



“Dinner with a Pharisee” (Luke 7:36-50)

- Why did Simon \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to dinner?
• Why did this woman \_\_\_\_\_ the dinner?
• Jesus uses a simple \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ follows forgiveness
- Do you \_\_\_\_\_ this woman?
- There is room at the table for \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: Ray & Maggie Binkley, LaFerne Caldwell, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Melva Foreman, Charles & Kathleen Holt, Cristin Martin, Sue Martin, Sherry Meadors, Letha Morris, Glenna Pickel, Michael Robison, Willie Rose, Paul Schellhorn, Cathy Sharpe, Wesley & Ann Thurman, Terry West, Marie Wilson.

Responses

Wendell Scott: seeking stronger faith, stronger service, and forgiveness.

Praise

Charlotte Cook: PT and CT scan revealed cancer is gone. She will continue immunotherapy treatments for year.

Prayer Requests

Jerry DaVee: hospitalized last week for health issues and recently diagnosed that his peripheral vision is gone and he can no longer drive.

Sharon Eskew: recently hospitalized - found a small brain aneurysm.

Beckie Null: In preparation for next surgery, will need to heal without full eyesight for six months.

Marie Wilson: is home but weak, no visitors at this time.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Gene Anderson: friend, Roy Clark, hospice care.

Sandy Angelo: husband, David, had a transfusion this week.

Scott and Kenna Fields: friend, Wanda Wiley, cancer treatments; and Dr. John Cox, tumor in chest.

Shirley & Lynn Hoppes: granddaughter, Ember Rapp, specialized care.

Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason Kamalakis, more treatments on eye required.

Directory Updates

Claudine Willis, Brookdale Senior Living, 5211 S Lewis #352, Tulsa OK 74105.

Thank You

Thank you all for the love, prayers and cards for the recent loss of my dad. Christian and I feel so blessed that Crosstown did a special memorial service for us. It meant so much since we were unable to go to Wales for the funeral. Thank you to everyone who came to the service. We love you all so much and are so blessed to be a part of the crosstown family. Julie & Christian Kamalakis

Thank you for your cards, prayers, and encouragement during Terry’s recovery from spinal cord injury and paralysis. He is making gains daily. Terry and Janice West



Please update your directory photo in Room 121, between Bible Class and Worship or immediately following services. See Julie Kamalakis if you have any questions. We need individual photos of every member and child to utilize the features of our new program.



Thanksgiving Meal for our Food Pantry guests will be hosted by Crosstown this Thursday, November 15 at NOON.

Volunteer Times:
Preparers: 9:30am — noon
Servers: 11:00am — 1pm
Clean up: 1pm ‘til done

Donated food will need to be here by 10:00am - kitchen will be open at 8:30am on Thursday. Pies can be accepted on Wednesday night.

You can still donate new or gently used household goods for door prizes. These items can be placed in room 121 tonight at Keenan’s Life Group at building, Wednesday night services, or handed to Phyllis from 8:30am to 10:00am Thursday morning in the kitchen.





**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

Unless you haven't turned on any TV, scrolled through any social media feed, or driven anywhere, and seen any billboards or yard signs for the past few months, it's been difficult *not* to know that there was an election this past Tuesday. (What a relief it's over.) And for a midterm election, the rhetoric was usually hot.

It's no secret that we're a nation on edge. A lot of people hate a lot of other people. This hate, in turn, when coupled with a mental health crisis that seems to be creeping across our society, erupts in violence - as we have seen sadly in recent weeks. First with a series of packages containing explosive devices against political opponents and secondly with the more recent cold-blooded murder of eleven innocent Jewish worshippers in Pittsburgh.

At this moment, when hatred is hot, Christians must be on the frontlines advocating for love. Our culture is fighting the wrong demons. Our culture sees demons in politicians and positions it doesn't like. It sees demons in religions and races it doesn't like. But Scripture is clear. We are called to fight: "...not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12).

