

## For the Record

435- Sunday Morning

40- Life Group

254- Sunday Classes

166- Wednesday Evening

79- Sunday Evening

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## A Redemption Carol: Looking at the Past Sermon Notes – Dec. 8, 2019

The possibility of redemption depends upon the answer to this question:

Can I get \_\_\_\_\_ my past.

Looking at the Past:

- The story of Jesus' birth is greater than our past \_\_\_\_\_.
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## ELDER TO CONTACT

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## REGULAR WEEKLY MINISTRIES

**Life Group** - Sundays at various homes and times  
**Granddad's Devo** - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in R5  
**Ladies Bible Class** - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in Rm FC 4  
**The Christian and Grief** - February 2 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm R5  
**Single & Parenting Class** - Sundays at 9:00 am in G13  
**DC4K** - New Session February 2020  
**DivorceCare** - Sundays at 4:00 pm in R1  
**Financial Peace** - New Session February 2020  
**Celebrate Recovery** - Thursdays at 6:30 pm (Meal at 6:00 pm)

# Robinson Avenue this week

Welcome to Worship

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**

**WELCOME**

LET IT RISE

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEANING ON THE  
EVER LASTING ARMS

DAYS OF ELIJAH

**SCRIPTURE  
READING**

HE LEADETH ME

LORD I NEED YOU

**COMMUNION**

JESUS SON OF GOD

**DISMISS CHILDREN**

I AM A SHEEP

**SERMON**

JUST AS I AM

FAITHFUL

**PRAYER**

## Tidings of Comfort and Joy

### God's truth provides security and peace

Good morning! I've always thought of Christmas more as a "season" than as a "day". The actual day spent with family in celebration is always a blessing but so is the entire month of build-up. I hope and pray that our worship assemblies this month will focus our hearts on the true "reason for the season."

I often think about the line from the song *God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman* that speaks of "tidings of comfort and joy." The story of Jesus' birth is intended to comfort us and give us joy! How so? It shows us that God is at work in the course of human history to break the chains of sin and death and to reconcile us to himself. This endeavor begins with God becoming flesh and entering our world in the most vulnerable manner possible – as a helpless baby; a child who will grow up and be subject to the same weaknesses and temptations that we are subject to. Yet, Jesus' life ends in triumph – a victory that has vast implications for our own lives and for our redemption.

This month we'll be focusing on the story of Redemption. Most great stories are redemption stories. This is true of many Christmas movies and

specials from *It's a Wonderful Life* to *How The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. It is especially true of my personal favorite Christmas movie *A Christmas Carol*. This is also what makes the Bible so compelling – it is the greatest redemption story of all; and it's true!

Join us over the next three Sundays as we journey from the past, through the present, and into the future tracing this great story of redemption. It is a story of great comfort and joy!

-Keith Kilmer

The Bible in a Year

## Daily Reading Schedule (Chronological Order)

Monday 9 Romans 8-10

Friday 13: Acts 24-26

Tuesday 10 Romans 11-13

Saturday 14 Acts 27-28

Wednesday 11 Romans 14-16

Sunday 15 Philemon, 1 Col. 1-4

Thursday 12 Acts 20:4-23:35

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Adult Education

### Adult Bible Classes

**Sunday Morning Adult Classes:** The Character of Christ

**Singing Class:** Trent Arnold, In the gym

**Discipleship Class:** Sabino Rodriguez

**Wednesday Night Adult Classes:**

**FUEL:** “Unlocking Revelation,” Keith Kilmer

**WPW Sessions:** “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”( by Linda Smith )  
taught by Savanna McCain, Alice O’Neil, Sandy Ware, Bridgette Tomlinson, and others.

**Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study:** “Fulfillment of Christ in Judges”  
taught by Charity Mohorn, Stacey Smith.

Help the Needy

### Angel Tree Available

In this season of giving, you probably noticed the “Angel Tree” set up in the lobby this morning. On the tree are notes with 30 needy angels on them from the clothing drive. No name is listed – only numbers to keep the child’s name anonymous. Please select an angel and turn it into the desk for needed items to purchase. You must return these items by Wednesday night, December 18th with packages marked clearly with the same number of the angel you selected!

Family

### Children’s Ministry Christmas Story

Our children have been preparing to share the Christmas story – the birth of Jesus Christ. They will present it here on December 15 at 10:30 at the start of our worship. How awesome to hear the story from our kids. Invite guests to come with you next Sunday to experience this heart-warming event. Don’t be late next Sunday! If you have questions or want to help with the Children’s Ministry, contact Scott Ware Today – Girl’s Christmas Party hosted by Young Professionals, 2-4 PM @

Military Ministry

### Care Packages for the Troops

Best Choice UPCs continue to help provide funding to mail the packages to our troops. The UPC is the bar code that is scanned as you check out at a store. Harps, Ten Box, and Marvins IGA are local grocers that stock Best Choice products. The UPCs can be deposited in the collection basket in the front lobby.

Family

### Annual Meeting of the Members

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Robinson Avenue Church of Christ and its Board of Trustees to be held in room B2 at 1506 W. Robinson Avenue, December 15, after morning worship.

