



**W**ELCOME 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. Or you can hand it to any member.

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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## Recent publications received and available:

**CRF Newsletter**– Christian Relief Fund, Amarillo Texas.

Sept 2021 - This edition includes information about the crisis in Haiti and how they are trying to help. It also includes information on how (and why) you can “Give a Goat”. (that does not mean ‘greatest of all time’).

Oct 2021 – This issue focuses on the needs in Kenya. Villages with no food or water for the children. According to this newsletter, approximately 3 million people in northern Kenya are at risk of starvation as a result of droughts, ethnic clashes and locust invasions. Reading these stories certainly brings to our attention the abundance we enjoy and pricks our conscience to share.

**Namikango Mission news**, Sep-Oct 2021 – information regarding celebration of 60 years for this mission work. Headquarters for this work is in Lubbock.

**India Missions** report for September and August 2021 – Church of Christ India Missions overseen by the Shiloh Church of Christ in Hazel Green, Alabama. These 2 additions include information about hard decisions regarding how to use the funds available to them, and words about the “real” work of their ministry. Additionally, many short stories of interest about the people involved in this work and those they encounter while doing that work.

**Healing Hands International News**, Fall 2021 issue. (HHI is headquartered in Nashville, TN.) This issue includes stories about many African mission efforts including water wells, teaching local people to raise food crops, MAGI boxes, training women with life sustaining skills, and Haiti earthquake aid.

**The Spiritual Sword**, Vol. 53, October 2021 – Sponsored by Getwell Church of Christ, Memphis, TN. Theme of this issue: “The Church Everywhere Spoken Against”. Several writers share their insight regarding criticisms of the Church of Christ and provide reason for some of the differences in our practices.

The **Messenger** a newsletter from Tipton's Children's home in Tipton, Oklahoma. This issue shares information about baptisms for some of the young people they house and care for, along with pictures of summer events provided for the residents of the home.

**The Search Light** October 2021 – Reports news of '*In Search of the Lords Way*', the Television Ministry of the Edmond Church of Christ, Edmond, OK. This edition includes a list of programs scheduled for November 2021, information on music available for download and a complete listing of TV, radio and cable networks that carry the program.

**House to House Heart to Heart** – volume 26, number 10. Published monthly by the East Ridge Church of Christ in East Ridge, TN. Worry Much? This issue includes an article explaining why Christians should not worry and scripture to back it up. It also offers some thoughts on "Will We Know Each Other in Heaven?" There are also 'lighter' items that will challenge your knowledge and bring a smile to your face.

**The Christian Chronicle** – November 2021 issue – An international newspaper for Churches of Christ ([www.christianchronicle.org](http://www.christianchronicle.org)). This issue includes a story on the Botham Jean memorial at Harding University in Searcy, Ark. As well as a story about a family who uses baseball to lead young adults to Christ while also opening their hearts and home to foster and adopted children. Stories from around the world about the good works that are being done in Nepal, Nigeria, and Dominican Republic among others. There is a very interesting article about the Post-Pandemic church – what it may look like may not seem completely familiar.

**Basic Christianity**—a every-other month publication of South Hill Church of Christ in Fayetteville, AR. Essays by Scott Gage and others . Two issues are available and certainly worth the brief time to read

All these publications are available for you to review. Those publications that come to us in bulk such as **Power for Today** and **The Christian Appeal** (and others) are available for you to take a copy. For those 'single-issue' publications, we ask that you return them once you have had the opportunity to read them, so that others may have the same opportunity.



# **The Philemon Pickle**

*David Keller*

During high school I made several discoveries that would have a lasting impact on my life. The most important was the Bible. It has and continues to alter my life. The second was a little known biography written in 1906. The title of the book was “The Story of a White Slave.” It was the story of my great great grandfather, John Fowler. This was to say the least confusing because I had studied world history and United States history, and no text or teacher mentioned White Slaves. I was sure slavery was a malicious evil perpetrated on the Africans by white Colonists. Yet, my great great grandfather was a slave. This did not make sense; something or someone was wrong. At the least there was missing information about slaves and slavery.

