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We want to welcome you to our services here at University church of Christ. Our aim is to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth! If you are visiting us today we are so glad you have come our way and would invite you back the next time you are able. Also if you would remain after services briefly so we might get the chance of meeting you in person and welcoming you here. Thank You!

If you are wanting to know more about the church, wanting a personal bible study, looking for a church home, or in need of some assistance please let us know how we can serve you.

On Wednesday nights our study has been discovering what it means to "Follow" Him. If you haven't seen these presentations we invite you to join us Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. and if you have missed any of these we have copies for you to enjoy on your time.

Today along with that invitation of following Him we will find out how we will know if we are a follower of His. What does it mean to be a true disciple and what does it look like to follow Him. There really is no mystery outside of us living it of course and "Abiding in his word" as we will come to find from the words of Jesus. Lets look and examine our own hearts today to find out where we are with our "walk" with Him.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Tim Curtis

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:49
Morning Worship:94
Evening Worship:33
Mid-Week:36
Ladies Class:12
Contribution:\$4,561.00
Weekly Budget:\$4,084.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Bryan Cain
Closing Prayer:David Byrd

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Ed Valdez
Closing Prayer:J. L. Bolton

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Glen Wampler
Closing Prayer:Joshua Sharum

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our

web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-

ING: Mason Morris is scheduled to have surgery on Friday in Okla. City to have his tonsils out. Travis Repp would like to be added to the prayer list as he will be going to Okla. City to see a doctor about his wrists. Debbie Bowden has asked for prayers as she is dealing with health problems. Please keep the ones on the continued prayer list in your prayers.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER this

Monday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Student Learning Center.

The women bringing cookies are:

Karee Curtis
Earline Gregory
Brenda Golson

NOTE: The luncheon in February will be on **Sunday, February 15th.**

THE SIGN UP SHEET for the Monday Night For The Master Devotionals is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall.

A NOTE: Elaine Simmons called Sidonia to say “hello”. She lives in the Dallas area now and would like to hear from everyone. She is doing fine. Her address is 6221 Crestmere Lane, Sachse, Texas 75048-5544. Her telephone number is 214-315-2267.

36TH ANNUAL AREA WIDE SINGING - Elm & Hudson Church of Christ 400 N. Hudson, Altus, Ok. - February 7th 2015 - 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - “Rise Up”

LADIES’ DAY: Dear Sisters In Christ, The Ladies of 8th and Lee would like to invite you to our 24th Annual Ladies’ Day. It will be on Satur-

day, February 28th. We will begin registration at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments. Our theme will be “How To Stay Polished In A Tarnished World”. Our speaker will be Kathy Pollard from the Bear Valley Church of Christ in Denver, CO. We will have singing, prayers, & two lessons. The ladies will serve lunch afterwards. We are really looking forward to seeing all that can attend. Please RSVP by February 24th, if possible, to facilitate the planning of the meal. The Ladies of 8th & Lee.

THE AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR in

Oklahoma City will be February 27-28 at the North MacArthur congregation. The topic will be “Christianity: God’s Blueprint for Living.”

AFFIRMING THE FAITH - PREACHERS/

ELDERS/WIVES DINNER - Friday, February 27, 2015 @ 6:00 PM - Held in the gymnasium at North MacArthur church of Christ, 9300 North MacArthur, OKC, OK 73132. **Everyone must RSVP by February 23rd! 405-621-5962 or ATF@northmac.org** (Cost is \$8 per person)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Aidan Holloway
- 9 - Velma Shook
- 14 - Dave Sharum
- 21 - LaDonna McKinzie
- 23 - David Klesey
- 26 - Stevie Repp
- 27 - Marie Matthews

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett,

J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Joslyn Burch, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & La Donna McKinzie, Karla McLaury, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Travis Repp, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Beckie Wiseman, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Luke Strait, Nathan McBride, Kim Warren, Eric’s sister Nikki & uncle Al and Nicole Hall during her pregnancy.

In Case You Missed It

Romans 7:24-25 says Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This time of year, everyone is thinking about change. Even people who resolve *not* to resolve still strive to change old habits or adopt new ones when a new year rolls around. But the process of real change, authentic change, cannot start until you do what Paul did: face and admit the reality of what’s in your heart. Look in the mirror and acknowledge, “I am the problem.” Let’s accept once and for all that our deepest issues are not due to our parents, our past, or other people. Let’s see our sin the way God sees it, and take total responsibility for who we are going to become. Let’s admit like Paul did in Romans 7:24, **“Wretched man that I am!”**

“Wretched” means *distressed or miserable through exhaustion from hard labor*. Given the context, Paul must have known what it was to be exhausted from trying to change himself. He reached a point of desperation where he basically said, “God, I want to be a different person. But I can’t do it myself I really want to be the person you want me to be. I want to be righteous, godly, and true. So I’m going to face up to who I really am.”

Maybe you’ve been there, too. Oh, “wretched man” — or woman—godly change begins with your genuine, humble, admission: “It’s me. I’m the problem. “Once you’ve faced this reality, there is only one thing you can do: turn to God! Only He can change your heart. Notice these words: **“Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”**

As Christ followers, we can get frustrated that Paul doesn’t say more. “Can’t you break that down and add some stuff, Paul? You have me in this desperate condition and I want the answer, and all you say is “thanks be to God”?!” In reality, God’s solution is so simple we often miss it. The answer *is* Jesus Christ. He is waiting to do a work of change in your heart. Get desperate, go before Him, and ask Him to do what only He can do for you — and in you. God is in the business of transformation and He wants to change you. Victory will come when you offer yourself alive to the Lord moment by moment. True life change comes only through partnership with Him. Resolve to pursue authentic change this year. Admit where you are and turn to God. Your wretchedness will fade while your heart fills with the abundance of life in Christ.