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CHURCH OF THE SERVANT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER





Pastor's PERSPECTIVE

EMBRACING FAITH & COMMUNITY

Greetings Servant Family,

There's just something special about a new day, a new month, a new year! Every time the calendar shifts, it feels like we've been given a fresh start, a clean slate to begin anew. Now, of course, I know that's not entirely accurate. The impact, or consequences, of our previous actions journey with us into this new day, influencing our relationships, health, faith, and more. But we don't have to be defined by our history. The beginning of a new day, month, or year provides the perfect chance to make different, more fruitful decisions.

By my front door hangs a small plaque given to me by a mentor that reads, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." It's a quote from Joshua 24:15. At this moment, the Israelites are confronted with the reality that they have made mistakes, they have chased after other gods, and they have failed to serve and love the God who gave them the gift of life. Yet Joshua encourages them to leave behind the mistakes and shortcomings of the past and choose who they desire to be today.

As we enter into 2026, we each face the same question: in this new day, month, year, who do you want to be? The possibilities are wide open; the story of this year has yet to be written! Some of you might choose to focus on strengthening family relationships. Others may desire to focus on professional development. Maybe there's a new hobby you want to pursue or a skill you'd like to develop. These are all worthwhile pursuits! But I encourage each and every one of us to hear the words of Joshua and also consider, how might I make my faith a priority in the year to come?

Throughout the month of January, I'll be talking more about this during our sermon series Second Chance(s) as we consider what it means to step out in faith and capitalize on every new chance God gives us to live as his disciple. I look forward to prioritizing my faith right alongside you this year. I'll see you Sunday as we begin this journey of faithfulness all year long, together!

Blessings,

Pastor Kyle



HOSPITALITY TRAINING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
12:30 PM | Community Hall

REGISTER TODAY!
ServantOKC.org/training



Church of the Servant Join the Hospitality Team!

Church of the Servant has been known throughout its history for the great hospitality and welcoming nature that guests experience as they enter this place. Developing and maintaining such an environment is only possible with your help!

With that in mind, we'd like to invite you to come to a **Hospitality Training Session** in the **Community Hall** at **12:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, January 25**. At this time, you will learn not only what it looks like to be part of the hospitality team but also how the practice of hospitality involves far more than just greeters at the door. Faithful hospitality is the responsibility of every Servant member! So grab your lunch, have a seat, and plan to stick around on Sunday, January 25, as we learn and commit ourselves to doing our part and providing intentional, Christ-like hospitality to members and guests alike. We look forward to welcoming and seeing you there! Register at ServantOKC.org/training.

Blessings,

Patricia Hocker,
Hospitality Coordinator

Cindy Fast,
Belongings Coordinator

Kyle Anderson,
Senior Pastor



FAMILY MINISTRIES



SERVANT KIDS

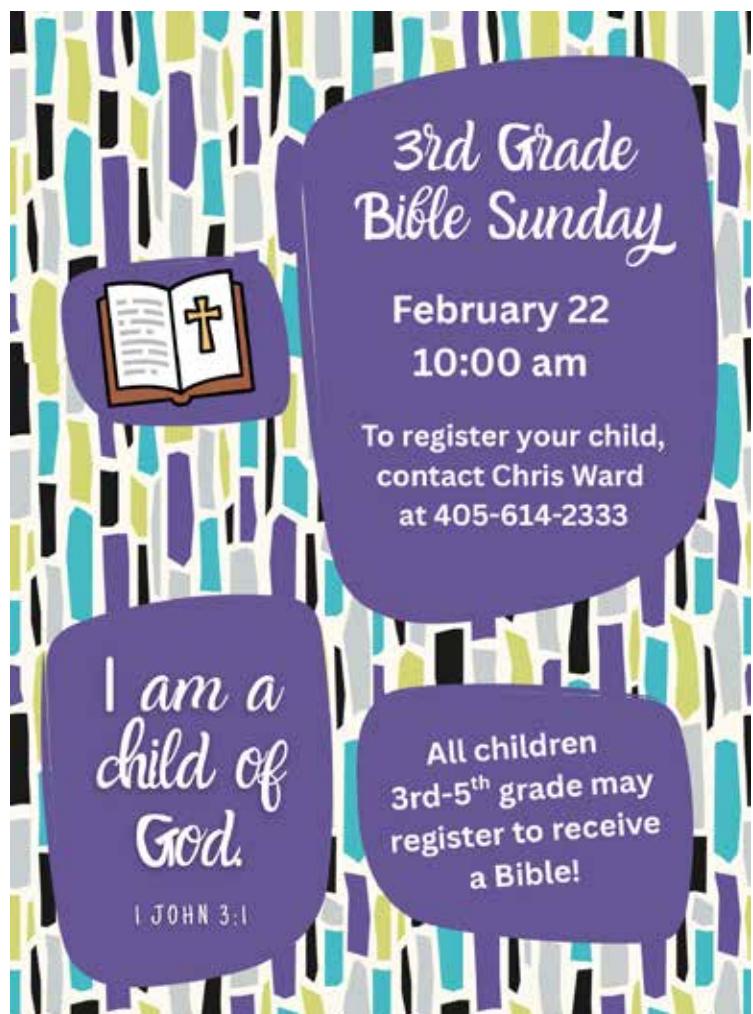
Servant Kids are ready for a new year! In January, children will be learning how to **grow in their relationship with God**. Lessons will include stories such as *Jesus in the Temple*, *The Lord's Prayer*, *The Wise and Foolish Builders*, and *Jesus Chooses Matthew*. Our **verse of the month** is **1 Timothy 4:8**.

