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Rev. Kyle Anderson
Senior Pastor

Pastor's PERSPECTIVE

EMBRACING FAITH & COMMUNITY

Greetings Servant Faith Family,

Each Sunday we gather as a faith family around the Lord's Table to celebrate the Good News of God and offer Christ our praise. On the first Sunday of each month, we come to the Table to eat of the bread and drink of the cup, a reminder of the great sacrifice Christ gave so that we all might know true and abundant life. But on the final Sunday of October we came to the table not to receive, but to give. As members of Church of the Servant we went to the table to offer our commitment to the one who first served and loved us.

And commit yourself you did. On Commitment Sunday, the Sunday each year in which members of the Servant faith family are invited to live out their promise to support their church with their financial gifts, 121 households came forward making a pledge to support Church of the Servant financially in the coming year with gifts totaling \$733,168!

Thank you to each and every one of you who made a commitment to sow generously so this church, its members, and the Northwest OKC community may reap fruit of the Kingdom of God in the coming year. While it might seem just like money, your commitment represents so much more. It represents a dedication to continuing and expanding upon our ministry with children and youth. It represents a desire to grow disciples through Sunday School classes and Bible Studies. It's hands-on mission opportunities within our walls and out in our community. It's providing care when our family members are hurting in the hospital or are in need of encouragement. It's creating partnerships with other churches, schools, and organizations throughout our community. Your pledge is not just about money, it's about dedicating your treasures to a mission with eternal value.

As you know, Commitment Sunday is not the end, but the beginning of our stewardship campaign for 2026. If you would like to do your part and have yet to make a commitment for the coming year, I invite you to turn in your pledge card this coming Sunday. Or, if more convenient, you're welcome to fill out a digital commitment card at servantokc.org/commitment-card.

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." - Matthew 13:23

Last Sunday we examined the parable of the sower who generously shares the Good News of the Kingdom with all. While we are far from perfect, I believe we have some pretty good soil here at Church of the Servant. I cannot wait to see what kind of yields God brings forth in each of us this coming year. See you Sunday!

Blessings,

Pastor Kyle



**Sow Generously,
Reap Eternally**

Church of the Servant STAFFING UPDATES

THANK YOU, DARLA BIERIG!

For the past four years, Darla Bierig has been the first voice and face of Church of the Servant on Mondays and Wednesdays. Whether calling the church or stepping into the office, you were met with Darla's joyful smile and encouraging voice.

October 29th marked Darla's final day as part of the Church of the Servant staff. While she will be missed at the front desk, we haven't seen the last of Darla. As an active member of Church of the Servant, you will still see Darla on Sundays, helping lead women's ministry, helping with Bible Studies and more. So the next time you see Darla around the church, be sure to give her a big Thank You!



VOLUNTEER AT THE SERVANT OFFICE

We are looking for volunteers to welcome, direct, and show Servant hospitality to those who call or visit the church office. Volunteers would be asked to work a morning or an afternoon shift a minimum of once a month on a Monday or Wednesday. Tasks would include answering the phone, taking messages, and greeting members and guests as they visit the office. Other clerical duties may be carried out as well based upon the individual volunteers comfort level. Volunteering in this way will help ensure that Church of the Servant continues to be known for its warm welcome and hospitality until a more permanent staffing solution is found. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Pastor Kyle at kanderson@churchoftheservant.com.

NOW HIRING!

Church of the Servant is looking to add to its staff, expanding our Kingdom work here in the church and community. Below are two positions currently open. Please pass this information on to anyone you may know who you believe would be a good fit for the Church of the Servant Team. Or, if you are interested, know that we'd love to talk with you as well.

