

The logo features two stylized leaves, one light blue and one light green, positioned above the word "Christ".

# edmond**church**of**Christ**

FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT  
NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE,  
NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS,  
NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR THE  
FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS,  
NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH

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NOR ANYTHING ELSE  
IN ALL CREATION

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WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM  
THE LOVE OF GOD  
THAT IS IN CHRIST  
JESUS OUR LORD

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ROMANS 8:38-39



SUNDAY SERMON SERIES



## One of One

### *The Idol of Love*

Romas 8:35-39

**NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

Influenced by a culture that says, "All we need is love," we will look everywhere to find real love. In our longing for love, we often miss the One who can truly complete us.

#### 8:15am

Welcome	Randy Roper
Song Leader	Daniel Tripp
Songs	
Prayer	Luke White
Songs	
Communion	Aaron Graefe
Offering	
Songs	
Romas 8:35-39	Kevin Sullins
Song	
Sermon	Randy Roper
Invitation Song	
Closing Prayer	Mike Winn
Announcements	Kevin Rayner

#### 10:40am

Story Time	Kent Risley
Welcome	Randy Roper
Song Leader	Jason Dean
Songs	
Prayer	Ellis McCurtain
Songs	
Communion	Kyle Mauck
Offering	
Song	
Romans 8:35-39	Jimmy Manharth
Song	
Sermon	Randy Roper
Invitation Song	
Closing Prayer	Phil Klutts
Announcements	Kevin Rayner

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE** – Use the church app or QR code at the bottom of the page to sign in.

**NURSERY** – Connect Class

**BIBLE HOUR** – College Class

**DECEMBER NURSERY** – YMCA Class

**DECEMBER BIBLE HOUR** – VIP Class

**NO BIBLE HOUR** Nov. 23 & Nov. 30.

**WARM WELCOME** – Coffee, tea and fellowship before Bible class (in the foyer near the circle drive)

**PANTRY** – pancake mix & syrup, cereal, canned meat (spam, ham, chicken, tuna or beef), chicken/tuna helper, mac & cheese, Banquet Meals, Hormel Complete Meals

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, as required by the state, on Dec. 21 at 4:55pm in the auditorium.

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed Nov. 26-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASSES** will not meet next week. (Nov. 25 & 26)

**CHRISTMAS WISH** will be making a Holiday Food Box for each family registered. Drop by the "fireplace" in the lobby if you'd like to donate.

**HOSPITAL - JAMES LAUDERDALE, SUE HAWKINS**

**REHAB - JAMES CAIL**

**HOSPICE - GEORGE MATHESON, KIETH McKEE**

**CONTINUED PRAYERS**

Glendell Norman, Hope Jernigan, Mary Carney, Sharon Vaulner, Sharon Britt, Judith Risley, Terri Serrato, Mike Rhoades, Mason Metheny, Susan Tanner, Betty Maston, Linda Lutze, McKenzie Cutshall, Doris Aldridge, Doyle & Sue Martin, Wanda Roper, Arie Marshall, Bob & Jeanette Reichardt, Butch Nichols, Allen Arnold, Dicki Phillips, Betty Bridwell, Phil Bryan, Brittany Romick's mother, Malcolm Milligan, Shirley Kooi, Zoey Courtright, Asher Surber, Thomas Reddic, Betty Rhoades, Pat Smalling, Mary Watson, Becca Jones' parents, Bill Blalock, Janet Barton, Jeannie Milligan

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Richard Romick, Clayton Williams, Bradley Martin, Alex Young, Alison Young, Cade Mashburn, Cody Bowman, Blake Horton, John Halcli, Tyler Manharth, Myles Campbell

**SYMPATHY TO**

**PAM JUNEY AND HER FAMILY** in the death of her mother-in-law.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

**ERIC & ABBY MCCLANAHAN** on the birth of Grady James. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and his big brother is Beckham.