Wednesday Night Fun starts back on **January 14!** Children ages **3 years through 5th grade** are invited to join us from **6:30–8:00 p.m.** for engaging lessons, games, and fellowship with friends.

On **Sunday mornings**, children are invited to participate in the **Children's Conversation** during the **10:00 a.m. worship service**, followed by **Children's Church** downstairs, and then **Sunday School** from **11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** (Sunday School is encouraged but optional.) All children ages **3 years through 5th grade** are welcome—and just be aware... **we have fun!**

For more information, contact **Chris Ward, Director of Family Ministries**, at cward@churchoftheservant.com.





SERVANT YOUTH

Servant Youth will begin **Sunday School on January 11 at 11:00 a.m. in The Point Student Center**. Throughout the month, on both Sundays and Wednesday evenings, students will be diving into the Bible—discovering **why it matters, why we have it, and how to use it**. Together, we will explore the importance of Scripture and learn the basics of navigating God's Word.

Youth in **grades 6 and up** are welcome to attend. Let's learn together about **the most important book we could ever hold in our hands!**

Sunday School meets from **11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** in The Point Student Center.

Wednesday Night Youth meets from **6:30–8:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact **Chris Ward, Director of Family Ministries**, at cward@churchoftheservant.com.





STUDYING THE BIBLE

With Youth

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Starts January 11



SUNDAYS
11:00-12:00 PM

IN THE POINT
STUDENT CENTER

Are you ready to embark on a journey that not only deepens your faith but also enhances your thinking? Join our exciting class where youth learn to navigate the Bible in a fun and interactive way!

WHAT YOU WILL DISCOVER:

- **Bible Basics:** Learn how the Bible is organized and explore the Old and New Testaments.
- **Key Books & Writings:** Dive into stories, poems, and letters that make up this special book.
- **Interactive Learning:** Engage with Bible passages and discover their meanings.
- **Friendly Discussions:** Join Bible study groups where questions are welcomed and ideas are shared.

WHY JOIN?

This class is all about helping youth see the Bible as a book that speaks to their lives today. It's a space where faith meets fun, and everyone is encouraged to explore and learn together.

Don't miss out! Start your Bible adventure!







PRIME TIME

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 12, 10:30 AM

Community Hall

Special Guest: June Carter

Prime Time Fellowship is pleased to welcome **June Carter** as our special guest vocalist on **Thursday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m. in Community Hall.**

June Carter is an energetic and gifted baritone vocal soloist who has been singing since childhood. His musical journey began at St. Jude Missionary Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and has grown into decades of sharing music across the Southwest. June has served as a lead singer for numerous gospel quartets and as a tenor with the Ambassador Choir at St. John Baptist Church.

June performs a wide variety of sacred and secular music and has shared his talents at churches, weddings, civic events, retirement centers, and community venues. He currently serves as Director of Music at Classen Blvd Baptist Church and is deeply grateful for the opportunity to use his God-given gifts to bless others.

