

BELIEVE

THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS.

2018

So Very Close to God's Breath

1. Why Study the Bible?

- A. It _____ and _____ us for a life of Godliness
- B. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. The Bible Addresses These Questions

- A. Why is there so much _____?
- B. Why is there so much _____?
- C. Where is _____ in the midst of it all?

3. The Story Arc of the Bible

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. The Chosen Nation of _____
- D. Life and Ministry of _____
- E. The _____
- F. _____

4. Tips for Studying the Bible

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____ (cf. Acts 8:30-31)
- D. _____

Good Resources for Personal Bible Study

A Study Bible (cf. NIV or ESV)
 Bible Software (free): www.biblegateway.com, www.blueletterbible.org
 Bible Apps (free): Bible Gateway; YouVersion

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, Earl Rockwell, Willie Rose, Paul Schellhorn, Cathy Sharpe, Ann Thurman, Terry West.

Baptism

Sydney Schultz was baptized at Burnt Cabin on June 8. Her address is: 20103 E 37th Pl S, Broken Arrow, OK 74014

Congratulations:

Last Sunday, we were blessed with the Elders designating **Louis Robison** as Deacon over our Security Ministry. It is unfortunate that we live in a time where there is a need for such a ministry to provide security for our members and visitors when we come together for worship, Bible Study, and other activities. However, it is good that we have men such as Louis and others dedicated to serving in this ministry. Your Elders ask that our members support Louis in his role as Deacon in this ministry. Also, if you are able to serve in this ministry, please talk to Louis because there is a need as mentioned inside of the bulletin.

Prayer Requests

Mary Anne Dye, Maggie Prater & Pat Stufflebeam: healing from surgery

Cheala Green: was hospitalized earlier this week for blood clot in stomach

Earl Rockwell: receiving radiation treatment for cancer.

Willie Rose: is now home

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, health; **Shirley Hoppes:** pray for great granddaughter Ember Rapp; **Robert Kerner:** (visitor) for his wife, Opal Louise Kerner, moving to an acute care facility soon.

Thank You

Crosstown family, Vic and I would like to thank you for all the prayers and cards during Vic's illness. Please continue to pray for us. They mean so much. Thank You!!! Vic and Margaret Hanzark

Reunion

Garnett Singles Reunion (1985-1995): Saturday, June 30th - 1pm-4pm. Downtown Bixby Church of Christ, 15802 S. Memorial Dr., RSVP to Jacki Lechner, 918-743-3443 or 918-855-5799 or Linda Miner: drminer@cox.net or on our Facebook Event Page (Garnett Singles Reunion Group)

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.

TODAY >

June 17, 2018



**This will be a special time of congregational worship.
 We hope you and your family will plan to be there!**

We have reserved the south shelter at Turner Park – 3503 E. 5th Place (west side of Will Rogers High School). We will gather at 5pm for a time of worship and a special message. Then we'll enjoy catered BBQ and fun games for all ages. We will set chairs for worship, but feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets, games, or anything else you enjoy at the park. We will have the church van ready to give anyone a ride over to the park. In case of inclement weather, we will move the event to the church building.



~Wednesday Summer Series~
 @ 7pm

Our Speaker for June 20

**Aaron Kirkpatrick : Interim
 Preaching Minister / Youth
 Minister at
 Bartlesville Church of Christ**



“Reset: Limitless Love”





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: **Patty V. and Charlotte C.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Juanita F., Makenzie F., and Allison B.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Lindsey K., Jadah M., and Ashton B.**
Sermon Notes for Kids: a 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 — will meet @ 3pm-7pm on June 18, July 2, 16, 30, and Aug. 13 & 27. Please text **Scott Hathaway** at 918-896-2344 if you will be coming after 6pm.



Security:

Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ Lowell P. and 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.

Miscellaneous:

A Note from Security: Due to recent events in the lives of three of the men who have been assisting in the security ministry, it will be necessary for them to step down. One of these has served in this ministry for over forty years. There are others still serving with this number of years of service, and it may not be long before they will need to step down also. Therefore, the need for this appeal. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please see me and I will be very happy to speak to you about our focus, which is to see God's people be able to come to worship and serve in a safe and secure environment. Thanking you for your prayerful consideration. **Louis Robison** – Deacon, Security Ministry.
Mowing: adopt a weekend to mow the church lawn. Please contact **James Snider** at 918-232-4732 if you can serve in this ministry. Sign up in the foyer.
Nursery Worship Coordinator: **Della Brewster** has served as the Nursery Coordinator for many years and is stepping down. If you have an interest in serving in this area, please see **Misti Babitzke**.
Devotional and Ice Cream Fellowship: Wednesday, July 4 at 7pm. Please bring your favorite ice cream &/or toppings to share.
Wednesday Night Summer Series: invitations available on the foyer table. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/24 Worship in the Park: Turner Park @ 5pm
- 6/28 Kids4Christ: Tulsa Zoo 9am-2pm
- 7/4 Devotional and Ice Cream Social
- 7/5 Service Day at the Church Building.
- 7/6 Youth Group leaves for Mission Trip @ Jay