YOUTH DIRECTOR, PART-TIME: Church of the Servant is searching for a part-time Youth Director. Primarily responsibilities entail creating youth programming for Sunday morning, Wednesday evenings, and occasional special events on alternative days and times throughout the year. Programming is expected to involve opportunities for youth to grow as disciples, participate in local hands-on missions, and fellowship. This is a salaried position with an expectation of 20 hours a week. For questions, a detailed job description, or to submit an application please contact our Director of Family Ministries, Chris Ward at cward@churchoftheservant.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, PART-TIME: Church of the Servant is searching for a part-time Administrative Assistant. Primary responsibilities include answering phones and taking messages or directing calls as appropriate; greeting members and guests who come to the office, answering their questions, or directing them to the relevant staff as needed; providing clerical support to other Servant staff as requested. Computer, phone, and relational skills are a must. This position is for Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. Beginning compensation is \$15 an hour. For questions, a detailed job description, or to submit an application, please contact our Senior Pastor, Kyle Anderson at kanderson@churchoftheservant.com.

Pastor Sheri's Notes



Rev. Sheri Lashley
Associate Pastor

November is the month when it seems easier or even appropriate, to remember to be grateful. Thanksgiving is coming up soon, and it can help us to remember to be thankful for the many blessings in our lives. However, I realize in all my “busy-ness” that I often don’t think of all the people in my life that I am grateful for. I find that I thank God for the blessings given to me by the Divine, but there is so much more to be thankful for.

I read recently about Captain Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, who was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist prison. He survived that ordeal and now lectures about lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, “You’re Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!” “How in the world did you know that?” asked Plumb. “I packed your parachute,” the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude.

Plumb couldn’t sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform – a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. He wondered how many times he might have passed him on the Kitty Hawk and he wondered how many times he might have seen him and not even said ‘Good morning, how are you,’ or anything because, you see, he was a fighter pilot, and the man was just a sailor. Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn’t know (charlieplumb.com).

How many people pack the parachutes in our lives? Do we give thanks as often as we could, or should? I find that when I find myself in a grateful state of mind, I find so little time to find fault in myself and others. I pray that we try to remember to give thanks for everyone in our lives that bless us so much.

Pastor Sheri

Annual Church Conference

Sunday November 9th, 2025, 12:30 PM in Community Hall

Mark your calendar and plan on joining with fellow members of Church of the Servant for our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m. in Community Hall. There, we will receive a report from the Nominations Committee on recommended leadership for the coming year, set pastor salaries for the coming year, and hear reports from various ministry groups about what God has been doing through Church of the Servant over the past year. Note that all are welcome, but only Church of the Servant members are permitted to vote at the Annual Church Conference.



JOIN US FOR AN ALL-CHURCH

HANGING OF THE GREENS

IT'S TIME TO DECORATE!

Sunday, November 23rd
2:00-5:00 PM



Hanging of the Greens

A Joyful Start to the Christmas Season!

Sunday November 23, 2:00-5:00 PM

Join us for a delightful and festive celebration at our annual Hanging of the Greens event on Sunday, November 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM! This new tradition marks the beginning of the Christmas season, providing a wonderful opportunity for our church family to come together in fellowship and service.

During this joyous gathering, we will decorate our church for the holidays, transforming our space into a warm and inviting atmosphere. Thanks to the Scouts of America, the Christmas trees will already be in place, ready for us to add our personal touch. We'll spend some time fluffing the trees and ensuring that all the lights are shining brightly, creating a beautiful backdrop for our celebrations. The children will have a craft table in the concourse during the decorating of the church.

This year, we are excited to have Andi Neaves, Misty Farmer, Dana Renner, and Shannon Schultheis leading the design and direction of our decorations. Andi has a wonderful vision for bringing the spirit of Christmas to life in our church. Your participation will make this event even more special, so come ready to lend a hand!



Following our decorating session, we will gather in the Celebration Center at 4:00 PM for a brief service. This service will include an explanation of the Chrismons we'll be placing on the tree, along with some uplifting singing. The Chrismons, symbols of Christ and His teachings, will be lovingly placed on the tree as a meaningful part of our worship.

We hope you'll join us for this festive occasion, filled with laughter, community, and the spirit of giving. Let's kick off the Christmas season together in a way that reflects our love for one another and our joy in celebrating the birth of our Savior. Look for sign-up information in the concourse on Sundays. We look forward to seeing you there! – **Eric Nance**, *Director of Facilities*



FAMILY MINISTRIES



SERVANT YOUTH

Servant youth has exciting events coming up! Mark your calendars so you don't miss out! The Live Nativity will take place on December 14, 5:00-7:00 PM. The youth will begin rehearsals on November 5th. If you have a youth grades 6-12, and they would like to take part in telling the story of Christmas, contact Chris Ward at cward@churchoftheservant.com.

