

**The Oologah Informer**  
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**The Family As God Would Have It**  
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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:

Vance Smith

PM Sermon:

Contend for the Faith  
(Jude 3)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Summer Series – Lucian Farrar

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Radio Program (coming soon)

“The Minister’s View” on  
KTTRadio.org on Tuesday’s  
at 9am

“So, you are ready to be married and have a family. Are you ready for the fighting, suspicion, unhappiness, discouragement, sorrow, weariness with one another and the like that must come?”

Isn't it sad that some think that the above describes the family as it must inevitably be in today's society, a society filled with so many negative and frightening things. Obviously many do feel that way, and as a result, they become part of the statistics — the FBI states that the leading cause of injury to women age 14–44 years is domestic violence; in 2002 the Census Bureau projected that 50% of marriages being currently formed would end in divorce. Among the top reasons divorce lawyers give for the causes of divorce are change in priorities, lack of commitment to the marriage and infidelity — not a pretty picture of the family at all is it? Thankfully, there is a way which is better if we will but seek it — God's way. Far from the distressing outlook for marriage that many today have, God expects us to rejoice with the one we marry (Proverbs 5:18) and with our children (Proverbs 23:24-25). The family God desires for us, and which we can have, is to be a joy in the midst of a society filled with sorrow, a haven of rest to the weary, a place of safety in a world of fears, and a stepping stone which will help lead to success in all areas of our life. By now you may be asking, “How?! ... How can I have a family like that?” If that is your question, then you have taken the first step, that is, you desire to make your family as it ought to be and have not fallen prey to the attitude of “giving up and getting out.” Let's look at just two attitudes, which if we determine to put into our life, will make our family as God desires and we long for.

**First, have a common love for the Lord.** One of the hardest things to do is to keep harmony within a family that is divided in their love for God. But if we love God as we ought, then we will follow His commands (John 14:15). And if we follow His commands, our marriage *will* be fashioned after His desires. We must determine to do as the well known song proclaims — “all to Jesus I surrender.” The things which divide families in our society — the roles each member will fill (Ephesians 5:22-6:4), commitment to one another (Matthew 19:5-6), purity in the relationship (Colossians 3:5) — these and many more things will cease to be a problem, for they will be fashioned in God's will instead of man's lusts.

**Second, have a common love for one another.** Some may think it odd to even mention this, for surely those in a family love one another. But the love we speak of is far deeper than the “feelings” we have for one another. The supreme love the Bible speaks of is that we love one another as Jesus loved us (John 15:12), a sacrificial love that seeks the good of another. This love (from the Greek word AGAPE) is the love that seeks not its own (1 Corinthians 13:5). This love will bring into our lives and families the qualities of the golden rule: “whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them” (Matthew 7:12).

Imagine the joy and benefits in a home absent of selfishness and self-serving attitudes! God's way removes them.

What kind of family do you desire? Do you want to become another statistic of unhappiness or divorce, or do you desire a family filled with goodness, joy and blessing. God desires that you have the latter. The choice is ours as to which we will have.

## **Announcements**

### Summer Series

Our speaker for our series this week is Lucian Farrar

His topic is "What the church needs now is to love and respect its leaders."

### Men's Meeting

Our next men's meeting is July 6th after evening services.

### Fellowship Meal

Our second Sunday fellowship meal is July 13th after morning services. Please make plans to stay for this time of fellowship.

### Recent Prayer Requests

Evans Family – this family has been handling various illnesses and issues while overseas.

Kari Yoder – (Steve Lay's daughter) is recovering from several strokes and is now in therapy. She is currently paralyzed on the right side, but is improving.

Ukrainian brethren – the brethren in Ukraine are in a dangerous situation with the armed forces there.

Norman Easter (former gospel preacher) – has throat cancer.

Theresa – (Roy Dean's Daughter) is doing well after radiation treatments.

**Please keep these in your prayers.**

### Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Walter Jackson

Charles Coats

Jerry Creek

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Dave Preston (A former member)

Mary Ann Haugh