**BABY SHOWER FOR**

**HALLIE JOHNSTON** on Dec. 6 at 11am at 68 Landon Dr. She is registered at Target & Amazon.

**NEW DEACON**

**DANIEL TRIPP** – Weather Watch Team, Worship, Class Leader

**BAPTIZED**



**KIRSTIE STEWART**

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**CHECK IN**





## Whiz Kids Volunteers needed! Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm

Whiz Kids is an after school 1:1 tutoring program. We will partner with Will Rogers Elementary. **Sign up before December 7.**



## Thanksgiving Schedule Wednesday, November 26 Devotionals in the Quad 5:00pm & 7:00pm NO BIBLE CLASSES



## Congregational Singing November 30 5:00pm, Auditorium

A Flex-Sunday activity to focus on praise & worship through song.



## Breakfast with Santa December 13 8:30-10:30am, Quad

Families with children through the 5th grade. Register online 11/9-12/7.

**Registration Required**



## LTC December 3

LTC Kick-off Meeting  
(6:00pm, Fellowship Hall)

**Online Registration Opens**

**April 3-4, 2026**

Convention in Norman, OK



# THANKS FOR GIVING

## Bread of Life Project

**We need volunteers to make deliveries!**  
**November 23**  
**5:00pm, Quad**

We will be delivering homemade loaves of bread this Sunday as an expression of gratitude to some of our senior members and as a way to connect with friends from the community during this season of Thanksgiving.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY  
NIGHT  
FOR THE  
MASTER**

Nov 23 Flex: Thanks-for-Giving

Nov 30 Flex: Singing in Auditorium,  
Women's Chorus

Dec 7 Pizza, Devotional & Activities

Dec 14 Flex: Class Holiday Parties  
& Devotionals

Dec 21 Flex: Shepherd-Led Worship

Dec 28 Flex: No Activities



# The Heart of a Servant



## Laxton steps aside from role as church facilities care manager

*By Tim Priebe*



It was 2013. Dave Laxton had recently finished 35 years at the fire department and thought he was retiring. Then his phone rang. On the other end was someone he knew and respected, John Trotter, with a request Dave wasn't expecting.

John wanted to know if Dave could consider joining the Edmond Church of Christ staff to take care of the church building. Dave already knew that he wanted to stay busy despite retiring earlier that year. He also didn't want to simply take up a hobby. He wanted to do something meaningful that helped others.

Naturally, Dave said yes.

Officially, Dave became the Facilities Care Manager. From a more practical standpoint, he became the person who made it possible for the church building to be used for dozens of ministries over the years.

On any given week, the building at 801 South Bryant hosts more activities than many may realize. Of course, there are Sunday morning worship services, Sunday morning classes, Sunday Night for the Master, and Wednesday night classes. But there are also youth activities, weddings, funerals, and dozens of small groups using the building for everything from class parties to ministry meetings to church gatherings.

Those activities mean the building requires constant care.

"Dave has made a tremendous impact on the day to day around here," shared Danielle Waldo. "He takes care of things that no one knows need taking care of." Michael Reese echoed that sentiment. "Dave makes everything run smoothly," Michael said. "Just knowing he's around and in the building gives me, and a lot of others, a real sense of peace of mind. I can honestly say that Dave is the hardest worker I know."

Michael shared a specific story. "One time, late in the day, I told him I was going to move four chairs down from upstairs into my office the next morning. When I walked in the following day, the chairs were already there, set up and around the table. Things like that happened all the time."

Preaching minister Randy Roper shared that it's the kind of consistency that the apostle Paul wrote about in Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Randy said, "That's exactly how the Laxtons approach their service to the Edmond church."

Those who have known Dave and his wife Cathy over the years were not surprised when Dave stepped up in 2013. Executive minister Kent Risley said, "David's servant spirit has blessed Edmond



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for almost 50 years from those early years in our singles ministry. Over the years he and Cathy and his family blessed our congregation every step of the way."