January 30 - February 1, the youth will attend the Winter Retreat at Camp Canyon! This two-night overnight adventure is something your youth won't want to miss! More information and sign up procedures to come. Keep a look out!



SERVANT KIDS

Servant kids have been having a great time practicing for the Christmas pageant, playing pickleball, learning about wisdom and getting ready for the Fall Fest. In November, we will be learning how believing in God will change the way we live. We will dive into the Bible stories of Elijah, Jonah, Esther, and Nehemiah! We meet on Sundays at 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We would love for any children 3 years old through 5th grade to join us! Contact Chris Ward at cward@churchoftheservant.com for more information!

On December 20, 1:00 PM at Quail Springs Mall, Servant Kids and their families are invited to go see the Movie of David. We have purchased 20 tickets. Please let Chris Ward know if you are interested in attending. What a fun way to fellowship and learn at the same time!

Starbright and Warm World Schools are in full swing downstairs at Servant! The children, ages 6 months through kindergarten, are busy learning, playing, and attending chapel time.





★ Servant Kids Presents

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ★

★ DEC 7 | 6:30 PM

Potluck Dinner | 5:00-6:30 PM

Potluck Dinner: The meat will be provided. Please bring 2 sides or dessert (enough to feed your family).

The **Children's Christmas Pageant** will begin at 6:30 PM in the Centrum.



SERVANTOKC.ORG

BIBLE STUDIES & CLASSES

The Marvel and Miracle of Advent

November 19 - December 17

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 AM | Classroom 4

Led by Patricia Hocker

**Jesus' arrival on earth changed the course of history forever. Not only for those who lived in the first century, but for those of us in the twenty-first century as well. The miracle and marvel of the Advent season demonstrates that we are precious to Him. He's not a distant God. He is Emmanuel, God with us. That includes wherever you are, right now.*

Throughout the Old Testament, we find descriptions, allusions, prophecies, and even foreshadowing of the long-anticipated Messiah. The Messiah is Jesus, whose purpose and promise was not limited by His humanity. In this Bible study, you will learn that it's not your behavior that earns the kindness of a holy God; it's the presence of Jesus coming to Earth to be with you, always.

Join Christine Caine and Lisa Harper this Advent season for a four-session video Bible study like no other. Your hope and spirit will be revived as you recapture the wonder of Jesus' obvious love for you. You'll discover that Advent is not only a season of waiting and preparation, but also, it's a season of action to share the hope of Jesus with everyone.

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Perspective(s)

