hand." (Judges 7:16) As a result of their courage and faithfulness, the people of Israel enjoyed a stunning victory that day.

When I look around at the Crosstown church family today, I see the same opportunity before us. Yes, we're smaller in number than we used to be. But I believe that God is at work within our congregation to do something mighty that could only come from His hand. He is preparing to accomplish something that is beyond even our collective capacity, but He's still calling each of us to step out in faith and do what He's already told us to do.

With an army that small — relying on God's strength — every single one of Gideon's warriors had to do his part. And with a church our size and the scope of ministry we currently have, this means that each of us within Crosstown must do our part. To switch metaphors, we need those who've been spectators to move out of the stands and down onto the field. Stop watching the game and join the team! Crosstown, the Lord is sending you! Get up!

-- Robert