

SERMON NOTES



Resurrection Power (Ephesians 1:15-23)

- Paul's prayers are usually directed toward the _____ in the church
- The four corners of evil power:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____- cf. Ephesians 6:12; 1:21
- What are the _____ forces today?
- Paul's prayer to overcome:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____- cf. Ephesians 1:22; 2:6
- The resurrection of Jesus empowers the _____ to be and to do _____ God calls us to

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

Congratulations

Stephen & Courtney Mainprize are the proud parents of a new baby girl, Koah Quinn Mainprize, on September 18, 8lbs 6oz and 20 inches.

Member Prayer Requests

Wanda Dean: mass in nasal cavity; other health concerns; tests and procedures are scheduled for late October
Paula Earp: health problems
Worley Holmes: cancer in his lymph nodes on neck
Mark Imhoff: away for military training in Georgia for three months
Carole Medina: on hospice; blood cancer
Boone Roberts: safe travel for family and new treatment procedure for colon October 19-25
Kayla Schellhorn: pregnancy; expectant mother

Extended Family and Friends for Prayers

Eve Beard: cousin, Glenn Craft, cancer
Kenna Fields: niece, Stephanie Caldwell, cancer
Janie Krcik: son, JJ, injuries from motorcycle accident
Nancy Seegreen: daughter, Olivia Bizzell and family, family stressed
Mike Vann: grandson, Taylan Dillard, and daughter, Keisha Davis, health; son, Marco Woods; corona virus
Patty VanTuyl: sister, Margaret, throat cancer

Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt love and sympathy to **Keenan Meadors** in the loss of his father, **Hudson Meadors, Jr.** who passed away on September 20. Please keep Keenan and Sherry and April, Kaprise, Timothy and Jadah and the entire Meadors family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Missionaries

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TODAY >

September 27, 2020

BOXTOPS for Hope Harbor!

Last year Box Tops for Education went online. If you purchase items that have box top label, please scan your receipt from the app and it automatically gets deposited to Hope Harbor - download the new app and start scanning today.

If you do not have a smart phone and wish to participate, please leave your receipt on the table in the foyer in the box labeled Box Tops. There is a time limit on the date of the receipt, you only have two weeks from date of purchase to scan to get credit.

We are also still collecting Best Choice labels, their products are generally sold at Reasors. You will need to remove label portion with the barcode and put it in the box in the foyer.



See This...
SCAN
your receipt
OR
bring it in to us

Order of Worship

Song Leader: **Steve Parker**
#647: "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" (1,2,4,5)
Announcements: **Merle Imhoff**
Scripture Reading: **Tom Schellhorn**
#NIB: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"
#242: "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord"
Opening Prayer: **James Henderson**
#NIB: "Above All"
Communion ~ Offering: **Wendell Scott**
#344: "Low in Grave He Lay" (Chorus Only)
#346: "He Lives" (1,3)
Sermon: **Robert Prater**
#791: "On Bended Knee"
Elder Response and Closing Prayer: **Tom Schellhorn, Steve Parker**
#578: "We Will Glorify"

AMONG FRIENDS with Robert

The unlikely friendship of Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia has been the topic of conversation recently since the news broke of the death of our second female Supreme Court justice in U.S. history.

There are no odd couples anymore. In a country seeming more and more polarized the story of these “best buddies” is refreshing. Ginsburg was a soft-spoken, petite woman of Jewish heritage who described herself as nonobservant and who defied social conventions. Scalia, who died in 2016, was the first Italian American on the Supreme Court, a burly devout Roman Catholic who was almost larger-than-life in the brash way he presented his views.

Ginsburg and her husband had two children while Scalia and his wife had nine. Ginsburg was a staunch liberal who believed in a “living Constitution” that could change with the times, while Scalia was a staunch conservative “originalist” who believed in strict adherence to what the text meant when it was written. President Clinton appointed her, while President Reagan appointed him. On controversial cases where the justices were divided, they were likely to disagree.

Despite their major differences, Ginsburg and Scalia were treasured friends who forged an uncommon bond. They and their spouses frequently dined and vacationed together. The two couples even had a tradition of gathering to ring in the new year. Their friendship transcended opposing ideologies. They both appreciated well-reasoned arguments and good writing. Their friendship and love for opera even produced a quirky one-act opera aptly named *Scalia/Ginsburg*.

How often do we, as Christians, establish deep friendships with people of differing beliefs and ideologies? Even within the church are we prone to connect mostly with those who think the way we think. Although it might be tempting to stay within a bubble of people who almost always agree with us, what would that do for our personal growth or our impact on society?

In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls us to be *salt and light*. He further tells us to “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 15:13-16) Among other things, I believe this means we must invest ourselves in caring relationships with a variety of friends. It is important for us as Christians to develop legitimate, agenda-free friendships with people who don’t share our core convictions. It is beneficial for us to both learn to listen and also to articulate what we believe.

Upon her death, Justice Scalia’s son shared a story from Judge Jeffrey Sutton, who clerked for Justice Scalia in the early 90’s, who admitted to being confused by Justice Scalia’s close friendship with Justice Ginsburg. He told of an encounter between Judge Sutton and Scalia. As Sutton prepared to leave Scalia’s chambers, Scalia pointed to two dozen roses he was planning to deliver to his friend “Ruth” for her birthday. Sutton was surprised: “So what good have all these roses done for you? Name one five-four case of any significance where you got Justice Ginsburg’s vote.” Scalia’s reply? “Some things are more important than votes.”

Friends, as we enter into what is sure to be a contentious nomination fight and presidential election, maybe we should let Justice Scalia have the last word as we remember Justice Ginsburg: some things are more important than votes. Why? Because better than the wielding power is loving people. Justices Ginsburg and Scalia demonstrated how much nicer life is when we enjoy mutual respect despite our differences.

-- 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 Elders continue to ask members to please wear masks in the building, when not seated socially distant (e.g. pews in auditorium and classrooms).

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.

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



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. This week: Lesson on Testimony.

Clothing Closet: Wednesdays, 10am-11:45am. Clothing .25 each.

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.

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

BIRTHDAYS

9/29 Christopher Green

crosstown youth

Youth Ministry (6th-12th)

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

Ninten-Devo: TODAY at the home of Christian Migues, 1708 W 119th Pl S, Jenks, OK. 5:30pm to 7pm.

Prayer, Praise, & Paninis: October 7 at 6pm in the Youth Gathering Room. Cost \$5. Bring a friend.

Kickback: October 9 at the home of Roddy and Joanie Roberts from 7pm-10pm. Movie and swimming.

Tulsa Area Wide: October 11. “Singin’ on the Lawn”. Buss leaves at 3:40pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Ninten-Devo: October 25 at the home of April Meadors, 4401 W Kenosha St, Broken Arrow, OK

Halloween Mystery Dinner: October 30 at the home of Roddy and Joanie Roberts. 6pm-9pm



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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 20, 2020

Bible Class Total	89
Worship Total	118
Weekly Budget	\$9,500
Contribution	\$10,173
Contribution YTD	\$347,436
Budget YTD	\$361,000
Difference	(\$13,563)
Wednesday	75