

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Prayer Breakfast
3 BD Richard Peckio/ Steve	4	5	6 Gloria Reeves	7	8	9
10 Fellowship Meal BD Mark Cates/Kelley	11	12 Election in FH	13 Rob Eggleston	14	15	16
17 BD Gaylon Tribbey/Greg	18 MNFTM 6pm	19	20 Gloria Reeves	21	22	23
24 BD Jarrod Wood/Kelley	25	26	27 Rob Eggleston	28	01	02 Prayer Breakfast



BD = Bus Drivers

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### Minister—

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If you are interested in a personal bible study, or a study at your office or other public venues, or a free correspondence course, please contact the office and we would be happy to assist you.

If you need a bible we will make sure you are able to have one, absolutely free to you!

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Planting seeds,...  
 promoting maturity  
 in Christ

### Where Can You Run To?

Where do you go when you're in a place you don't want to be? When you really messed up and did something, or said something you know you shouldn't have? God established a place that offered safety for a person that sinned and then came to their senses. We can read about the *Cities of Refuge* in the book of Numbers. Moses instructed the people, in **Num 35:10**, "When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan, designate cities of refuge to which people can run to for safety if they've have killed someone accidentally. These cities will be places of protection [from those seeking revenge]."

But where do you go when your sin is against the owner of the City of Refuge, or God himself? Much like Adam and Eve, we often tend to hide from God. In **Psalms 139:1-8** David wrote a psalm describing God's nature to our sin verses our response to our sin... "O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you are there..."

Perhaps our biggest enemy when we find ourselves caught up in a spiritual place we don't want to be in, a sinful situation, is actually ourselves. We can be our biggest obstacle from receiving the unfathomable grace of God.

Peter reminded the "pilgrims of the Dispersion", in **1 Peter 1:1** to put their hope in God's amazing mercy and his incorruptible promises as our source of strength. And he later reminds them that "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (**1 Peter 5:5**). This is another way God reveals his nature to us. Instead of revenge and justice, he prefers righteousness and mercy (**2 Peter 3:9**). This is what Nicodemus discovered about God's nature in **John 3:16**, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

As we consider the story of the Prodigal Son (**Luke 15**), try to consider what God wants us to do when we've been burdened by sin, when we've wandered far away from home, when we've turned our back on him and then realize it – he wants us to run to his home, to his presence. The Prodigal son found great peace in coming to the reality that in his father's presence is where he needed to be.

*Kelley*

## Classes



### Auditorium—

(Sun AM)... Bob Cates — Jesus the Master Teacher

(Wed)...Randy Walters —The 12 Apostles

Exp Americans (10am)... Frank Wilson — 1 & 2 Cor

**Alternate Adult**— Rm 201 & Ed. Bldg.

(Sun Am)... Greg Shores — Heaven

(Wed)... Youth classes: 0 yrs. —high school

Ladies Class... Tammy Ware — Names of God

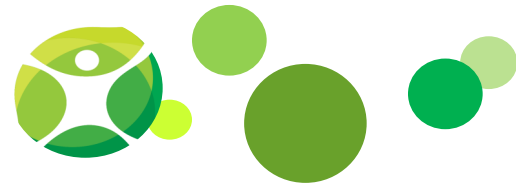
### Worship leaders:

Songs—Mark Cates  
 Shepherds prayers—Dean Wood  
 Sermon—Steve Weeks  
 Scripture:

Paul Benson	Keith Yount
Ryan Crabtree	Greg Steidley
Steve Brewer	David Brewer
Buddy Cable	Bill Coop
Robert Carey	Mike Coop
Mark Cates	Cole Crabtree

Closing prayer—Mark Cates

*P.M. servers: Mike Maffeo and Devon Chen  
 (Alternate: Rob Eggleston and Butch Good)*



**Psalm 100:4**, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Thank you to all that provided names of those in need and those who donated so we could provide food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We were able to help 14 families on both holidays.

**Acts 9:36**, "[Dorcas] was always doing good and helping the poor."

"Sew many things to do", The sewing group shared with me the projects they have recently completed: sent 27 dresses with Raynard to Honduras, 20 blankets and teddy bears delivered to the sheriff and police station to give to children in stressful situations, 200 stuffed animals distributed, not to mention hundreds of bandages made from old sheets that have gone to Africa to help on the mission field. All labeled with, "Jesus and Northtown church of Christ love you!". But their work goes beyond sewing-goods for those in need. They also are instrumental in helping several women who graduated from drug rehab, to find and furnish apartments and houses. Please pray for this work to continue and see how you can contribute to the success of this program. Please feel to join us on Mondays we have 4-6 women here fellowshiping.

*We rejoice with the Lord and the Angels in the baptism of Toby Benson. Toby was baptized on January 30, 2019. Toby's address is 198 Bailey Bends Road, McAlester 74501*

We extend our love and sympathy to Nathan McPhetridge and family in the loss of his grandfather George McPhetridge.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Joye and David Manning in the loss of David's mother.

