

## I Am the Way

A man wishing to travel across a certain desert hired a local guide to take him across. When the two men arrived at the edge of the desert, the traveler, looking ahead, saw only trackless sands without a trace of a footprint, nor a path and certainly no road. Turning to his guide he asked, "Where is the road?" Stepping ahead as he began to lead the way, the guide replied, "I am the road."

When Thomas, one of the apostles, asked the Lord, "How can we know the way? Jesus answered and said, *"I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes unto the Father except by me"* (John 14:5,6).

Indeed, Christ is the only way to salvation. Many people are following a path of their choosing which can only lead to destruction. *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death"* (Proverbs 16:25). It will be the word of the Lord, not man, which will judge us (John 12:48).

Let's be sure we are traveling HIS path!

*Tim Gentle*  
Waurika Church of Christ  
Waurika, OK

### MINISTERS

Pray for our  
Minister search!

Campus Minister  
Brad Tolbert

Secretary  
Joshua Pettigrew

### ELDERS

Mike Beard  
Larry Fisackerly  
Joe Moore

### Deacons

Marty Baker  
Chris Bryant  
Ray Linder  
Jason Meier  
Jeff Newton  
Joshua Pettigrew  
Kerry Rice  
Jeremy Wilson

### Assemblies

SUNDAY  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Assembly 10:30 AM  
Assembly 5:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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# CHURCH OF CHRIST

*"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15*

February 6, 2022

## Do you Have the Character of God?

In first John chapter four we are told twice that God is love (1 John 4: 8, 16). But what is love and how can God be described as Love? When we think about love we can't help but be influenced by how the world around us defines love. It should not surprise us when we find it difficult to understand who God is when God is defined as love and our concept of love has been corrupted.

When we look at defining a concept it is often helpful to look at other places where that concept is talked about. One of the more famous passages about love is found in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."* Understanding the true meaning of love brings us closer to understanding the character of God. True love comes from God and is very different from what the world believes.

In the context of 1 John 4 we also see how God showed His love to us. *"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."* (1 John 4: 9-10)

As Christians we are trying our best to be like God. Jesus himself gave us a command to love each other. *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* (John 13:34-35) Not only do we need to understand love to know God, we need to understand love to be obedient to God's commands.

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.... Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."* (1 John 4: 7-8,11-12) Only through love will we know God and through our love others will come to know God. ~Brad Tolbert

## Memory Verse

"I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,  
and I have been saved from my enemies."

- Psalm 18:3 (NIV)

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**TODAY'S EVENTS**

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Small group studies at 5:00

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members:**

Linda Bates...Mike & Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Gary Crook... Ryan Halbert... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter...Cheryl Shirey... Rita Stiles... Mandy Tolbert... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

**Shut-ins:**

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

**Serving in the Military:**

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

**SPECIAL PRAYER LIST**

Family of Dietra Bailey... Remington Barnett... Chris Beard...Rusty Blanks...Naomi Burrow...Kathryn Burton... Candice Carter... Alli Cooper...Jeremy Ewell...Oliver and Mignon Griffin... Niylah Jacobs...Tina Jarvius...Johnny Jeter... Deane Johnson...Judy Johnson...family of JL Johnston...Shirley Majors... Kathryn McDonough... Skylar McDougald... Kent Measal...Austin & Andrea Oesch...David & Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice...Turner Roberts...Don & Suzette Russell.. minister search.. Janice Sawyer... the family of Homer Shirey...Katie Strickland... Robert and Sue Thomas...Bob Tolson...Sissy Tucker...James Walton... William Woods... Sue Woodward...

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**



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|---------------|-----------|------------------------|
| <b>Today!</b> | <b>6</b>  | Corey Dial             |
|               | <b>13</b> | Tom Weaver             |
|               | <b>16</b> | Emily Thompson         |
|               | <b>17</b> | Chris Bryant           |
|               |           | Kerry & Becky Rice     |
|               | <b>18</b> | Ryan Halbert           |
|               | <b>21</b> | Dana Hughes            |
|               |           | Samantha Tannehill     |
|               | <b>22</b> | Paula Wilson           |
|               | <b>25</b> | Anna Koonce            |
|               | <b>26</b> | Jimmy & LaVerne Potter |
|               | <b>27</b> | Parks Michael Beard    |

**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**

- 7** Leviticus 22-24
- 8** Leviticus 25-27
- 9** Numbers 1-3
- 10** Numbers 4-7
- 11** Numbers 8-10
- 12** Numbers 11-13
- 13** Numbers 14-16



**Heart-To-Heart cont'd...**

We received this letter from the Paragould Children's Home:

"On behalf of all the children in our residential and foster care programs at Children's Homes, Inc., I want to THANK YOU for helping make their Christmas season joyous. The outpouring of love we had the opportunity to witness during Christmas was nothing short of mind-blowing.

Being here to witness the faces of the children as they opened their gifts was beyond heartwarming. I don't know if you can ever fully understand just how important your kindness and generosity continue to be to them. For children who have never really had anyone make much of a fuss over them at Christmas, being here during the holidays can be an amazing experience.

So, we THANK YOU for your generosity and we THANK YOU for giving our children the most wonderful Christmas. More importantly, we THANK YOU for demonstrating to them Godly love and generosity by sharing your lives and your blessings with them.

This ministry to HIS children is only possible because of your great God and people like you. We pray you will have a wonderful and prosperous 2022, and that you will continue to find your special ways to be important in the life of a child who needs YOU!

For all God's Children,  
Micah Brinkley  
Executive Director"

This letter along with **letters from the children** have been posted on the bulletin board. Please take time to look at them.

**Pam Beard** had Carpal tunnel surgery on February 4th.

**Mandy Tolbert** as she recovers after knee replacement surgery.

Former Harding University professor and author, **Eddie Cloer**, will be our guest speaker for Sunday morning service on **February 20th**.

As part of our minister search, **Josh Walker** of Memphis, Tennessee will be our guest speaker on **February 27th**. More details will be announced as we get closer to that date.

All *Ladies* are invited to the **Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class** every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in room 134 at the building.

**Gary and Ann Pruitt** have expressed their desire to be considered members of this congregation:

Gary and Ann Pruitt  
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**Attendance**

Bible Class ..... 70  
Sunday AM Worship..... 90  
Sunday PM Worship .....  
Wed. Evening ..... 63  
Contribution ..... \$12,917

**NURSERY**

**Communion Preparation**

**Feb 6** Sandra Baker  
**Feb 13** Lindsey Baker  
**Feb 20** Lindsey Baker  
**Feb 27** Jamie Beard

**Ladies February Duties**

**Cards:** Barbara Dyson  
**Food:** Sandra Baker  
Lindsey Baker