

SERMON NOTES



“Dinner with Jesus as Host”  
(Luke 9:10-17)

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• The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

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.

Prayer Requests

Jerry DaVee: bone spurs in neck.  
Sharon Eskew: not feeling well and tests have been inconclusive.  
Beckie Null: In preparation for next surgery, will need to heal without full eyesight for six months.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Sandy Angelo: husband, David, health.  
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.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

David & July Lopez Family —Bogota, Colombia  
david050488@hotmail.com  
Josh & Divine Austin Family—Phoenix, Arizona  
djaustin14@hotmail.com  
Duchange & Emanies Saint-Amour Family—Milot, Haiti  
Stduchange65@yahoo.fr  
Wayne & Margie Pabillon Family—Talisay, Philippines  
waymardayn@yahoo.com. Asking for specific prayers about the trouble in their area due to the drug cartels.

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.



TODAY > November 18, 2018

Happy Thanksgiving!  
All Church Devotional  
Wednesday, November 21 @ 7pm  
No Bible Classes



Toy Drive: This holiday season, Crosstown will again 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: Donate 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. Next week a tree will be set up in the foyer with tags listing gift suggestions. Please take a tag and return item requested by Dec. 9. 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.



**AMONG FRIENDS with Robert**

The downfall of Saul began with a sacrifice. We usually think of sacrifices as being noble – like when parents sacrifice for their children or when soldiers sacrifice for their country. And these sacrifices certainly are noble. But King Saul’s sacrifice was different. King Saul’s sacrifice was not noble, but self-serving.

In 1 Samuel 15, the prophet Samuel instructs Saul, “Go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them” (1 Samuel 15:3). Saul does attack the Amalekites. He does defeat the Amalekites. But he does not destroy all that belongs to them:

*Saul and the army spared...the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs – everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.* (1 Samuel 15:9)

Saul disobeys Samuel’s – and, by extension, God’s – instruction. When Samuel confronts Saul in his disobedience, Saul first tries to deny that he disobeyed at all. He says to Samuel, “I have carried out the LORD’s instructions” (1 Samuel 15:13). When Samuel catches him in his lie, Saul claims, “The soldiers spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest” (1 Samuel 15:15). Samuel, though, is having none of it. He asks:

*Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams...Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king* (1 Samuel 15:22-23).

Saul thought he could use a sacrifice to weasel out of his disobedience. He was sorely mistaken. What was true of Saul’s sacrifice, the Bible says, is true of all sacrifices. God cannot be somehow bribed to overlook sin by a sacrifice. The preacher of Hebrews says of the Old Testament sacrificial system: “Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins” (Hebrews 10:11). Sacrifices do not fix sins. That is, except for one sacrifice: Christ’s. For by Christ’s “one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy” (Hebrews 10:14).

Whereas kings and priests would offer broken sacrifices in their sin, Jesus offered a perfect sacrifice for our sin. The one man who needed no sacrifice for Himself because He was sinless was the one man who made a sacrifice for all in their sinfulness. And His sacrifice changed everything.

The next time you are caught in a sin, do not try to hide your sin, like Saul. Instead, confess your sin freely. And do not try to slyly redeem yourself by making a sacrifice, like Saul. Instead, rejoice that you have been forgiven by a sacrifice already made. Jesus is all the sacrifice you need.

-- 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: **Meri Sue B. and Jackie S.**  
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Juanita F., Allison B., and Makenzie F.**  
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Joanie R., Ashton B., and Megan 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 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**.



SMALL GROUPS



**Security:**

**Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ Lowell P. 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:**

**All Church Devotional:** November 21 at 7pm in Auditorium. No Bible Classes.  
**Children’s Winter Bible Class Teachers and Assistants Needed:** Classes begin Dec. 2 and end Feb. 27. On Sunday mornings; Nursery Teacher, 2nd-5th Craft and Game Rotation Teachers, 4th-5th Shepherd. On Wednesdays; Nursery Assistant, 2nd-5th Teacher, and Assistant. Call Misti Babitzke if you can serve.  
**Christmas Caroling:** at Aberdeen Memory Care, 7210 S Yale Ave on Nov. 30 at 6pm. All welcome. Call Kristy Snider if you have any questions.  
**Directory Proof:** Please take a few minutes and review printed directory available on the foyer table and adult Bible classes. Please see that it is displaying your information based on the privacy request given several months back. Please correct any errors or contact Misti directly at office. Review your photo and if you wish to retake, we have another backdrop available. Julie will resume taking photos next week.  
**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 11/21 All-Church Devotional
- 11/22 Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/25 4th Sunday Life Group at building
- 12/8 Ladies Cocoa with the Creator

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/18 Elizabeth Murph, Shirley Hoppes
- 11/19 James Snider, Marsha Scott
- 11/20 Janessa Crandall
- 11/21 Loxley Mainprize, Claudine Willis
- 11/23 Timothy Anuu, Hilary Kollmar, & Wendell Scott

Cocoa with the Creator

Oholy Night

Ladies Only. Dec. 8 from 2-4pm at Crosstown. Bring a mug to exchange. Hosted by Crosstown teens and their mentors.

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

**Wed. Night Hang Outs** ~ Will not meet November 21.  
**Tulsa Area-Wide Devotional:** “An Experience in Advent” at BA CoC. Bring 2 pair of any type of new socks (fuzzy, cute, sport, etc). Van leaves at 4:00pm and returns at 7:30pm.  
**Youth Christmas Mystery Dinner at the Dresser Mansion:** Dec. 16 at 5pm—7pm More details to come.

**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, November 11**

Bible Class Total	153
Worship Total	205
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$7,297
Contribution YTD	\$393,902
Budget YTD	\$418,500
Difference	(\$24,598)

**Wednesday, November 14**

Bible Class	99
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