

## For the Record

445 Sunday Morning

224 Sunday Classes

NC Sunday Evening

NC Life Groups

203 Wednesday Evening

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# Treasuring Membership as a Gift

Sermon Notes – Sept. 9, 2018

Key question: Do we view church membership as an obligation or as a gift?

Church membership is a \_\_\_\_\_.

This gift should be received with true \_\_\_\_\_.

## Something to write on your heart:

*I am a church member. This membership is a gift. When I was baptized and received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became part of the body of Christ. I am now humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something much greater than any one person or member.*

## ELDER TO CONTACT

Elder to contact in **September** with your prayer requests:

**Harry Ware: 479-957-4919.**

## REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

**Life Group** - Sundays at different times

**Granddad's Devo** - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Room R5

**Ladies Bible Class** - Tuesdays at 10:00 am

**The Christian and Grief** - New session in the fall

**Single & Parenting Class** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**DC4K** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**DivorceCare** - Sundays at 4:00 pm

**Financial Peace** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Celebrate Recovery** - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)



Grow. Reach. Glorify.

# Robinson Avenue

Sunday,  
September 9, 2018

Order of Worship

**WELCOME/PRAYER**

Trent Arnold

**SCREEN**

Beautiful One

**SCREEN**

Build Your Kingdom Here

**SCREEN**

We will Worship the Lamb of  
Glory

**CALL TO WORSHIP/  
PRAYER**

Keith Kilmer

**544**

Without Him

**SCREEN**

Hide Me Away

**SCREEN**

We Fall Down/Holy, Holy, Holy

**COMMUNION/OFFERING**

Roger Holroyd

**SCREEN**

In Need

**23**

Our God, He Is Alive

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**ROMANS 12:9-13**

Caleb Tomlinson

**SERMON**

“Treasuring Membership as a  
Gift”

Keith Kilmer

**4924**

Just As I Am

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Harry Fitzgerald

**SCREEN (CLOSING)**

Lord Reign In Me

## Who's Your "Or The most effective o

Next week is **Back to Church Sunday!** We've planned for, prayed about, and prepared for September 16 for many months now. Remember that next Sunday's schedule includes a luncheon immediately following morning worship and a concert by the acappella group Vocal Union at 1 pm. It's going to be a great day!

**Who are you going to invite to church next week?** One-to-one interaction is still the best method of outreach and evangelism. In Acts 8-10 we read three consecutive stories of occasions when God used one person to reach out to one other person – He used Philip to preach to the Ethiopian (ch.8), He used Ananias to speak to Saul (ch. 9), and

The Bible in a Year

## Daily Reading Sc

- Monday 10 Ezekiel 42-
- Tuesday 11 Ezekiel 44-
- Wednesday 12 Ezekiel 46-
- Thursday 13 Joel 1-3



Grow. Reach. Glorify.

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## Outreach is one-to-one

He used to Peter to convert Cornelius (ch. 10). So who is your “one”? That person who you are considering inviting to Back to Church Sunday might be a person who God has placed directly in your path! So extend the invitation – its time!

Evan as we anticipate and look forward to next Sunday we have an opportunity before us today to grow in our faith. This morning we are concluding our series I Am A Church Member. This morning we are discussing how to treasure our membership as a gift. Too many Christians view church attendance, participation, and involvement as an obligation and not as a privilege – today we’ll discuss the “attitude adjustment” that is necessary

to have a healthier view of church membership.

As I mentioned last week, our family is so very grateful for the love, encouragement, kind words, and visible demonstrations of grace in the aftermath of Dad’s passing. We are so very grateful to be a part of such a loving, supportive church family. I know that now there are others in this church who are also grieving and still others who are facing major life challenges. Let’s all continue to support one another, pray for one another, and help carry one another’s burdens. As we’ll discuss in today’s sermon, this is one of the things that reminds us that our church membership is a gift to be treasured!

