

For the Record

410- Sunday Morning

NC- Life Groups

225 - Sunday Classes

199- Wednesday Evening

230-Sunday Evening

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Jesus, friend of Sinners Sermon Notes – March 17, 2019

In Jewish society there were the “righteous” and the “sinners.”

- Which group needed salvation?
- Which group could you most easily picture Jesus with?
- Which group would you be more comfortable around?

Mark 2:16: “When the Pharisees saw him eating with sinners and tax-collectors, they asked his disciples: ‘Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’”

Matt. 11:19: “Here is...a friend of tax-collectors and sinners.”

Differences that make the difference (Luke 7:36-50)

- The difference between the woman and Simon
- The difference between Jesus and Simon

ELDER TO CONTACT

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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 - Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Single & Parenting Class - Sundays at 4:00 pm

DC4K - Sundays at 4:00 pm

DivorceCare -Sundays at 4:00 pm

Financial Peace - New Session Fall of 2019

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

Robinson Avenue this week

Our Calling or our Comfort?

How do we view the ministry opportunities that God places before us?

What a great day we had last Sunday? I thought the singing and the atmosphere of our worship was terrific last Sunday morning! I met a number of first time guests who commented positively on the service and the friendliness of our membership. Last Sunday night was also a blessing as we hosted the Harding University Chamber Singers who did a great job ministering to us and inspiring us through song.

Last Sunday morning I issued a challenge to us from the pulpit: to seek out someone who we wouldn't normally associate with and have a meaningful conversation or interaction with that person. I hope that you accepted that challenge this week – and I would love to hear those stories. I know that such a challenge is bound to make us uncomfortable as it stretches us outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Nevertheless,

the rewards are great.

This past Wednesday night in FUEL we studied from Acts 17 about the beginnings of Paul's work in the city of Thessalonica. Paul and his companions had just been through a harrowing experience in Philippi where they were beaten with rods and then imprisoned. How did they respond to such persecution? First they sang and prayed in their prison cell before having the opportunity to baptize the Philippian jailer and his family. Next they continued their ministry in another hot-bed of religious persecution: Thessalonica. Paul, Silas and others understood that ministry was about their calling and not about their comfort.

What work is God calling you to? He has something prepared uniquely for you – Eph. 2:10 says that we are “God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good

works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” When we discover these works we have discovered our calling. It might not always be comfortable but it will be rewarding!

-Keith Kilmer

The Bible in a Year

Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday 18 Deuteronomy 21-23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 22 Deut. 32-34 Psalms 91 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 19 Deuteronomy 24-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 23 Joshua 1-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 20 Deuteronomy 28-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 24 Joshua 5-8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 21 Deuteronomy 30-31 | |

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Adult Education

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Morning Adult Classes: Book of James

Wednesday Evening Auditorium Class: Lessons from Luke

FUEL Session: “Who are you? Your Christian Identity!” taught by Keith Kilmer, Brent Roach & Gary Turner - February 13 - March 6.

WPW Sessions: Join us for the Wednesday evening “Women’s Power Walk”. We will cover topics of prayer through Bible study and discipleship throughout spiritual warfare.

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

Tuesday Granddads’ Devotional: 10:00 a.m. Open discussion, donuts, coffee.

Golden Eagles

Senior Rally

There will be a Senior Rally on Saturday March 30th at Vinita Church of Christ in Vinita, OK. There is always good singing, speakers and food. We will leave around 7am. Please watch for sign up sheet.

Family

Family Retreat

Family Retreat is April 5-7 @ Sky Ranch in Cave Springs, OK. This is for everyone that has a pulse! Every year this is one of my favorite times. We have great worship, lessons from the Bible and lots of family time together! It’s a beautiful facility, good food, tucked away in the woods near Joplin, MO. There are activities like zip lining, horseback riding, fishing, disc golf, soccer, basketball, carpet ball, campfires, it’s a blast!!! Sign up here! <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S0I-Gj3c6bR9r9sGCpkKRITPOS0dF-PvzarEbjwPdoY/edit?usp=sharing>. The cost is \$75 per person or \$150 per family. You can give a check to Keith Whitehead or pay at our [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) link <https://tithe.ly/give/?c=77262> and click on “Family Retreat.

Southern Christian Children’s Home

Items Needed

Items especially needed for the Southern Christian Children’s Home are: Band-aids, Green Chili, Mucinex/Mucas Relief Plus, Taco Shells, Velveeta Cheese, Velveeta Shells and Cheese.

Youth Ministry

Caleb Says...

• Our website, raveyouth.org, has been updated. New information, monthly calendars, schedules, sign-up forms, and a lot more. Stay up to date with the latest information!

