

SERMON NOTES



Resisting God's Call (Exodus 4:1-14)

- God uses _____ in His plan
- Matthew 4:18-19; 28:18-20
- How _____ Moses was to God's plan
- Excuse #1 _____ (3:13)
- Excuse #2 _____ (4:1)
- Excuse #3 _____ (4:10)
- Excuse #4 _____ (4:13)
- Observations regarding Moses' excuses
- Moses excuses did not _____ with God (4:14)
- Moses couldn't take his eyes off _____
- What about _____?

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with health issues: Kathleen Corns, Ernest Dean, Mary-Anne Dye, Juanita Farmer, Charles & Kathleen Holt, Lynn Hoppes, Terry Howard, Barbara Lakey, Sherry Meadors, Carole Medina, Leon Mills, Beckie Null, Glenna Pickel, Boone Roberts, Michael Robison, Willie Rose, Paul Schellhorn, Ann Thurman, Terry West, Mikey Yeary

Prayer Requests

Meri-Sue Bachlor: mother, **Carole Medina**, is very weak and is receiving palliative care for blood cancer
Carole Brown: skilled nursing rehab on chipped shoulder
Brian Deckman: (former Youth Minister) home; cancer
Rita Drummond: health concerns; relapse of Bell's Palsy; great grandson, Ryland is getting closer to having another colon surgery
Boone Roberts: gastrointestinal health; further testing February 17
Pat Stufflebeam: broken elbows
Jerry Wiley: (regular attender) home recovering from being hit by a car

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers go out to **Elvalee, Josh, Robin, Cayden, and Jacob Addington, and the Brandy, Sydney, and Savannah Shultz**, for the their loss husband, father, and grandfather **Larry Addington** on January 21. His memorial service will be Monday, January 27 at 11am at Crosstown Church of Christ.

Placing Membership

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Thank You

Thank you all for the prayers and the visits and cards. All the food has been so appreciated. My church family is amazing, you have always been here for me and my family. I love you all. **Pat Stufflebeam**

Congratulations

Former member Wendell Franklin has been named Tulsa Chief of Police.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Ray Binkley** on his passing on January 17. Ray served as a faithful Elder at Springdale and at Crosstown for over 30 years at the time of his resignation in January of 2003. Since he resignation he attended faithfully with his belated wife Maggie. His memorial service was January 25.

TODAY >

January 26, 2020



Sunday, February 2nd
Immediately following services

Join us on the day of "The Big Game" for a fun time of food and fellowship. Please bring food according to the first letter of your last name.

A-E: Crackers & Dessert ~ F-L: Soup
M-R: Sandwiches & Salad ~ S-Z: Soup
Set Up/Clean Up Responsibility:
(Auditorium Bible Class & Leadership)

*Please bring enough to feed two times the number in your family attending. Please no peppers of any kind, including paprika, in any dish. Please label any dishes with peanuts or tree nuts.

Combined
LifeGroups

TODAY AT 5 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 years theme of "**Vision 2020**". 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 down-

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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

“Some people are afraid of death. I’m not sure but I am. I always think of what’s going to happen when I die. Where am I going to go. I get so scared. I’m not sure where I’m going to go anymore. That feeling is always stuck on my mind. I can’t get rid of it. Do you think that way sometimes? Are you afraid?”

This was a question I was handed on a piece of paper several years ago while doing a Q&A Sunday night sermon series. It was anonymous and it requested I send the answer in an email. I thought I would share it here because these thoughts probably swirl in the mind of many people, including my own, especially at the loss of loved ones in our lives.

The fear of death is probably one of the most basic instincts of human fallenness. The fear of “nothingness” or “non-being” or something worse pervades human consciousness. Everyone, I dare say, experiences it. We have those anxious feelings about the unknown and the potential of death.

Death reigns in our world. Everyone dies. Death surrounds us. We can’t escape it and so we fear it. It has a power over us—physically but also psychologically, and more significantly, spiritually.

So, where do we turn when we feel this anxiety? Do we simply “get a hold of ourselves” and snap our thinking back into “right thinking”? Do we introspectively analyze our feelings and seek some kind of therapeutic resolution? I don’t think either of those is very effective. They may bring momentary relief, but the reality of death is overwhelming and powerful.

Ultimately, we must look outwards. We must look beyond ourselves. Looking inward only creates more doubt as we see our own frailties and failings. We need to look at what God has done, how He has acted to redeem, and how He has acted against death.

Jesus came to liberate us not only from death itself, but from the fear of death and its existential bondage (Hebrews 2:14-15). The work of Christ has death—in all its aspects—in its crosshairs. It is the enemy Christ intends to conquer and defeat. Jesus conquers the fear of death and defeats its reality.

We can intellectually recognize this but emotionally embracing it despite our weaknesses and failures is much more difficult. Perhaps our problem is not so much believing that Jesus defeated death as it is believing that we are included in Jesus’ defeat of death. Our problem is more existential than intellectual (though there are intellectual issues that may cause us to doubt as well).

