

SERMON NOTES

BELIEVE

THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS.

2018

“Got Joy?”

- “The _____ of _____”

- Joy is the evidence of _____ living in us (Gal. 5:22-23)

- **John 15:9-11**

- **Philippians 1:12-26**

- **Galatians 4:15**

Legalism

License

- **Galatians 5:13-25**

- Don't chase happiness, chase _____!

- “Defiant _____”

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: Larry Addington, LaFerne Caldwell, Michelle Clayton, Charlotte Cook, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Melva Foreman, Denise Henderson, Kathleen Holt, Cristin Martin, Sue Martin, Sherry Meadors, Letha Morris, Fran Olden, Glenna Pickel, Boone Roberts, Joanie Roberts, Michael Robison, Willie Rose, Paul Schellhorn, Cathy Sharpe, Ann Thurman, Terry West.

Prayer Requests

Larry Addington: recovering from back surgery.
Shirley Buchanan: was hospitalized for a small brain bleed from a fall. She has been struggling with reactions from pain medication and then withdrawal symptoms from removing medications.
Alma Davis: recovering from pneumonia.
Michele Kidd: broken arm; has wrist drop and unable to use hand.
Glenna Pickel: at Rolling Hills Care Center in Catoosa, Room A3.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Shirley & Lynn Hoppes: granddaughter, Ember Rapp, premature baby; surgery.
Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason Kamalakis, treatment for scarring on the back of his eye.

Prayer Requests for Food Pantry Guests

Sandra: eviction notice; search for a place to live; April: son, Blake, having scope procedure for stomach issues; Betty: good health for her son, Charles, surgery recovery daughter, Cheryl for strength.

Praise

Charlotte Cook: started physical therapy and has had wonderful improvement in the mobility of her arm. Expecting a shorter rehab.

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of **Harlon Hawkins** in his passing. His funeral was August 22.
 Our hearts and prayers go out to the **Brock Family** in the passing of Steve's grandmother on August 18.

Invitations

Hope Harbor Fun Run, Open House, Silent Auction, and Annual Fish Fry: September 29 from 8:30am-12:30pm. They invite you to enjoy free lunch, free Snocones all day, free tea all day, free face painting for the kids, free honey treats, free bouncy castle, etc. at 15025 E 380 Road, Claremore, OK 74017. See bulletin board for information on registering for Fun Run.
Owasso School of Biblical Studies: Fall Semester September 1-December 15. There is no tuition for these classes, but there might be resources suggested for a course which the student can purchase. See the bulletin board for more information.
One Voice ~ OKC Area-Wide Worship: Sept 30 from 6-8pm in Hardeman Auditorium, inside the Garvey Center at OC University. Dessert and fellowship follow.

Thank You

It's good to be home. It thrilled my heart and soul to receive words of encouragement from MNFM. For a soldier far from home to be blessed by so many here it brings tears to my eyes. Thank you for the financial blessing to fix my A/C in vehicle. It was a joyful stress reliever to know it was done with love. **Mark Imhoff**
 Thank you Crosstown family for all your visits, cards, and prayers. They were much appreciated. **Michele Kidd**

TODAY >

August 26 2018



Fall

~Sunday & Wednesday Schedule~
September, October, November



Sunday — 9:15am

General Adult (Auditorium)
What We Believe
 Chuck Clayton

General Adult (Room 123)
Personal Godliness
 Steve Parker and Earl Logan

General Adult (Room 213)
God is....
 Robert Prater

College/Young Professionals (Room 214)
Why? Questions Facing the World and Church
 Merle Imhoff and Charles Schellhorn

Middle & High School Boys (Room 211)
 Chris Clayton and James Snider

Middle & High School Girls (Room 210)
How to Study the Bible
 Michelle C., Mary P., and Kristy S.

Infants & Toddlers (107)
 Charlotte Cook
 Lindsey Kirkpatrick

2's & 3's (102)
 Patsy Hunter
 Shirley Wasson

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)
 Molly Couch
 Carlie Ostenberg

Sunday Elementary Rotation Classes:
Garden of Creation—218 (Judy & Tom Roberts)
Truthful Pursuits—217 (TBD)
Cyber Journeys—212 (Juanita Farmer)
Knowledge Seekers—128 (Beckie Null)

Sunday Shepherds:
 (2nd/3rd, Yellow/Red flag) Brandy Schultz
 (4th/5th, Green/Orange flag) Wendi Murrell
Education Host: Homer Cox

Wednesday — 7:00pm

Auditorium (General)
The Power of Testimony
 Roddy Roberts

Women's Class (Room 123)
Parables of Jesus
 Michelle C., Mary P.,
 Kristy S., & Sharon T.

Men's Class (Room 214)
Four Pillars of a Man's Heart
 Robert Prater

Middle/High School (Main Gathering Room)
 The Elders

Nursery
TBD

Toddlers
2's & 3's (102)
 Maggie Prater
 Megan/Mackenzie Prater

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)
 Tomi Sue Imhoff
 Matt Imhoff

2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th (217)
 Shannon Moore
 Tammy Browne

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Do you want your coffee with cream and sugar or do you want it black? Do you wear the red tie or the blue tie? Should you eat the pizza for lunch or the salad? Every day we are faced with choices. Some choices don't seem so difficult with consequences that seem small, while other choices can have a huge impact on you for the rest of your life. Which job do you take? Where should I go to school? What do I want to do with my life? Should I be baptized? Which church should I attend? How do you handle the big decisions in your life? Making the "big" decisions can be overwhelming and difficult, but if you follow a few basic guidelines, you will be surprised by the results.

