

## SERMON NOTES

**BELIEVE**  
 THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS.  
**2018**

### “God Never Hurries”

- Proverbs 14:29  
 Patience = \_\_\_\_\_ Impatience = \_\_\_\_\_
  - “Hurry \_\_\_\_\_”
  - 2 Peter 3:8-9
  - Patience is not about time; it’s a matter of \_\_\_\_\_
  - God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 34:5-7)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ nature vs. \_\_\_\_\_ nature (Gal. 5:22-23)
  - *Three word patient training program:*
- S \_\_\_\_\_
- L \_\_\_\_\_
- L \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY UPDATES

**Members with health issues:** Larry Addington, Ray & Maggie Binkley, LaFerne Caldwell, Michelle Clayton, 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.

### Praise

**Charlotte Cook:** released to drive by the plastic surgeon. Thanks everyone for your prayers and support.

### Prayer Requests

**Larry Addington, Michele Kidd, Alice Robison:** recovering from surgery.  
**Kathleen Corns:** waiting for eye sight to return and her husband is having health issues and can’t use his right side.  
**Jerry Davee:** was hospitalized for chest pains.  
**Glenna Pickel:** home.  
**Randy & Jennifer Rampey:** status of termination rights of biological mother of their foster child.

### Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

**Shirley & Lynn Hoppes:** granddaughter, Ember Rapp, surgery on August 29 went well but the exploratory part revealed that her stomach hasn’t grown. She is 4 months old and still in the hospital.  
**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 on September 21 at Tulsa Spine Hospital.  
**Marsha Scott:** brother, David Honicutt, fell off tractor, broke his collar bone, and cracked some ribs.

### 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.  
**One Voice ~ OKC Area-Wide Worship:** Sept 30 from 6-8pm in Hardeman Auditorium, inside the Garvey Center at OC University. Dessert and fellowship to follow.

### Thank You

Our family would like to thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, & beautiful flowers on behalf of our dad, **Harlon Hawkins**. We are forever grateful! Sandy Plaster & Kay Brasel

TODAY >

**September 9, 2018**



## September 22

### 4pm-6pm

## Haikey Creek Park

11327 S Garnett Rd

Crosstown has reserved the Tri-Plex shelter, maps available on foyer table.

Crosstown will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks; please sign up in the foyer to let us know how many to prepare for. There is a separate sheet to sign up for condiments, chips, sides, and desserts.

Join us for fun & games, fellowship, and FOOD! Please bring lawn chairs and sporting items you might use to enjoy the park.





**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: **Sharon T. and Anita C.**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Brandy S., Haley B., and Megan P.**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Kristy S., Cecilia M., and Jadah M.**  
**Sermon Notes for Kids:** a sheet for kids to use during the sermon is provided in the Connection Books on the pew.



**Food Pantry:**

We can buy food at the Food Bank for \$.49 a pound. Please consider giving monetarily, using 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** — resumes weekly starting this Monday, 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 them to services and activities. For more information see, **James or Kristy Snider**.



**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 123.  
**Women's Exercise Group** — Meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am in the Activity Center.



**Miscellaneous:**

**GLAM Mentors Meeting: TODAY** immediately following services in Room 123 for all assigned female mentors and other women who would 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.  
**VIP:** needs weekly donations of cookies and members to come make visits on Mondays @ 6pm. Sign up sheet available in foyer.  
**Wednesday Night Devotionals:** Have started up again. Bible class ends at 7:45pm and the devotional will be in the Auditorium until 8pm. We need men to sign up for a Wednesday on the sheet available on the foyer table.  
**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. 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**

9/9	GLAM Mentor Meeting Today
9/22	All Church Picnic : Haikey Creek Park 4pm-6pm
9/29	Hope Harbor Annual Fish Fry
10/30	Elders, Deacons, & Ministry Leaders
10/31	Candy Thru the Bible 6pm-7pm

**BIRTHDAYS**

9/9	Hannah Parker
9/11	Emily Ratliff, Jordan Wadsworth
9/12	Lois Cox
9/13	Mikey Yeary
9/14	Cleve Brock
9/15	Debbie Ray
9/16	Steven Brock



Something new and different this year Candy Thru the Bible. An indoor walk thru adventure for the whole family. We will need volunteers to host Bible story scenes and handout candy, greeters, registration, kitchen crew and lots of CANDY! Baskets will be provided around the building to accept candy. Sign up sheets coming soon.

**Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)**

**Wed. Night Hang Outs** ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm. Snacks Sept. 19 by Shannon Moore.  
**Tulsa Area Wide Devotional:** "An Experience in Prayer." **TODAY** 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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- 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**

<b>Sunday, September 2</b>	
Bible Class Total	145
Worship Total	220
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$7,872
Contribution YTD	\$307,594
Budget YTD	\$325,500
Difference	(\$17,906)
<b>Wednesday, September 5</b>	
Bible Class	109

-- Robert --

**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

There was a rambunctious little boy who was always getting into trouble. One particular day when his mother was trying to get some house work finished, he was into everything. Undoing what she had done. Causing havoc. And generally getting on her nerves.

Finally she said, go sit down in that chair in the corner and be quiet! He looked at her defiantly and said, "No." Well, that did it. She picked him up. Took him to the chair. Set him down with some authority. And said firmly, "You stay in the chair until I tell you get up, or you're going to get a whipping!"

The little boy crossed his arms, furrowed his brow, and looked his Mom square in the eyes and said, "I may be sitting down on the outside, but I'm standing up on the inside!"

"Obey" is not a warm, fuzzy word. It has a hard sound to it. We instinctively don't like the command to obey. And the problem with obedience begins early in life. Like the little boy. There is something within us that resists obedience. Our stubborn will. Our prideful attitude. Our fleshly nature. They come together and say, "I'll do it my way."

Yet 108 times the Bible instructs us to obey. God says....

- Obey the voice the Lord. (Deut. 11:3)*
- Children obey your parents. (Eph. 6:1)*
- Citizens obey the ruling authorities. (Titus 3:1)*
- Servants obey your masters. (Col. 3:22)*
- We must obey Christ. (Heb. 5:9)*
- Christians obey the inspired apostolic letters. (2 Thess. 3:14)*
- Everyone is commanded to obey the gospel. (1 Pet. 4:17)*

Obedience involves surrender. In fact, Rick Warren wrote, "Surrendering is best demonstrated in obedience." But that's not a positive word in our culture. We think of giving up. Quitting. Waving the white flag. We're taught to compete. To keep fighting. To play hard until the end of the game. Surrender? No way!

Surrender, however, is at the heart of Christianity. Jesus asks us to surrender to Him. Our minds. Our hearts. Our lives. He challenged, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it" (Lk 9:23-24).

Jesus is our example of obedience and surrender. He surrendered to the Father by coming to this earth to be our Savior. He relinquished His rights in His earthly relationships. In His youth, He obeyed Joseph and Mary. When He came to be baptized of John it was not because He had sinned, but to fulfill all righteousness. In that act of obedience, He showed surrender. He gave up His equality with God and emptied Himself of his privileges while on earth (Phil 2:6-8). In His suffering, He showed surrender. And, of course, the ultimate act of surrender was in dying for us on the cross.

Is it too much then for Jesus to ask us to surrender our lives to Him? Surrender involves our spiritual service. When we obey Him in our homes, in our social relationships, and in our business dealings, we show the spirit of surrender.

The reality is that we all surrender to something or someone. Pleasure. Possessions. Power. Or maybe we just give in to the pressure of life's struggle. However, as E. Stanley Jones wrote, "If you don't surrender to Christ, you surrender to chaos."

The choice is yours. You can carry the weight of the world on your shoulders. Or you can give it up to the Lord. The song writer, John H. Sammis, was right when he wrote the lyrics....

*"Trust and obey, for there's no other way, To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."*