

SERMON NOTES



The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18)

- What's "good" about The Good Shepherd?

1. Jesus knows us by _____ (vs. 3)
2. Jesus knows what we _____ (vss. 7-10)
3. Jesus lays down His _____ (vss. 11-13)
4. Jesus unites His followers as _____ (vss. 14-18)

FAMILY UPDATES

Members with Health Issues: Cleve Brock, Kathleen Corns, Mary-Anne Dye, Lynn Hoppes; Barbara Lakey, Sherry Meadors, Carole Medina, Leon Mills, Bob Nixon, Beckie Null, Glenna Pickel, Boone Roberts, Michael Robison, Willie Rose, Paul Schellhorn, Ann Thurman, Terry West, Mikey Yeary

Member Prayer Requests

Carole Medina: on hospice; blood cancer
Dorothy Brown: waiting on results from throat scope procedure
Wanda Dean: mass in nasal cavity; vertigo
Paula Earp: health problems
Worley Holmes: cancer in his lymph nodes on neck
Cheryl Krosse: praise that abscess in back has diminished from scans; prayers for travel to Lawton to be with family and look for housing in the area
Courtney Mainprize: pregnancy; expectant mother
Kayla Schellhorn: pregnancy; expectant mother

Extended Family and Friends for Prayers

Eve Beard: cousin, Glenn Craft, cancer
Kenna Fields: niece, Stephanie Caldwell, cancer
Joseph Propst: mother, Kay Propst, is out of rehab and doing better
Mike Vann: grandson, Taylan Dillard, and daughter, Keisha Davis, health
Patty VanTuyl: sister, Margaret, chemotherapy and radiation treatments for throat cancer

Member Updates

Kacey Bengel: 7224 S Elwood Ave, Apt 24305, Tulsa, OK 74132
Dana Brooks: 1459 W Evergreen Lane, Claremore, OK 74017
Jason & Julie Kamalakis & Christian Migues: 1708 W 119th Pl S, Jenks, OK 74037
April & Jadah Meadors & Timothy Anuu: 4401 W Kenosha St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012
Charles & Kayla Schellhorn: 2146 S 77th E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74129

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who came to help us move to our new home. You were all so amazing...and fast!!! We are so blessed to call you all family. We couldn't have done it without you. We love you all so much!
Julie, Jason, and Christian

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries

LOPEZ Family	Bogota, Colombia
CARRENO Family	Santa Marta, Colombia
AUSTIN Family	Phoenix, Arizona
SAINT -AMOUR Family	Milot, Haiti
PABILLON Family	Talisay, Philippines

TODAY > September 6, 2020



Sunday — 10:15am (Approx.)

General Adult (Auditorium)
Genesis
 Charles Clayton

General Adult (Room 123)
Romans
 Earl Logan

**Middle School/High
(Meet in Youth Gathering)**

Middle School (Room 210)
Snapshots: Core Expectations
 Brandon Babitzke & Jason Kamalakis

High School
Friendship Goals
 Logan Hackworth & Doug Ratliff

Infants (Room 105)
 Charlotte Cook
 Charlotte Schellhorn

2s & 3s (Room 101)
 Patsy Hunter
 Shirley Wasson

**Pre-K and Kindergarten
(Room 104)**
 Denise Henderson
 Carrie Clayton

Elementary Rotation Classes:
 2nd & 3rd Grade — 4th & 5th Grade
 Lindsey Kirkpatrick — Dana Brooks
 & Beckie & John Null
 Students will rotate every other week between the two classes with their age level.
(Room 218 & Room 128)

Wednesday — 7:00pm

General Adult (Auditorium)
Building True Character
 Roddy Roberts & Various Teachers

Women's Class (Room 123)
Judges
 Michelle Clayton & Mary Parker

**Middle/High School
(Main Gathering Room)**
 Logan Hackworth
 Brandon Babitzke
 Maggie Prater
 Clint & Robin Hoppes

Infants, 2s & 3s (Room 105)
 Kay Imhoff
 Linda Arevalo

4 Years to 5th Grade (Room 127)
Time Travelers
 Robert Prater
 Misti Babitzke
 Jaiden Bentley
 Robin Addington



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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

We can always see our nose. Yes, right now you're probably trying it out to see for yourself if it's true. Can you see it? It's always there, but our brains learn to ignore it to focus on more pressing matters that require our attention. In fact, our senses are so powerful at communicating the world around us to our brains that we literally can't handle all the information that our senses are constantly gathering. This is why it's hard to talk to someone watching the game on tv or scrolling through Facebook on their smartphone. It's not necessarily that they're choosing to ignore you. It's just the brain doing what it does, focusing on one thing at a time.

Our brains have learned to focus, to filter out all the extra information that our bodies are sensing all the time. But are we focusing on the right things? Many a relationship has suffered due to one person's focus on something other than the person right next to them. It's possible to be standing right next to someone without being truly present. The same is true with our relationship to the Lord.

God is always present. But we learn to ignore it. We let our focus be drawn to everything else, one momentary distraction at a time. Many people feel "closer" to God in a worship service, but that's not necessarily because God is any more or less present in those gatherings. It's because we choose to focus on God in those transforming moments. And when we choose to direct our full attention to God, we can suddenly become aware of how God has been present with us all along.