**Other News!**

- **Hope Harbor and Tipton Home Can Drive has started. Pick-up a can in the foyer or your classroom. Please fill your cans and return by Feb. 24, 2019**
- Sunday night and Wednesday night song leader-**Mike O/Neal**
- **Greeters for 2/17** Randy Hughes and Rhonda Vaughn **2/24** Sue Hobbs and Frances Whinery
- **Lock-up for February** Jerry Mathiews & Mike Maffeo
- **Feb. 20** L2L Convention prep **5:30pm** every Wednesday Room 201
- **Feb. 24** Youth Devo at the home of Joy and Gaylon Tribbey immediately after evening services
- **March 22-24** Family Retreat Broken Bow. Sign—up on the back table there's room for more families.

If you like this format, OR have some suggestions for us concerning the bulletin, PLEASE let us know. Our email is [ntcoc2400@gmail.com](mailto:ntcoc2400@gmail.com).

**Service Schedule**

**Sunday:** Bible Classes—9:30am, Worship— 10:30 am  
Evening Worship—5pm

**Wednesday:** Bible study—10am, Evening Bible Class 6:30pm

## Bible Reading

- 2/17-- Mt 27:57-66; Le 11-12    2/21-- Mk 2; Le 18-19
- 2/18-- Mt 28; Le 13                2/22-- Mk 3:1-19; Le 20-22
- 2/19-- Mk 1:1-28; Le 14-15        2/23-- Mk 3:20-35; Le 23
- 2/20-- Mk 1:29-45; Le 16-17

## Prayer Requests

**1 Thess 5:17**, "pray continually", for...

**Our Members...**

Ron Hightower, Larry Wood, Skylar Elwell, Stan Beck, John Cook, Joe Ware, Joyce Morris, Joyce Day, Richard Sudduth, Judy Sullivan, Kathryn Maxwell, Sherrie Handley, Melba Self, Karen Vaughn, Ruth Wood, Lola Westfall, Terry Yount, Shirley Petcoff, Daisy Kelley, Billie Corder, Dian Jenson, Garner Boyd, Hannah Hammons, Sherry Rowe

**Our Friends...**

Gloria Broom, Gloria Cook, Les Ferguson, Barbara Stewart, Cash Chambless, Bob Pate, Beverly Morris, Norma Sullivan, David & Joye Manning, Millie & Marvin, Lori Noe, Tammy Mathis, Ladessa Winter, Gene Jarvis, Jennifer Cunningham, Jamie Smith, Kathy Bryant, Pat Smith, Daniel Chambless, William Pisachubbe

**Our Military...**

Rachel Elwell, Nathan Elwell, David Long, Ty Osborn, Mike Stevens, Rodney Scott, Anthony Lara, Gannon Beck, Christian Bohanon, and J.T Thomas

Please call the office, or email us at [ntcoc2400@gmail.com](mailto:ntcoc2400@gmail.com), to give us an update on any requests. Thank you. **(918) 423-7332**

*1 Tim 2:1 ~ "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people..."*

Do you ever feel like you just don't have a lot of opportunities to talk about God with your friends? Or you don't know what to say? The cool thing the bible is full of amazing stories of people just like you and me that were faced with similar situations. They had their fair share of pressure from the culture (Romans or Sanhedrin), to fears of hunger, disease, even death. They had money problems, relationship problems, and legal problems. While we read about their story, the truth is we all have a similar story. Because we all deal with problems like fear, lust, greed, anger, etc. Recently I was teaching a bible study on 1 Peter and we discussed how God had given them what they needed to be able to "be a light" even though they were going through plenty of hardship and persecution. They needed to be encouraged by God's word to help them keep going. Although our troubles probably aren't usually life-threatening, we still need to seek God. However, every time we seek God during a problem in life, we end up building our faith in God to see us through that particular problem. With that added knowledge and experience we now have a story that is very personal and very applicable to how to live according to scriptures.

**2 Tim 2:15**, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Our job is to "rightly divide" or "explain correctly" what the bible (the word of truth) is revealing to us. As Peter told the people scattered throughout Asia, in **1 Peter 1:12** that the prophets of old were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who were willing to share God's power working in their lives.

We have to realize that God's word is applicable, or else we'll begin to view it as some people view math as "something I'll never use", and then we'll categorize it away as worthless or obsolete. We know on the other hand that it is truly God's word, and it has the power to save. Just as Paul said in **Rom 1:16**, "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes" (NLT). *Kelley*

Email your athletic or extracurricular activity schedules to the office at [ntcoc2400@gmail.com](mailto:ntcoc2400@gmail.com) and we will try to support as many of our kids as possible.

**MISSIONS WE SUPPORT:**

**College Ministry:**

- Ada—505 W. 17th, Ada, OK 74820
- Durant—624 W. Beech, Durant, OK 74702
- Wilburton—100 N. Leland, Wilburton, OK 74578

**Evangelical:**

- Raynard Screws—Honduras
- Ron Babbit—Contact church

**Children's Homes:**

- Hope Harbor—PO Box 1047, Claremore, OK 74017
- Tipton Home—1000 N. Bdwy, Tipton, OK 73570

**Media:**

- Search program
- Truth for Today

### For the record...

Sunday	
Class _____	128
A.M. Worship____	229
P.M. Worship____	108
Wednesday_____	104
Contribution	
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