



“Three Marks of Faithful Followers” (part 1)
(Matthew 15:1-20)

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: Ray & Maggie Binkley, Dorothy Brown, LaFerne Caldwell, Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Juanita Farmer, Charles & Kathleen Holt, Cristin Martin, Sue Martin, Sherry Meadors, Letha Morris, Beckie Null, Glenna Pickel, Boone Roberts, Michael Robison, Willie Rose, Paul Schellhorn, Cathy Sharpe, Ann Thurman, Terry West, Mikey Yeary.

Prayer Requests

Elvalee Addington: prayers for husband, **Larry**, to get over this chronic asthma flare he has been battling for 2 1/2 weeks.
Dorothy Brown: cancer was found in other areas. She will begin chemotherapy and radiation treatments in 3 weeks.
Lois Cox: will have her heart valve replaced on March 14.
Juanita Farmer: back pain.
Scott Fields: arm is getting better but he still has numbness in two fingers.
Sue Martin: hospitalized this week for pancreatitis.
Sherry Meadors: at Saint. Francis Hospital in Room 5336

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Julie Kamalakis: husband, Jason, had biopsies on lungs and liver this week. Pray for good test results.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

- David & July Lopez Family** —Bogota, Colombia
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Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and calls over the past months. Your well wishes and thoughts of encouragement have been such a blessing to us following Shirley’s surgery and rehab. A special thank you to MNFM and the Women’s Bible Class. You are a wonderful family and we are hoping to be back with you soon. We love you!! **Jerry and Shirley Buchanan.**
 Thank you to each and everyone of you that takes part in Monday Night for the Master. It’s because of you we are able to continue such a great ministry. **Scott Hathaway**

Invitations

Affirming the Faith Seminar: March 1-2 at North MacArthur CoC (9300 N. MacArthur, OKC, OK). For more information go to www.affirmingthefaitbok.com
Ladies Day : March 16, 9am-12am at Checotah CoC (305 E Gentry Ave, Checotah, OK). For more information call 918-473-5931. If interested in going with a group see **Michelle Clayton.**
Women’s Spiritual CoC Conference Retreat: August 23-25 at Lenexa, KS. See bulletin board for more information or www.cocwomensspiritualconferenceretreat.com.

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 >

February 24, 2019



Spring
~Sunday & Wednesday Schedule~
Begins March 3



Sunday — 9:15am

Auditorium (General)
Living Peace
Steve Parker

Room 123 (General)
Dropping Stones
Roddy Roberts

Upstairs Room 213 (General)
Why Men Hate Going to Church
Charles & Tom Schellhorn

Grades 6th -0th (Room 210)
Brandon Babitzke & Logan Hackworth

Grades 11th & 12th (Room 211)
Ephesians
Chris Clayton

Infants & Toddlers (107)
Charlotte Cook
Lindsey Kirkpatrick

2s & 3s (102)
Patsy Hunter
Shirley Wasson

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)
Molly Couch
Carlie Ostenberg

Sunday Elementary Rotation Classes:
Garden of Creation—218 (Judy & Tom Roberts)
Truthful Pursuits—217 (Joel & Olive Suffridge)
Cyber Journeys—212 (Misti Babitzke)
Knowledge Seekers—128 (Beckie Null)

Sunday Shepherds:
(2nd/3rd, Yellow/Red flag)
Courtney Mainprize
(4th/5th, Green/Orange flag)
Wendi Murrell

Education Host: Homer Cox

Wednesday — 7:00pm

Auditorium (General)
Spiritual Warfare
Robert Prater

Women’s Class (Room 123)
Embracing Your Strengths
Michelle Clayton

Men’s Class (Room 214)
Canaanization of God’s People
Charles Clayton

Middle/High School (Main Gathering Room)
Chris Clayton
Logan Hackworth

Nursery
Kay Imhoff
Shannon Moore

Toddlers 2’s & 3’s (102)
Kristy Snider
JaLeigh Snider

Pre-K, K, 1st (104)
Matt Imhoff
Tomi Sue Imhoff

2nd & 3rd (218)
Maggie Prater
Patty VanTuyl

4th & 5th (217)
Sandy Angelo



AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Every decision we make has consequences. Luke chapter 14 pounds the point that discipleship with Christ is costly. He requires our willingness to go into any situation; He requires our willingness to give up anything; He requires us to break off anything that gets in the way of devotion to Him. If we are unwilling, we are not worthy of being His disciples.

Following Jesus is costly...*If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.* (Luke 14:25-33)

A worldly church does not believe such teachings of Jesus. A worldly church thinks that discipleship to Christ means about this much: putting a fish decal on your car, or wearing Christian T-shirts, or attending church a couple times a year. Christlikeness according to a worldly church does not mean to walk in holiness, resisting sins and false teachings. A worldly church teaches there is very little cost to discipleship because a worldly church loves the world and all his goods. Jesus, they say, hated His life, and took up His cross, and emptied Himself of all He possessed so that I don't have to. That's the gospel according to cheap grace.

