

John 1-3 and verse 14

- 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 came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Isaiah 53: 1-12

- 1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
- 3 He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
- 4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore and our sorrows He carried, yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.
- 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.
- 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was *due*?
- 9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich in in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- 10 But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days. And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.
- 11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it* and be satisfied. By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.

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We want to take this time to welcome each of you to services here at University we are so glad you have come our way. If you are visiting we welcome you back the next time you are able and would ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Again Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home we would love to have you be a part of the work here. If you are wanting to explore more of your relationship with Him or want to set up a group or personal bible study we would love to take the time to sit down with you. Have a need or know of someone who does? Please meet with us we would love to know how we may serve you.

Christmas times come with a lot of emotions and we hope this will be a good time spent with family, friends and those you love. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Don't forget to download our app at ucoclawton.com. You can listen to weekly sermons on the website and app. And the app provides a online bible for you to use anytime on the go!

Today as many will retell of the Greatest Story Ever Told" I want to go back some 700 years before to look at the Greatest Story Foretold and also look at the significance of a virgin birth. Why a virgin birth? Why was that so important and significant. We mostly will be examining Isaiah 53 and remember scriptures used in todays sermon can be 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:.....Charles Kelsey

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:43
Morning Worship:75
Evening Worship:28
Mid-Week:44
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$3,957.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,750.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:Glen Wampler

Closing Prayer:Tim Curtis

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Keith Parrish

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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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Dana Parrish's father will be having a test on his kidney this week. Please pray for Donna Caldwell's daughter-in-law, Angie Caldwell. She has been diagnosed with cancer.

NOTE: This Sunday, Christmas Eve, we will not have evening church services.

CHURCH FAMILY, I would like to Thank each and every one for your friendship and the many things you do for me it is so nice to go to church and feel welcome. So may God Bless each of you and merry Christmas to all. In Christian Love, Jean

THANK YOU NOTE: Dear Family, Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. Thank you for the visits while I was in the hospital. I also appreciate the cards I have received. I would appreciate your continued prayers as my foot heals. I look forward to being able to worship with you again. Love, Becky

NOTE: The office has just found out that Marie Matthews has moved to Ponca City to live with her daughter.

ADDRESS: If you would like to send a card to Ann Collins her address is: Ann Collins, c/o Crestview Court, 224 W. Pleasant Run Rd., 204 A Belair, Cedar Hill, TX 75104. She would love to hear from you.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR COOKIES FOR MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER:

If you can bake cookies for Monday Night For The Master please sign the paper posted on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

THE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2018 are in the foyer. Remember not to use them until the first Sunday in January.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 13 - Eric Sharum
- 16 - Tony Salas
- 20 - Dolores Flanagan
- 26 - Dana Parish
- 27 - Kathy Cain
- 27 - Glen Wampler
- 31 - Jerry Doughty

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, James & Barbara Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy Horn, Becky Kelsey, LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Dwaine Zacharias, David Byrd's father, Bryan Cain's father, Johnny Burch, Lena Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Joyce Ray, the sister of Luz Ray, Dala Melton, Teri Lynn Disney, Katrina Brennan and Angie Caldwell.

EXTENDED CARE:

Jack Treffinger is in McMahan in room A 82 B
Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 106

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MANY GOOD WISHES

FOR THE COMING YEAR

ERIE, CAE, CALEB & JOSHUA

JERRY & PAI

DEBBIE

GREG & LUZ
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In Case You Missed It

John 4:35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Here's an interesting fact about American church history that you may not know. Years ago, when the first New England churches were designed, they were built with clear windows rather than the stained glass ones we see so often today and the graveyard was usually built in the churchyard, you still see that with some older churches today in communities and by design would normally be seen from the pulpit. Why? It was so that the minister could see the graveyard while he preached and be reminded of the urgency of his message! It was so he could be reminded that everyone who sat in the pews before him as he spoke, would eventually fill a place in that cemetery outside the window and ultimately have to stand before God to be judged. Those coming in and looking out could be reminded of the same. Can you imagine? Back then, the first and foremost priority of the church was to bring men and women into a right relationship with the Lord. What's happened to us that we've started building churches even with windows we can't see through? I know we started out with windows and have since boarded them up. Even our scripture passage points out that there is a harvest outside! Let's uncloud our windows and give ourselves a better look to what's around us outside this! Let's make a commitment to share the good news with someone today!