[**ServantOKC.org/prime-time**](http://ServantOKC.org/prime-time)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th!

Michele Snow will provide us with a yummy meal that includes an entrée, vegetable, salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. The cost for the program and meal is \$15 (\$5 for program only).

JANUARY

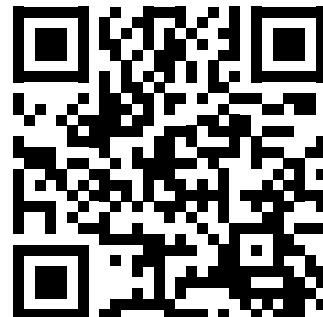
PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 10:30 AM

Community Hall

Featuring Magician John Pansze!

Kick off the new year with laughter, amazement, and great fellowship at our next Prime Time gathering! We are thrilled to welcome Professional Magician and Balloon Artist, John Pansze, to share a delightful morning of comedy, mystery, and unforgettable entertainment.



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BIBLE STUDIES

FOR MEN & WOMEN

DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

Community Hall

January 14 - April 1, 2026

Led By Rev. Kyle Anderson and Eric Nance

Beginning **Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Hall**, join with Church of the Servant friends and family for a deep dive into the Bible with Disciple I. Through weekly readings and class discussions, we will hear the continuing story of God and God's children as the lord took on flesh to walk among us in Jesus Christ, and then the church was born.

Sign up at the table in the concourse, or reach out to Pastor Kyle at kanderson@churchoftheservant.com. A student's guide for the Spring has also been purchased for participants. While not required, if you would like to cover the cost of your guide, you may bring \$17 to our first meeting on January 14. We look forward to studying the scriptures and growing closer to the Lord alongside you!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY –

Resume Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Community Hall

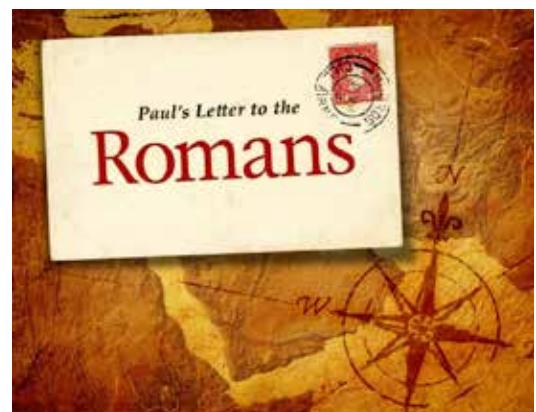
6:30 AM - Men's Bible Study - "Buck and a Bible"

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study - "Women in the Word"

Led by Eric Nance

Start the New Year in God's Word! Join us on Tuesday mornings for our Men's and Women's Bible Studies. Beginning January 13, we'll spend three weeks completing our study on the *Letter to the Romans*. Then, starting in February, we'll begin a new study on *Isaiah*.

Start the year with coffee, a donut, your Bible, and great fellowship! Questions? Contact Eric Nance at enance@churchoftheservant.com.



BIBLE STUDIES

FOR WOMEN

JESUS IN ME –

Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion

by Anne Graham Lotz

Start Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

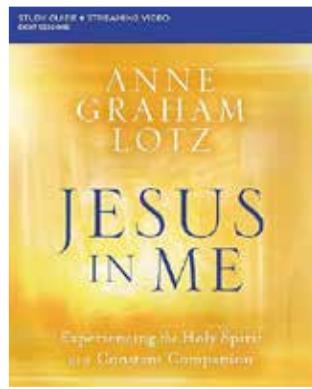
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Classroom 4

Study for Women

Led by Darla Bierig and Cathy Maxwell

The study guide is available on [Amazon](#).



We may know something about God and something about Jesus, but what do we know about the Holy Spirit?

Anne Graham Lotz, in the Bible study "Jesus in Me", says, "As children of God, we have the Holy Spirit in us – to counsel, to comfort, and to guide us." In this eight-week Bible study, she will explore the personal and practical implications of seven aspects of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, including His presence, purpose, power, and provision. Understanding the aspects of the character of the Holy Spirit, our Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengthener, and Standby, can be life-changing.

Join us as we discover how we can better love and rely on the person of the Holy Spirit, and how much he loves us.

Contact Darla Bierig for more information at bierigd67@gmail.com.