Michael Reese added, "His spirit of humility and hard work is known throughout our church family. He has always been extremely dependable, and as a staff we knew we could count on him to help make sure everything was ready for events and activities."

However, when asked what he appreciated about his years as Facilities Care Manager, Dave didn't mention any events or activities. Dave said simply, "Just being around Christians is always good. There are a lot of good people that go to church here. That makes it a good job. You work with a lot of good people, and they seem to appreciate what you're doing."

While Dave is officially stepping back from the full responsibilities of the Facilities Care Manager role, he is not disappearing. He plans to continue helping where possible, support whoever takes over the role, and stay involved in the ways he's able.

Kent Risley said, "Dave's ministry and servant spirit has been so special as he managed our facilities. His patience and attention to detail has empowered our ministries." But Randy Roper may have put it best when he said, "Dave has exhibited the heart of a servant for so long, working behind the scenes to make everything at church run more smoothly. His efforts have blessed each and every ministry of this congregation, and we are so grateful for the years of service he has given."

In Matthew 23:11, Jesus said, "The greatest among you will be your servant." While Dave would be very hesitant to call himself "great," it's clear that he has embodied the servanthood that Jesus spoke about.



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# CONGREGATIONAL SINGING



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**Deliveries: Nov. 23, 5pm, Quad**

To express gratitude to some of our senior members and to connect with friends from the community during this season of Thanksgiving, we will be baking and delivering homemade loaves of bread.

Sign up in Bible class to bring homemade bread or to make a delivery. We will be delivering to over 80 households.



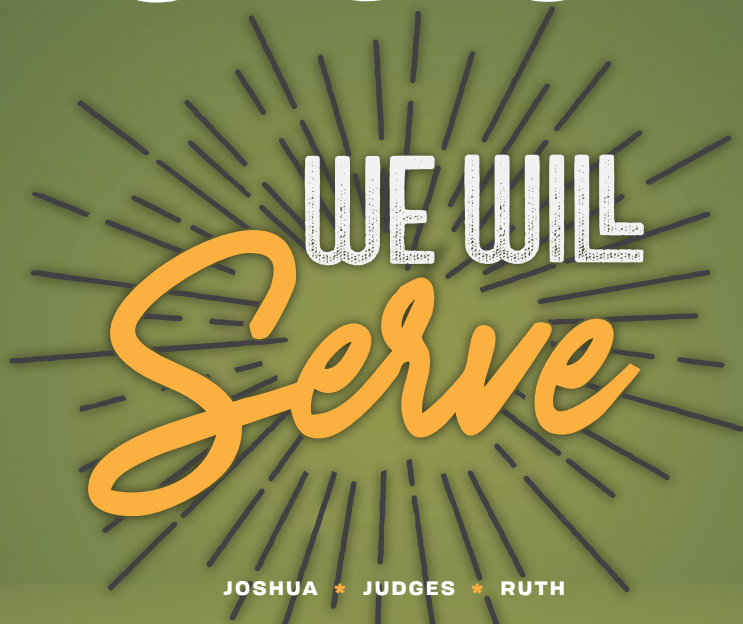
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# LTC 2026



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# CHRISTMAS WISH

## Helping Edmond's Families this Christmas

Do you know a family who needs help this Christmas? This program is for children in Edmond, 12 and under. Forms are available in the office. This is a great way to connect with Edmond families.

- Nov. 16** Stockings in the Foyer
- Dec. 7** Wrapped Gifts Due
- Dec. 13** Distribution Day!