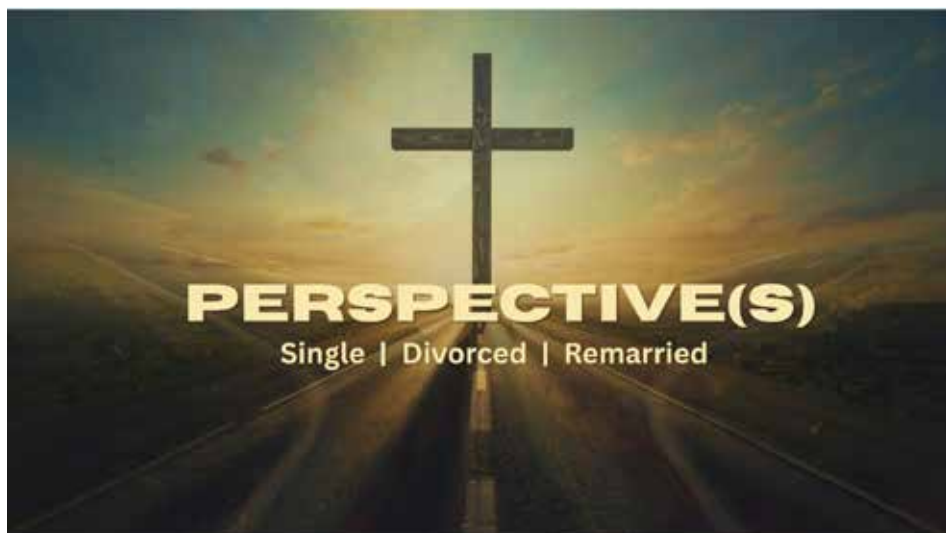
NEW SUNDAY

SCHOOL CLASS

Beginning November 30,

11:15 AM | Room 7

Beginning November 30, the first Sunday of Advent, a new Sunday School class called Perspective(s) will meet at 11:15 AM in Room 7. This class is designed for singles, divorced individuals, and remarried couples, with a focus on those in their forties through sixties—though all ages are welcome.



Led by Robin Clauser, this welcoming and warm class is about doing life together through missions, study, and understanding. We believe that each person brings a unique perspective shaped by their experiences, and together we can grow deeper in faith and community. Whether you're navigating life's transitions or simply seeking meaningful connections, Perspective(s) offers a supportive space to explore Scripture, serve others, and build lasting relationships.

Join us as we journey through Advent and beyond. For more information, please contact Eric Nance at enance@churchoftheservant.com or call the church office at 405-721-4141.

Faith, Hope & Art

A Women's Ministry Event

Tuesday,
December 9th
6:00-8:30 PM

ServantOKC.org/art



Faith, Hope & Art

Ladies' Winter Craft Event

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00-8:30 PM

LADIES: Bring a friend and join us on **Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 - 8:30 PM in Community Hall** for a fun evening of art and sweets. The cost is **\$15** and includes desserts, coffee, and all the art supplies you will need to complete a beautiful Christmas-themed art project.

We will paint Christmas bulbs on a tree with acrylic paint on a canvas. You don't have to be artistic to complete this project. Easy, step-by-step instructions will be provided, and basic acrylic painting techniques will be demonstrated. All materials and supplies will be provided. Come have some fun while exploring your own creativity. Your masterpiece will truly be one of a kind! Register at ServantOKC.org/art.



PRECEPT BIBLE

The year was 1978. I was asked to be a part of the Precept Bible Study at Asbury UMC. I was working in the nursery area of the church, and a friend invited me to a study. It took a while for me to agree to join the class. I had every excuse why I could not, but the biggest being that I had difficult time reading and comprehending anything I read. I was afraid that I would be called on to read. After much encouragement, I decided I would take the chance. I was a fairly new believer and had never been in a "formal" Bible study. Joining the class was the best decision I made that year.

The Precept method helped increase my reading and comprehension skills beyond what I could ever imagine. Forty-seven years later, I am still involved with this wonderful way to approach the Word of God. My leader, Nancy Stabb, watched me as I began sitting in the back of the room, and over time moving up to the front. Then I said, "don't ever ask me to lead a class!" Well, 44 years later, I am still leading classes. My one desire is to help students get grounded in God's word. To be able to gain knowledge and understanding, and to put into everyday practice. The Precept Method slows you down to be able to hear God's voice in your heart, mind, and soul every day. It has been transformational in my life from the inside out. I have trained myself to be with God each day, getting to know Him more and more.

If you need to "slow down," this style of study will help you. If you want to know Jesus more, this study is a guarantee of that. If you want to be able discern God's word for your life, you might take a chance and join the next PRECEPT class in January 2026.

By Nancy Harris, Precept Leader
Church of the Servant UMC

Read what students are saying about their experiences learning the Inductive method of study—known as PRECEPT!



Have you ever noticed how many people attend church? They know the stories—they know about God and Jesus. But the puzzling thing is, they never seem to move past that. I was

one of those people. I felt a hunger to know God's word more deeply. Precepts class was an eye-opener for studying the Bible; I have a closer walk with God because of it.

Rich Rodgers, Wednesday Class, OKC, OK



"I would read my Bible more if I could only understand what it's telling me." Have you ever felt that way? I've discovered a method that has changed my life in studying the word of God. Now when I read my Bible, the questions—who, what, when, where, why and how, known as the 5 W's and an H, are

all answered! That's about all I need to know. It's called the Inductive Method. My journey with Precept began in 2017 with the book of James and it is still going strong. The current class is on Proverbs, which is all about having a holy respect for God. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. If you are lacking in wisdom (James 1:5), ask God for wisdom and he will give it to you. With wisdom comes understanding and knowledge of the Word of God! It is something you might want to check out.