Such weakness is not to be found in the pages of Scripture and certainly not on the mouth of our Lord Jesus Christ. He says, take up your cross, give up what you own, don't love anyone more than Me, and die to self—and you will have life eternal. There is a cost to following Jesus Christ.

When determining any course of action, we weigh the costs and the benefits. That is what we are doing when we sign waiver forms before a surgery at the hospital. They are informing you of the benefits of the surgery and also telling you what dangers are involved. Think of those medicine commercials you see on television. They start with the promise of perfect health, all the good things that come with the use of the new medication. But then the voice of the actor gets hushed and quick (as pictures of her happy life play in the background) and the long list of potential risks are read. There are costs, and we have to weigh those costs and then act. Some decide not to risk the side affects in order to reap the benefits of the medicine. Others decide the risk is worth it because living with health issues is unbearable or more dangerous for them.

In Luke, Jesus applies this concept of calculating the cost to the very act of following Him. He's told us what it will cost us: we must hate rivals to Him, we must be willing to give up whatever we possess, we must carry our own cross. And those who are unwilling to pay that price, unwilling to give up some of the goods of this world, show two things about themselves: 1) they love and ultimately esteem the world and his offerings; and 2) they do not know the treasure of having Jesus Christ. The heart and mind of the Christian should resonate with the words of the old spiritual: "You can have all this world, give me Jesus."

Think of how foolish our passions for the passing pleasures of this world will be when we gaze on the majestic glory of our Conquering Lamb. In telling us the true cost of following Him, Jesus is proclaiming His ultimate greatness, excellence, glory, and power. No man will regret his losses or his minor costs, when he reaps the eternal benefits of following Jesus.

-- 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: **Carrie C. and Courtney M.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Lindsey K., Megan P., and Jordan W.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Joanie R., Mackenzie P., and Elysha B.**
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 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.



Security:

Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ Barry C. and James H.



Bible Study:

Women's Bible Study — **Walking In the Light Daily**. Thursdays at 9:30am in Room 123.
Men's Bible Study — Saturdays at 9:00am in Room 123. Studying Proverbs.



Miscellaneous:

Combined Life Group: Today! All Life Groups will meet at the building at 5pm. Extra fellowship immediately following combined life group, members invite you to join them for fellowship at the downtown Mazzio's (421 E 11th St).



Ladies' Day: "Right-Side Up Living in an Upside-Down World" March 9 at Crosstown from 9am to 1pm. Speakers: **Carrie Clayton and Kristy Snider**. See **Julie Kamalakis or Wanda Dean** for details. Sign up sheet available in the foyer.

Spring Children's Education: computer lab assistant that desires to teach. See **Misti Babitzke**.
Men's Spring Softball League: Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to play. If we have enough for a church league it will be on Thursdays beginning March 28 and end on May 9. If we don't have enough for a team we will join a recreational league. See **Merle Imhoff** for more information.
Wednesday Night Devotionals: Men, please sign up to lead a 5-10 minute devotional following Bible class at 7:45pm. Sign up located on the foyer table.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/24 Combined Life Group @ the building
- 3/3 Meal & Youth Parent Meeting immediately following services.
- 3/9 Ladies' Day
- 3/10 Youth Area Wide at Hope Harbor

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/24 Leon Mills
- 2/26 Kylie Martin
- 2/27 Glenna Pickel & Sydney Schultz
- 2/28 Tammy Browne
- 3/1 Marilyn Parnell
- 3/2 Steve Bollman & Kristin Whyburn

Signing Practice: Wednesdays at 6:25pm in **Room 218**.



March 3rd Schedule

1:00pm - 1:40pm: Drama (9th-12th) Rm. 214; Chorus (3rd-8th) Rm. 127
1:45pm - 2:25pm: Bible Bowl Rm. 122; Bible Application Rm. 121; Songleading (3rd-6th) Rm. 211
2:30pm - 3:10pm: Puppets (3rd-6th) Rm. 126; Chorus (9th-12th) Rm. 127; Sermon Rm. 122
3:15pm - 3:55pm: Puppets (7th-12th) Rm 126; Songleading (7th-12th) Rm. 211
Art and Scrapbooking: (12:30pm-3:55) in the Supply Room.
Payments: Collecting payments or full balance for LTC application and hotel fees. \$35 per student application fee and \$98 per room for lodging. Checks payable Crosstown—memo LTC.



Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Outs: Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.
Youth Parent Meeting: March 3 immediately following services in the Activity Center. Pizza and Salad will be provided.
Tulsa Area-Wide Devotional: March 10. "Experience in Nature" at Hope Harbor Children's Home in Claremore. Van leaves at 4:00pm and returns at 7:30pm.
Area Wide Youth Retreat: Save the date April 5-7.

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
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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Bible Class Total	130
Worship Total	210
Weekly Budget	\$9,500
Contribution	\$9,099
Contribution YTD	\$64,400
Budget YTD	\$66,500
Difference	(\$2099)

Wednesday, February 20

Bible Class	98
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