

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	Youth Lock-In 7pm—2am	18	19
21	22	23	10am— Exp Americans	24	26	27
BD: Mark (AM)/ Kelley (PM)	1pm-sewing		BD: Gloria	Regional Health Fair (4-8pm)		Make a differ- ence (Boys & girls club) 7am
Fall Festival @ Cable Ranch 4-7pm	28	29	30	Trunk-0-Treat Young Men devo	31	
BD: Jarrod (AM)/ TBA (PM)	1pm-sewing		BD: Rob E.			



BD = Bus Drivers

## Elders & Deacons

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 Richard Peckio (918) 424-1579 — BUSES/ A-C  
 Jimmy Roberts (918) 421-9230 — SECURITY/ YOUTH  
 Randy Walters (918) 470-5584 — MISSIONS  
 Steve Weeks (918) 916-0684 — YOUTH

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!

### Minister—

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Planting seeds...  
promoting maturity  
in Christ

There's something about the "good old days" that is comforting. Perhaps its just because those days connect you with your earliest memories of life. Or maybe those days represent your prime and your glory days. Either way, it makes sense that the "good old days" often thought about with favor.

After all, every moment of our past has served as a single brick to build the lives we all live today, so they're important. And looking back on the past allows us to learn from the successes and failures of others. **Rom 15:4**, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."

But it's important not look too much into the past or keep your mind there for too long – you can easily get trapped there. Whether it's a traumatic experience, a life of sin and selfishness, or simply forgetting to see what's in front of you now. Paul realized that about himself, as he said in **Phil 3:12-14**, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

It's been said there are 4 main reasons that are worth diverting some of our present day focuses towards our past for.

- 1) *To see how far you've come.* Sometimes seeing any amounts of progress can encourage us to keep fighting the good fight. **1 Thess 1:6-7** describes how their faithfulness through their trials has helped others stay faithful.
- 2) *Helps us to be more empathetic towards people experiencing their own setbacks.* Just as Jesus challenged those willing to stone the woman caught in adultery by asking, "He who is without sin should throw the first stone" (**John 8:7**). That would've been humbling.
- 3) *Our memories are our source of Thanksgiving.* **Eph 1:16**, "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Or **1 Thess 1:3**, "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, [and] your labor prompted by love..."
- 4) *To remind yourself of your mission.* There are countless distractions on the high road to heaven, and if we're not careful we can be lured in the trap of worry instead of trust. **Matt 13:22**, "The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful."

Hopefully we can appreciate our past without getting stuck in it so that we can't live for the future. The Jews really got hung up on their past and it kept many of them from seeing Jesus as the Messiah, the promised one of God. But seeing it is only half the battle, pride is the other side. Although, we like how "WE" did it, but our love of our past never needs to blind us from God's future.

## Classes



### Auditorium—

(Sun AM)... Bob Cates — Equipped for the Way

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

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

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

(Sun Am)... Ryan Walters / Jimmy Roberts —1 & 2 Timothy

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

Ladies Class... Frankie Brewer — Life of Paul

### Worship leaders:

Songs—Steve Weeks

Shepherds prayers—Dean Wood

Sermon—Kelley Benson

Scripture: **Prov 23:10**

Communion: *(front)* *(back)*

Burch Good

Keith Yount

Randy Hughes

Greg Steidley

Greg Hubbard

David Brewer

Toby McClellan

Rick Higgins

Greg Shores

Jerry Matthews

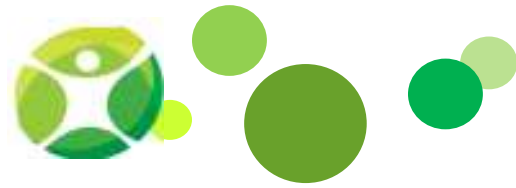
Jim Kelley

George Marcangeli

Closing prayer—

*P.M. servers: Mike Maffeo & Devon Chen  
(Alternate: Ryan Crabtree, Rob Eggleston)*

# Family News



**Gal 6:2**, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Rob & Levenia Carey have worshiped with the Northtown congregation for about 25 years. They've raised 3 wonderful children: Danielle, Shontrice, and Bubba. But what you may not know is that they have opened their home to many children through the years. Recently, they offered their home to provide help for 3 beautiful children into their lives.