Linda Jordan, Wednesday Class, OKC, OK

STUDY WITNESS



When I found out I was going to be moving to Oklahoma City from Illinois, the first thing I wanted to do was to find a Precept Bible Study Class. The only one I could find was Church of The Servant on Wednesday mornings. I have been doing Precept Bible Study for 20 years and it has totally changed

my life!! I have learned how to get God's Word deep down into my spirit. Reading God's Word, coming to understand what God is trying to tell me and then applying that to my life was a miracle! Everything changed! I went from being a Worry ADDICT to PEACE as I learned how to trust the Lord. It was the most important task on my To Do List before moving. Although, I am not 100% perfect in the method, I have learned to rightly divide the Word of God. Studying the Word of God this way has taught me how to break down verse by verse to understand who the Author is, what He is saying, where it takes place, when it took place, and why the Author is sharing the information. We just finished studying Proverbs and it has been one of the best studies I have taken!!! Proverbs is about knowledge, instruction, understanding, and discernment which leads to WISDOM!! How else do we know how to live if we don't have wisdom? I am so grateful to Church of the Servant for giving me this opportunity to grow in the Lord through its Precept Study.

Christine (Chris) Jeffery—Wednesday Class, OKC, OK



By using the inductive method of studying the Bible, my focus has shifted from myself to God, encouraging me to see His character and plan in the text and helping me apply biblical truths to my life. Taking Precept courses has shown me how to apply and understand God's

plan for my life which has led me to a deeper desire to please Him.

Susan Kratovil, Thursday Zoom Class—Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.



**All we do in life
should be lined up
with the
Word of God.
It is our plumbline!**

JANUARY 2026 PRECEPT CLASS

How well do you relate to others? Do you have control over your passions? Forget the world's wisdom on these matters and its definition of "tolerance." God alone created and defines healthy relationships, and yours can be transformed by the wisdom of Christ through this study on 1st and 2nd Corinthians.

THE NEXT PRECEPT CLASS BEGINS:

1ST CORINTHIANS

JANUARY 14 - MARCH 18, 2026

2ND CORINTHIANS

APRIL 1 - MAY 20

CHURCH OF THE SERVANT UMC

Leader: Nancy Harris

nancyprecept67@gmail.com

**YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE
FOR THIS CLASS.**

**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 29 AS BOOKS WILL
NEED TO BE ORDERED**

REGISTER AT

Servantokc.org/bible-studies#precept





VETERANS SUNDAY

November 9, 2025

On Sunday morning, November 9, during the 10:00 service, we will be celebrating and recognizing the sacrifice of our veterans. We will have a parade of Veterans that will be accompanied by the "Highlanders of Oklahoma City" Pipe and Drum Corps at the start of the service. Each military service will have a flag bearer representing and preceding their respective service and service members.

All Veterans will gather together in Community Hall at 0900 hrs (9:00 AM for the civilians) to have coffee, fellowship, and provide information about how the parade will proceed.

We look forward to seeing all the Veterans and their families here at the Church of the Servant on Sunday, November 9, at the 10:00 service so we can give each of you a sincere "THANK YOU" for your service and sacrifice to and for this country.



40th ANNUAL

EARTHGLOW *Market*

- Holiday Décor
- Crafts
- Bake Sale
- Earthglow Café
- Free Admission!



Saturday, November 8th
9 AM - 3 PM

Church of the Servant
14343 N MacArthur Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK 73142

PRIME TIME

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

NOVEMBER

PRIME TIME OUTING

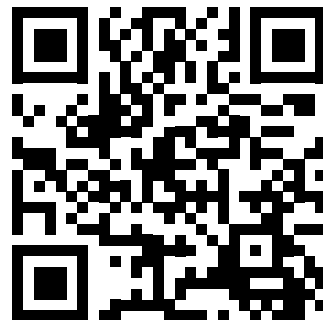
Thursday, November 13, 10:30 AM

First American Museum

Prime Time Members and guests are invited to attend a private group tour of the First American Museum

The Museum is located at 659 First Americans Blvd, OKC. Please meet us at the Group Tour XChange Entrance of the museum at 10:30 AM for an introduction, followed by a one-hour guided tour. Please register on the Church's web page, or sign up at the Prime Time table. The admission cost is \$12. You can pay upon arrival at the museum. Lunch will be on your own.

