

March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Richard Peckio/Greg Hubbard	2 1pm sewing	3	4 Gloria Reeves	5	6	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am
8 Paul Benson/Kenny Bethune	9 1pm sewing	10	11 Mark Cates	12	13	14
15 Mike Pickle/ Kelley Benson	16 1pm sewing	17	18 Paul Benson	19	20	21
22 Gaylon Tribbey/ Greg Hubbard	23 1pm sewing	24	25 Gloria Reeves 11am Potluck	26	27	28
29 Richard Peckio/ Kenny Bethune	30 1pm sewing	31	1 Mark Cates	2	3	4

Elders & Deacons



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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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Faith During This Coronavirus

Recently our governor Stitt joined up with other religious leaders to pray for our nation concerning the Coronavirus and the impact it is having on our lives. In scripture, there are several times we read about when one or more people gathered together to pray for a serious event in their time. (**Acts 4:24-31; Acts 27:21-26** just to name a few)

There are also many prayers offered up in the Psalms, and many of those become our kind of model in prayer. There are prayers for joy, prayers for thanksgivings, prayers for deliverance, and prayers offered in anger or confusion. The key is realizing that prayer is communication to God. Like any relationship communication is an important ingredient to a healthy or happy relationship. In our human relationships we realize that just talking about it doesn't always instantly solve it, but by communicating our fears and things we're disgusted with, it helps resolve our feelings in more godly ways.

One prayer I'll summarize is from Hezekiah, **Isaiah 37:16-20**, "O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent them to reproach the living God. Truly, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So, they have destroyed them. Now, O Lord our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, Lord, are God."

Sennacherib, King of Assyria was devastating the land by killing, capturing, and destroying towns as he swept through the land. Many nations fell to his sword, but Hezekiah knew that his only true help was in God almighty.

I hope it doesn't take much to imagine this prayer being offered up to God because of the evil Coronavirus that is sweeping over our globe. Fear has gripped most of us, and the uncertainty and anxiety of our future can easily cripple us. However, this is what faith is about. Faith isn't having access to a magic genie who can instantly solve our problems, any more than communicating a fear or problem with our spouse doesn't instantly take away our problems. But, rather, believing that God is the creator and that he truly loves his creation, even when they are going through hardship.

Peter's reminder to the early Christians was that even if the hardship isn't instantly removed – stay faithful. **1 Peter 5:9-11**, "But resist [the devil, and be] firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Kelley

Classes



Auditorium—

(Sun AM)... Bob Cates — The Attributes of God

(Wed).....Randy Hughes — 1 Peter

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

Alternate Adult— Rm 201 & Ed. Bldg.

(Sun Am)... Team Teachers — In Defense of God

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

Ladies Class... Tammy Ware — Prayer

Worship leaders:

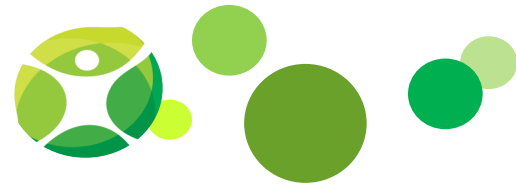
Songs—
 Shepherds prayers—
 Sermon—Kelley Benson
 Scripture: Luke 11:1-3

Greg Shores	Keith Yount
Greg Hubbard	Greg Steidley
Jim Kelley	David Brewer
Devon Chen	Jerry Mathiews
Gaylon Tribbey	Stuart Vaughn
Randy Walters	Corbyn Price

Closing prayer—

*P.M. servers: Mike O'Neal & Corbyn Price
 (Alternate: Matthew Ware and Larry Whinery)*

Family News



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

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

"Sew many things to do", The sewing group would like to share with you the projects they are working on: The sewing groups work goes beyond sewing-goods for those in need. 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. **The sewing ladies are needing empty 3 pound Velveeta cheese boxes. You can give them to Nancy Workman.**

We are no longer participating in the mission work that was collecting prescription bottles. Please take your used bottles to the recycle on 3rd and Polk.

Nancy Workman is taking up funds for the shower gift for Amber Hearn and Derrick Crosby.

Other News!

- Sunday night song leader—**Jimmy Roberts** and Wednesday night song leader--**Paul Benson**
- **Greeters** for 3/22 Debbie and Randy Walters 3/29 Joy and Gaylon Tribbey
- **Lock-up for March** Mike Maffeo and Bobby Vaughan
- **April 19** Fellowship Meal
- **May 16 Ladies Day** Checotah Church of Christ 9am-noon

If you like this format, OR have some suggestions for us concerning the bulletin, PLEASE let us know. Our email is 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

3/29--Lu 4:1-15; De 26-27	4/2--Lu 6:1-26; De 33-34
3/30--Lu 4:16-44; De 28-29	4/3--Lu 6:27-49; Jos 1-4
3/31--Lu 5:1-16; De 30-31	4/4--Lu 7:1-17; Jos 5-7
4/1-- Lu 5:17-39; De 32	

Youth Group Corner



L2L has been cancelled We will have a recognition and awards ceremony later. Once we have been notified by L2L when we will receive the awards and tee shirts we will schedule a celebration!

Email your athletic or extracurricular activity schedules to the office at 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:

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For the record...

Sunday
 Class _____ 128
 A.M. Worship____
 P.M. Worship____ 92
 Wednesday_____
 Contribution
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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, Richard Sudduth, Kathryn Maxwell, Sherrie Handley, Melba Self, Karen Vaughn, Ruth Wood, Terry Yount, Billie Corder, Dian Jensen, Sherry & Arlon Rowe, Connie Cook, Chuck Glover, Butch Good, Barbara McClellan, Betty Pickle, Stanley Elms, Jerry Gustamante, Curtis Smith and Jan Terry

Our Friends...

Gloria Broom, Gloria Cook, Les Ferguson, Barbara Stewart, Beverly Morris, Joye Manning, Lori Noe, Tammy Mathis, Gene Jarvis, Jamie Smith, Kathy Bryant, Daniel Chambless, William Pisachubbe, Amanda McPhetridge, Mae Bell Stokes, Bernice Skinner, Marilyn Gann, Debbie Qualls and Kenna Morse Mattioda

Our Military...

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

Please call the office, or email us at 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..."