

# UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST



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Autumn is, "the summer gone"  
And "winter on its way."  
And all those cheery  
Autumn shades can't help  
But make us happy.

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We want to thank you for worshiping with us today and if you are visiting welcome you back the next time you are available and would also ask if you would remain after services so we might get the opportunity of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. WELCOME! Know this that everyone plays a vital role in the work here at University and thank you for being a part of the kingdom of God that meets here.

If at any time you have a question of us, want to set up a group bible study, looking for a church home or are in need of assistance please get with us so we can see how we may serve you in some way.

Post Cards: There are still some mail out post cards available for you to pick up and send to friends, family, neighbors, and those who have been on your mind... Over 5,000 were sent out at the beginning of September in the area of the church building and I would ask if you will continue to pray for this outreach.

A lot of times we can keep very good records of wrongs that have been done to us or others where Paul in Corinthians says that true biblical Love does not keep a record of, in fact for all we think, do, or say in our lives we want God's grace don't we? Today I want us to take a closer view how God has demonstrated His Grace found in Hebrews 11 and in the Old Testament.

**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:**.....Charles Kelsey

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Keith Parrish

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....46  
Morning Worship: .....73  
Evening Worship: .....32  
Mid-Week: .....38  
Ladies Class: .....15  
Contribution: .....\$3,692.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,908.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Charles Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez

Scripture: .....Eric Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Glen Wampler  
Closing Prayer: .....Tommy Bowden

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Bryan Cain  
Closing Prayer: .....Perry Warren

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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:** Jean Leverett was released from the hospital on Monday and is at home recuperating. Leroy will be taking a stress test on Wednesday and have further tests run. Claudine Bolton & Sue Peddy are both recovering from surgery. We received a call from Juanita Turners son who said she is not doing well and he has asked for prayers for Juanita and her family at this time.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 - Katie Jackson
- 6 - Savanah Clay
- 10 - Earline Gregory
- 11 - Mary Coffey
- 17 - J.L. Bolton
- 20 - Weldon Flanagan
- 23 - Jeannie Montague
- 23 - Shirley Sharum
- 23 - Lesley Wirt
- 26 - Jean Parrish
- 28 - Cindy Byrd
- 30 - Karee Curtis
- 30 - Teri Lee

**GOSPEL MEETING** - **October 4-7, 2015** - Cache Church Of Christ - Toney Smith Preaching - "Membership" - Sunday at 9:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. & 6 P.M. Monday thru Wednesday at 7 P.M.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** - **The King and His People** - What Does It Mean to Be a Christian? - Hollis, Ok. Church of Christ - **Sunday, October 11th, 2015** - Topic: "Why is Christ Worthy of Our Following?" Speaker: Landon Rowell from Ramona, Ok. Church of Christ Pulpit Minister

Opening Devotional: 5:00 to 5:10 P.M.  
Song Service: 5:10 to 5:30 P.M.  
Lesson: 5:30 to 6:15 P.M.  
Meal: 6:15 to 7:00 P.M.

**FALL FOCUS 2015** - Camp Lu-Jo KISMIF - October 16-18th - Cost \$50 - For 7-12th Grades: The flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall. Applications must be received by October 9th no exceptions.

**FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY OCTOBER 23RD** Everyone make plans to attend on Friday night October 23rd at the Student Learning Center at 6:30 p.m. for a pot luck or finger foods, and also bring games you want to play.

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS** - She Is Clothed With Strength & Dignity And Laughs Without Fear Of The Future Proverbs 31-35 - Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. - Northwest Church Of Christ Ladies Day - Speaker: Stephani Minor from Kingfisher, Oklahoma - Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. - lunch provided - Please RSVP with number attending by 10/17/15. We hope you can join us!

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Dottie Hedges, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney, James Marcum, Nathan McBride and Jerrie Williams.

**EXTENDED CARE:**

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 14 B

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 115.

**In Case You Missed It**

I love over in Romans 1:20 which says For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Many of us have caught on the news the devastating fires throughout California and Oregon that are burning out of control. To give you some perspective, the U.S. Forest service is spending \$100 million a week to fight the fires! Yet even as these raging fires consume the forest, something is quietly going on to prepare their very renewal. Sure we may have seen new grass green up soon after but to point out by Gods design there is something else. You see, there is an unusual species of Evergreen called the Lodgepole Pine that grows in great numbers throughout Northwest America, especially in Yellowstone Park. A fascinating aspect of this Pine is the uniqueness of its cones. Lodgepole Pine cones may stay on the tree for years before they fall off — and, even when they do fall, they will not open to release their seed...until they are in the presence of intense heat! What could explain this remarkable foresight? God, having designed nature, even in its fallen condition which includes devastating forest fires, has providentially prepared for their subsequent renewal by designing a Pine tree whose reproduction requires the agent of its own destruction...fire! So, even as trees, wildlife, and all living things are being destroyed in a forest blaze, the seeds of renewal are also being released for the "resurrection" of forest life...because, of course, since their seeds are actually released by the fire, the Lodgepole Pines are the first to grow in an area that's been burned! In each of our own lives, there are areas that need to be, or are already being burned up — consumed by the "Refining Fire" of God's Holy Spirit. Yet God has also provided for a renewal in us...a "seed" of something brand new, which in it can only be birthed by intense heat. This new seed, however it manifests in our lives, represents the resurrection life of Christ, which emerges in the presence of His purifying fire. So maybe we start to see the Lodgepole Pine as a picture for us, of resurrection and hope in the midst of fiery trials. Let's endure our fiery trials with great hope, allowing Him to consume everything in us which does not serve His Glory! We should not despise the cleansing process — even if it means a lot of heat!