### TO RESERVE OUR FACILITIES

We are happy that our building is used throughout each week by many different classes and groups. All building use needs must go through the main office for scheduling. You can contact Linda at 918.627.0783 or <a href="mailto:lindar@hptulsa.com">lindar@hptulsa.com</a> to schedule your event.

#### Sermons

Sermons are available at hptulsa.com/media and on iTunes, Spotify and Stitcher. Also, look for more HP content on Roku and Apple TV devices.

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#### **LOVE GOD (WORSHIP)**

DATE	IN PERSON	ON-LINE	TOTAL
Apr 02	118	71	189
Apr 09	169	55	224
Apr 16	108	70	178
Apr 23	118	66	184

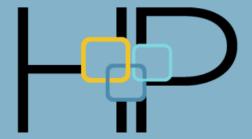
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We hope you've loved our study of Romans as much as we have. Wow! It's encouraging, challenging, and life changing. Let's keep after it. In the first two-thirds of the letter, we've been convicted that we are sinners in need of grace through faith in Jesus. As we enter the last five chapters, we get to the "so what" part of the letter: "So what do we do? How do we live? How do we bring it home?"

Buckle up because Romans 12-16 has a lot to say. Paul's instruction is blunt, practical, and timeless. We need it as much today as they did in Rome. So please stay engaged with this study. Let's keep growing together.

05/07/23 - Godly Church, Godly Citizen (12:9-13:14)

05/21/23 - Your Priestly Duty (15:14-33)

05/14/23 - Offended Church Members (14:1-15:13)

05/28/23 - When Church Becomes Family (16)

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# "TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER(S)"

Realizing the importance of our HP youth knowing and respecting our leadership, we continue the program of sharing an evening with each HP Elder.

Under the leadership of *Peyton Miller*, Youth Director, our HP Youth recently enjoyed their third Elder's Dinner - this time, with the *Carlton's!* Our students enjoyed spending time with this special family, eating pizza, playing games, and hearing about *Conor's* and *Ali's* lives and how God has worked through them. We are so thankful for them and their hospitality!



We've had a few fundraisers to help students to go to camp and CIY and we wanted to keep you updated on our latest one. Our pickleball tournament fundraiser raised over \$1,600! Praise God!

We began our study in the book of Exodus! This is a book all about God's faithfulness and how he delivers his people. Please be praying for our students as we go through Exodus - that they will develop a deeper understanding and love of God's Word.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

May 31: Youth Group Summer Kick Off at the Miller's

It's time to register for Sunset Bible Camp (for high school and middle school) and CIY MOVE (just high school)! Here's where to register:

June 4-9: High School Camp - https://hptulsa.breezechms.com/form/hscamp23

June 11-16: Middle School Camp - https://hptulsa.breezechms.com/form/mscamp23

July 22-28: CIY MOVE - https://hptulsa.breezechms.com/form/move23



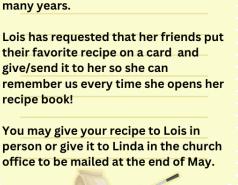




Our dear Lois Carpenter will be moving to Missouri in May and will be deeply missed by this church family. Lois and her husband, Bob, have certainly been a very special part of Highland Park for many years.

their favorite recipe on a card and give/send it to her so she can remember us every time she opens her recipe book!

person or give it to Linda in the church office to be mailed at the end of May.





**Our 2:20 Center Ministry would** love to have additional volunteers to share in the work at the Food Pantry. If you are interested, see David or Jennifer Maddux to find out where you can get involved!

> This Month's Needs: **Paper Products**







**July 18-21** 6:00 - 8:30pm

For Pre-schoolers (4 years old by September 1) through incoming 6th graders





**Our Deepest** Sympathy...

Pauline Morton, mother of Alan Morton, age 103, passed away on April 13. Brian Jennings led the graveside service in Hitchita, OK on April 21. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Gene Hogan's mom, Margaret Hogan, passed away on April 10, and her graveside service will be led by Dave Dunson on May 12.

Darrell Boulanger, Beverly Glory's brother, died on April 19.



Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year for Highland Park Learning School opened to the public on April 1. We have classes for one-year-olds through Pre-K. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 2:30. Tuition is \$175 a month. Contact Lynn *Lahmeyer at 918-232-3538 for more* information or to schedule a tour.



June 3 - 6:00pm

This is for adults, youth, and kids. We'll be having a picnic, playing yard games, and eating popsicles. Bring your lawn chairs, your blankets, your favorite yard game, and your friends and family! Remember to pack a picnic basket, too!

## **Spiritual Growth Is Not Optional**

Does the Church send mixed messages? We talk about being saved by grace, but the Bible is full of reminders and instructions to work hard in your Christian life. Is it an "either/or" situation or a "both/and" process?

2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth." (NLT) Is God's approval of me based on how hard I work? That mentality easily leads to legalism and bitterness.

The original Greek word translated as "work" also means, "do your best", "make every effort", "be diligent" and "study." God's approval means I don't have to be ashamed. That's why seeking God's approval takes priority over seeking the approval of others.

An equally important and related part of this verse is being a person "...who correctly explains the word of truth." How hard do you work at learning, understanding, exhibiting, and explaining the truth of God's word? Just as a craftsman and artist work to better develop their skills, as an athlete practices to improve his/her ability to play the game, so a Christian must study and learn God's word so that he/she can accurately share it with others.

In what ways are you growing spiritually? Are you actively studying God's word? How are you serving the family of God and the world around you?

**Dave Dunson**