I decided to look in the scripture and was absolutely appalled that God did not ban slavery in the Old Testament, nor did Jesus or Paul in the New Testament. In fact, when Paul had the chance to help a run-a-way slave escape his master Paul convinced him to return to his master. This was a contradiction of what I believed God should have done. Philemon was a doctrinal pickle to me.

This doctrinal pickle returned during the last year when I kept hearing about the “1619 Project” and “The Great Sin and Shame of America.” So, I decided to attempt to solve the dilemma of slavery, guilt, and Christianity.

The first thing I needed to do was define “slavery.” The U. S. State Department has defined slavery as any kind of sex trafficking, forced labor, debt bondage/bonded labor, domestic servitude, or forced child labor. The scripture has less categories but indi-

cates that slaves do forced labor, have lost their freedom, and have no rights. Satisfied with the definitions I decided to start at the beginning: Slavery in the ancient world. After the ancient world I would look at slavery during New Testament times, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance. Then I would examine slavery in the Americas, and modern times. Finally, I wanted to solve the Philemon Pickle.

The reasons for slavery have remained consistent throughout history. People became slaves because of debt, committing a crime, captured during war, and being born to slaves. The interesting thing to me was that slavery was NOT limited to certain races or nationalities.

Next week we will look at slavery in the ancient world, Old Testament, and New Testament.

### **The question for next week:**

Which Old Testament potentate outlawed slavery for everyone except those captured in war?



### **James 3:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

## **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: Mike Lisle**

#### **Ladies Bible Study**

(Virtually over Google meets)

**Only a couple more sessions until we break for holidays**

*11/9—Before I Created You, I Knew You*

*11/16—TBD*

*Contact Tracy Robertson for more info.*

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## **The Chosen**

***Wednesdays — 7:00 pm***

Next Wednesday, November 10, our mid-week bible study will feature season 1, episode 4. This is more than “movie night”. The highly acclaimed series is being used as a resource for Bible Study. The objective is that discussion after the viewing may help improve our understanding. Each episode includes a ‘study guide’ with recommended scriptures and questions to consider.

We hope you will plan to join in on Wednesday nights. It will definitely be worth the time in your busy schedule.

- ♦ Food is provided beginning at **6pm** (to help folks add this special study time to their schedule).

***Menu for 11/10 — Spaghetti and Salad***

**Invite your friends and family to join with us in the Activity Building to enjoy and learn from this worthwhile study.**

# Celebrate

## November Birthdays

Wanda Bryant	1 Nov	Andy Jewell	26 Nov
Nancy Goochey	13 Nov	Melva Campbell	29 Nov
Bill Jones	17 Nov	Jack Lisle	29 Nov
John Snell	17 Nov	Tom Reynolds	30 Nov
Samuel Flaherty	20 Nov		



## November Anniversaries

David & Tracy Burris 17 Nov

## Annual Holiday Meal

Sunday, November 21, 2021 (3rd Sunday)

Bring your favorite holiday side dishes and desserts.

Turkey and Dressing will be provided



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## Calling all you Amazing Cooks at Westworth Church of Christ

It's that time again...Are you willing to cook a turkey (provided by the church) or prepare a pan of dressing/stuffing for the Holiday meal?

If so... please sign up on the sheet in the North foyer.  
(I know...our great cooks are not all women)



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Today— October 31
Open/ Announcements	Brian Flaherty
Usher	Sharold Ferris
Songs/Close	Christian Lindsey
Communion	Johnny Box
Prayer	Ernie Brawley
Bible Story	Eric Kreger
Reading	Ruston Kirby
Lesson/Sermon	Mike Lisle
A/V	Robby Robertson

## COMING WEEKS

Date	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28
Open	Bill Jones	Max Lisle	Curtis Thompson
Usher	Robby Robertson	Brian Flaherty	Bill Jones
Songs/Close	Samuel Flaherty	Curtis Dunson	Eric Kreger
Communion	Curtis Dunson	Mike Lisle	Max Lisle
Prayer	Sharold Ferris	Cooper Thompson	Tom Reynolds
Bible Story	Curtis Thompson	David Keller	Randy Feters
Reading	Tom Reynolds	Marty Montgomery	Ben Jewell
Lesson	John Jewell	John Jewell	John Jewell
A/V	Christi Kreger	Randy Feters	Susan Flaherty

Communion Preparation November: Hettie Keller