## **SERMON NOTES**

# BELIEVE THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS. 2018

## "The Compassionate and Gracious God"

Key Idea: I believe God calls all Christians to show compassion to people in need.

- Compassion is not just something we , it's who we
- God proclaimed His (Exodus 34:6; Deut. 25:5-6)

• Compassion \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Book of Ruth

Ruth 2:4, 12 Ruth 1:20-21 Ruth 1:6, 22 Ruth 4:14-17

- You become like the God you

#### became known for their • The early compassion

- 1 John 3:16-18

- God's compassion is displayed in

## **FAMILY UPDATES**

Members with health issues: Larry Addington, LaFerne Caldwell, Charlotte Cook, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Melva Foreman, Harlon Hawkins, Kathleen Holt, Alvssa Lavman, Cristin Martin, Sue Martin, Sherry Meadors, Fran Olden, Glenna Pickel, Michael Robison, Shirlene Roberson, Earl Rockwell, Cathy Sharpe, Ann Thurman, Terry West.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Robin Addington: father-in-law, Larry Addington, for his health issues. Ray Binkley: admitted to St John's Hospital this week for further tests. Sarah Beard: daughter, Eve Beard, has a chipped bone in knee from fall. Michelle Clayton: recovering at home from neck surgery.

- Charlotte Cook: plastic surgery on elbow is scheduled, May 14 at St John's Hospital.
- Steve and Joanie Brock: son, Cleve, had appointment with specialist in Phoenix. Please pray that he can help him.
- **Cristin Martin**: medicine for neuropathy is causing nerve pain to be so much worse. Praying the rheumatologist would have a new treatment or answers this week.
- 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**

Sandy Angelo: husband, David, in rehab.

- Shirley Hoppes: great granddaughter, Emlee Rapp, additional surgeries to come.
- Julie Migues: friend, Carina Ashurst, the cancer has spread. She will be seeing a specialist this week. Pray for complete healing.

## **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 during our worship service. We would also love to meet you at our Information Desk in the fover 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.

## **Events Bulletin Board:**

The bulletin board near the rest rooms has advertisements about surrounding church retreats, gospel meetings, and seminars. It also feature some of our church events. On the table below the board you can find containers to collect box tops/labels, empty pill bottles, education requests, donation cans for Hope Harbor and payment lock box for all our church events. Sign up sheets may also be located on this table, if not on the main table in the foyer.



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 Rm. 123 & Rm. 213 Classes Elder Oversight Tom Schellhorn







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



Senior Sunday Fellowship Lunch Sunday, May 20th Immediately following services.

Join us on the day we celebrate our high school seniors (Kaprise Anuu, Whitney Knight, & Christian Wright) and the welcoming of our youth interns with food and fellowship. Please bring food according to the first letter of your last name.

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

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#### May 6, 2018 TODAY >

#### **AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

In Matthew 4:19, Jesus says to His would-be disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." This call to follow Him was also repeated elsewhere throughout the Gospels (Matt. 9:9, Mark 1:17; 2:14; Luke 5:27) and even reiterated toward the end of Jesus' earthly ministry (John 21:19).

Modern readers are so familiar with Jesus' calling of His disciples that the most startling aspect of this summons is missed: in the firstcentury Jewish world, disciples chose their master. However, Jesus took the initiative of selecting who would follow Him (John 15:16).

This original call was a general invitation for His disciples to walk with Him and adopt His way of life that later developed into imitation and application of His unique teachings. Nevertheless, from the very beginning, the ultimate purpose of Jesus' call was well-defined: to fish for people. In other words, His disciples were called to make disciples.

In John 8:31, Jesus says to those who already believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples." This requirement to continually obey Jesus' teachings foreshadows the Great Commission's mandate that future disciples be taught to observe everything that Jesus commanded (Matt. 28:20).

Though belief is a necessary step in being a disciple, this passage makes clear that being a true Christian — someone who follows Jesus - requires more than intellectual assent or belief. A disciple of Jesus must persevere in obedience. A disciple will remain faithful to the words that Jesus has given and seek to practice what Jesus preached.

Within the church today, all who would shape modern disciples of Jesus must remember and employ the two fundamental aspects of Jesus' initial call. First, discipleship is marked by following Jesus observing His life closely, walking with Him, doing the things He did, and obeying the things He said. Second, the purpose of this discipleship is to reach others with the gospel and make more disciples. From Jesus' first call, a perpetual process was put in place.

As individual believers and collectively as a church, we have the responsibility to continue this kingdom-building process of introducing people to Jesus and equipping them to follow Him. According to Jesus' own words, as His disciples, we can do no less, but we can also take encouragement from the knowledge that Jesus is the One who will build His church — and He will use you and me to do so.

-- Robert --

# **MINISTRY UPDATES**

## No cette **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: Kay I. and Mary Anne D. 2&3s Bible Hour: Juanita F., Megan P., and Omneek J. 4&5s Bible Hour: Joanie R., Kimberly B., and Cecilia M. 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 3:30pm-5:30pm. Room 122. Write cards and pray for petitions.

#### Security:

Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ Earl R. and Scott F.

#### Women's:

Women's Bible Study - Walking In the Light Daily. Thursdays at 9:30am in Room 122.

ministry 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. Invitation Flyers now available on foyer table.
- eGving: new url site, please update your devices: http://www.easytithe.com/ crosstown or on our website http://www.crosstownfamily.org and click on the donate button.
- eGiving App: If you downloaded the old giving app to their phone/tablet, then you need to delete and download the new one. On GooglePlay or AppStore. The app is called EasyTithe (not EasyTithe Plus). First time you run the app, enter Crosstown Church of Christ as the organization name, then you will be asked for your email address and password previously set up with eGiving.
- 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 fover.
- V.B.S: Jonah: Man Overboard July 29-August 1st. 6:30-8:30pm. K-6th grade.

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# Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

rent Meeting: immediately follow- ces. Lunch provided.
Flower, Plant, and Seed Giveaway

5/20 Senior Sunday: honor our high school sen-

## BIRTHDAYS

- 5/7 Ashley Martin
- 5/9 Melva Foreman
- Shannon Moore 5/9
- 5/12 Joanie Roberts

5/29 Deacons meeting at 5pm in conference

Camp Fundraiser Funds: All Bible camps or Mission Trip applications 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: TODAY immediately following services. Lunch provided. Area Wide: TODAY, 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 Kirkpatricks'. Van leaves at 10:00am and returns 1:30pm. BLT: (Boys Leadership Training) going to the Renaissance Festival. May 27. 0-12yrs \$5.95, 13-18yrs \$10.95, adults \$14.95. 5th grade -12th and mentors. 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. 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. Application available at www.campoc.org. \$125 deposit required.

<b>ETING SCHEDULE</b> ay Class 9:15 am ip 10:15 am	CHURCH INFORMATION 3400 East Admiral Place	
	Tulsa, OK 74115-8227 Phone: 918-834-1395	
nesday	CHURCH STATS Sunday, April 29	
Class 7:00 pm		
NTACT US VIA EMAIL @crosstownfamily.org	Bible Class Total	128
E TO CROSSTOWN ONLINE v.crosstownfamily.org/donate EASE VISIT US ONLINE v.crosstownfamily.org ERE YOU WILL FIND Info on events & ministries Our roster of elders & staff Sermon audio & other resources	Worship Total	220
	Weekly Budget	\$9,300
	Contribution	\$9,661
	Contribution YTD	\$150,302
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