

October
Oct 16-18 Men’s Retreat at Silver Maple Camp
Oct 23 All Church Fellowship at the Bradbury’s at 4:30

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP AT BRADBURY’S
There is an all church fellowship at the Bradbury’s home Sunday October 23 beginning at 4:30 p.m. There will be roasted hot dogs, smores, outdoor games and hay rides! Bring a side dish or a dessert. **Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to go.** Their address is 553 E. 90th St. S.

HONORING 50 YEARS!
Gary and Brenda Bodine will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in December and Gary has also recently retired after 50 years of full-time ministry. To honor them, the family is requesting cards to be sent to: Bodine 50th, 3700 Windover Dr., Edmond, OK 73013. Feel free to include congratulations, favorite memories, things you appreciate about them or funny stories. Thank you for your participation! This will mean a lot to Gary and Brenda, and we look forward to surprising them with these cards. Please send your cards by October 30. Thank you! Preston & Sara Ackerman, Jacob & Lisa Bialon and Jonathan & Amanda Bodine.

SUGGESTED BLESSING BOX ITEMS
Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Box! This project has become quite an outreach in our community. The pantry items are often taken within minutes of the box being filled, and we have neighbors who have been joining in our efforts and filling the box for others. We praise God that these “neighbors in need” are turning to the church for help in their hard times. We ask God to continue to sustain our program as we seek to honor Him and bless others!

<u>Non-Perishable Food Items:</u> Peanut Butter Canned Tuna, Ham, Chicken Canned Soups, Stews, Chili w/pull tops! Granola/Protein Bars Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta Kitchen Staples (flour, sugar, salt/pepper) Pasta Sauce, One Box Meals or Mixes	<u>Hygiene Items:</u> Shampoo/Conditioner Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss Brushes/Combs Deodorant Body Wash
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As we move into the fall season, we are eager to add canned goods into our donation rotation. **We are also very low on boxed items.** Donation boxes are located in the west hallway and foyer for your convenience. You may also donate money and we will be glad to shop for you! See Kendall or Jennifer with questions.

Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you.
—Psalm 55:22a

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK
Identity Through Association

There are many subjects outside of theology that fascinate me. One of those subjects is human psychology.

One of the most interesting things I have observed regarding human psychology is the different people and groups that people associate with and why.

For instance, people love to associate with winners. Winners of what? Anything really, but the most common winners that people like to associate with are sports teams that have won championships.

Sure, watching sports is fun and entertaining, but why the *personal* association with the team? Why buy the hat and the t-shirt? Because in this way, we get to associate with winners.

To other people, it’s not a team, but a specific player. Again, to personally identify with a winner.

So why do people cheer for teams that are no good? There’s some different reasoning that comes into play here. Sometimes we cheer for a team, not out of any real love or loyalty to the team, but out of devotion to a parent or grandparent or good friend that loves that team.

In these cases, the person isn’t concerned about identifying with a winner, but instead, identifying with someone they care about.

Identifying too closely with a team or player can be hard on a person. If you identify too closely, your mood will be affected by the success of a team or a player that you have zero control over.

I must confess, that it’s for this reason that some time ago I stopped allowing myself to identify as closely with my favorite teams. I got tired of allowing the performances of others to determine whether I would be happy or frustrated.

Why am I going on about all this? I say all of that so I can urge you to stop identifying with organizations or people that are imperfect and inconsistent. Instead, choose for the heart of your personal identity to be found in Christ Jesus.

I’m not saying to not like other things. I’m saying to not allow anything to encapsulate so much of your identity that they have the power to alter you in any way. I’m saying, choose to associate with the only winner that is perfectly consistent and never loses.

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FAMILY NEWS
Henry Brownlee—son of Dalton & Kelsey Brownlee will be having a liver biopsy this Thursday in Kansas City. Please keep him and all his family in your prayers.
Dorothy Crisler—fell last week and hit her head. She spent some time in the ICU in Wichita. She is now in Wellington at Wellington Health and Rehab, Room 106. Keep her in your prayers.
Prayer List: Eliza Conwell, Helen Norris, Julie DeSoignie, Russell Day, Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow, Scott Percival, Tom Kirkwood, Kylie Lock, Darlene Larson, Max (Lonnie’s great-grandson), Tim Evans, Dorothy Crisler, Duane & Cathy McKinney, Larry Helton

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY
We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Gary Edwards. Gary passed away September 15 in Lakeland, CO. Gary is the son of the late Helen (Edwards) Freeman.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Kasiah Richmond and the Wellington Girls Golf team. They are the class 4A regional champions and are off to state. Kasiah is the daughter of Gary & Karissa Richmond and the granddaughter of Harry & Vickie Ricke.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
October
Oct 16—Audra Hudspeth Oct 23—Kaitlin Francisco
Oct 30—Starla Turner

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How much do you associate, personally, with Jesus? As much as Paul, who says in Galatians 2:20,

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Paul identified with no one else and nothing else, like he identified with Jesus. And this identification gave his life purpose and fulfillment and satisfaction. Better than all of those things, Paul’s identification with Christ also gave him eternal life with Christ.

