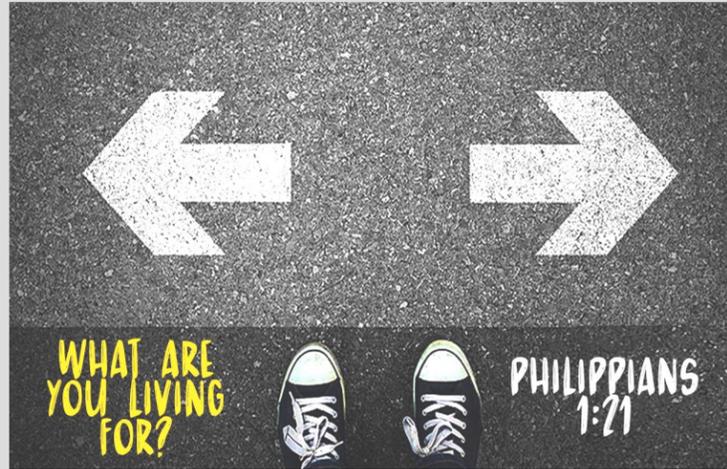


SERMON NOTES



- What do you live for?

- What _____ lived for (Acts 20:24; 21:10-13)

1. For to me, to live _____

2. For to me, to die is _____

- Luke 12:16-21
- 1 Cor. 15:55-57
- 2 Tim. 4:6-8

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

Responses

Susan Stoops came asking for prayers for forgiveness and to be restored. She also asks for prayers for her sister as she cares for her husband while he is healing from a leg amputation.

Member Prayer Requests

Carole Medina: on hospice; blood cancer

Dorothy Brown: praise; test results are an infection in her throat and intestines that can be treated with medicine

Wanda Dean: mass in nasal cavity; vertigo comes and goes

Paula Earp: health problems

Worley Holmes: cancer in his lymph nodes on neck

Cheryl Krosse: praise; made it safely back from Lawton and found a new place to live there.

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

Kim Giltner: friend Charlotte

Janie Krcik: son, JJ, had a motorcycle accident while racing in Topeka, KS. He has broken bones in his neck, fractured ribs, bruises, and a concussion. His wife and 4 young children are unable to be with him due to Covid restrictions.

Mike Vann: grandson, Taylan Dillard, and daughter, Keisha Davis, health

Patty VanTuyl: sister, Margaret, throat cancer

Thank You

Thank you so much Crosstown family for all the birthday cards. **Nancy Finch**

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries

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TODAY >

September 13, 2020

Visitation Sunday



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 CDC guidelines during our quick visits. Join us in Room 123 to disperse into groups to go out and bless others. See **James** or **Kristy Snider** for more information.



Is Open to All in the Activity Center This Morning!

Please come shop and take what you like for a donation. All donations directly support our Food Pantry. Donations can be made in the can available on one of the tables.

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AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

Many people have accomplishments in their lives which they would consider “crowning achievements.” Some of these might be from an athletic standpoint, like winning a sports championship. Sometimes these crowning achievements are academic in nature, such as the garnering of a degree. Other times they are personal in nature – a marriage or the birth of a child. Whatever particular form these crowning achievements may take, they all share a common denominator: They are all things of which we are proud.

In Philippians 4, Paul proudly speaks of a crowning achievement: *“Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!”* (verse 1)! Paul speaks of a crown which he proudly wears. But this crown is not a list of his finest accomplishments; rather, it is a group of redeemed people. Paul’s crown is his brothers and sisters in Christ – those whom he loves, longs for, and prays that they would stand firm in their faith. Paul’s crown is full of people!

If anyone could have had a “crown of achievements,” it would have been Paul. In Philippians 3, we find out that Paul was known the religious world over for his monumental spiritual achievements. Indeed, Paul had so many spiritual achievements to his name, that he not only could have filled a crown with them, he would have had to shoehorn some of his achievements in just to get all of them to fit! As Paul himself writes:

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. (Philippians 3:4-6)

As impressive as all these accomplishments might be, Paul does not place a single one of them in his crown. For Paul’s concern is not for his own stature, status, or stateliness. No, Paul’s concern is that more and more people trust and obey in the gospel of Jesus Christ. People redeemed by the gospel, not his own accomplishments, incrust Paul’s crown.

This is why Paul concludes his letter to the Philippians with these tender words: *“Greet all the saints in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send greetings. All the saints send you greetings, especially those who belong to Caesar’s household”* (verses 21-22). More than likely, Paul wrote Philippians while in Rome, under arrest and waiting to be tried before the Caesar of the time, who happened to be Nero. Thus, in his closing greetings, Paul mentions “those who belong to Caesar’s household” as saints who send greetings to the saints in Philippi. Apparently, while under arrest, Paul had shared the gospel with Caesar’s guards and attendants, and some of them had believed. And more people were added to Paul’s crown.

In a world which so often hails those who have great accomplishments to their names, our goal should be to see more and more people bend their knees to the name of Jesus Christ. This goal may not win the accolades of the world, but it will bring a smile to our Heavenly Father’s face. For the crowns of achievements for which men so earnestly strive will one day all be lost. The crowns of people, redeemed by God, however, will last into eternity. So put people in your crown.

-- Robert --

Worship & Bible Class



Children:

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.

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-11:45am. 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: September 20 at 2pm. Join us in Room 123 to disperse in groups. 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.

Bible Classes for All Ages: start ten minutes after worship until 11:15am. A schedule of classes and room numbers are listed at the entry points in placards and on tables throughout the building.

BIRTHDAYS

9/13 Mikey Yeary

9/16 Steven Brock

9/15 Debbie Ray

9/18 Hudson Meadors



Youth Ministry (6th-12th)

Wed. Night Hangtime: Wednesday nights at 6pm in the Youth Gathering Room. Bible Class to follow at 7pm.
Youth Area Wide: October 11. More details to come.

Order of Worship

Song Leader: **Keenan Meadors**

#869: **“We’re Marching to Zion” (1-4)**

#870: **“Beyond This Land of Parting” (1-3)**

Announcements: **Robert Prater**

Scripture Reading: **Chris Clayton**

#882: **“No Tears In Heaven” (1-3)**

#827: **“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (1-3)**

Opening Prayer: **Timothy Anuu**

#350: **“When My Love to Christ Grows Weak” (1-5)**

Communion ~ Offering: **Norman Herron**

#535: **“The Glory-Land Way” (1-3)**

Sermon: **Robert Prater**

#567: **“Restore My Soul” (1-3)**

Elder Response and Closing Prayer: **Chris Clayton, Tom Schellhorn**

#851: **“I’ll Fly Away” (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 STATS

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Bible Class Total	91
Worship Total	124
Weekly Budget	\$9,500
Contribution	\$10,216
Contribution YTD	\$330,537
Budget YTD	\$342,000
Difference	(\$11,462)
Wednesday	81