

SERMON NOTES



- God compares Himself to a _____
(Isaiah 66:7-13)

• Giving birth is a _____ of the image of God

- John 1:12-13; John 3:3, 5-7; James 1:18; 1 John 2:29; 3:9

- In Isaiah 66, it is _____ that is giving birth

- Could this be the birth of the _____?
(cf. Acts 2:36-47)

- Never forget we are God's _____
(1 Peter 1:3)

FAMILY UPDATES

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

Prayer Requests

Larry Addington: cancer - lung adenocarcinoma.
James Henderson: recovering from surgery.
Cliff Holt: recovering from knee surgery.
Julie Kamalakis: recovering from surgery.
Barbara Lakey: waiting on test results on leg.
Ken Smith: had a surgery to install a stent.

Prayer Requests for Friends and Family

Scott & Kenna Fields: daughter, Lisa, health.
Darrell and Brenda George: daughter, Kia, pregnancy with twins.
Charlie Kymes: radiation treatments.
Jerry Wiley: friends, John Qualls and Chris Corbett for health.
Wendell Scott: brother-in-law, Wally, heart surgery recovery.
JaLeigh Snider: Granny Biggs to get well.

Member Updates

Chris & Michelle Clayton, 508 S Zurich Ave, Tulsa, OK 74112

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of **Letha Morris** in her passing on May 4. Her funeral was at Crosstown on May 7.

Thank You

To my Crosstown Family: Our family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for your thoughtfulness presented to us and the love we have been given during our time of bereavement for my great-granddaughter Amelia Alyea. Sarah Beard & Family

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

Lopez Family - Bogota, Colombia
Pedro Carreno Family - Santa Marta, Colombia
Austin Family - Phoenix, Arizona
Saint-Amour Family - Milot, Haiti
Pabillon Family - Talisay, Philippines

Invitations

Ladies Day "Walking in Son-light" June 1, 9:30am-12:00am at 18th & Denison CoC in Muskogee. Sharon Thomas is the speaker.

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 >

May 12, 2019

CLASS OF
2019

Senior Sunday Fellowship Lunch
Sunday, May 19th
Immediately following services

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Graduating Seniors (**Allison Babitzke, Richard Beard, Ashley Martin, Matthew Milliman, and Logan Wade**) will be honored during morning worship services. The fellowship meal will be held immediately after worship in the Activity Center. Please bring food according to your last name.

A-E: Ham or Chicken ~ F-L: Ham or Chicken
M-R: Salad & Bread ~ S-Z: Vegetable & Bread
Dessert cake will be provided

~Set Up/Clean Up Responsibility: Adults Rm. 123 & Rm. 213 Classes
Elder Oversight: Tom Schellhorn

Please bring enough to feed two times the number in your family attending.

Church Camp

Burnt Cabin



June 2-8

For students who have completed 3rd grade through 12th grade. The theme this year is: Live Upside Down ~ A study in the book of James
Cost is \$205 before discount. Please register online by **May 22** at <http://bit.ly/2ldB1bc>, and be prepared to attach a photo of your child. Payment is due by June 2nd. Please submit application before May 22. Information card available in the foyer.

Mission Trip



June 16-21

For students who have completed 6th grade through 12th grade. Boles Children's Home ~ TX.
Cost is \$150 before discount. Application deadline is **May 14**, payment is due June 16. Additional applications are located on the foyer table.

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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Today as a nation we celebrate Mother's Day! As we do, we will probably be thinking about how special and beloved our mothers are – and we certainly should think those things. Our mothers are very dear gifts to us and we are grateful for them. But, I would like for us to consider God's motherly comfort of His people. Your first reaction to this thought might be one of concern – isn't it true that God is our Father? Isn't this concept of "motherliness" in God a bit of a scandal? The short answer to these questions is yes, God is our Father, but no, it is not wrong to speak of God as one who is like a mother, because He does so himself.

In Isaiah 66:13, the prophet Isaiah gives us the word of the LORD: "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." In this verse, God compares His comfort to that of a mother – not a father. It might be the case that only when our hearts are naturally turned to the consideration of our mothers' great and special love for us we can best grasp what this verse offers us.

Your mother's love for you is a spontaneous, personal affection. She loved you when you kicked within her. She loved you when you were soiled and screaming. And through it all, she fixed her eyes and cares on you when as a child you were hurting or frightened. When a child is hurt, it is Mom they call for. It is a mother's kisses that cure "boo-boos" and "owies." Your mother knew exactly what was needed to comfort you and she adapted her hugs and words to each one of her children according to their needs. And this is exactly the kind of comfort being described here in our text: "As a mother comforts her child."