Coordinated ride shares can be arranged. Please indicate in the comments when you register if you would like a ride with a volunteer driver. If you have any questions, please call Mary at 405-204-4267.



ServantOKC.org/prime-time

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, October 6th!

DECEMBER

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 11, 10:30 AM

Community Hall

CHRISTMAS BINGO!

Join us for food, fellowship, holiday sing-along, and Christmas BINGO... along with other fun Christmas group games. Prizes will be awarded.

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).



LIVE NATIVITY

A Moment at the Manger



Sunday, December 14, 5-7 PM

Camels | Christmas Carols | Cookies & Cocoa

Join us for a magical night under the stars with a LIVE nativity and narration of the great story of the birth of Jesus! Enjoy Christmas carols, camels, cookies & cocoa, and more! Admission is FREE and open to all ages.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Just like any great event, it's only as good as its volunteers. We need setup and clean-up crew, carolers (choir), cast for the nativity, greeters, and people to pass out cookies and cocoa. We will be set up on the south lawn, and we will work in shifts so we can step inside to warm up between shifts. If you are available to help with this wonderful night, please register at ServantOKC.org/events or email Chris Ward at cward@churchoftheservant.com.



DEER CREEK COMFORT CLOSET

The Servant Children and Youth are holding a food drive for Deer Creek Public Schools comfort closet! Items needed are:

- Cereal
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Beans
- Snacks
- Baby food
- Canned chili
- Soups
- Hygiene items
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Rice
- Crackers

Look for the boxes that say Deer Creek Comfort Closet in the concourse!
Thank you for your support!



Join the Celebration Choir on Sunday afternoon, December 21 at 2:30 in the Celebration Center for an afternoon of music and cookies! The choir will sing Christmas songs and we will all sing carols and seasonal songs together for an hour and then will enjoy cookies and fellowship in the Concourse as we continue to prepare for Christmas! Bring your family and friends, a plate of your favorite seasonal treats if you wish, and a heart ready to be filled with the joy of Christmas music and friends! Questions? Contact Ed Davis at edavis@churchoftheservant.com.

13.2 Coffee Shop

November, December and January

Open Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it..." - Hebrews 13:2



Coffee Menu

November Specialty Menu:

- Salted Caramel Apple Latte
- Pumpkin Spice Latte/Cappuccino
- Chai Chai Tea Latte
- Chocolate/Vanilla Mocha
- Smore's Hot Chocolate



Purchase a poinsettia for \$20/ea in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. Orders can be made [ONLINE](#) by credit card, or by check or cash in the Concourse, or in the Church Office. The poinsettias will bring our worship areas to life on December 14, 21, and 24. They will be available to take home after Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24.

Deadline to purchase a poinsettia is Sunday, December 7th.



EXODUS HOUSE

The MVC class hosted Cassie's graduation from Exodus on October 26. Keith Dobbs, Robin Wertz and our Exodus friends joined us for lunch. Cassie will gain full custody of her daughter, Brenna on November 5. Even though she has completed six months at Exodus, she has decided to stay on at Exodus until Fall of 2026 to begin building a stable life for her daughter before she enters the post Exodus wrap-around program. Congrats Cassie!



Christmas

grace

Sponsor a Family!

For over 20 years, Church of the Servant has worked with community agencies that have identified local families needing a little extra love and care at Christmas. Christmas Grace is well underway in preparing for Christmas this year. This year, the program will serve six partner agencies, reaching about 120 individuals, from infants to seniors. These are people facing difficult circumstances—families for whom your kindness can make all the difference. For more information about Christmas Grace, go to ServantOKC.org/christmas-grace.

