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Service Times

**Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

What everyone needs to know  
about Satan (Eph 6:10-13)

PM Sermon:

Why I am a member of the church  
of Christ - Lesson 9 –because it  
teaches miraculous gifts have  
ceased (1 Cor 13:8-10)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

For the Record: 12/22

AM Bible Class: 22  
AM Worship: 26  
PM Worship: 25  
Contribution: \$2430  
Weekly Budget: \$2800  
Wednesday Night Bible Class:

**"GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE"**

by **Lucian Farrar, Jr.**

God has a plan. It is an eternal plan. Before the beginning of time, God purposed that Christ purposed would destroy the power of Satan and bring blessings to mankind. Ephesians 3:11 speaks of "the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote: "When you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made know to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets."

God's eternal purpose was fully revealed to Christ's holy apostles and prophets in the first century by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. You can now read the New Testament and understand God's Plan of salvation in the Gospel of Christ.

The gospel is "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5). We are to obey a "form" of this doctrine to be set free from sin. (Romans 6:17-18). The gospel of Christ is "the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16). "We were buried with Him through baptism into death that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of his resurrection."

God wants you to be involved in His great plan. He wants you to be saved and to live in harmony with His eternal purpose, in order that He might bless you "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3).

**PRIDE**

**Neal Pollard**

As a youth intern in Alabama while a student at Faulkner University, I heard the local preacher tell me something that time has proven correct. He said, "Most church problems could be avoided if people were willing to say two things: 'I was wrong' and 'I'm sorry.'" That seems an utterly simple thing to do, but many people struggle with that. Why? Some apparently feel they have done nothing wrong, despite evidence to the contrary. Others are quick to rationalize their actions, choosing the path of self-justification rather than the path of humility. There are those who think that admitting wrong displays weakness. Still others refrain, stating that those on "the other side" did wrong, too, and "the other side" should go first. Frankly, the reasons why people struggle with saying those two

simple statements are as numerous as there are people unwilling to say them. Yet, if there is a common denominator in all of them, that factor would be pride.

The frightening thing about pride is not just how prevalent and engrained in us it is, but how God responds to it. Pride is as worldly a trait as there is, significant enough to be mentioned by John as one of three main areas proving we love the world. He calls it "the boastful pride of life" (1 Jn. 2:16). In His earthly ministry, Jesus calls pride an evil thing that proceeds from within and defiles the man (Mk. 7:22-23). Twice in the New Testament, inspired writers quote from the poetry section of the Old Testament, saying, "God is opposed to the proud" (Js. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5). In fact, the Old Testament roundly condemns pride, over and over again (see Job 40:11-12; Ps. 31:23; 94:2; Pr. 15:25; Pr. 21:4,24; etc.). Citing one sample from this section should suffice. Proverbs 16:25 says, "Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished." That should arrest the attention of everyone! God could not speak in clearer language about how detestable pride is to Him!

Individual sin struggles, church problems, and brotherhood issues too often have pride underlying them! People get so concerned with winning, being right, carrying the day, and showing up others that their pride leads them to do great harm to the cause of Christ and His precious bride. It takes uncommon spiritual strength and maturity to swallow pride, soften the heart, and speak those infinitely profound and universally healing words: "I was wrong" and "I'm sorry." May each of us resolve to let nothing, especially self-interest and self-preservation, keep us from saying those words when they are needful!

## **Announcements**

### Area Wide Singing

The church of Christ in Owasso will be having an area wide singing on Saturday, January 11th from 3-5pm

### Men's Budget Meeting

The men's annual budget meeting will be Saturday January 4th at 8:30 a.m.

### Monthly Men's Meeting

We will have our monthly men's meeting on Sunday January 5th after evening services. If you have anything for the men's meeting agenda please tell Chris.

### Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – has a high white blood cell count and has not been feeling well.

Jerry Creek – (Ed's son in law's brother) is taking radiation for cancer.

Bentley Lay – (Granddaughter of Steve Lay) is still needing to gain weight and has been having a slow heart rate at times.

Clare Beaman – (Dicie's mom) is responding well to treatments.

Dave Preston – (once a member here) is not in good health.

Ruth – (Darla's Sister) – is in St. John's in Tulsa.

**Please keep all of these in your prayers.**

### Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma (Darla's sister)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Roxy (Ed's brother's wife)