Youth Ministry

### Caleb Says...

Today – Girl’s Christmas Party hosted by Young Professionals, 2-4 PM @ Sara Bond’s house

Tonight – RAVE Christmas Party, 5-10:30 PM

Dec. 31 – New Year’s Activity

Jan. 24-26 – Ski Retreat, Sign-up on raveyouth.org

Good morning everyone! As you can see above, it is going to be a long day for the youth ministry, but I am glad to be starting the day here with you. Let’s worship God together and take some time after to talk and get to know each other a little better.

Last Sunday, Bridgette and I, along with the Bryant’s, had the opportunity to host a Din Din and Devo for the youth group here at the building. We had the kids create snowmen out of 4X4 blocks of wood and we hung stockings outside the youth room. Feel free to stop by the youth room and see our family of snowmen and to drop off an encouraging note or gift in the kids’ stockings. We also had a very good conversation about thankfulness and selflessness which I want to bring to you now.

There is an immediate cultural shift from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Obviously, there is the difference in decorations and even the clothes we wear. You might start seeing Santa’s at every store and most living rooms are dominated by Hallmark Christmas movies. Your kids are counting down the days until the 25th and you see your neighbors driving down the street with reindeer antlers on their car. Yes, there’s a huge shift in what do and how our culture acts, but the shift I talked with the kids about was our attitude.

We don’t always do it, but Thanksgiving is designed to make us reflect on the past year and determine what we are thankful for. My hope for each of us is that looking back causes us to see the fingerprints of God all over this past year where we had no idea he was even working. I love Thanksgiving for that reason. However, it is tempting to immediately look to our own interests right after Thanksgiving is behind us. That may apply to you and it might not, but we are all encouraged to adopt a mindset that causes us to look inward first.

I want to challenge each of you. Pick someone in your life and think of a specific way to serve them a couple times a week. For you younger folks, it may be to do chores without being asked to. For the adults, it may be to help a co-worker who is difficult to deal with. For our older members, it may be to find and mentor someone who could use and appreciate your wisdom. This time of the year provides us a great opportunity to be selfless and I hope each of us can take up the challenge.

### Family Time

**SUNDAY**

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM Bible Study

Family

### Illness and Recovery

**Marlene Jackson** had heart valve replacement surgery Wednesday, December 4.

**Jesse Brawner** had a cornea transplant on Thursday, December 5.

**Mary Sue Cate** will have cataract surgery tomorrow, December 9, and will have her other eye done December 23.

Family Fun

### Breakfast with Santa

Our annual Breakfast with Santa fellowship will be this coming Saturday, Dec 14, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. We will have good food, pictures with Santa, Santa’s workshop, reindeer games, and plain ole fun. Bring your kids or grandkids to this multi-purpose room fellowship.

### College Kids Mission Trip to Wetoga

We will be hosting a Christmas Party for the children on December 17th and will hand out donations/presents/stockings/food to the children before we take them home. This is such a wonderful opportunity for our group, and we are so thankful for everyone that is willing to make this happen. Deadline for donations are Dec. 11. Please give your donations to Keith Whitehead.

Family

### Special Song Service

We will have a special song service on December 18 to get ready for our Praise and Harmony Workshop that will be held on January 4. We will continue learning some of the songs for that day. Please plan to join us for a night of singing and worship. Please note that the Praise and Harmony/learning new song nights are for EVERYONE – not just those who are participating in the Praise and Harmony recording.

Southern Christian Children’s Home

### Items Needed

Items especially needed for the Southern Christian Children’s Home are: Chocolate Chips, Clorox or Lysol spray cleaner, Clorox Wipes, Crunchy Peanut Butter, Paper Towels, Ritz Crackers, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Whole Pickles. The truck will be here this Tuesday, December 10.

Our

### Prayer List

*Names will be printed on this list for up to 4 weeks at a time unless further updates are received in the office.*

### Family/Friends

**Jon Adams**, friend of Shannon Bowman

**Arvin Allen**, father of Jimmy Allen

**Liz Bernecker**, the sister of Ben and Tom Kilpatrick

**Rhonda Evans**, the daughter of Peggy Sue Gibson

**Brooklyn Haney**, granddaughter-in-law of Helen Gillmore

**Sonny Homer**, nephew of Lester Harrison

**AC Mowery**, a former member

**Elizabeth Norris**, the sister-in-law of Helen Gillmore

**Dwyane Shepherd**, the son of Peggy Sue Gibson

**Ryan Thurber**, grandson of Connie Thurber

Those

### Shut In

**Cecil Cook**

**Dee Dearman**

**Cleo Drevs**

**Hazel Fletcher**

**Glenda Garrison**

**Donna Gaston**

**Dan Hash**

**Don McClane**

**James Price**

**Roberta Simpson**

**Verna Tackett**

**Elsie White**

**Dorothy Yeager**

Continue to

### Remember

**Danny Allen**

**Mary Allen**

**Lucy Allen**

**Beth Clem**

**Lee Pense**

**Joan Pense**

**Scott Phillips**

**Speedy Williams**

**Melba Watts**

**Linda Wray**

Those

### Battling Cancer

**Mary Allen**

**Charlean Howell**

**Peggy Huckleba**

**Freida Hughes**

**Ajeanna Kernes**

**Robert Kernes**

**Seth Mohorn**

**Salina Wilson**