-Keith Kilmer

## Schedule (Chronological Order)

- 43  Friday 14 Daniel 1-3
- 45  Saturday 15 Daniel 4-6
- 48  Sunday 16 Daniel 7-9

Adult Education

## Adult Bible Classes

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes:** Book of Hebrews

**Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class:** Lessons from Luke

**Wednesday night men's classes at 7:00 p.m.** will have a brief video followed by open discussion. Today's culture has hijacked masculinity, distorting strength into passivity and abuse. In this Bible study series, men are invited to embrace God's definition to be protectors, providers, and defenders. 1 Cor. 16:13: *"Be on the alert; stand firm in the faith; ACT LIKE MEN ; be strong!"* (Teachers: Keith Kilmer, Gary Turner, Brent Roach)

Sept. 12-Dec. 5: **"Daring Faith"** (the Gospel of John)

**WPW Sessions:** Join us for the Wednesday evening "Women's Power Walk" We will have a kick off for our "Ask, Seek, Knock" study series on **Sept. 12**. Throughout this study, we will cover topics of prayer, thorough Bible study, and discipleship throughout spiritual warfare.

**Tuesday Ladies Bible Study:** Continuing study through the Bible with the Fulfillments of Christ in the Old Testament. Started Sept. 4 at 10:00 a.m. Potluck first Tuesday of every month.

**Tuesday Granddad's Devo:** 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, donuts, coffee.

**Single & Parenting Class** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This practical content will show how a single parent can create a positive atmosphere in the home.

**Financial Peace** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Learn how to dump debt, budget, build wealth and give like never before!

Coming Soon

## Golden Eagles

We will have our Game Night on the second Friday, Sept. 14. Please bring your favorite games and finger food for fun and fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm in the green room.

Opportunity to Serve

## Nursery Attendants for Sept.

Infant Nursery - Kathy Turner, Mary Kathryn Asencio

Toddler Nursery - Alisha Dodd, Emma Roach

Southern Christian Childrens Home

## Items Needed

Items especially needed for the Southern Christian Children's Home are bottled water, Capri Sun, Gatorade, Mushrooms, Pimentos, and Trail Mix. A complete list is on bulletin board.

Youth Ministry

## Caleb Says...

**Ruth Rally** (Ladies Only): Sept. 21-22, \$20 a person, register online @RuthRally.com

**Jr. High Retreat** (7th-8th): Oct. 5-7, \$60 a camper, register on "RAVE Youth Ministry" FB page

**Sr. High Retreat** (9th-12th): Oct. 19-21, price is TBD, register on "RAVE Youth Ministry" FB page

**Deeper Youth Conference:** Nov. 9-10, \$25 a person, Center Street COC, register on "RAVE Youth Ministry" FB page

In the youth class this week, we looked at Luke 2 and its protagonist, Mary the mother of Jesus. Our goal was to put ourselves in her shoes, in order to know what it must have been like to walk in the path of this incredibly complex woman. However, before we look at Mary in chapter 2, we have to understand Mary from chapter 1.

Flashback. Mary, likely a young teenage girl, was engaged to be married to Joseph. For the past nine months, Mary has come into contact with God's handiwork repeatedly. She was miraculously found to be pregnant after talking with Gabriel and so was her relative, Elizabeth. When she visited Elizabeth and said hi, that caused Elizabeth's baby to jump inside of her and for Elizabeth to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary was then filled with a song glorifying God! For the next three months, she and Elizabeth hung out and talked about all of this.

Now in chapter 2, she has traveled to Bethlehem where she has given birth. In addition, strangers have recognized who she and her child were and proceeded to tell everyone they could that the savior of Israel and prophesied son of God, her new born baby, has finally come.

The shepherds can't help but tell other people about what they have seen: angels, the messiah. That's something worth telling and those who hear what the shepherds have to say are amazed at the content of their message. Could this really be the long-awaited messiah? Everyone is very openly excited about this and then there's Mary. It says, "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." That is a very introspective way of handling these events. Why is Mary acting differently?

Mary is both the mother of a new born baby boy and the mother of Emmanuel, God in the flesh. She takes all of these things in and treasures them. Mary makes me think of a line from Titanic. Elderly Rose says, "A woman's heart is a deep ocean of secrets." Mary is a character with depth. She is so much more than the vessel through which Jesus comes to earth. She is one whose life is intricately woven with God's story, which is an experience worth treasuring.

