

SERMON NOTES



Called to Serve (Without Quitting) (Exodus 5-6)

- We are called to _____ and
_____ our calling

- Deut. 6:13; Joshua 24:15; Eph. 2:10
- Exodus 4:29-31; 5:1

- We are called to _____ tasks

- Exodus 5:2; 6-9, 19-21
- Exodus 5:22-6:1, 10-11

- We are called to keep going despite

- Exodus 6:6, 11
- *How do we keep on going?*

- _____
- _____

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
Kathleen Corns: husband, Ken, is under hospice care
Rita Drummond: great grandson, Ryland, is getting closer to having another colon surgery
Boone Roberts: gastrointestinal health; further testing February 17
Jim Ray: Maxine Smith is in liver failure
Jerry Wiley: (regular attender) home recovering from being hit by a car

Thank You

Dear Crosstown Family, Thank you for your prayers, sympathy, compassion, and servant spirit during the loss of Terry's brother. We are grateful and blessed that when our family reached out, you were there. We want to express our gratitude to the ladies who played a part in preparing a memorable and comforting venue, reception, and dinner for us. God bless you! **Terry and Janice West**

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries:

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Events Bulletin Board:

The bulletin board near the rest rooms has advertisements about surrounding church retreats, gospel meetings, and seminars. It also feature some of our church events. On the table below the board you can find containers to collect box tops/labels, empty pill bottles, education requests, donation cans for Hope Harbor. Sign up sheets may will also be located on this table.

TODAY >

February 2, 2020



Today!
Immediately following services

Visitors, thank you for joining us today for worship. Please stay, be our guests, and join us for this meal.



This is a special lunch for Crosstown members, ages 60+ , their spouse, and the Elders and their wives.

Crosstown Youth request the pleasure of your company on
Saturday, February 15 at 12:00pm
Crosstown Activity Center

RSVP: 918-834-1395 or Sign up in foyer



Sunday afternoon I returned a missed phone call to my brother-in-law, and immediately I was confronted with bad news. He said “I don’t know if you’ve heard yet, but Kobe’s dead!” “Wait what? Kobe Bryant?” I responded, as if I knew more than one Kobe. “Yes” He replied, “He died in a helicopter accident this morning.” I was stunned, honestly, I’m still shocked. Part of me still can’t wrap my mind around it. Kobe was a legend. Legends don’t die like that. It’s one thing if he dies of old age, but he was just 41. He just retired from the league 3 years ago! As I looked on my phone, hoping to find that the news reports were all a hoax, I was even more disappointed. Everything I was reading confirmed the worst. The more I read, the more my heart was saddened. Kobe’s daughter was with him along with 7 others whose lives were claimed by the helicopter accident. Kobe is regarded as one of the best players to ever lace up his sneakers and play the game of basketball. His daughter was adamant about carrying on his legacy as a great ball player. As I watch the countless tribute videos and read the many articles honoring Kobe, I am reminded of how he came into the league at the young immature age of 17 and grew before our eyes in the national spotlight.

Kobe had an alter ego, a nickname he went by, the “Black Mamba,” known for his extreme agility and aggressiveness while playing ball. All of Kobe’s former teammates will attest to you that he was the hardest working guy they had ever played with. Countless interviews have been aired, all seeking to answer the same question, “why was Kobe so successful?” They all boil down to the same key thing. Yes, Kobe had lots of talent and natural athleticism but more than that, he had a strong will and desire to be the best, a mental approach almost unheard of. Many refer to it as the “mamba mentality.” Simply put, his desire was to outwork all his opponents; an all or nothing, everything I’ve got I will give you approach. Kobe loved basketball; he breathed basketball; and any chance he got to be in the gym perfecting his craft, he took advantage of.

As I was thinking about Kobe’s passing, I thought about the influence he had on the game of basketball, how he helped to push the game to new heights, and how he had this next level passion and desire to be the best and to get better each day to perfect his game. I can’t help but imagine what the Church would look like if more people had a Mamba mentality approach to their faith. Wouldn’t it be awesome to be known as a Christian who put Christ first in everything? Known to always be in the word of God, studying and growing in your faith? Known as someone who never took a day off from being a Christian but truly sought God first in everything? What if our spiritual mentality was to outwork the devil every day? To push our faith to the max, where we are striving with everything to “Seek first the Kingdom of God”?

What is your spiritual mentality like? Is your faith an afterthought? Or is it the passion that drives every decision you make? What changes can you make to grow your own faith, and in turn further the cause of Christ? We have an opportunity to make an impact, strictly based on our willingness to put our faith in Christ, to allow Him to take control and in turn do the work He calls us to do. Kobe’s impact on the game of basketball had more to do with passion than it did talent. The impact we have as Christians is the same. God can do great things through us if we are willing to deny self and follow Him.

Trust God ... Period
Logan Hackworth

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: **Jackie S. and Patty V.**
2&3s Bible Hour: **Courtney M., Megan P., and Sydney S.**
4&5s Bible Hour: **Lindsey K., Cecilia 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 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 ~ Scott F. and Mike V.



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.

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

Elders, Deacons, and Ministry Leaders Meeting: March 31 at 5pm in Room 122-123. Please be prepared to discuss your ministry.

LTC Showcase & Fundraiser Dinner: Save the date ~ Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

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

- Today Souper Bowl Luncheon
- 2/15 Golden Agers Banquet
- 2/23 Combined Life Group

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 Nancy Seegren
- 2/4 Missy Sottong
- 2/5 Charles Schellhorn
- 2/6 Greg Gavin & Joel Suffridge



February 9

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.
Songleading: 2/9 No practice; 2/23, 3/8, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5 ~ 12:30-1:15pm

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 4:15pm - 7:00pm at Crosstown. Meal provided by Oklahoma Christian University.
Golden Ager’s 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. Cost \$40.

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 26, 2020

Bible Class Total	115
Worship Total	210
Weekly Budget	\$9,500
Contribution	\$8,741
Contribution YTD	\$35,467
Budget YTD	\$38,000
Difference	(2,533)

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Bible Class	99
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