

SERMON NOTES

BELIEVE

THINK. ACT. BE LIKE JESUS.

2018

“Self-Control is Spirit-Controlled”

- Our goal is not _____, our goal is _____

- Acts 24:24-25

Paul talked about:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- *How Does One Develop Self-Control?*

1. Do it _____
2. _____ self (cf. Gal. 5:22-25)

- The fruit of the Spirit is not a “_____”, it is a _____

- “_____” with Jesus and _____ to the work of the Holy Spirit

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.

Baptism

Dorothy Brown
6156 N. Yorktown Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74130
918-933-6976

Prayer Requests

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

Lynn Hoppes: Underwent health tests.

Marie Wilson: Health

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Shirley & Lynn Hoppes: granddaughter, Ember Rapp, recovering from surgery.

Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason Kamalakis, treatment for scarring on the back of his eye.

Jerry Wiley (regular attender) asks for prayers for Shirley Fryluwder for a pacemaker.

Invitations

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 at paige.bailey@oc.edu.

Lectureship at 10th & Rockford Church of Christ: “*Why I Believe*” - Oct. 26 & 27, 6:30pm. Speaker on 10/26: David Deffenbaugh, 10/27: Johnny Hinton. Details on the foyer bulletin board.

Thank You

Dear Crosstown Family,
I want to say a big “thank you” for the get well cards, prayers and words of encouragement during my surgery and healing. I am blessed to be a part of this family. In Christian love, Alice Robison

TODAY >

October 7, 2018

Murder Mystery Dinner

Progressive Murder Mystery Dinner for Students 6th-12th Grade

October 13

Begin at 6pm at church building for

Appetizers hosted by Praters

6:50pm Entrées at the Sniders’

7:50pm Dessert at the Claytons’

Return to building at 8:30pm

Candy Thru the Bible

OCTOBER
31ST



6PM-7PM

A WALK THRU ADVENTURE
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is one of the most important things we need to work on in our walk with God. The fruit of the Spirit has to be developed, it has to grow in us. Notice how the Amplified Bible translates Galatians 5:22-23: *“But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law.”*

We will not operate in any of the fruit of the Spirit without self-control. The fruit of the Spirit is not about how we feel, or about our personalities, but about what we choose to do. If you wait to feel like being nice, then you may hit it occasionally on one of your good days, but most likely you will experience quite a few days when you don't feel like being nice.

It takes self-control to be good, gentle, patient, and to love someone. We have to discipline our thoughts. We have to discipline our mouth. Maybe you don't think that you have any discipline. Yes, you do! God has given us His Holy Spirit to exercise self-control within us. *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.”* (2 Timothy 1:7 Amplified Bible)

Now, before you get really discouraged thinking you can't do it remember this; because self-control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, it is the result of His help and grace, and the outworking of His life in the believer. That is the beauty of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is His working in us to help bring that fruit to maturity in all of us. He has His part and we have ours.

The Holy Spirit is not going to ZAP you with self-control, no, it has to be worked out in us. (cf. Romans 8:13) We have to learn to take it as our own and walk in it. We need to learn to be disciplined in all areas of our life. I thank God for the fruit of self-control. We would be in an irreconcilable mess continually in our lives if God had not equipped us with this wonderful, helpful fruit. Don't ever say, “I just have no self-control.” Begin to say what God's Word says about you, “I have the fruit of self-control, and I am able to do whatever I need to do in any situation because God is my strength.”

What we focus on is what we develop in our life. Anything you don't focus on will not be developed in your life. If you have any areas in your life where you feel you need to use more self-control, then this is the perfect place for you to be today!

Learn to be a good fruit inspector. When I go to the store and buy fruit I look it over. Because I have found out that sometimes just because a piece of fruit looks good on the outside doesn't mean that it is good on the inside. A lot of Christians can dress it up and take it to church and learn all the right “religious language” but that doesn't mean there is any fruit. A person is not spiritual just because they go to church. They are not spiritual just because they have a Bible or wear Christian t-shirts. You will know them by their fruit. We need to learn to pay much more attention to the fruit in people's lives and we need to pay attention to the fruit in our own life. (cf. Matthew 7:15-20)

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the elements that make our lives exceptional; they are a reward in themselves. We were born to display them, and we will never be fulfilled without them.

-- Robert --



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: **Nancy F. and Judy E.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Tammy P., Sydney S., and Jordan W.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Joanie R., Elysha B., and Mackenzie P.**
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 ~ Scott Fields, Scott Hathaway



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:

On Sundays, **Julie Kamalakis**, will be set up in Room 121 immediately following services to update pictures for the Church Directory. If you have any questions, please see Julie.
Candy Thru the Bible: Oct. 31 from 6pm-7pm. We need lots of CANDY! Baskets will be provided around the building for candy donations. Monetary donations should be given to staff or an Elder. More information is 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. 11 - Field 1 @ 6:30 and Field 2 @ 7:30.
Elders, Deacons, & Ministry Leaders Meeting: October 30 at 6pm.
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

10-7	Vacie Deal
10-7	Louis Robison
10-9	Patsy Hunter
10-12	Jerry Buchanan
10-13	Jo Hill
10-14	Shirley Schellhorn



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.
Progressive Murder Mystery Dinner: October 13 starting at 6pm at church building for Appetizers hosted by Praters, 6:50pm Entrées at the Sniders', and 7:50pm Dessert at the Claytons'. Returning to building at 8:30pm.
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; 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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 > 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, September 30

Bible Class Total	138
Worship Total	280
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$10,536
Contribution YTD	\$343,501
Budget YTD	\$362,700
Difference	(\$19,199)

Wednesday, October 3

Bible Class	100
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