BIRTHDAYS

- 6/18 Sandy Angelo
- 6/19 Pearl Todd
- 6/22 Jean Rockwell
- 6/23 Jacob Addington



2018 Kids for Christ: (K-5th Grade)

June 28 ~ Tulsa Zoo. 9am-2pm. Meet at building and bring a sack lunch and drink. 11 and under \$6 and 12-up \$10. Please sign up if you plan to attend Zoo Trip. This is very important when planning transportation. Sign up sheet is available on the foyer table. If you are a parent and can help with transportation, see **Sean**.
July 5 ~ Service Day. 10am-2:15pm at the Church Building. Bring \$5 for lunch and supplies.

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Camp Zenith: Van leaves TODAY at 2pm and returns at 12:30pm on Friday, June 22.
No Wednesday Night Hang Out this Wednesday, June 20. We will also join the auditorium class to hear Aaron Kirkpatrick.
Service Project: June 28 ~ Tulsa Zoo. 9am-2pm. Meet at building and bring a sack lunch and drink. Cost is \$10 for 12-up and \$6 for under 11.
Band of Brothers and You Are Enough: June 26 from 10am to 12pm at the church building. Male/Female separate classes and then games together afterwards.
Service Projects: June 28 (9am-2pm), July 5 (10am-2:15pm), 19 (9am-12pm), & 26 (10:30am-1pm). Mark these dates, to earn or complete, service hours.

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
 Phone: 918-834-1395

CHURCH STATS

Sunday, June 10

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| Bible Class Total | 128 |
| Worship Total | 235 |
| Weekly Budget | \$9,300 |
| Contribution | \$6,403 |
| Contribution YTD | \$203,696 |
| Budget YTD | \$213,900 |
| Difference | (\$10,204) |

Wednesday, June 13

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| Bible Class Total | 107 |
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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

One week. Two tragic deaths. First, it was iconic fashion designer **Kate Spade**, who was found dead in her apartment Tuesday night after she had hung herself. Then last Friday, it was celebrity chef **Anthony Bourdain** who, while working on an upcoming episode of his CNN show "Parts Unknown," also hung himself at the hotel where he was staying in Kaysersberg, France.

We are facing nothing short of a suicide epidemic in our country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that suicide rates are up almost 30 percent nationwide since 1999. During this time period, only Nevada saw a decrease in suicides and only by 1 percent. In North Dakota, the suicide rate jumped more than 57 percent during this time period. In 2016, nearly 45,000 people took their own lives across the United States, making suicide more than twice as common as homicide and the tenth leading cause of death overall.

We have a problem. Mental illness certainly plays a role in many of these terrible deaths. But more than half of the suicides in 27 states involved people who had no known mental health concerns.

Of course, no explanation, no matter how clinical or comprehensive it may be, can ever begin to blunt the pain of a life lost on those left behind. Mental health diagnoses of diseases, like clinical depression, often only leave people wondering why physicians weren't able to help. Suicide notes often raise more questions than they answer. It seems no explanation can really answer the furious and frustrated one-word interrogation of "why" because this is a question birthed by, and bathed in, pain. You see, there is a creeping realization that comes with death – a realization that a person who was once with us has now gone away from us and we will no longer be able to see them, talk to them, or hold them. As many a grieving person has muttered after the suicide of a loved one, "they were taken from us too soon."

The horror of suicide needs some sort of hope. But hope is hard to find in something as final and gruesome as death. This is why we need the gospel, for the gospel reminds us that there is a death that undoes death. While suicide takes people we love from us, the gospel declares that Jesus gave His life for us, out of love. As the apostle Paul puts it in Romans 5:8: "*God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*"

Suicides may feel final, but the cross of Christ reminds us that they do not have to be. The cross' effects held on for three days before the cross was double-crossed by an empty tomb. The effects of a dark moment of despair that leads to a tragic end by one's own hand may hold on for a little longer, but their days are also numbered. A resurrection is on its way.

And so, to anyone who is suffering, perhaps in silence, let me say simply this: you do not have to escape despair through your own death because despair has already been defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection.

He is your reason to live.

-- Robert --

Note: If you're struggling with thoughts of suicide, know that you are loved and there is help. Please talk to a counselor, doctor, close friend, family, **Robert, Sean** (especially any teens), **Misti**, or any of our **Elder's** here at Crosstown. If you need immediate help, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. The life God has given you is far too valuable to lose.