

The Crosswalk

First Christian Church
2501 N Park Lane
Altus, OK 73521

JULY
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The Bible Is...

For the nation, for the individual, for the home, the Bible is a fire for our purifying as well as for keeping our heart burning with spiritual fervor. “Is not my Word like a fire?” saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces”? (Jeremiah 23:39).

- 1. The Bible is a light for our understanding. “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet.” (Psalms 119:105)**
- 2. The Bible is a mirror for our self-knowledge. “For if any be a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror.” (James 1:23)**
- 3. The Bible is a Sword for our conflict. “And take the helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)**
- 4. The Bible is honey for our delight. “More to be desired are they than fine gold, yes, than much fine gold: Sweeter also than honey and the honey comb.” (Psalms 19:10)**
- 5. The Bible is a hammer for being obstinate. “Is not my Word like....a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?” (Jeremiah 23:29)**
- 6. The Bible is meat for our strengthening. “But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:14**
- 7. The Bible is milk for our nourishment. “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.” (I Peter 2:2)**
- 8. The Bible is seed for our sowing. “Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word.” (Luke 8:11)**
- 9. The Bible is gold for our enrichment. “The law of thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver.” (Psalms 119:72)**

**Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life
Let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life**

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ may we “study to show ourselves to be approved, rightly dividing the Word of Life.” May you seek to serve.

**In Him,
Mark**

July 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CLASSES 6:30pm	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 HAPPY JULY 4TH
5 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	6	7	8 CLASSES 6:30pm	9	10	11
12 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	13	14	15 CLASSES 6:30pm	16	17	18 GIF 8:30AM
19 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	20	21	22 CLASSES 6:30pm	23	24	25 LIFe 9 AM
26 SS 9:30AM WS 10:30AM	27	28	29 CLASSES 6:30pm	30	31	
						

**GIF-GUYS IN FELLOWSHIP, LIFe-LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP, SS-SUNDAY SCHOOL, WS-WORSHIP SERVICE

Servers for July

July 05

Meditation: Shawn Cullen
 Servers: Brenda Gibson, *Iris Felix
 John Signorelli, Rebecca Cullen
 Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
 Nursery: Lindsie Simmons, Sarah Skiles
 Lord's Supper Prep Bob & Jane Clark

July 12

Meditation: Lloyd Colston
 Servers: Brenda Risner, Ruth Carson
 *Shawn Cullen, Tara Coffman
 Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, Tanner Ensign/FHD
 Nursery: Amanda Garland, Rebecca Cullen
 Lord's Supper Prep Bob & Jane Clark

July 19

Meditation: Jerry Gibson
 Servers: Brenda Gibson, *Iris Felix
 John Signorelli, Rebecca Cullen
 Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, John Signorelli/FHD
 Nursery: Kristi Jordan, Tara Coffman
 Lord's Supper Prep Bob & Jane Clark

July 26

Meditation: Joe Price
 Servers: Brenda Risner, Ruth Carson
 *Shawn Cullen, Tara Coffman
 Greeters: Bob Clark/FD, Jerry Gibson/FHD
 Nursery: Brenda Gibson, Kristi Jordan
 Lord's Supper Prep Bob & Jane Clark

PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, JULY 4TH AT 6:00 PM FOR OUR ANNUAL COOK-OUT. HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING A SIDE DISH AND/OR DESSERT TO SHARE.. BRING OUTSIDE GAMES HORSESHOES, CRICKET, ETC) AND LAWN CHAIRS SO WE CAN ENJOY THE FIREWORKS SHOW.



In Our Prayers

Fred Worbes
 Nita Walker - lupus
 Andrea Matthews - heart problems
 Charles Mawdy - cancer
 Chandler Lingle
 Robert Guttormsen
 Robert Ramer - liver transplant list
 Sam Smith - mass in esophagus
 Sherri Dirickson's dad-throat mass
 Tammie Crowder-infection
 Sandy Farris-cancer
 Bob Phillips-cancer
 Samantha Harp
 Victoria Rose-heart
 Arnold Goucher-cancer
 Herb Lacey-liver cancer
 Linda Crandal-leukemia
 Billie Vaughn-Jerry's cousin
 Anna Snook-health issues
 New minister

Periodically the Prayer List will be updated. If we remove someone that you still want on the list, please let us know and we will be glad to put them back on.

If you have a prayer need or know of any changes, please contact the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

07/02 Billy Surles
 07/05 Jim Jones
 07/05 Dan & Elisabeth White
 07/06 Randall Coffman
 07/15 Robert Crawford
 07/16 Shawn Cullen
 07/20 Bob & Jane Clark
 07/23 Mark Morey

Secretary Report

June 2015

Average Attendance	66.5
Average Visitors	10.5
Total Average Attendance	66.5
Total Offerings	\$6,536.00

Sunday Services

Sunday School	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am

Wednesday Nights

Classes for all ages	6:30
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SEVEN THINGS WE SHOULD SAY TO GUESTS.

“Thank you for being here.” It’s just that basic. I have heard from numerous church guests who returned because they were simply told “thank you.”

“Let me help you with that.” If you see someone struggling with umbrellas, young children, diaper bags, purses, and other items, a gesture to hold something for them is a huge positive. Of course, this comment is appropriate for member to member as well.

“Please take my seat.” I actually heard that comment twice in a church where I was speaking. The first comment came from a member to a young family of five who were trying to find a place to sit together.

“Here is my email address. Please let me know if I can help in any way.” Of course, this comment must be used with discretion, but it can be a hugely positive message to a guest.

“Can I show you where you need to go?” Even in smaller churches, guests will not know where to find the nursery, restrooms, and small group meeting areas. You can usually tell when a guest does not know where he or she is to go.

“Let me introduce you to _____.” The return rate of guests is always higher if they meet other people. A church member may have the opportunity to introduce the guest to the pastor, church staff, and other members of the church.

“Would you join us for lunch?” I saved this question for last for two reasons. First, the situation must obviously be appropriate before you offer the invitation. Second, I HAVE SEEN THIS APPROACH HAVE THE HIGHEST GUEST RETURN OF ANY ONE FACTOR. What if your church members sought to invite different guests 6 to 12 times a year? The burden would not be great; but the impact would be huge.

Let’s look at one example of breaking attendance barriers by saying the right things to guests. Presume your church has two first-time guests a week. Over the course of a year, the church would have 100 first-time guests. With most of the members being genuinely guest friendly, you could see half of those guests become active members. Attendance could thus increase by as much as 50 persons every year. —copied—

