

SERMON NOTES



Mothers Make a Difference

_____ mothers in the Bible

1. _____ (Exodus 2:1-10)
2. _____ (1 Samuel 1:6-28)
3. _____ (1 Kings 3:16-28)
4. _____ (Luke 1:5-7)
5. _____ (Luke 1:26-38)
6. _____ (2 Tim. 1:5)

_____ is pictured as a mother
(Isa. 49:14-16; 66:13)

- _____ like a mother

- _____ and _____

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.

Prayer Requests

- Ray Binkley:** low blood pressure, doctor is working to regulate medicines.
Steve and Joanie Brock: son, Cleve has antibodies in his system attacking his brain causing inflammation on his brain. The neurologist ordered tests to be done in a few weeks and with those results the specialist will coordinate with his doctor here in Tulsa with a treatment.
Charlotte Cook: plastic surgery on elbow is scheduled, May 14 at St John's Hospital.
Earl Rockwell: diagnosed with cancer in three areas.
Willie Rose: had gall bladder surgery a few weeks ago and will be at The Villages of Southern Hills, 5721 S Lewis Ave Rm 107, Tulsa OK 74105 for an additional few weeks for rehab.
Terry West: 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, is not doing very well and is now receiving treatment at an acute care facility.
Rafael Varona: Please pray that my medical issues be resolved (hernia, back surgery, blood illness) that I may be for the purpose of being a strong servant of Christ.

Directory Updates

Mayedna & Whitney Knight, 9056 E 26th Ct., Tulsa, OK 74129

Congratulations:

Rick and Lynette Banks on the birth of their first great grandson, Nova Brave.

Thank You:

I want to thank everyone, for all the many cards I received during my illness. I believe all of your prayers helped a lot also. It is great to be a part of this wonderful family in Christ. Sincerely **Shirlene Roberson**

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

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Wayne & Margie Pabillon Family—Talisay, Philippines
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TODAY >

May 13, 2018



**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.

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

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

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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: **Brenda G. and Mary P.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Brandy S., Jordan W., and Sydney S.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Melissa S., Hannah M., and Jadah 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 ~ **Owen R. and Gene A.**



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.

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.
Hope Harbor Disc Golf: May 19th at 9:30am. Visit www.hopeharborinc.org for more information.
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.
Monday Night for the Master: will have a summer schedule it will meet every other week and extended hours starting in June 4th.
V.B.S: Jonah: Man Overboard July 29-August 1st. 6:30-8:30pm. K-6th grade.

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 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

- 5/19 Bloom: Flower, Plant, and Seed Giveaway
- 5/20 Senior Sunday: honor our high school seniors.
- 5/27 Combined Life Group at the building @ 5pm
- 5/29 Deacons meeting at 5pm in conference room.
- 6/24 Worship in the Park: Turner Park @ 5pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/14 Kathleen Holt
- 5/15 Sharon Thomas
- 5/15 Bob Nixon
- 5/17 Judy Ezzell
- 5/18 Robin Addington
- 5/19 Charles Browne

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

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.
Interns 1st Day Devotional: hosted at the Prater's, 3908 S 74th West Circle, on May 20 from 5-7pm. Families are invited. Van leaves the church at 4:40pm and returns at 7:20pm. Boys bring chips and Girls bring soda pop.
BLT: (Boys Leadership Training) going to the Renaissance Festival. May 27. Admission: 0-12yrs \$5.95, 13-18yrs \$10.95, adults \$14.95. 5th grade -12th and mentors.
Tulsa Roughnecks: May 26. Cost \$20 and you must sign up by **May 20 in youth room**. Van leaves at 6:40pm. Game begins at 7pm and you will be notified by remind app when game is about to end.
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. 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, registration: \$275. Application available at 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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 > www.crosstownfamily.org/donate

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 > www.crosstownfamily.org

- 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
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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, May 6

Bible Class Total	139
Worship Total	210
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$11,967
Contribution YTD	\$162,243
Budget YTD	\$167,400
Difference	(\$5,157)

Wednesday, May 9

Bible Class Total	101
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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Life happens *in between things*.

- Between engagement and the wedding.
- Between invitation and birthday party.
- Between kindergarten and graduation.
- We plot, we measure, we plan, we get ready, we live.

There are some other moments that happen in between as well. They are the times you dread in between discovery and punishment.

- The time your mother caught you at the friend's house when you were supposed to be home.
- The moment the police officer pulled you over for speeding.
- The exact time when the principal caught you cheating on the test.
- You were angry, mad, upset, ashamed, and also desperately worried what the consequences would be.

That's the place we find David in Psalm 51. He has finally realized the severity of his actions. He now lives in between the moment he is caught with Bathsheba and the time he learns the consequences of his sin. He waits for his punishment; he doesn't know all that's going to happen. He'll say anything just to get the guilt to go away. He cries out,

*Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.*

It's such an important statement. David confesses what he has done, appeals to the Lord for help, and asks for cleansing. I often think about and reflect on the time in between the Friday Jesus was crucified at Calvary, and the empty tomb on Sunday. We deserved much worse, but the cross of Christ and His resurrection gives us so much more than we deserve. The consequences may not be as severe as David's, but the sin is just as wrong.

As Christians, by confessing our transgressions, we take responsibility for our actions, surrender our guilt to Christ, and receive pardon and forgiveness. (cf. 1 John 1:7-9)

Because we're always living in between, we don't need to wait for life to get better or more fulfilling; we can live life now in the present based on Christ's forgiveness. David's life would never be the same, but he keeps on living because of his faith in God.

We can live with anxiety, guilt, and shame of what could have been, or we can live released from fear and anxiety and living in light of the grace that comes. Christ has already made His choice; what's yours?

-- Robert --

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

Wishing you God's unending, favor, kindness and love this