I think the biggest problem people have when making life changing decisions is the lack of patience. We are humans, and humans want things done now! We aren't happy if we have to wait for anything. We want instant gratification and instant results. We must learn one simple rule: *my time is different than God's time*. When confronting the choices we have in life, God should always be brought into the equation. We should always turn to God in prayer, ask Him for help and guidance, and most importantly ask Him for the patience to carry us through whatever we're going through.

I'm reminded of Jesus on the night he was betrayed in the garden. Jesus knew that His death was just a few short hours away. He knew that pain and torture were waiting for Him. Jesus had a decision to make. He could have called upon the angels in heaven to come down and save Him from the impending torture of crucifixion or He could go along with the plan that was put in place from the very beginning. The choice was His, but notice that He didn't make this decision alone. "Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray'" (Matt 26:36). His prayer was simple: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will" (Matt. 26:39).

Jesus understood that God's will and God's way was more important than His own. I wonder how many of us have the same trust in God that Jesus had in the garden? Do you trust that God's way is what's best for your life? Next time you are faced with one of life's big decisions, put the decision in God's hands. Ask God which way He wants you to go. From my own personal experience, God has a way of shutting some doors and opening others to help show you the way He intends for you to go. Sometimes it may take a while for God's way to become clear. With patience and trust in the Lord, we can begin to make decisions that will not only benefit our lives, but further the work of God's kingdom.

-- Robert --



**~Wednesday Summer Series
Speaker for August 29
Tim Luster
Pulpit Minister at North Sheridan
Church of Christ**

"Reset: Our Storms"



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: **Judy E. and Kay I.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Tammy P., Jordan W., and Sydney S.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Missy S., Javier H., and Elysha 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:

Suggested Items: Peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, bath tissue, powder laundry soap, shampoo, and conditioner. To give monetarily, please use the envelopes in the pews and place in the contribution plate.



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-6:30pm on August 27 and Sept 10 in room 123.
Visitation In Person (VIP) — Mondays at 6pm. Short visits to visitors or friends, relatives & neighbors of our members. Visits are an opportunity to bring encouragement, pray with them, and invite to services and activities. For more information see, **James or Kristy Snider**.



Security:

Class ~ **Louis R.** Worship ~ **James H. and Barry C.**



Women's:

Women's Bible Study — **Walking In the Light Daily**. Thursdays at 9:30am in room 123.
Women's Exercise Group — Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am in the Activity Center.



Miscellaneous:

GLAM Mentors Meeting: Sept 9 immediately following services in Room 123 for all assigned female mentors and other women who like to be a part of this teen-lead ministry. Seeking host homes and adult sponsors for events and devotionals planned by our teen girls. See **Megan Prater** for more details.
Men's Softball: Practices on Thursdays at 6:30 until first game on September 20. Fees will be due September 13. See **Merle Imhoff** for more information.
Service Project: Baskets for Hope Harbor auction. Bible Class Room 213 is putting together a garden themed basket and Bible Class Room 123 is putting together a barbeque themed basket. Please bring items that fit that theme to the classroom listed above by September 9. Completed baskets need to be delivered before Sept. 15 to Hope Harbor.
Children's Education Classes: need a Sunday am Elementary Teacher; Wednesday night Elementary Assistant Substitute & Nursery Assistant. See **Misti Babitzke** if you can serve in this ministry.
VIP: needs weekly donations of cookies. Sign up sheet available in foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/28 Voting Day: Crosstown is a polling place for our area.
- 9/2 New Bible Classes: Fall Quarter Begins
- 9/29 Hope Harbor Annual Fish Fry
- 9/9 GLAM Mentor Meeting
- 9/22 All Church Picnic : Haikey Creek Park 4pm-6pm



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/26 Dana Jiles
- 8/27 Carole Medina
- 8/27 Patty Van Tuyl
- 8/27 Linda Arevalo
- 8/28 Carlie Ostenberg
- 8/29 Carol Lindsay
- 8/29 Gussie Pitts

**September 22
4pm-6pm
Haikey Creek Park
11327 S Garnett Rd
Hamburgers & Hotdogs Provided
Sign up in foyer to bring sides.**

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Parent Meeting: TODAY! Immediately following services in Activity Center. Lunch is Potluck and dessert is provided.
Tulsa Area-Wide Kick Off: TODAY! at Sky Ranch. Van leaves at 1:20pm and returns at 8:30pm. Bring sunscreen, towels, t-shirt and shorts to wear over swimsuits and change of dry clothes. Cost is \$15. Must have signed waiver, available in the youth room.
BLT (Boys Leadership Training): September 7 at the Flying Tee.
Area Wide Devotional: September 9 at the Park CoC. Van leaves at 4pm
Climb Tulsa: postponed
GLAM (Girls Leading and Mentoring) Sept 29 at Vogue Wood Paint Studio. Cost \$20. Van leaves at 1:30pm and returns at 5:30pm.

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

3400 East Admiral Place
 Tulsa, OK 74115-8227
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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, August 19

Bible Class Total	119
Worship Total	175
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$7,346
Contribution YTD	\$290,406
Budget YTD	\$306,900
Difference	(\$16,494)

Wednesday, August 22

Bible Class	109
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