EPHESIANS, HEAD HELD HIGH –

by Lori Wilhite

Start Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

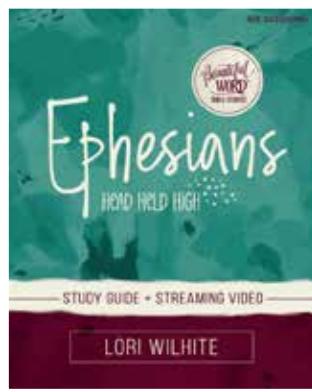
Time: 9:30 AM

Classroom 4

Study for Women

Led by Patricia Hocker

The study guide is available on [Amazon](#).



Bible Babes are ready for a New Year. We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:15 AM.

We invite any ladies to join us. We will be studying the book of Ephesians.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians offers a beautiful insight into the Lord's redemptive work and how a life completely changed can transform that person and, in turn, their world.

We use the study "Ephesians, Head Held High" by Lori Wilhite. This can be purchased on Amazon. Looking forward to seeing you, beginning January 7th, in room 4. Email Patricia Hocker for more information at ticia4u@icloud.com.



TODAY'S Fish Appeal supports Church of the Servant's Meals on Wheels ministry. This deserving program has been delivering meals to homebound seniors for over 30 years!

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All Fish Funds received in January 2026 will go to:

MEALS ON WHEELS

We are excited to announce that our **January Special Fish Appeal** will support **Church of the Servant's Meals on Wheels ministry**. All fish funds received in January 2026 will go directly to this vital and compassionate mission.

For more than **30 years**, Meals on Wheels at Church of the Servant has been faithfully delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors in our community. Beyond providing food, this ministry offers connection, care, and a reassuring presence to those who might otherwise feel isolated.

Our Meals on Wheels participants were once again blessed through the **Christmas Grace** program this year. They were deeply grateful to be remembered and generously supported by our congregation. These small acts of kindness mean more than we can imagine and serve as a powerful reminder that they are not forgotten.

Meals from this program allow seniors to remain living **independently and with dignity in their own homes**, while also experiencing the love of Christ through the hands and hearts of our volunteers.

We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the **mission's Fish Fund** this January. Your generosity helps ensure that this long-standing and life-giving ministry can continue to nourish both bodies and spirits in our community. Give by scanning the QR code above or go to ServantOKC.org/fishfund.

CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

2026 Schedule

Every month, your Church of the Servant Leadership Team meets to provide leadership and overall vision, and to set goals for the church. These meetings, with the exception of executive sessions, are open to the public. While church members and guests do not have a voice in these meetings, they are welcome to observe and listen as often as they would like.

These meetings take place in North Adult Classroom 12 and are scheduled for the dates and times listed below for 2026. Additionally, regular opportunities for congregational conversation and feedback will take place throughout the year, as was the case in 2025. More information on these opportunities will be shared in upcoming Connects and the weekly E-news when available.

More information and an opportunity to contact the Leadership Team can be found on the church website at ServantOKC.org/leadership-team. We look forward to serving God's Kingdom through Church of the Servant alongside each of you throughout 2026 and beyond!

Blessings,

Kara Mitchell,
Chair, Leadership Team

Kyle Anderson,
Senior Pastor

2026 Meeting Dates

- Monthly Meeting – January 25, 6:00 PM
- Monthly Meeting – February 22, 6:00 PM
- Monthly Meeting – March 22, 6:00 PM
- Monthly Meeting – April 26, 6:00 PM
- Monthly Meeting – May 17, 6:00 PM (adjusted due to Memorial Day)
- Monthly Meeting – June 28, 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Meeting – July 26, 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Meeting – August 23, 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Meeting – September 27, 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Meeting – October 25, 2:00 p.m. (adjusted due to Fall Fest)
- Monthly Meeting – November 22, 6:00 p.m.
- Monthly Meeting – December 27, 6:00 p.m. (if needed)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Church of the Servant's Leadership Team governs the congregation's work and ministry.

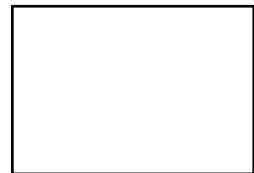
The Leadership Team has scheduled monthly meetings.

All Leadership Team meetings are open to the public.

For more information about the Leadership Team, go to ServantOKC.org/leadership-team.

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