## Family Time

### SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study  
10:30 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Worship

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

Our Condolences

## Extending Sympathy

**Kathy Mayhew's** mom **Wanda Coffey** had a stroke and passed away Monday afternoon Sep 3rd.

Visitation was on Friday and service was on Saturday.

Family

## Illness and Recovery

**Mechele Gonzalez's** mom **Catherine Verkler** had a stroke and they are at Washington Regional.

**Jimmy McIntosh** had shoulder surgery and is recovering.

**Gerald Todd** had hip replacement surgery and is recovering.

## Only a Few More Days to Sign Up or Recruit Someone to Come:

**DivorceCare:** Sunday afternoons at 4:00 to 5:45 pm starting on September 10, 2018. While in the midst of hurts from divorce or separation, help is here. Come learn how to make progress.

**DivorceCare For Kids (DC4K)** Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. This ministry is designed to help First to Sixth Graders completely heal from the pain of divorce through a Bible-based lesson.

**LIFE Groups 2018** If you are interested in signing up for a Life Group, please do so on the link below. You have until next Monday, the 10th to sign up. The first Life Group meetings will be on 9/16/18. So sign up today!

Register online at [www.racoc.net/ministries/](http://www.racoc.net/ministries/)

## Please Welcome Baptism on August 29th

John Eubank

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## Greeters for September

**Unlock Front & Northeast doors at 9:00 am:** Steve Bradley

**Parking Lot & Front Door Assistance:** Mark Passmore, Steve Bradley, James Woodward, Ray Hufhines

**Front Lobby:** Stacey Dominguez, Kathy Bradley, Kathy Passmore, BJ Woodward

**Visitors Booth:** Nancy Gooden

**East Door:** Lori Keen

**West Door:** Angie Holloway

Our

## Prayer List

*Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.*

### Family/Friends

**Ira Arnold**, father of Trent Arnold

**Jordan Propes**, cousin of Amelia Valdes'

**David & Margaret Cooke**, parents of David Cooke

**Janet Elkins**, daughter of Pat Elkins

**Jenny Evans**, sister of Brenda Waugh

**Twyla Forsland**, cousin of Brenda Waugh

**James Harrison**, brother of Lester Harrison

**Grace Jones**, sister-in-law of Barbara Jones

**Paul Jones**, husband of Barbara Jones

**Roger Kernes**, father of Robert Kernes

**Debbie Langstaff**, cousin of Beth Pettay

**Theresa Long**, niece of Sarah Toon

**Darla McKinney**, sister of Marla Shafer

**Don Pipkin**, father of Eric Pipkin/Sherrie Hankins

**Charlotte Phillips**, mother of Kim Kegley

**Jay Rix**, father of Jana Cooke

**Louise Scott**, mother of Sally Baskin

**Austin Smith**, son of Kent & Stacey Smith

**Anita Sturtz**, friend of the Danenhauer's

**Ken Teagle**, former member

**Tammie Thompson**, sister of Tina Duffek

**Pam Thrower**, daughter of Dorothy Sisemore

Those

## Shut In

**Cecil Cook**

**Cleo Drevs**

**Don & Marie Edwards**

**Hazel Fletcher**

**Glenda Garrison**

**Donna Gaston**

**Dan Hash**

**Don McClane**

**James Price**

**Verna Tacket**

**Linda Taggert**

Continue to

## Remember

**Lucy Allen**

**Beth Clem**

**Cecil Cook**

**Chris Curlee**

**Faith Larkin**

**Harold Gooden**

**Scott Phillips**

**Linda Sears**

**Lee Pense**

**Robyn Wike**

**Speedy Williams**

Those

## Battling Cancer

**Mary Allen**

**Lyman Ferguson**

**Charlean Howell**

**Freida Hughes**

**Peggy Huckeba**

**Darren Jones**

**Robert Kernes**

**Seth Mohorn**

**Edna Porter**

**Al Simpson**

**Robert Waddill**

**Salina Wilson**