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# Whiz Kids



## Sign up to Volunteer!

Whiz Kids is an afterschool 1:1 mentoring and tutoring program for students reading below grade level. We are making plans to work with our neighbors, Will Rogers Elementary School, to host Whiz Kids in our church building on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of young learners or would like more information, **please sign-up before Dec 7.**

**More info on the program at [whizkidsok.org](http://whizkidsok.org)**



# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**December 13**  
**8:30-10:30 am**  
**In the Quad**

Families with children  
through the 5th grade.  
Register online 11/9-12/7.  
*Registration Required*

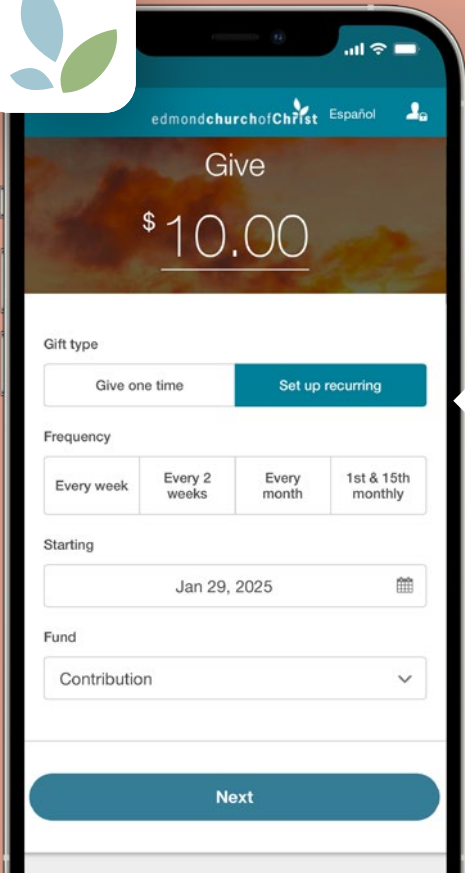


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## MOBILE GIVING THRU THE APP



Give once or set up  
recurring gifts.

Click the button above to try it.



PSALM 126:3

The Lord has done

# GREAT THINGS

for us, and we are  
filled with joy.



JOIN US IN PRAYING THIS DAILY PRAYER:

"Lord, you have done **GREAT THINGS** in the past.  
Please continue to do **GREAT THINGS** in our day."

Visit our prayer page to lift up others in prayer or to  
submit a prayer request of your own.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE PRAYER PAGE](#)

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:30 am  
AM Worship 8:15 & 10:40 am  
Stream Live 10:40 am  
SNFM or Flex-Sunday Gathering at 5:00pm

## WEDNESDAY

Early Bird Bible Class 5:00 pm  
Bible Class for all ages 7:00 pm



[youtube.com/edmondchurchofchrist](https://youtube.com/edmondchurchofchrist)

## MINISTRY STAFF

Sam Day	Kent Risley
John Frias	Jeremy Robertson
Brenda Gordon	Randy Roper
Kevin Rayner	Tony Sepulveda
Patrick Rayner	Laura Williamson
Michael Reese	

## MISSIONARIES

Email any of our missionaries from our website.  
[EdmondChurchOfChrist.com/People/Missionaries](https://EdmondChurchOfChrist.com/People/Missionaries)



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## SHEPHERDS

Blaine Allenbach	Brent Keck
Tom Breninger	Lyle Kelsey
Brad Buxton	Jack Lowry
Andy Dean	Kyle Mauck
Jim Goodin	Merritt Roberts
Sylvan Gordon	

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

WORSHIP (Total)	1198
On-Site	1112
Online	86

## 2025 GIVING

	SUNDAYS	COMMISSION SUN.
Given Last Sunday	\$ 50,103	\$ 491
Given thru Last Sunday	\$ 2,074,525	\$ 492,248
Plan thru Last Sunday	\$ 2,066,720	\$ 466,233
Annual Plan	\$ 2,355,100	\$ 466,233

## BIBLE CLASS

Preschool	75
Grades K-6	99
Grades 7-12	106
Adults	745



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## WATCH EVERY SUNDAY

7:30am KOCB-TV Channel 34 (OKC, OK)

Presenter: Phil Sanders

**NOVEMBER 23 - "Giving Thanks"**