You may love a sports team or great athlete, but I think you know, deep down, they don’t love you back. Jesus is the greatest champion of anything and everything of all time and He WILL love you back. Associate with Him above all else.

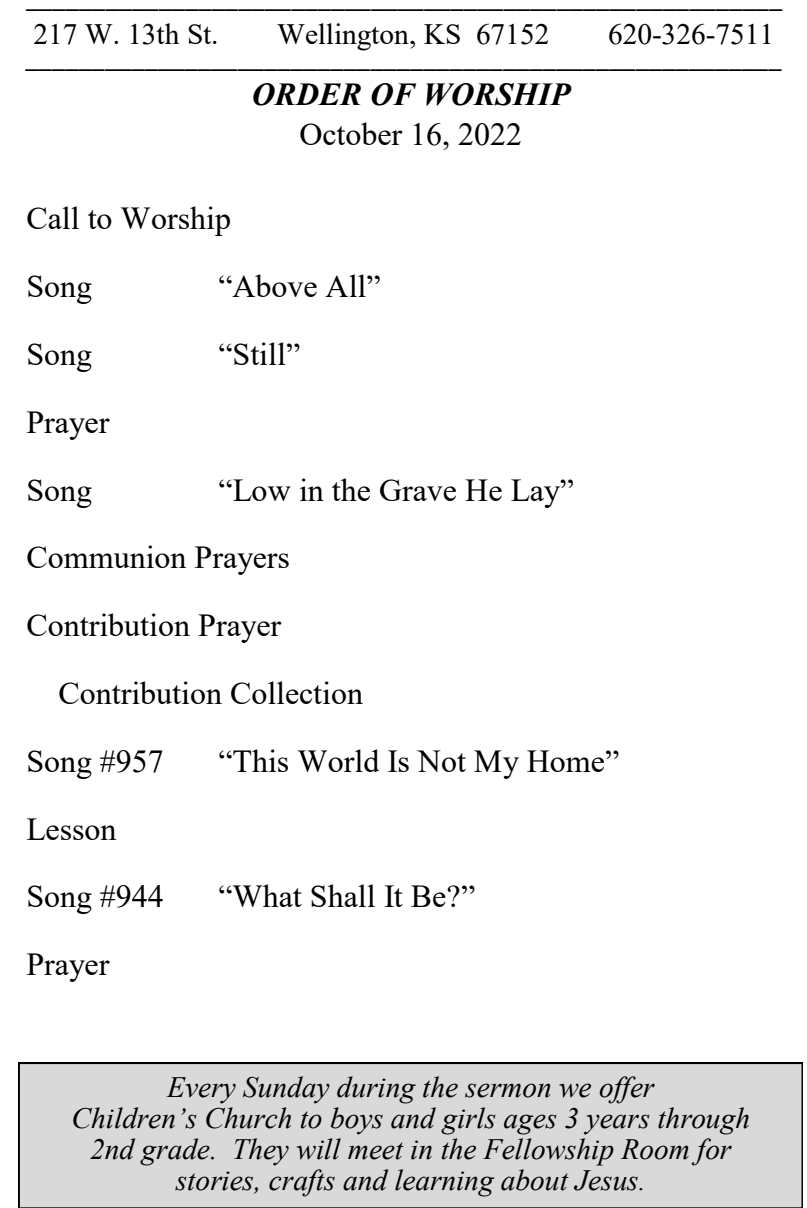
Much love!

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THOSE WHO SERVE				
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Oct 30</u>	<u>Nov 06</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	A. Shields	L. Lewis	N. Bradbury	B. Turney
<u>Song Leader</u>	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	A. Shields
<u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>& Prayer</u>	D. Pierce	K. Dodds	T. Norris	N. Bradbury
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	L. Turney	L. Turney	L. Turney	W. Pierce
<u>Collection & Count</u>	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	P. Dodds
<u>Ushers</u>	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines	J. Rayl
	D. Carroll	D. Carroll	D. Carroll	J. Willson
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline	T. Norris
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	A. Hines
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<u>ATTENDANCE</u>				
SUNDAY—October 9				
Bible Class.....				53
A.M. Worship.....				103
Contribution.....				\$2,470
WEDNESDAY—October 12				
Auditorium—18		Teens—4		
Bible Hour—18		Total—40		

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
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Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the Fellowship Room for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.