



“With One Another”
(Acts 2:42-47)

- We live life _____
- We cannot survive and thrive without _____
- 1. _____ does fellowship mean? (vs. 42)
- 2. _____ is fellowship needed? (vs. 12)
- 3. _____ is fellowship done? (vs. 46)
- 4. _____ does fellowship happen? (vv. 44-46a)
- The _____ enhances the _____

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Responses

Keenan and Sherry Meadors: We are so grateful for each person who cared for Sherry, so I could work and for each and every prayer to God.

Prayer Requests

Sarah Beard: viral infection
Lois Cox: at home recovering from heart surgery
Kay Imhoff: mother moved into Hospice House
Judy Roberts: shingles

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Melva Foreman: niece, Terry Raymond, and her cousin’s family for the loss of Charlie M. Williams.
Darrell and Brenda George: daughter, Kia, bedrest for pregnancy with twins.
 Joseph and Tina Propst: (visitors) salvation for Joshua and Ashley Hand.
 Jerry Wiley: (reg. attender) friends Shirley Freland for her heart, John Qualls, for operation for his legs and back; and Chris Corbett for stomach problems.

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to **Melva Foreman** in the loss of her sister, Paulette Herbert.
 Our hearts and prayers go out to the Field’s family in the loss of Montrel Fields (former youth member), he passed from pneumonia.

Thank You

I want to thank you church family for the beautiful cards and prayers said on my behalf. I had several issue that robbed me on my strength, but I am doing better every day. Sincerely, **Sue Martin**

Invitations

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.

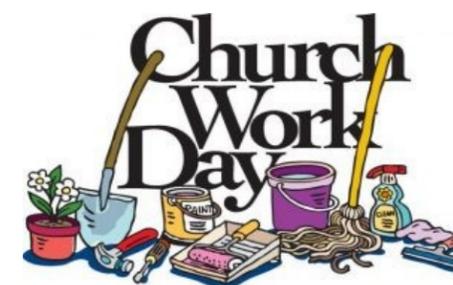
TODAY > **March 24, 2019**



TODAY AT 5:00 PM

All Life Groups will meet at the building. We will start with a period of singing and prayer, then move on to study time, in which we will be discussing questions related to the topic of this morning’s sermon. Upon arriving your family will receive a colored card. The leaders will randomly draw a color and you will follow the leader of the corresponding color to a designated meeting place of their choice. The Elders pray that all members and visitors will take advantage of this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow with your family here at Crosstown. If you have any questions, contact **Chris Clayton** or one of the Elders.

Extra Fellowship: Immediately following combined Life Group, members of the Life Groups invite you to join them for fellowship at the downtown Mazzio’s (421 E 11th St).



**Saturday
April 6th
Starts at 9:00 am**

Sign up sheets in the foyer. The Elders are asking members to lead in specific areas that need attention. If you have special skills or tools or desire to do a specific task, see **Tom Schellhorn**. The goal is to get as many tasks done with several members taking the lead in those areas. This is a great opportunity for our youth to earn service hours for Mission Trip.



AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

“The wages of sin is death,” the apostle Paul writes in Romans 6:23. These words were horrifyingly on display a week ago this past Friday when a terrorist gunman opened fire on two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, killing 50. The crime was, in every way, monstrous. Minutes before he went on his rampage, he emailed top government officials a rambling and incoherent manifesto, outlining his ardent white nationalistic beliefs. He then strapped on a helmet camera so he could livestream his attack on social media. Finally, he shot many worshippers at these mosques, which included several children, at point blank range as they cowered in corners.

Near the end of the book of Genesis, we read of a man named Jacob and his twelve sons, the favorite of whom is Joseph. Joseph’s brothers, Genesis 37:4 says, “hated him” because of his status as his father’s favorite son. Their hatred eventually spawned a plot among the brothers to kill their kinsman. And they would have, were it not for a last-second intercession by one of the brothers, Judah, who decided it would be more financially advantageous if, instead of killing Joseph, they sold him into slavery (Genesis 37:26-27).

Hatred is an acid that eats up the soul. This is why the Bible’s consistent and continuous call is to love – and not just to love those who are like us. The Bible’s consistent and continuous call is to love those who are very different from us and even hate us. As Jesus puts it:

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you ... If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?” (Matthew 5:44, 46-47)

White nationalism explicitly tramples on Jesus’ command. It not only fails to love its enemies, it actually creates enemies where there need be none and becomes an enemy to those who do not fit its contrived ethnic and philosophical beliefs. It trades the foundational and universal sanctity of life for an exclusionary view of race.