Christmas Grace tables will be located in the Concourse each Sunday in November. Plan now with your family, as well as your classes and study groups to sponsor some individuals and families. This is such an important mission right here in the OKC area!

Adoption Table Open Dates:
Sundays, November 2, 9, and 16

Gift Return Deadline:
Sunday, November 23



Starts on Sunday, November 2nd!

All Fish Funds received in November 2025 will go to **SALVATION ARMY**

The Salvation Army began in 1865 when London minister William Booth left the traditional church to bring his message directly to the poor, homeless, and destitute. Setting up a tent in a Quaker graveyard, Booth's open-air services quickly drew crowds. As his ministry grew, Booth and his wife Catherine expanded their outreach under the motto "Soup, Soap, and Salvation," feeding the hungry, rehabilitating alcoholics, and helping those trapped in poverty and prostitution—all while offering spiritual care.

When Booth realized that most churches of Victorian England excluded the poor, he founded a church specifically for them. From those humble beginnings, The Salvation Army spread across the globe, evolving into a faith-based social service organization committed to meeting human needs without discrimination.



The Salvation Army's presence in Central Oklahoma dates back to the land run era. By 1892, Cleveland County had its first Corps, and by 1900, a large tent in Oklahoma City served as the first permanent shelter. The familiar red kettles appeared on street corners as early as 1912.

Today, under the leadership of Majors Russell and Jamie Clay, The Salvation Army of Central Oklahoma serves Canadian, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Logan, and McClain counties. Its ministries include two emergency shelters, three senior centers, two food pantries and kitchens, youth programs, and a range of social services that reach every age, race, and demographic in the community.

This month, we are partnering with Salvation Army through our weekly Fish Appeal. Please consider making a donation to the Fish Fund. The monies that we collect will go to the kettles where we collect as we ring bells this year.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A BELL RINGER!

We will ring at Kettles with Bells at Cabellas in Chisholm Creek (13230 Pawnee Dr) on December 12 and 13 from 12:00 to 8:00 PM. Sign up for times (two-hour shifts) at the table in the Concourse. Contact Pastor Sheri for more information at slashley@churchoftheservant.com.

WHAT IS THE FISH FUND?

Every Sunday, Church of the Servant collects what we call a voluntary Fish Offering. There are a few fish-shaped baskets placed around the sanctuary. We use these offerings for missions. We have a few Sundays when the fish offering will be dedicated to a particular organization such as Skyline Urban Ministries, Bless Our Schools, or Infant Crisis Services. On the other days, the offering goes into a general mission fund called the Fish Fund to be used for mission work as it is needed in the community, the state, and the world. We love and appreciate your support! Give on Sunday or online at ServantOKC.org/fishfund.





SKYLINE

NOVEMBER 2025 FOOD DRIVE

MOST WANTED LIST:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chili
- Canned Fish
- Chunky Soups
- Powered Milk
- Broths
- Rice
- Toilet Paper

GOAL: 1,000 Items!

79%
791

50%
500



SKYLINE FOOD DRIVE November 2025

November at Church of the Servant is a time of giving. We are truly servants who take our lead from Jesus when He said to "love one another." The Mission Team has set November as a month to collect food for Skyline's Food Resource Center.

The focus of Skyline has always been on the poor and needy of Oklahoma County. Nevertheless, this agency has nurtured strong relationships across the state.

They provide a setting for groups and individuals to serve the working poor in Oklahoma City and operate as a model for others as they seek to serve the needy in their own communities.

Dedicated to making a difference in the lives of at-risk children, youth, and adults, they rely on the generous support of the community, which includes over 1,000 volunteers, 400+ churches and groups, corporate support, grants, matching funds, and individual gifts. The

Food Resource Center of Skyline helps people get food. It works in a different way than most food pantries. At the FRC Store, customers can browse and select the food they want. The FRC also operates a Mobile Pantry that visits various locations in Oklahoma City to assist individuals who lack access to a nearby store. The Mobile Pantry distributes groceries, clothing, blankets, and essential items such as soap and toothpaste to those in need.

