

SERMON NOTES



“Dinner with an Insult” (Luke 11:37-54)

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

Dorothy Brown: diagnosed with uterine cancer.
Tomi Sue Imhoff: had carpal tunnel surgery.
Beckie Null: In preparation for next surgery, will need to heal without full eyesight for six months.
Hudson Meadors: is home.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Sandy Angelo: husband, David, health.
Mary Ann Dye: Ronda Dolan (wife of former Youth Minister at BA) has breast cancer.
Scott and Kenna Fields: friend, Wanda Wiley, cancer treatments; and Dr. John Cox, tumor in chest.
Mike Honicutt: (former member) daughter, Leah, lost her boyfriend in an automobile accident this week on I-244.
Shirley & Lynn Hoppes: granddaughter, Ember Rapp, specialized care.
Kay Imhoff: mother's terminal cancer is progressing.
Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason Kamalakis, more treatments on eye required.
Cristin Martin: aunt, Nancy Peer, amputation of her right leg just above the knee.
Emily Ratliff: Jonell Willman (former member) is in St. Francis with pneumonia.
Pat Stufflebeam: friend, Yvonne Parks, battling cancer.
Jerry Wiley: (regular attender) friends; Shirley, John, Chris, and Lowry need prayer.

Thank You

To everyone who helped make the Thanksgiving meal for our pantry guests a great success, Thank you! To those who donated give away items, gave money, prepared food, decorated, served meal, and cleaned up; you are awesome and you gave above and beyond. Lots of people complimented your outstanding efforts. This is a very loving and caring congregation and I am honored to be a part of it. Thank you again for being a shining light in this world. Your Sister in Christ, **Phyllis Russell**

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 25, 2018



Winter

~Sunday & Wednesday Schedule~
Begins December 2 2018



Sunday — 9:15am

Wednesday — 7:00pm

General Adult (Auditorium)
1 Corinthians
Earl Logan

General Adult (Room 123)
Living Peace
Steve Parker

General Adult (Room 213)
Theology from Ephesians 1
Charles Clayton

Middle School/High School (Room 211)
Chris Clayton
Brandon Babitzke

Infants & Toddlers (107)
TBD
Kayla Schellhorn

2's & 3's (101)
Denise Henderson
Teresa Logan

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)
Emily Ratliff
Amy Russell

**Sunday Elementary
Rotation Classes:**

Garden of Creation—218 (Kristy Snider), *Truthful Pursuits*—217 (Dana Brooks),
Cyber Journeys—212 (Joanie Roberts), *Knowledge Seekers*—128 (Beckie Null).

Sunday Shepherds: 2nd/3rd, Yellow/Red flag (Debra Rodriguez)
4th/5th, Green/Orange flag (Judy Ezzell)

Sunday Host: Wanda Dean

Auditorium (General)
Angels and Demons
Robert Prater

Middle/High School (Youth Room)
Elders



Infants & Toddlers (107)
Judith Stephens
Mary Parker

2's & 3's (101)
Tammy Pittman
Carol Lindsay

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)
Dean Still,
Cheala Green

2nd & 3rd, 4th, 5th (217)
TBD



AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

California has had a rough go of it lately. Three weeks ago, the state endured another tragedy as a gunman opened fire at a country bar filled with college students in Thousand Oaks, killing twelve. The shooter was a Marine Corps veteran who appears to have had all sorts of mental health issues. Then there are the worst wildfires in the history of the state of California. 79 people have been killed. Sadly, that number will likely climb as first responders continue their search through the rubble these fires have left behind.

The sheer number of tragedies that roll in through each news cycle can begin to feel overwhelming. For each town that is charred and person that is shot, we ask, "How can we stop this from happening?" Answers to this pressing question seem to elude us. When tragedies do strike, we are thankful for firefighters who risk their lives on the frontlines of massive and unpredictable blazes and officers who run into hails of bullets rather than away from them. Proactively, we are instructed to keep dry brush away from homes in fire zones and guns out of the hands of mentally disturbed people. But despite our best efforts, the tragedies keep coming. Tragedies, even if they can be somewhat mitigated and managed by us, cannot be successfully stayed by us.

On the surface, the California fires and the California shooting seem to be two different types of tragedies. One is a natural disaster. The other is man-caused carnage. Below the surface, however, these two tragedies share a common core: *sin*. The fires remind us that the sin that came into the world with Adam and Eve has disordered and distorted the world in profound and frightening ways. The mass shooting reminds us that sin is not just in the world. It is in us. It's not just that we cannot eradicate the sin that distorts creation; it's that we cannot even kill the sin in ourselves.

The message of Christianity reminds us that, even as societies scramble to address sin, we need a victory over sin that we cannot gain for ourselves. Sin needs not only our noble actions and timely reactions, but a perfect transaction that exchanges our sad sin for a better righteousness. This is the transaction Christ makes for us on the cross.

Tragedies are sure to continue. And we should be thankful for those fighting on the front lines of those tragedies. But we can also be hopeful that tragedy's time is short, for sin's defeat is certain.

-- Robert --

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.



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: **Carrie C. and Patsy H.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Courtney M., Haley B., and Megan P.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Missy S., Kimberly B., and Wesley Y.**
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

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. Will not meet November 26.

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 ~ James H. and Barry C.



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:

Children's Winter Bible Class Teachers and Assistants Needed: On Sunday mornings; Nursery Teacher. On Wednesdays; 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.

Combine Life Groups: Today! All Life Groups will meet at the building at 5pm. We will start with a period of singing and prayer, then move on to study time, to discuss questions related to the topic of this morning's sermon.

LTC Collaboration Meeting: Today at 6pm (following Life Group). We will start with a potluck meal before meeting.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Today	4th Sunday Life Group at building	11/26	Analeigh Peres
Today	LTC Collaboration Meeting	11/27	Amanda Carothers
11/30	Christmas Caroling at Aberdeen	11/29	Elijah Harris
12/8	Ladies Cocoa with the Creator	11/30	Reina Arevalo
		12/1	Jennifer Rampey

Toy Drive for Contact Church of Christ's Christmas Store: Purchase items from gift tags on tree located in foyer and return them unwrapped by Dec. 9; 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.

Christmas Background Photos: will be offered for a donation to Contact CoC on Dec. 1 from 11am—2pm and Dec. 2 from after services till 2pm in 10 minute intervals. You will receive a digital copy of your image to use any way you like. Please text or call Julie Kamalakis at 443-983-1520 to schedule.

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Outs ~ Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.

Tulsa Area-Wide Devotional: Dec. 9 "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
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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, November 18

Bible Class Total	136
Worship Total	220
Weekly Budget	\$9,300
Contribution	\$9,889
Contribution YTD	\$403,759
Budget YTD	\$427,800
Difference	(\$24,041)

Wednesday, November 21

Bible Class	57
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