There have been many families at Northtown that have opened their home to children in need, which is a beautiful way to demonstrate our faith in Christ. Helping those who are helping others is also a great way to show our faith and support.

If you'd like to help the Careys provide for some of the basic necessities, please contact the office or feel free to make a contribution of diapers in the box on the table on the south end of the auditorium.

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

"Sew many things to do", Nancy shared with me concerning the projects the sewing group is undertaking: over 100 dresses for girls in Honduras, over 80 blankets and teddy bears for the first responders to give to children in stressful situations, countless bibs for some home health services and the Van Buren house, not to mention hundreds of bandages made from old sheets that have gone to India 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.

**Matt 2:11**, "[the MAGI] opened their treasures and presented him with gifts..."

Christmas time is filled with opportunities to bless people in a unique way with gifts and cards. For nearly 7 years Northtown has been involved in sharing M.A.G.I. boxes with the children in Honduras.

Raynard Screws will be with us on Nov 4th, to share with us an update on the work being done in Honduras and some news on the political, social, and spiritual situations they're part of. Please have your M.A.G.I. box ready for pick up on Sunday, NOV 4th.

### Other News!

- Friend's and Family day will be **Nov 11th**. Michael Todd will be our guest speaker presenting a couple classes on effectively sharing our faith. We will have our evening service immediately after our Thanksgiving fellowship lunch.
- Saturday, **Nov 10th**, will be our work day to prepare for the Thanksgiving lunch on Sunday.
- Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast will be **Nov 3** at 7:30 in the fellowship room.

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).

## Bible Reading

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| 10/21-- 1 Thess 3; Isa 59-62  | 10/25 -- 2 Thess 2; Jer 9-12  |
| 10/22 -- 1 Thess 4; Isa 63-66 | 10/26 -- 2 Thess 3; Jer 13-16 |
| 10/23 -- 1 Thess 5; Jer 1-4   | 10/27 -- 1 Tim 1; Jer 17-20   |
| 10/24 -- 2 Thess 1; Jer 5-8   |                               |

# Youth Group Corner

Here's a riddle for you, "Mom and Dad have four daughters, and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the family?" Well, in God's family there are many brothers and sisters, and the best part is—God wants us in His family! We're glad you're part of the family at Northtown and hope you are looking forward to some of the fun things we have planned for this fall and 2019!

We hope you'll plan on joining us for the Fall Festival next Sunday night (Oct 28) at the Cable's ranch from 4-7. They'll be lots of food, folks, and fun. Did we mention—fun?! Make plans to worship, eat, and fellowship with our family and the youth from Main & Oklahoma, and Stuart.

Steve Weeks, Jimmy Roberts, and myself (Kelley), would like your input on some things you have going on. We'd love to support each of you in some of the activities you're involved in too.



Don't forget our skating party immediately after worship on Sunday, Nov 4th from 6-8. Invite a friend to join us from worship and a great time with friends afterwards.

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.

*The answer is 7 people: mom, dad, 4 daughters, 1 son*

## Prayer Requests

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

### Our Members...

Ron Hightower, Lanora Owens, Benny Powell, Larry Wood, Regina Higgins, Glenda O'Neal, Ed Crawley, Rob Carey, Skylar Elwell, Carole Clagg, Bobby Vaughan, John Cook, Joe Ware, Joyce Morris, Richard Sudduth, Connie Cook, Judy Sullivan, Kathryn Maxwell, Joyce Day, Sherrie Handley, Melba Self, Karen Vaughn, Earlene Upchurch, Ruth Wood, Neva Green, Lola Westfall, Terry Yount, Shirley Petcoff, Sherry Rowe, Jenny Glover, Daisy Kelley, Wanda Benson, Earlene Cates, Billie Corrder,

### Our Friends...

Gloria Broom, Gloria Cook, Les Ferguson, Barbara Stewart, Cash Chambless, Bob Pate, Beverly Morris, Trevor Smith, Norma Sullivan, David & Joyce 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, Clifton Eggleston, and Christian Bohannan

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..."*

## 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 _____	237
P.M. Worship _____	108
Wednesday _____	104
Contribution	\$5,760