Thankfully, love did manage to rise up and break through when hatred was spraying a hail of bullets into two mosques in Christchurch. 48-year-old Abdul Aziz was at the second of the mosques. He was there with his four children to pray. When the terrorist began firing in the parking lot of the mosque, rather than running away, Mr. Aziz ran into the lot with the only thing he could find – a credit card machine. After firing off many rounds, the terrorist returned to his vehicle to grab a second weapon, and Mr. Aziz hurled the credit card machine at him. The terrorist then fired off another series of rounds at Mr. Aziz, who managed to protect himself by ducking between cars. When the terrorist returned to his vehicle again to grab yet another weapon, Mr. Aziz found one of the guns he had dropped and, after realizing it was empty, threw it at the windshield of the terrorist’s car. The windshield shattered. The terrorist was spooked. He sped off. And many lives were saved.

Mr. Aziz explained, in an interview with *The New York Times*, “I was prepared to give my life to save another life.” That’s love. And it stopped hate dead when hate was trying to speed death.

Christianity teaches that there was another man – a perfect man, who was also God – who was prepared to give His life to save other lives. His name was Jesus. And He not only was prepared to die. He did die. And He not only saved lives by His death. He bought for us eternal life with His death.

“The wages of sin is death,” the apostle Paul writes in Romans 6:23. But he continues, “But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” In Jesus’ death, love killed hate. May this be our confidence and our conviction whenever we face wicked and cruel acts like the one in Christchurch.

-- 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: **Anita C. and Jackie S.**

2&3s Bible Hour: **Tammy P., Megan P., and Jordan W.**

4&5s Bible Hour: **Misti B., Christian M., and Cecilia 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 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, and 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 ~ James H. and TBD.



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:

Area-Wide Singing: “Called to Worship” March 31, 2019 at 6pm at the Broken Arrow Church of Christ.

Directories: We are close to printing. Please take one last look to make sure your information is correct. We have also added a Ministry and Coordinators page so please check to make sure the ministry you lead is listed.

Leadership Training for Christ Showcase , Fundraiser Dinner, and Cookie Sale: Wednesday, April 24. Dinner begins at 5:15pm in the Activity Center and Showcase will begin at 7pm in the auditorium. There will be no children's or adult Bible classes that evening. Students are encouraged to serve and bake homemade cookies for this event.

2nd Annual Bible Basics Reward Party: for students that have earned goals during Knowledge Seekers class or during worship in Bible Basics class this past year. May 5 during Bible Basics. Save the date.

Wits n Waffles Trivia Night: April 13 at Park CoC. This is a fundraiser for Hope Harbor Academy! Event is for well-behaved high school to adults. Cost is \$30/person. Register at hopehaborinc.org/register.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	Combined Life Group @ building
4/6	Spring Church Workday
4/7	Youth Area-Wide at Hope Harbor
4/24	LTC Showcase & Fundraiser Dinner
4/30	Elders, Deacons, & Ministry Leaders meeting @ 6pm

BIRTHDAYS

3/25	Steve Parker
3/25	Conner Dake
3/27	Allison Babitzke
3/29	Merle Imhoff
3/31	Rick Banks

March 24th Schedule



3:30 – 4:00: Drama (3rd-8th) – Rm 210; Bible Application – Rm 123
4:05 – 4:35: Bible Bowl – Rm 123; Drama (9th-12th) – Rm 214
4:37 – 5:07: Puppets (7th-12th) – Rm 126
5:08 – 5:38: Chorus (3rd- 8th) – Rm 127
5:39 – 6:10: Puppets (3rd-6th) – Rm 126; Chorus (9th-12th) – Rm 127



Payments: Checks payable to Crosstown—memo LTC. Payments can also be made online through the “Donate” button on our website. Notate payment as Youth-LTC.

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Outs: Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm, meal and cake provided by **Julie Kamalakis** on April 3.

Tulsa Area-Wide Devotional: Rescheduled April 7. “Experience in Nature” at Hope Harbor Children’s Home in Claremore. Van leaves at 4:00pm and returns at 7:30pm.

LTC Showcase, Fundraiser Dinner, and Cookie Sale: Wednesday, April 24. All students are strongly encouraged to participate and serve this night if they participate in summer youth activities.

Senior Sunday: May 19. Graduating Seniors will be honored during morning worship services and a fellowship meal will follow in the Activity Center.

Burnt Cabin Church Camp: June 2nd—June 8th.

Mission Trip: June 16—June 22nd. Arms of Hope—Boles Children’s Home.

Hold harmless and Medical Release forms: Each student participating in any youth event will need to turn in a completed form. Additional forms can be found on our website listed below. Please turn forms into **Logan Hackworth**.

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
 Phone: 918-834-1395

CHURCH STATS

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Bible Class Total	118
Worship Total	235
Weekly Budget	\$9,500
Contribution	\$9,514
Contribution YTD	\$99,821
Budget YTD	\$104,500
Difference	(\$4,679)

Wednesday, March 20

Bible Class	99
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