If we're fighting other people, we're doing it wrong. Our struggle is against the demons the Bible identifies as truly demonic - not against the demons created for us on social media. In his new book, *Them: Why We Hate Each Other - And How To Heal*, **Senator Ben Sasse** offers a convicting analysis of our cultural milieu:

*It seems clear that in America today, we're facing problems that feel too big for us, so we're lashing out at each other, often over less important matters. Many of us are using politics as a way to distract ourselves from the nagging sense that something bigger is wrong. Not many of us would honestly argue that if our "side" just had more political power, we'd be able to fix what ails us. Fortunately, we can avoid addressing the big problems as long as someone else - some nearer target - is standing in the way of our securing the political power even to try. It's easier to shriek at people on the other side of the street. It's comforting to be able to pin the problems on the freaks in the pink hats or the weirdos carrying the pro-life signs. At least our contempt unites us with other Americans who think like we do. At least we are not like them.*

Senator Sasse speaks specifically to our political climate, but his words can be applied to our broader cultural problems as well. There is an attitude prevalent among many that does not want to solve problems. Instead, it only wants to grab power. There is an attitude prevalent among many that does not seek understanding. Instead, it only traffics in character assassination. And the results, even if they are, thankfully, generally not violent, are certainly not good. People stop looking at others as people who are precious by virtue of being created in God's image and instead see them as enemies needing to be eradicated. They make demons out of mortals.

The Psalmist describes God's patience with the Israelites of old like this: "*He was merciful; He forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time He restrained His anger and did not stir up His full wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return* (Psalm 78:38-39).

God was patient with and merciful to the Israelites because He remembered who the Israelites were - mere, fragile mortals. Their lives were so short and fragile that they were like passing breezes. God is patient with and merciful to us because He remembers who we are - mere, fragile mortals. Our lives are so short and fragile that we are like passing breezes. Perhaps we should see each other like God sees us. Perhaps we should restrain our anger and wrath like God does for us. Life's too short to hate.

**-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: **Kayla S. and Brenda G.**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Tammy P., Haley B., and Mackenzie F.**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Maggie P., Elysha B., and Christian 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 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 ~ 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 9am in the Activity Center.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Cocoa with the Creator: "O Holy Night"** Ladies Only. Dec. 8 from 2-4pm at Crosstown. Bring a mug to exchange. Hosted by Crosstown teens and their mentors.  
**Female Teens and Mentors:** A final planning meeting for Cocoa with the Creator will be held on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:15pm in Room 123.  
**LTC Collaboration Meeting:** Sunday, November 25th at 6:00pm (following the 4th Sunday Life Group). We will start with a potluck meal together before collaboration.

**Save the Date:** March 9 for Ladies Spring Intreat at Crosstown.  
**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. We would also love to meet you at our Information Desk in the foyer where we can answer any questions you might have. 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**

- Today Youth Area-Wide @ Crosstown
- 11/15 Thanksgiving Meal for Pantry Guests
- 11/21 All-Church Devotional
- 11/22 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/25 4th Sunday Life Group at building

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/11 Shirley Wasson
- 11/13 Teresa Logan
- 11/13 Fran Olden
- 11/14 Paul Schellhorn
- 11/17 Camden Prater



**Toy Drive:** This holiday season Crosstown will be supporting **Contact Church of Christ's Christmas Store**, a mission church in Tulsa, which provides affordable Christmas gifts for families in need.

Here's how you can help: Donating new toys or desired items suggested in the upcoming weeks for the various ages provided for, give a monetary donation to purchase items needed, and/or volunteer to help set up or serve at the store. See **Julie Kamalakis** if you have any questions.

To shop at the Christmas Store on Dec. 15, families in need must call **Courtney Grider at Contact Church of Christ at 918-447-1130** by Dec. 1.

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

- Wed. Night Hang Outs** ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.
- Tulsa Area Wide Devotional:** "An Experience In Art." **TODAY** at Crosstown CoC from 4:30pm to 7pm.
- Fall Youth Retreat with BA:** Nov. 16 - 18 at Green Country Camp in Disney, OK. Cost is \$35 per person. Van leaves Nov. 16 @ 5:45pm and returns Sunday late afternoon. Deadline to sign up is today. Sign-up in foyer or in youth room.

**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, November 4**

Bible Class Total	150
Worship Total	234
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$9,436
Contribution YTD	\$386,642
Budget YTD	\$409,200
Difference	(\$22,558)

**Wednesday, November 7**

Bible Class	99
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