

## SERMON NOTES

# BELIEVE

THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS.

## 2018

### “Gentleness: The Way of Jesus”

- Colossians 3:12; Ephesians 4:2;

- Our gentleness is to be evident to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 3:15-16; Galatians 6:1)

#### • Matthew 11:28-30

- The heavy burden of the \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus offers an easier way to \_\_\_\_\_

- “Take my yoke”

1. My yoke is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The burden is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Learning to be gentle is not just for \_\_\_\_\_; it is essential for \_\_\_\_\_

- Gentleness means we train ourselves to see others as people who need \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

### Prayer Requests

**Larry Addington, Michele Kidd, Beckie Null, Alice Robison, Pat Wells:** recovering from surgery.

**Letha Morris:** at Village Health Care Center, 1709 S Main St, BA; memory issues.

**Marie Wilson:** Spent time in the ER at St. John’s.

### Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

**Steve Brock:** cousin, Stephanie and her husband Vern, burns from fire and loss of property.

**Shirley & Lynn Hoppes:** granddaughter, Ember Rapp, dilated throat surgery, possible going home from hospital next week.

**Julie Kamalakis:** husband, Jason Kamalakis, treatment for scarring on the back of his eye. Made some improvement but will need more treatments.

**Joel Suffridge:** surgery and diagnosis.

### Invitations

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

**Revival & Gospel Meeting 2018:** October 20-24 at North Sheridan Church of Christ. Guest Evangelist, William “Bill” E. Green of Alplin, Arkansas. See Bulletin Board for more information.

**Baby Shower:** honoring Kristina Reinschmidt (Julie Wade’s daughter) Oct. 21 at Timberbrook Clubhouse, 6100 S 221 E Ave, BA, OK 74014. Registered at Target and Amazon. Please RSVP to Farrah at 918-557-7818.

**Baby Shower:** honoring Alyssa and Sean Layman and baby Eila. Come and go shower Oct. 14 from 3-5pm at 12804 S 14th Ave, Jenks, OK 74037. Registered at Target, Buy Buy Baby and <https://www.babylist.com/baby-alyssa-layman>. RSVP @paige.baley@oc.edu.

### Member Updates

#### Letha Morris

Village Health Care Center  
1709 S Main St,  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

TODAY >

September 30, 2018

# Candy Thru the Bible

OCTOBER  
31ST



6PM-7PM

A WALK THRU ADVENTURE  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



## Directory Photos

On Sundays, **Julie Kamalakis**, will be set up in Room 121 immediately following services to update pictures for the Church Directory. Because of our new software program, Realm, we will need new family and individual photos of every member; this will allow us to utilize more of what the program offers. If you have any questions, please see Julie.

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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 Pat S.**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Molly C., Megan P., and Haley B.**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Maggie P., Camden P., and Javier H.**  
**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** — Mondays from 3:30pm to 6:00pm in Room 123.  
**Visitation In Person (VIP)** — Mondays at 5:30pm. 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. Please sign up to donate cookies. For more information see, **James or Kristy Snider**.



**Security:**

**Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ Louis R. and Brandon B.**



**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:**

**TODAY: Louis Robison wants to meet with the Security Team immediately after worship this morning. Meet at the front of the auditorium.**  
**Candy Thru the Bible:** Oct. 31 from 6pm-7pm. We 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 for candy donations. Monetary donations should be given to staff or an Elder. Sign up sheets and more information are on the foyer table.  
**Men's Softball:** Come support the team by watching one or two games. Carl Smith Sports Complex, 17120 E 21st, Oct. 4 Field 2 @ 8:30 and Field 1 @ 9:30.  
**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**

10/30 Elders, Deacons, & Ministry Leaders Meeting @ 6pm  
 10/31 Candy Thru the Bible 6pm-7pm

**BIRTHDAYS**

10-6 John Sanders  
 10-6 Cecilia Murrell  
 10-7 Vacie Deal  
 10-7 Louis Robison



Hope Harbor Change Cans: Please continue to take empty cans from host desk and fill them with your spare change. Return them to **Misti Babitzke**.

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

**Wed. Night Hang Outs** ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm. Oct. 3 pizza provided by James and Kristy Snider.  
**Progressive Murder Mystery Dinner:** October 13 starting at 6pm at church building for Appetizers hosted by Prater's, 6:50pm Entrée's at Snider's, and 7:50 Dessert at the Clayton's. Returning to building at 8:30.  
**Tulsa Area Wide Devotional:** "An Experience In Celebration." October 14 at Adams Blvd CoC. Van leaves at 3:30pm and returns at 8:00pm.  
**Youth Calendar ~ New Link:** Please delete old link and follow instructions for new link. View online and sync to your phone calendar. Go to [www.crosstownfamily.org](http://www.crosstownfamily.org); from menu bar select Student Movement, then from sub menu, select Current Announcements, then click the + symbol at the bottom of calendar to sync to your phone calendar.

**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**

**Sunday, September 23**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Bible Class Total | 148        |
| Worship Total     | 250        |
| Weekly Budget     | \$9,300    |
| Contribution      | \$8,598    |
| Contribution YTD  | \$332,987  |
| Budget YTD        | \$353,400  |
| Difference        | (\$20,413) |

**Wednesday, September 26**

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| Bible Class | 103 |
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-- Robert --

**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

It's a command that's demanded of every Christian, but yet so many find it so hard. Spiritual growth is something that must continue to take place once we've been baptized for the remission of our sins. The Hebrews found it just as difficult as many Christians do today. The Hebrew writer said, "In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12 NIV). When spiritual growth should have been taking place, they instead replaced it with complacency. Unfortunately, many Christians are the same way. When spiritual growth should be taking place, most people tend to just go through the motions.

It's interesting to me that most people know they should be growing spiritually, but yet they aren't taking the necessary steps to make sure that it's happening. When people stop growing spiritually, there is usually a blame game that is played. People blame the preacher because they aren't growing spiritually. The sermons aren't good enough and they aren't reaching me like I would like them to. People blame the Bible curriculum, the elders, the Bible classes, the teachers, the members, the worship services, and anything else that they can think of. When will people stop finding excuses and own up to their spiritual staleness?

Instead of trying to find someone or something to blame for being complacent and stale spiritually, it's time we own up for our own soul and start finding a way to start growing. The Hebrew writer goes on to say that "But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:14). What are you doing to exercise your senses? Are you reading your Bible? Are you studying your Bible class material? Are you praying on your own? Are you trying everything you can do to reach your spiritual goals? Are you listening to sermons online?

If you're not growing spiritually, take a moment to see whose fault it is. I'll give you a hint: it's not the preacher's fault or the elder's. It's not the Bible curriculum the church is using or the teacher. It's yours. The things around us like the preacher, teachers, curriculum, etc. are just aids in our spiritual growth, but essentially it is our responsibility to make sure our souls have the proper edification needed to obtain our goal of heaven. When we get to heaven someday, I have a hard time believing that God will accept the excuse of, "I know I'm not where I should be spiritually, but we had a pretty lousy preacher." God sent the greatest preacher this world has ever known: His own Son. Jesus came to preach and teach the kingdom of heaven. If you aren't growing spiritually, turn to the Lord's words. He holds the words of eternal life.

Take a moment today to see where you are spiritually. Not where you want to be? Then my advice to you would be to stop blaming everyone else and start taking action. Start exercising your senses today. We can't wait for others to do the work for us. Don't let yourself become spiritually stale. Stay fresh and alert. Stay active in the faith. Stay focused on your goal of heaven.