Many of you know that oft read poem, "Footprints in the Sand" by Mary Stevenson. It essentially describes the dream of a person walking along a sandy beach with Jesus as scenes from their life flash by. At the end, looking back, the person sees two sets of footprints most of the way, but only one set of footprints at the most difficult points of life. A little miffed, the person asks Jesus why He left just when things were getting hard. Jesus' tender response is that it was those moments that He carried the person through. Whether the poem itself speaks to you or not, the idea that Jesus is with us, even if we can't always seem to see Him there.

The author of Hebrews tells us we "have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest" (12:18). Yet it's something that's still there. God's presence is real and powerful, waiting for us to seek it and unlock something new. But if you don't go looking for it, you might miss it altogether.

The poet Girard Manley Hopkins wrote around the time that electricity was just beginning to be widely used. In his poem, "God's Grandeur," Hopkins compares God's presence to an electric current, something that is there but can't be seen unless it's powerful energy arcs out occasionally with a bright flash. All that stored up energy waiting for somewhere to go.

You can be the conduit through which God's electricity flows. But you have to wake up to the presence of God. The light won't come on unless you flip the switch.

-- Robert --

Worship & Bible Class



Children's :

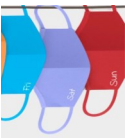
During Worship: unattended nursery is open and available in the East wing, first room on the right. There is also a nursing/training room available on the west side of the auditorium at the far back near the restrooms.

Bible Hour — Bible Basics — will not meet during worship today. **Sermon Notes for Kids:** a sheet for kids to use during the sermon is provided in the foyer on the table near the restrooms.

Visitors: We are happy you are with us today. Please take a visitor card from the pew in front of you, fill it out, and put it in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance.

Masks: The city of Tulsa has passed a mask ordinance for all persons over 18 years of age. The Elders continue to ask members to please wear masks in the building, when not seated socially distant (e.g. pews in auditorium and classrooms). There are masks available in baskets at the Portico and East door entrances for anyone who needs them. We have the responsibility to follow the request of our local government, but also show our love for our neighbor, and one another.

Individual communion cups: are located in the foyer on the wooden desk. Please pick up as you enter worship. We will ask you to participate at the appropriate time in the worship service.



Ministry Updates



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Got hurts, habits, or hang-ups? CR is open to all. Come join us on the road to recovery on Thursday nights. Meal at 6:00 and meetings start at 7:00. Celebration Place is provided for children, ages 1 - 12. Like and follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/crcrosstown

Clothing Closet: re-opening September 9, 10am-Noon. Clothing 25 cents a piece.

Food Pantry: is accepting non-perishable items. Please leave these items by the pantry door. Please consider giving monetarily, using the envelopes in the pews, and placing in the contribution plate.

Group Bible Study: Sundays at 4pm at the building in Room 122. Led by **Keenan Meadors.**

Men's Bible Study — Saturdays at 8:00am in Hospitality Room.

Monday Night for the Master — Mondays from 3:30pm to 6:00pm in Room 122. Write notes of encouragement to members and guests.

Women's Bible Study — **Walking In the Light Daily.** Thursdays 10:00am to 11:00am in Room 122.



Small Groups

Miscellaneous



Wednesday Night Devotionals: are back! Bible Classes conclude at 7:45 and Devotional begins in the Auditorium at 7:50pm. We need male volunteers to lead a song and/or devotional thought. You can contact Robert Prater or use the sign up sheet in the foyer.



Visitation Sunday: Sept ember 20 at 2pm. Please join us to go out and bless those Crosstown members who are unable to make it to church and those who have recently visited our church. We will be following social distance guidelines during our quick visits. Join us in Room 123 to disperse in groups and go out and bless others. See **James** or **Kristy Snider** for more information.

Elders, Deacons, & Ministry Leaders Meeting: September 29, at 6pm in Room 123. Please be prepared to discuss your ministry.

BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Willie Rose & Wesley Thurman

9/12 Lois Cox

9/11 Emily Ratliff & Jordan Wadsworth

9/13 Mikey Yeary



Youth Ministry (6th-12th)

Wed. Night Hangtime: Wednesday nights at 6pm in the Youth Gathering Room. Bible Class to follow at 7pm.

Order of Worship

Song Leader: **Logan Hackworth**

#NIB: "Sanctuary"

#NIB: "10,000 Reasons"

Announcements: **Robert Prater**

Scripture Reading: **Earl Logan**

#794: "Unto thee O Lord" (1-3)

#414: "Anywhere with Jesus" (1, 2, 4)

Opening Prayer: **Mark Imhoff**

#83: "God Is So Good" (1, 2, 4)

#18: "Faithful Love" (1, 2)

Communion ~ Offering: **Brandon Babitzke**

#781: "Thank You, Lord" (X2)

#412: "Jesus Hold My Hand" (1, 3)

Sermon: **Robert Prater**

#800: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" (1-3)

Elder Response and Closing Prayer: **Earl Logan**

#878: "Sweet By and By" (1,3)

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday

Worship 9:00 am

Bible Class ten minutes after Worship

Wednesday

Bible Class

In person & online @ 7:00 pm

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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CHURCH STATS

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Bible Class Total 90

Worship Total 128

Weekly Budget \$9,500

Contribution \$7,659

Contribution YTD \$320,386

Budget YTD \$332,500

Difference (\$12,113)

Wednesday 68