Emotionally we need to turn from introspection (i.e., constantly recounting our weaknesses and failures) to trusting acceptance of the work of Christ (i.e., faith in what God has done in Christ). We don’t trust in ourselves, but we trust in God’s work. Moving from fear to faith is a process. We should not expect instantaneous faith nor a faith totally perfected by the complete absence of fear. It is a journey that we all share.

Fear is natural. Faith is unnatural. The movement from fear to faith involves a trust in the work of Christ, involvement in a community of faith that encourages and supports, and perseverance in the face of trials and troubles. We take our fear before God and confess, to him our fear. We turn away from our weaknesses and rest in the confidence that God loves us despite our weaknesses. We focus on what God has done for us rather than whether we are good enough for God.

God loved us even when we were His enemies. He still loves us. If we seek Him, He will find us. This is our confidence, and that confidence can overcome fear....but it is a confidence that comes through the process of walking with God together and with others of like faith over time.

-- 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 2nd-5th grades on 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month. Dismissed prior to the sermon to Rm.128.

Today’s Volunteers — Nursery: **Lynette B. and Meri-Sue B.**

2&3s Bible Hour: **Molly C., Tabitha C., and Jordan W.**

4&5s Bible Hour: **Missy S., Kimberly B., 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 or at the back of the auditorium.



Food Pantry:

Our pantry could use **Bath Tissue, Laundry Detergent, Spaghetti Noodles and Spaghetti Sauce.** We are unable to purchase these items at the main Food Bank. Please donate by placing by the food pantry door or in the kitchen labeled pantry.



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 Hospitality Room. Write notes of encouragement to members and guests. Bring a dish and stay for a potluck meal at 4:30pm.

Visitation In Person (VIP) — Mondays at 5:00pm. Visits to visitors or friends, relatives, shut-ins, and neighbors of our members.



Security:

Class ~ Louis R. Worship ~ James H. and Scott 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 Hospitality Room.



Allergies:

In consideration of members and guests with severe food allergies, please no peppers of any kind, including paprika, at Crosstown functions and label any dishes with peanuts or tree nuts.

Miscellaneous:

Directory Photos: It’s time to update your photo for the church directory. New updates will allow us to print a directory with larger photos. We would like everyone to have their picture taken on the white brick background. **Julie Kamalakis** will take photos immediately following services in Room 121.

Wedding Reception: Shannon Schellhorn Moore married **Derek Johnson** on January 1, 2020. There will be a Wedding Reception for the couple on Saturday, February 1, 2020 in Room 122-123 at Crosstown Church of Christ from 3pm-5pm (come and go event). They are registered at Amazon and Pampered Chef. We would like to congratulate the couple by purchasing a bench for their home. To contribute to this group gift, give monetary donations to **Misti Babitzke, Cheala Green, or Mary Parker.**

Homemade Cookies: VIP Ministry needs homemade cookies for their upcoming visits. Please label VIP and put in the big kitchen.

Crosstown Plant & Seed Swap: Saturday, May 16 from 10am to 11:30am in the Crosstown Activity Center. Please help us make this event successful by preparing your plants and packaging your seeds. We plan to **Meet, Greet, Swap.** See **Sharon Thomas** for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Today | Combined Life Group |
| 2/2 | Souper Bowl Luncheon |
| 2/15 | Golden Agers Banquet |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1/27 | Makenzie Farmer & Logan Wade |
| 1/28 | Joanie Brock & Michael Parker |
| 1/31 | London McGhee & Lelia McNickle |



Today!

1:00 - 1:40 Chorus (7th-12th) Rm. 121; Puppets (3rd-6th) Rm. 127
1:45 - 2:25 Drama (7th-12th) Auditorium; Drama (3rd-6th) Rm. 122
2:30 - 3:10 Puppets (7th-12th) Rm 127; Chorus (3rd-6th) Rm. 123
Art: (1:00 - 3:00) will be a come and go event available in the Supply Room (Upstairs in East Wing)
 Bible Reading, Sermon, Speech, and Songleading - only meet certain times and dates - see itemized list on bulletin board located in the west wing.
Signing Practice: Wednesdays: 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 at 6:15pm in **Room 218.**

Crosstown Youth Ministry (6th - 12th Grade)

Wed. Night Hangtime: Wednesday nights at 6pm. Bible Class will follow at 7pm.

Kickback at Hack’s: February 7 from 7pm-10:30pm at Logan’s, 1610 S Quaker Ave Apt 2. Bring a snack or drink to share.

Sunday Night Live (Tulsa Area Wide): February 9 from 4:30pm - 7:00pm at Crosstown.

Golden Agers Banquet: February 15, sponsored by Crosstown Youth. Students are needed as volunteers from 10:30am to 1:30pm

Tulsa Area Wide Spring Retreat: April 17-19 at Burnt Cabin. Estimated cost \$50.

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

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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, January 19, 2020

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| Bible Class Total | 115 |
| Worship Total | 200 |
| Weekly Budget | \$9,500 |
| Contribution | \$8,794 |
| Contribution YTD | \$26,762 |
| Budget YTD | \$28,500 |
| Difference | (1,738) |

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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| Bible Class | 71 |
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