



ONE LARGE BARRIER TO REDEMPTION

In our worship last week, we looked at Paul's description of redemption in his letter to Titus. While our focus had to do with how to respond to the redemption we have received, this passage also reveals to us how we can create a barrier to redemption both in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Speaking of redemption, Paul writes:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

Titus 2:11-14, ESV

Paul describes redemption as a "training" ground. Christ's death and resurrection show us not only the love God has for us, but a better way for us to live. This "training" consists of moving away from "ungodliness and worldly passions" and towards "our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" and their "good works".

Last week, we gave a few examples of "worldly passions": alcohol, gambling, and sex before marriage.

With the first two, I noted that while I do not think the Bible strictly forbids these behaviors, wisdom must be exercised. To "renounce" is to deny having any part of. Practically speaking, redeemed people ask the questions "should I do this?" and "where might this behavior lead?" Just because something might not be sinful, does not mean it is a good idea.

Regarding sex before marriage. This is an area where Christians have given up a lot of ground to the world. It's no secret our world loves sex, but that prevalence doesn't change what God has said about the subject (Galatians 5:19; Romans 13:13; Acts 15:29).

I find the words of 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 best here. We were "bought with a price" therefore our body belongs to God and we have the responsibility, and privilege, of glorifying God with it.

How do these types of things present a barrier? By showing that redemption doesn't change the way we operate. Redemption must lead to change in our lives or we haven't really been redeemed at all.

-Jack Dodgen

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Song Leader: David Holt

LAST WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	137
Sunday Morning Worship	187
Sunday Evening Worship	77
Wednesday	91
Budget	\$9,615
Contribution	\$9,524
YTD Budget	\$144,225
YTD Contribution	\$129,655
Faith Fund	\$46,786

Watch Online

eastsidechurchofchrist.org

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Sunday:

Bible Class - 9:00 AM

Worship - 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Class:

7:00 PM

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - 5 PM

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

- 1 - Collection Plate
- 2 - On website click "Give"
- 3 - Download the Eastside app
- 4 - Text 405-337-9319

ELDERS

Sam Brandon

Ricky Bugher

Michael Graham

David Holt

Ryan McDonald

David Walton

OPEN DOOR: Wednesdays 6PM

MINISTERS

Jack Dodgen

Kyle Humphrey

Tracy Mussett

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:

Patsy Ausburn, Connie Barney, Cheryl Bellah, Stephanie Brewer, Larry Broudrick, Chuck Bryant, Phil Dawkins, Don Hufschmid, Tammy Johnson, Michele Kuroki, Teagan Malsbury, Lynn May, Pat Patterson, Dale Pence, & June Rard

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Harold Shank & Students, Global Christian Studies; Dustin Archer, Prison Correspondence Ministry; Hiwatthia Jones, Byron & Snezana Benitez, Guatemala; Kent Marcum, Operation Ecuador; Ben Begay, Many Farms, Arizona; Jim Christian, Manuelito Navajo Children's Home; Search TV; BibleTalk; Truth for Today; Tipton Children's Home; Michael Fordjour, Ghana; Feliz Martinez & Jesus Cervantes, Spanish Ministry in OKC; World Bible School; World English Institute

BEAR VALLEY STUDENT: Levi Saylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

AREA WIDE

Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh.
Van will leave immediately following morning Bible class.

MINISTRY LEADER MEETINGS

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

THUNDER WATCH PARTY

2:30 PM

GLAD YOU ASKED

The ministers will address some of your questions at 5 PM this evening.

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

On Tuesday, we served 119 people in 41 families at the April Clothing Giveaway.

SENIOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 17th, we will celebrate our high school graduates: Dawson Butler, Caitlyn King, Evan O'Donnell, & Lincoln Russell. Following evening service, we will celebrate in the Family Center. Cards & gifts are accepted and appreciated.



LTC Chorus - Lindsay O'Donnell with Juliet, Paige, Aurora, Kallie, Maci, Willow, Kate, & River

UPCOMING EVENTS



CLOTHING ROOM WORKDAY

Monday, April 20th, 9 AM to Noon
Each Monday morning.



FINAL LADIES CLASS

Wednesday, April 22nd, 10 AM



WORK DAY

Saturday, April 25th, 8 AM - Noon
Please join us as we work to maintain our facilities.



TUESDAY EVENING LADIES CLASS

Tuesday, April 28th, 7 PM
At Carrol Bullock's house.



5TH WEDNESDAY SPLIT DEVOTIONALS

Wednesday, April 29th, 7 PM
After class, Ladies will stay in the Fellowship Hall, and men will go to the Auditorium.



FAITH FUND SUNDAY & POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, May 3rd
We will have a special offering in addition to our normal collection. Funds go to building renovations, missions, benevolence, and more.



EMPTY NESTERS GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 8th, 6 PM
Each month on the 2nd Friday.



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Tuesday, May 12th, 1-5 PM
2nd Tuesday of each month.



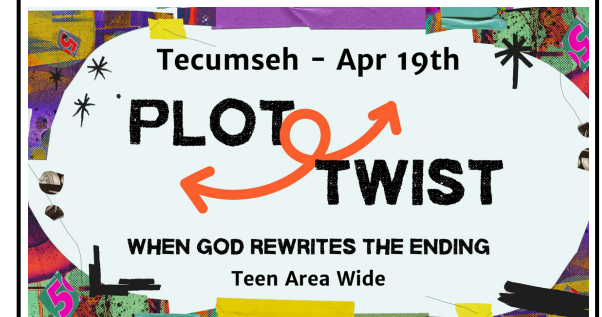
MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 16th, 8 AM
All men are invited to fellowship over breakfast in the Family Center.



► Area Wide

Sunday, April 19th
Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh. The van will leave after Bible class Sunday morning. After lunch and volleyball we will come back to the building for a Thunder watch party at 2:30.



► Teen Huddle

Sunday, April 26th
TBD

► Area Wide

Sunday, May 3rd
Central Church of Christ in Moore.

► Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 17th