• Apr. 5-7: Family Retreat, details TBA

• Apr. 19-21: Leadership Training for Christ (LTC), details TBA

Good morning everyone! Our summer interns, Hannah Kellum and Lucas Lawrence, will be visiting Robinson Avenue on March 29-31! I hope you can be here to meet our interns and help them feel welcome.

If I were to ask ten of you in this room how you felt about being interviewed, odds are the majority of you would say you get nervous, you aren’t a fan, or you are glad the moment it is over. The truth is, a lot of us have a very real fear of being evaluated.

Why is this the case? We don’t have anything to hide or be ashamed of. In fact, a lot of the time we have every reason to be confident! Sadly, you can have the right degrees, references, work history, and skill set, but when it comes down to you and the interviewer sitting face to face, you are completely exposed and how you respond determines your future.

We don’t like being vulnerable. We don’t like it when someone can comb through our past, question us about it, and decide whether they want to hire or not. It’s hard. Think about a time where you had an experience like this. Now take the interviewer sitting across from you in the spinning office chair and substitute God for them. He’s sitting on a throne. Now how do you feel? Are you intimidated? Still, you have to try and impress. Sell the idea that you belong!

“Well, I attended Harding University where I got a bachelors in Bible and Ministry. I am a youth minister and have been for just over a year now. It’s gone really well and I feel like I have been serving you to the best of my ability! I work hard, I pray, and I read the bible often.”

“That’s all great and I am impressed with your work history. However, those are not the qualifications needed.”

I have not always been confident in my faith or my standing before God. I try and sell myself even though I know I don’t qualify for the position I am interviewing for based on my own merits. I am plagued with a lack of confidence that comes from misplaced values. There is only one thing that matters when we are standing before God.

“Therefore, brothers since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, [...] let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.” Heb. 10:19-21

Family Time

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

Family

Sympathy

Virginia Venable the grandmother of Megan Rojo passed away last Saturday night. There will be a memorial service Friday March 22 at 10:00 am at Sisco chapel, followed by a service at the National Cemetary at 12 pm.

Family

Illness and Recovery

Mel Lowe he had prostate surgery on Thursday.

Speedy Williams had surgery on Wednesday to remove some skin cancer from his upper arm.

Project

Auditorium Renovation Update:

Our shepherds have presented an overview of the Renovation Project and asked each family to consider their participation in the fundraising campaign. The shepherds handed out to each family present, a commitment package. Please see Rodney or one of the shepherds to receive a commitment package for your family.

For those families that were not here for the presentation, please listen to the sermon from February 17 on the RACOC website or Facebook page. The PowerPoint presentation is on the monitors in the foyer.

Budget amount: \$625,000; Funds reserved and received plus shepherds’ commitments totaled \$372,452 as of March 10th (54% of target). We are already off to great start! God be praised!

The shepherds’ two requests concerning the fundraising campaign are below:

Request #1: Pray and ask God – “what would you have me / my family financially commit towards our church’s auditorium project?” (Consider a 3 year commitment)

Request #2: Following prayer and family collaboration, make a written commitment (complete the commitment package and give to one of the shepherds, the office, or place in contribution plate).

The start of the renovation construction is pending our contractors receiving the building permits from the city of Springdale. More information to come. Should you have any questions, please see any of the shepherds.

The shepherds THANK each of you for your willingness to participant and the positive comments regarding the auditorium renovation! May God be glorified and praised!

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

Jon Adams, friend of Shannon Bowman
Marinela Botto, friend of Patty Dobbs
Glen Braley, friend of Tammy Ashby
Beckett & Arabella Brightwell, twins of David and Jill Brightwell and the grandchildren of Sherri Barron Barnhill
Kelly Bryant, father of Caleb Bryant
Trey Cooke, son of David and Jana Cooke.
Danny Craddock, former member at RACOC
Blair & Amelia Huddleston, twins of Scott and Abby Huddleston and the grandchildren of Mike and Nadine Huddleston
Dustin Mayhew, son of Kevin and Kathy Mayhew
Richard Sutherlan, the father of Tammy McCain
Bryan Teagle, former minister at RACOC
Pam Thrower, daughter of Dorothy Sisemore

Those

Shut In

Cecil Cook
Dee Dearman
Cleo Drevs
Marie Edwards
Hazel Fletcher
Glenda Garrison
Donna Gaston
Dan Hash
Faye Lowery
Don McClane
James Price
Robertta Simpson
Verna Tacket
Elsie White
Dorothy Yeager

Continue to

Remember

Lucy Allen
Beth Clem
Harold Gooden
Faye Lowery
Lee Pense
Scott Phillips
Speedy Williams
Linda Wray

Those

Battling Cancer

Mary Allen
Charles Cate
Helen Gillmore
Charlean Howell
Peggy Huckeba
Freida Hughes
Robert Kernes
Mel Lowe
Seth Mohorn