Whenever you shop for your holiday dinners, please pick up some extra items for Skyline Urban Ministry. They need a variety of food items, but some of the essentials they require right now are Peanut Butter, Canned Chili, Canned Fish, Hearty Soups, Powdered Milk, Broths, Rice, and Toilet Paper. Thank you for all that you do for God's children, and especially for providing food for those who may not have enough to eat.

MISSIONS



WHIZ KIDS YOU ARE A BLESSING!



Our Whiz Kids site wants each of our kids to know that the day they were born was a BEAUTIFUL DAY, they are a gift to the Kingdom, and they are a blessing in the world!

One of the ways this is shared is through our special birthday celebrations. As closely as possible to each child's birthday, they are celebrated with a song, gifts, and a special blessing prayer.

One of the gifts they receive is a stick of Blessing Balm. Some people might think the stick of Blessing Balm is just plain ole lip balm, but we know it is Blessing Balm! During this time of celebration, the child finds their balm in their birthday gift bag and hands it to their tutor. Then the tutor bends down to be able to look the child in their eyes. The tutor then makes a heart or a cross on the child's hand or forehead (the child gets to choose!), and earnestly tells their kiddo, "You are a blessing — a never before in all of history or to ever be repeated in the future — blessing to the world!" Following the tutor blessing the child, the child has the opportunity to bless their tutor in the same manner. It is a simple but profound way of sharing with our Whiz Kids that they are God's beloved child.

God's Presence, Love, and Light pulse loudly at Whiz Kids!!! You are welcomed to pop in anytime to see it in action. We meet on the Mondays when the Putnam City Schools are in session. Our site is located at New Hope UMC. The action starts around 1:30 p.m. Kiddos arrive around 2:45 and we finish at 4:45. As Jesus said, "Come and see!"



CHURCH OF THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Your Leadership team met on Sunday afternoon, October 26th. We came into the building to find yet-to-be-inflated inflatables, uncovered tables waiting for decorations and candy, and a general hustling and bustling as volunteers readied the church for the annual Fall Festival. All the while, Mr. Eric sat at his command post, greeting everyone with his patient and warm smile.

Each month, before our meeting begins, we sit around the table, laughing, chatting, and updating each other on our lives. We enter the room as friends and fellow church family members. When the clock strikes “meeting time,” we start with a prayer of thanksgiving and ask that we hear all that God is calling us to do as leaders of the church. We hear from Pastor Kyle, who updates us on church events and important numbers like attendance and finances. We often hear from members or staff telling of their passion for a new opportunity or mission. We discuss our roles as followers of Jesus and how best to focus church efforts to reach more people with His Love. Of course, sometimes, we have to talk about the tough stuff of running a church: money worries, the aches and pains of our beautiful building, and the passing of our beloved members.

At the October meeting, Pastor Kyle reminded us that All Saints Sunday is next week, the Charge Conference is on November 9th, and Advent is just around the corner. Servant has a packed calendar—surely the sign of a thriving community.

Steve Johns, our fearless financial chief, reported that we have once again received a clean financial audit (Congratulations, Steve and staff!). This audit isn't required, but every year an outside accounting firm is hired to review the church's financial integrity.

At our strategic planning session in July, the Leadership Team identified three areas of focus: Youth, Family Ministries, and Community and Partnerships. Pastor Kyle and the staff were tasked with investigating these areas

further and developing a plan of attack for the next three years. They came back with a very thoughtful, realistic, and hopeful plan that includes events for new members, new ways to plug into the church, partnerships with neighboring organizations, and possible staffing needs as the church grows. Thank you to Pastor Kyle and staff for working so hard for our very hopeful future!

We end our meetings as we begin, by asking God to lead us, and listening to His whispers of encouragement. This month, we left our meeting space to see the concourse magically changed into our annual Fall Festival. Bouncy castles were ready to be bounced, and candy was ready to be eaten. Mr. Eric's smile was bigger, and the volunteers were ready to “entertain angels” – in costumes, no less!

For a few hours each month, we get to watch the church grow, change, and reach people with the love of Jesus. I think I can speak for all of us by saying, being on this team is no small blessing, folks!

Kara Mitchell
Leadership Team

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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