

WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Lord. If this is your first visit here, please honor us by filling out a visitor's card found on the back of each pew. Your prayer requests may also be made on the flip side of the card. At the close of service, please put your card in the contribution box at the front of the auditorium as you exit.

During the service we will celebrate communion. (Sacraments are available on the table in the entry foyer.) This is a time that we partake of unleavened bread and juice from the fruit of the vine to remind us what Jesus has done for us. Communion is not only about Jesus' death, but his resurrection and triumph over death and sin. His resurrection is the source of our hope that God will fulfill his promise of eternal life through Jesus the Christ.

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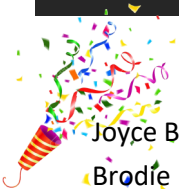
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1 Corinthians 1:18-19

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

Celebrate

September Birthdays



Joyce Bennett	16 Sept	Jane Whitley	19 Sept
Brodie Kirby	17 Sept	Stacy Feters	26 Sept
James Kreger	19 Sept	Jessica Snell	26 Sept
Quinn Montgomery	19 Sept	D'Ann Bristol	30 Sept

September Anniversaries

Marcus & Lori Robinson 25 Sept



Fellowship Luncheon — Pot Luck TODAY



Visitors—please be our guests in
the Activity Building after services .

YOUTH NEWS



The youth group has resumed regular activities. Tentatively planned for every-other Friday throughout the school year.

Thanks to Brian and Samuel Flaherty who installed the basketball goal and painted lines for free-throws and 3-pointers at the back parking lot closest to the Youth Center.



There was a get-together this past Friday to initiate the new goal and enjoy some time together with burgers and hot dogs.

If you have an idea for a youth activity or would like to become involved with the group regularly, please contact Susan Flaherty.

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE BY THE WOMEN OF WESTWORTH—ISSUE

REBEKAH

Tracy Robertson

Daughter, wife, mother, schemer.....Servant. Her story takes you on a roller coaster of emotions, doesn't it? When she is first introduced, it's easy to admire her. She is kind, thoughtful, pure. Rebekah not only gives a stranger a drink, she tends to all of his livestock. **Prayer answered.**

She is willing to leave her home and family to go marry a stranger - all in obedience to God. **Prayer answered.** Then, we learn she was barren for 20 years after marrying Isaac, and we're moved to feel sympathy for her. When Isaac prays to God on her behalf and He blesses her with a pregnancy - with twins, no less - oh happy day! **Prayer answered.** We rejoice with her. But when her pregnancy becomes tiresome and difficult, and she whines to God "why is this happening to me", it's easy to become disappointed in her and even judge her for not continuing to be grateful that she's going to be a mother. In Genesis 25:28 I even feel irritated and a little angry with her, and Isaac too. They have each come to love their 'favorite' son. Hmph!

Growing up, I heard the story of Jacob and Esau many times. One of my first thoughts was how ridiculous it was for Esau to trade his birth-right for a mere meal. Pretty expensive bowl of stew! Then, when Rebekah devises a plan to fool Isaac, so that her favorite, the one she *loves* receives the blessing...it rivals the best (or worst) soap opera storyline. The idea of stealing from one child to give to the other was so foreign to me. I mean, who does that? Aren't mothers supposed to love their children equally? I was certain she was a bad mother, her love was warped. And I remember thinking too, how both Isaac and Esau must have felt so betrayed by the two of them.

But in my haste to condemn Rebekah, and Jacob as well, for their deceit, I overlooked a very important detail - God had already prophesied to Rebekah while she was still pregnant, that "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." Wait, hold up now. God told her before her sons were even born what needed to happen - what **would** happen. Thus, by her suggesting the ruse that achieves it, Rebekah is carrying out God's will. Rebekah serves God and preserves the ancestral lineage. Mic drop.

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How many times have we (and by that I mean me), questioned negative events or circumstances and why they were allowed to happen? Terrorist attacks, disasters, our COVID lockdown, lost jobs, children suffering or dying, betrayals. Where is our trust in God and His will, His perfect timing? It gets pushed aside by our lack of faith, our impatience, our confusion and even indignance and anger. Oh, how lucky we are that God has infinite patience! I know I test Him every day, and He never fails me. You can't out-give God!

Rebekah's story reminds me that even though all throughout the Bible it reflects a concern with patrilineage—tracing families through the male line, it sometimes obscures the fact that those family stories include strong female characters, the matriarchs. These dynamic women serve a purpose, fulfil prophecies, honor God. Rebekah is a strong reminder to me that my role is valuable and to never doubt how God might need to use me to work His plan to perfection.

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New Publications available...

Action Newsletter - a bi-monthly newsletter published by World Bible School of Cedar Park, TX. Lots of information and pictures about mission works worldwide as well as Christian education offerings. Pick up your copy in the north foyer.

The Christian Appeal "Words Fitly Spoken" - August 2021 issue. A publication familiar to most of us but if you are not, please be sure to pick up a copy. This issue is packed full of the simple 'home-spun' musings of Gene Shelburne focused on words and communication. Copies are available in the north foyer. (If you were not aware—The Christian Appeal also has a web site *christianappeal.com* that has even more content than the publication. Visit the site soon and often.)

Westview Boys Home Bulletin—Located in Hollis, Oklahoma, it is a non-profit, residential child care agency supported in large part by local Churches of Christ. Take a look at the **Bulletin** and to learn more, visit their website at www.westviewboyshome.com.

Together

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

- Matthew 18:20

Sunday Morning Services - 10:00am

Today's speaker: Max Lisle

Today's Scripture: Psalms 22:1-11

Ladies Bible Study

(Virtually over Google meets)

Elijah—Faith and Fire by: Priscilla Shirer

(available on Amazon)

*For more detail and information on how to join,
contact Tracy Robertson*

Phone: 817-308-0554 / Email: snowgirlntx@yahoo.com

Wednesday In-Person Bible Study

7:00 pm—Activity Building

*(bring your dinner at 6:30 and enjoy a brief time
of fellowship before the study begins)*

**David Keller is currently leading a study on
Thessalonians**

Chosen

Coming Real Soon

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today—September 19
Open/ Announcements	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Eric Kreger
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty
Communion	David Keller
Prayer	Johnny Box
Bible Story	Curtis Dunson
Reading	Bill Jones
Lesson/Sermon	Max Lisle
A/V	Christi Kreger

COMING WEEKS

Date	Sept 26	Oct 3	Oct 10
Open	Curtis	Randy Fетters	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Bill Jones	Eric Kreger	Randy Fетters
Songs/Close	Curtis Dunson	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Communion	Mike Lisle	Johnny Box	Bill Jones
Prayer	Eric Kreger	Tom Reynolds	Mike Lisle
Bible Story	Brian Flaherty	Mike Lisle	Curtis Dunson
Reading	James Kreger	Marty Montgomery	Robby Robertson
Lesson	John Jewell	John Jewell	John Jewell
A/V	Randy Fетters	Christi Kreger	Stacy Fетters

Communion Preparation Sept: Janice Stanfield