

THE CHRISTIAN'S RICHES

In Christ we have:

A love that can never be fathomed.

A life that can never die.

A peace that can never be understood.

A rest that can never be disturbed.

A joy that can never be diminished.

A hope that can never be disappointed.

A glory that can never be clouded

**5TH SUNDAY - SUNDAY DECEMBER 30TH:**

University will host the 5th Sunday meeting on Sunday,

December 30th at 6:00 p.m. It will be a regular service.



# University CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Terry Ball  
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Bill Harrington  
Charles Kelsey  
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We would like to welcome you to services here at University and hope if you are visiting that you would stay a little after services so we may get the chance of meeting you in person and introduce ourselves to you. Also a warm welcome to family members who are here to be with family during this special time of year we are so glad to see you and glad you could be with us. We wish for all of you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

So much during this time of year the focus on Jesus is found in the New testament in Matthew and Luke accounts and the birth of Christ. But as John points out in the beginning of his gospel He informs his readers that Jesus did not "begin" at the manger John writes that "In the beginning was the Word and Word was with God and the Word was God and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And Jesus story was told some 700 years before he was born!

Today we will look at the biography of a King. The King of Kings where centuries before his birth Isaiah told of this reign of Christ the King. Isaiah looked centuries into the future, divinely inspired, and told of His supernatural birth, simple life, substitutionary death, and saving resurrection which gives us all hope of eternity through 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:**.....Brad McKinzie

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**.....Glen Wampler

**RECORDS OF THE WEEK**

Bible School: .....	58
Morning Worship: .....	82
Evening Worship: .....	45
Mid-Week: .....	51
Ladies Class: .....	
Contribution: .....	\$2,893.00
Weekly Budget: .....	\$3,772.00

**THOSE WHO SERVE:**

**Sunday Morning:**

Opening Prayer:.....Charles Kelsey  
Closing Prayer: .....Keith Parrish

Scripture: .....James Brennan

**Sunday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....James Brennan  
Closing Prayer: .....Ed Valdez

**Wednesday Evening:**

Opening Prayer: .....Eric Sharum  
Closing Prayer: .....Perry Warren

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university\\_church\\_of\\_christ\\_sermons](http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university_church_of_christ_sermons)

**VIDEO PAGE:** [www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011](http://www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011)

**PRAYERS:** Marie Matthews is having back problems and has been unable to be with us for a while. Kenny Richardson is doing good. Jeanette Ball fell Monday and broke 2 bones in her left hand. Leroy & Pat who are still ill.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bryan and Kathy Cain on the birth of their new grandson, Roan, born to Amanda and Ryan Pack. The great-grandparents are Charlie & Sidonia.

**DEVOTIONAL:** We will have a devotional on Wednesday night, December 26th. There will be no Bible classes.

**A NOTE:** We have received word that Jay Smith a former Bible Chair Director passed away in November in Nashville Tennessee.

**THE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2013** are in the foyer. Do not use until the first Sunday in January.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

20 - Dolores Flanagan	27 - Glen Wampler
26 - Dana Parrish	31 - Jerry Doughty
27 - Kathy Cain	

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
WITH MANY GOOD WISHES  
FOR THE COMING YEAR**

**ERIC, CAE, CALEB & JOSHUA  
PAT & JERRY  
DEBBIE & TYLER  
GREG**

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Dr. & Mrs. Howell Keith Parrish  
request the honor of your  
presence at the marriage of

Amy Lynn Parrish

to

Jack Douglas Mooney

The thirty-first of December  
Two thousand twelve  
Two-thirty in the afternoon

University Church of Christ  
2716 SW Cornell Avenue  
Lawton, Oklahoma

Reception to follow

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**THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME** grocery truck will be back April 2013.

**Shopping List**

Canned Soda	Grape Juice
Boxed Spanish Rice	Orange Juice
Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing	
<u>Non-Food</u>	
39-Gallon Trash Bags	

**CONTINUED PRAYER LIST:** Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Peggy Leverett, Corine Marcum, Marie Matthews, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Bobbie Prock, Chuck Ray, Brett Ross, Cae Sharum's cousin, Carol, Sue Peddy's sister, Mary Hood, & Jerry Golson's cousin Jim Cavel.

**The Gold Wrapping Paper!**

It's that time of year again and I hope you will all be filled with joy with family and friends! I came across this story and don't know if it is true, but whether or not it actually happened, it is a wonderfully inspiring story for us today. In this season of love, may we all remember the beautiful love of a small child. I wish you all a meaningful and love-filled Christmas season and new year ahead. May your days be filled with love, joy, growth, as we continue to serve Him in the coming year. There once was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox. Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty, I blew kisses into it until it was all full. "The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.