

SERMON NOTES



“Experiencing God’s Peace”

- John 16:33

● Romans 8:28

- I choose how I _____

_____ thoughts
 _____ thoughts
 _____ thoughts

- God is working “_____” in your life together for your _____

- Conformed to the _____ of His Son (Romans 8:29)

● How Can I Experience God’s Peace?

1. Cling to _____
2. Cling to _____
3. Cling to _____

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.

Placing Membership

Please welcome: **Nancy Finch, 316 N Wilson Ave, Sand Springs, OK 74063.**

Prayer Requests

Larry Addington, Michele Kidd, Alice Robison: recovering from surgery.
Shirley Buchanan: showing improvement from complications from surgery.
Glenna Pickel: at Rolling Hills Care Center in Catoosa, Room A3.
Michael Robison: health; blood sugar real high.
Paul Schellhorn: health; inconclusive tests, feeling better now.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Scott & Kenna Fields: friend, Wanda Wiley, diagnosed with ovarian cancer and before treatment notified it had spread to liver; asking for prayers for family members.
Shirley & Lynn Hoppes: granddaughter, Ember Rapp, premature baby; surgery.
 Mike Honicut: mother, Beverly Chance, having shoulder and chest pains.
Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason Kamalakis, treatment for scarring on the back of his eye.
Maggie Prater: mother, Judy Rampey, will have a high risk surgery to remove a mass from her spine.
Alice & Louis Robison: granddaughter, Arianna, was injured in dodgeball and will need surgery on cochlear implant.
Wesley Thurman: sister, Christine Anderson, had a stroke.

Invitations

Area-Wide Gospel Singing: September 21 at Tenth & Rockford Church of Christ, 829 South Rockford Avenue beginning at 7pm.
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 Sno-cones 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 more information.
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.

Directory Updates

Ken & Charleen Smith, 4736 E 54th St, Apt 243, Tulsa, OK 74135

TODAY >

September 2, 2018



Fall
 ~Sunday & Wednesday Schedule~
 September, October, November



BEGINS TODAY!

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 (Joel & Olive Suffridge)
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
 Misti Babitzke
 Allison Babitzke/LTC Teens

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



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: **Linda A. and Tomi Sue I.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Juanita F., Allison B., and Makenzie F.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Carlie O., Jaiden B., and Kimberly 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. Paper sacks always needed.



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 not meet September 3; will resume weekly on Sept 10 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm 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**. Will not meet September 3 due to Holiday.



Security:

Class ~ **Louis R.** Worship ~ **Scott F. and Scott H.**



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: garden theme and Bible Class Room 123 barbeque theme. Please bring items that fit that theme to the classroom listed above by September 9.
VIP: needs weekly donations of cookies and members to come make visits on Mondays @ 6pm. Sign up sheet available in foyer.
Kids4Christ: Girls in grades 2nd-5th and their mothers are welcome to come for an afternoon tea at the Snider's, 5734 E 7th St, Tulsa OK, on September 8 at 2pm. Crafts, conversation, refreshments, and talk about what it means to be God's Little Princess. RSVP to **Kristy Snider** at 918-470-5364.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/9 GLAM Mentor Meeting
- 9/22 All Church Picnic : Haikey Creek Park 4pm-6pm
- 9/29 Hope Harbor Annual Fish Fry
- 10/30 Elders, Deacons, & Ministry Leaders

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/6 Gussie Pitts
- 9/6 Wesley Thurman
- 9/9 Hannah Parker



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)

Wed. Night Hang Outs ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm. Meal provided Sept. 5 by Sandy Angelo. Snacks Sept. 19 by Shannon Moore.
Tulsa Area Wide Devotional: "An Experience in Prayer." September 9 at the Park CoC, 9610 S Garnett. Van leaves at 4pm and returns at 7:30pm.
GLAM (Girls Leading and Mentoring) Sept 29 at Vogue Wood Paint Studio. Cost \$20. Van leaves at 1:30pm and returns at 5:30pm. See **Megan Prater** for more information.
Progressive Murder Mystery Dinner: October 13 starting at 6pm at church building for appetizers, 6:50pm Entrée's at Snider's, and 7:50 dessert at the Clayton's. Returning to building at 8:30.

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
 Phone: 918-834-1395

CHURCH STATS

Sunday, August 26

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| Bible Class Total | 141 |
| Worship Total | 235 |
| Weekly Budget | \$9,300 |
| Contribution | \$9,371 |
| Contribution YTD | \$299,777 |
| Budget YTD | \$316,200 |
| Difference | (\$16,423) |

Wednesday, August 29

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| Bible Class | 120 |
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-- Robert --

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

There seems to be something hardwired into humans that wants to cheat death. Writing for NBC News, Kevin Van Aelst, in his article "Disrupting Death: Technologists Explore Ways to Digitize Life," chronicles a new wave of scientific experiments designed to con the grim reaper.

In one experiment, researchers work at mapping brain connections in an attempt to digitize the mind so that, even after a body dies, a "human being can live on in virtual form." In another experiment:

Artificial intelligence specialists are developing digital avatars that replicate users' personalities and can continue to communicate with loved ones after their owners have passed away ... The program, Augmented Eternity, will then be able to communicate memories of your life and answer questions on certain topics, such as your political views, depending on what information is stored in your data.

Even before these technologies have been thoroughly tested and refined, their limits are glaring. Having someone live on as a digitized mind makes bioethicist John Harris wonder, because "we are so much flesh and blood creatures," what it would be like to "continue to exist in a disembodied state." Another woman, who created an avatar of a friend she lost, describes the avatar as a "sort of digital tomb to come to and mourn" and freely admits that her friend is no longer alive – at least in any sort of meaningful way. In other words, for all of science and technology's attempts to cheat death, its reality and finality still loom large.

Christ does what science and technology cannot. All of our experiments, from digitizing minds to fashioning avatars, only succeed in mimicking life after death. Christ actually gives life after death. As He says to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25). The Christian hope is much more than a digital grave that a person can pay a visit to in order to hear a phantom voice. It is a real life that we are promised.

The scientific and technological advances that address life and death are both problematic, in that they blur distinctions between the two, and promising, in that they give us insight into the two. But whatever their problems and promises may be, this much is clear: they will always only be partial. Only Christ can give real life – a life that is "to the full" (John 10:10).