Today we certainly are right in celebrating God's goodness to us in giving us a mother. But remember too to rejoice with gratitude for the motherly comfort that God himself showers directly upon you. You are His child and the comforts He holds out to you are more than sufficient for the needs of each day.

In 1901, Louis Albert Banks, a noted preacher and theologian of his day in America, wrote on this verse: "Are you lonely? Here is a chance to creep into the motherly arms of God and find peace. Are you sorrowful? You may come and put your head upon his breast and weep there and find infinite comfort. Are you sinful? Then there is a heart throbbing with infinite compassion and pity and love. Come, pillow your head here, and find forgiveness."

-- 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 2-5 on the 1st & 2nd Sundays of each month. Rm. 128. Dismissed prior to the sermon.
Today's Volunteers — Nursery: **Kayla S. and Maggie P.**
 2&3s Bible Hour: **Tammy P., Allison B., and Ashton B.**
 4&5s Bible Hour: **Lindsey K., Christian M., and Mackenzie 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 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, shut-ins, and neighbors of our members.



Security:

Class ~ **Louis R.** Worship ~ **Owen R. and Gene A.**



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:

2018 Church Scrapbook: can be viewed all month on the table under the events bulletin board.
Flower, Plant, & Seed Giveaway: *Live.Love.Bloom.* June 8, 10am until gone. Crosstown CoC South parking lot.
Empower Abilities Expo will be hosted by the *Sterling Thomas Push Push Pray* Foundation in our Activity Center, May 18 from 10am to 3pm. This exciting event is an integrative health and wellness fair open for all. Guest Speaker is Dr. Lamont Cavanagh, MD "Food As Medicine" at 10:30am. Local artist, Emeka Nnaka, will display artwork at the event.
Shower for Linda Arevalo: July 21 after worship. To contribute to a group gift, see Joanie Roberts, Maggie Prater or Kristy Snider. More information to come.



Lawn Maintenance Volunteers: We need members to assemble teams to mow and care for the church lawn. There is sign up sheet on the foyer table. Claim your week today!



VBS Volunteer Meeting: Wednesday, May 15 at 6:10pm in Room 122.
Joy Story: You've Got a Friend in Me! Coming July 14-17, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/19 All Church Fellowship ~ Senior Sunday
- 5/26 Combined Life Group at building & Interns 1st Sunday
- 6/2 Burnt Cabin Church Camp
- 6/8 Flower, Plant, & Seed Giveaway

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/12 Joanie Roberts
- 5/14 Kathleen Holt
- 5/15 Bob Nixon & Sharon Thomas
- 5/17 Judy Ezzell
- 5/18 Robin Addington
- 5/19 Charles Browne

Student Movement (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hang Outs: Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm. May 15 snacks provided by **Emily Ratliff**.
Senior Sunday: May 19. Graduating Seniors will be honored during morning worship services and a fellowship meal will follow in the Activity Center.
Grill 'n' Chill: May 26 at the building following the Combined Life Group. Come meet our new summer interns. Girls bring soda and boys bring a bag of chips. Main course will be provided by the Praters.
Burnt Cabin Church Camp: June 2nd - June 8th. For students who have completed 3rd -12th grade. Please register online by **May 22** at <http://bit.ly/2ldB1bc>, and be prepared to attach a photo of your child. \$205 before discount from fundraiser dinner. Payment is not due at this time, just application. Information card available on foyer table.
Mission Trip: (7th grade –12th grade). Mission Trip to Arms of Hope - Boles Children's Home is June 16 - June 22nd. Cost is \$150 before discount from fundraiser dinner. Application deadline is due May 15. Payment is not due at this time, just application. Additional applications are located on foyer table..
Fundraiser Dinner Funds: Mission Trip application are due May 15 and Church Camp applications are due May 22. One discount is available per student. If you are going to both, please let Misti or Logan know where you want the discount applied. Funds will be split and an announcement of discount will be made available May 26.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday
 Bible Class 9:15 am
 Worship 10:15 am
Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 pm

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 > www.crosstownfamily.org

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- Info on events & ministries
 - Our roster of Elders & staff
 - Sermon audio & other resources

CHURCH INFORMATION

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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Bible Class Total	127
Worship Total	230
Weekly Budget	\$9,500
Contribution	\$11,791
Contribution YTD	\$168,180
Budget YTD	\$171,000
Difference	(\$2,820)

Wednesday, May 8

Bible Class	94
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