

John 1:1-5

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.
- 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 21:24-25

- 24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.
- 25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

John 17:1-5

- 1 Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you.
- 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.
- 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.
- 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

1 John 2:25

- 2 And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

- 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea.
- 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.
- 3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
- 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

Also reference 1 Corinthians 15:17, Mark 4, John 6:35, John 4



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Warm Holiday greetings to all. We want to take this time to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope it will be spent with family and friends and is filled with joy. Also if it includes any travel we hope they will be safe ones. We want to thank each one of you for who and what you represent as Gods family here at University we are so glad you are here today and if you are visiting we especially welcome you this day and invite you back the next time you are able and would ask if you would remain after services so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Welcome.

Invite someone to be with us here as our guest at University and encourage them with their walk or keep encouraging them to make the choice for the first time to walk with Jesus Christ in the coming year!

If you are looking for a church home, want to set up a group or personal bible study, need some assistance or would like someone to talk to be sure to meet with us we would love to see how we may serve you.

Ready or not this upcoming week is Christmas. I hope you are finishing up those last minute details before it gets here so you can enjoy this time of year. Like most today the subject will be mostly about Jesus birth. Talks about angels, stables, a star, Sheppard's and wise men, Mary and Joseph. Today we will be taking Johns account. It may surprise you with a man who was so loved by Jesus was at the transfiguration and at the foot of Jesus on the cross had a different approach with his story. No angels, mangers, or baby Jesus. John describes the account of Jesus so different than Matthew, Mark or Luke the historian. Its interesting too that John knew all of this but never mentioned it. What the beloved by God want us to see and know is what we will talk about this day to present a more eternal descriptive of who Jesus was also to us. Johns point of view will be our focus this morning.

Note: Scriptures references for this sermon is found on the back.

**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:**.....David Byrd

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....43  
Morning Worship: .....76  
Evening Worship: .....32  
Mid-Week: .....35  
Ladies Class: .....  
Contribution: .....\$4,919.00  
Weekly Budget: .....\$3,908.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Glen Wampler  
Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez  
  
Scripture: .....Eric Sharum

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Charles Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Tim Curtis

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....David Byrd  
Closing Prayer: .....Greg Ray

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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 FOL-**

**LOWING:** Bryan Cain had back surgery Wednesday morning in Okla. City. His surgery went well. Jerry Doughty had his stress test Wednesday morning. Trena Burch's husband Johnny will be seeing a new Doctor for a consultation in Okla. City this week.

**A LETTER:** Dear Elders, I have come to a very difficult decision for my family and I. We are moving our membership to another church. My children are at a very impressionable age right now. They need a youth group and friends their own age to help them grow in Christ. We will always love our University family and miss you all. And we will be forever grateful for everything you all have done for us. In Christian Love, Katie Jackson

**NOTE:** We have supported the work of Erik and Jenny Reyes in Bolivia for the past few years. Jenny is Kent Marcum's daughter. Erik will give an update of their work **Wednesday night, December 23.** Please plan to attend!

**SIGN UP SHEET FOR COOKIES:** If you would like to make cookies for MNFTM there is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board

**MEN** if you can do the devotional for the MNFTM there is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board.

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**“A merry heart doeth good.”**

**Proverbs 17:22**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 - Luz Ray
- 13 - Eric Sharum
- 16 - Tony Salas
- 20 - Dolores Flanagan
- 26 - Jimi Holliday
- 26 - Dana Parrish
- 27 - Kathy Cain
- 27 - Glen Wampler
- 31 - Jerry Doughty

**AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR:**

Friday & Saturday, February 26-27, 2016 - The Message of Nehemiah for Today - Hosted By the Oklahoma City Area Churches of Christ - Held at: North MacArthur Church of Christ, 9300 N. MacArthur Blvd., Okla. City.

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:**

Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Luz Ray, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Lesley Wirt, Dwaine Zacharias, Dottie Hedges, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney, Debbie Bowden's mother Irene Martin, 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**

**Matthew 13:23** But he that receives seed into the good ground is he that hears the word, and understands it; which also bears fruit, and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

There is a story about a mailman, by the name of John Hand, who rode his mail truck through Los Altos Hills of California on his 50 mile route each day. The route was plain, all brown and virtually no color. One day he began to throw wild flower seeds out of the window as he drove. Today, if you travel his route in the Los Altos Hills I am told you'll find beautiful patches of flowers throughout, blossoming in many colors. So what can we learn from John well we all travel different roads. Sadly, many of us miss wonderful opportunities to change and bring added beauty to our landscapes. In our families, at our jobs, in the world around us and sometimes we miss that God has given us opportunities to color those landscapes! Because in a more cynical and negative mind set it's far easier for us to complain about our surroundings instead of being the difference....be the salt....be the light we are supposed to be and instead many just resign themselves to settling for those landscapes saying there is nothing we can do about them, but there is if we stop and recognize it starts with me, it starts with you so maybe today let's make a better effort of not complaining about the lifelessness around us and do something about it! God has given us the power and the resources to change those landscapes! Let's start sowing the seeds of the Gospel, the seeds of salvation and new life. Let's sow the seeds by showing love how God loved. Lets invite someone to be a part of this Christian life together lets start to develop more of the fruit of the Spirit that's mentioned in Galatians and as we sow them throughout our daily lives, then maybe we can start to see those dull, dry landscapes start to blossom into something beautiful and we, like that mailman, John Hand, will be remembered as the ones who sowed those seeds as we become the example. Again it starts with us.