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# Hope Center of Tulsa

A Biblical Counseling Ministry  
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**OFFICE HOURS** Noon to 4:00pm,  
Monday – Thursday. Messages are  
always returned. Closed Friday.  
**Counseling hours:** Mon. – Thurs.  
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## Will you support Hope Center this year?

*God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.... This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.*      II Corinthians 9:8-11 The Message

### 2025 Financial Review

MONTH	DONATIONS	EXPENSES
January	\$2,264.00	\$5,685.86
February	\$2,075.00	\$2,935.94
March	\$2,819.25	\$5,500.07
April	\$2,840.00	\$4,927.99
May	\$2,320.00	\$1,806.34
June	\$2,779.99	\$5,455.18
July	\$2,240.00	\$5,738.72
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$17,338.24</b>	<b>\$32,050.10</b>

*Memorial donations are a wonderful way to remember loved ones. These gifts are used to help people understand and apply God's truth. Consider giving today.*

In Memory of	Given by
Nell Floyd .....	Emily Massey
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## In Times Like these . . .



### *We must not be tossed about!*

*"We will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming." Eph. 4:14*

In 1943, World War II was raging, headlines were dire, and people were discouraged at the slow progress being made by the allied troops. Casualty lists and rationing weighed people down with grief and pain. It was during this time that a pastor's wife and mother of five children, Ruth Caye Jones, opened God's word to II Timothy 3:1 *"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come."*

She went on to write the hymn "In Times Like These" and that hymn has brought encouragement and strength through the years to God's people.

*In times like these we need a Savior;  
In times like these we need an anchor.  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

You may be thinking things haven't improved much. You may be weighed down with the struggles in your life, your job, your family, your country. Where is your anchor? What are you dwelling on? Where are you finding your truth?

Mrs. Jones reminds us that there is only One Solid Rock that will hold our anchor fast.

*This Rock is Jesus, yes, He's the One. This Rock is Jesus, the only One!  
Be very sure, be very sure  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*



*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever..." Heb. 6:19-20*

*"For this reason, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1*

*"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist..." Eph. 6:14*

*"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." James 1:6*

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." Phil. 1:27*

Who is our solid rock? Jesus!

Where do we find truth? In His Word alone.

Does our anchor grip our solid rock, Jesus?

Is our mind filled with the principles from His Word or are we “tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people”?

In my morning devotions from the book of Romans, I was reminded by the author “Christianity is not a movement to help society clean up the town.” (J. Vernon McGee) Our job is to live and preach by our words and our deeds the Gospel message. God is the only One who can change lives (and governments). The best we can do when we are overwhelmed by concerns for our life, our job, our family, our country is to **PRAY**, to study God’s Word, and to LIVE IT!

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”  
\*Colossians 4:2\*

The following article by S. D. Gordon came across my desk recently. The language in it is not our normal way of communicating but if you read it, read it again and maybe even read it a third time, you will hear his cry to put prayer at the top of our list. Consider his words:

### PRAY

You can do more than pray, after you have prayed. But you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. And just there is where we have all seemed to make a slip at times, and many of us are yet making it—a bad slip. We think we can do more where we are through our service: then pray to give power to service. No—with the blackest underscoring of emphasis, let it be said—NO. We can do no thing of real power until we have done the prayer thing.

Here is a man by my side. I can talk to him. I can bring my personality to bear upon him, that I may win him. But before I can influence his will a jot for God, I must first have won the victory in the secret place. Intercession is winning the victory over the chief, and service is taking the field after the chief is driven off. Such service is limited by the imitation of personality to one place. This spirit-telegraphy called prayer puts a man into direct dynamic touch with a planet.

There are some of our friends who think themselves of the practical sort who say, “the great thing is work: prayer is good, and right, but the great need is to be doing something practical.” The truth is that when one understands about prayer, and puts prayer in its right place in his life, he finds a new motive power burning in his bones to be doing; and further he finds that it is the doing that grows out of praying that is mightiest in touching human hearts. And he finds further yet with a great joy that he may be doing something for an entire world. His service becomes as broad as his Master’s thought.

—S. D. Gordon



It’s back to school with all the emotions that go along with it: frustration, anxiousness, fear, anger, resentment, excitement, despair with maybe a little joy and hope thrown in!

Much of what provides a good start for our young people, comes from the actions and attitudes of parents and guardians. Make sure they are up in time to shower and dress without being rushed. Give them a good breakfast. Help them to plan ahead the night before: backpack filled, Chromebook charged, assignments finished, water bottle ready.

Send them out the door with encouraging words and PRAYER. Be their “cheerleaders” – “You’ve got this!” Tell them you are praying for them throughout the day, before the big test, and for God’s chosen relationships with friends and classmates.

Then when day is done and you are in the pickup line, remember Who you belong to. Remember, you live for Christ. In spite of the actions of some drivers, praise the Lord you have a vehicle to drive, you have the money for gas, you have the time, and you have the privilege of raising a child (or children) for the service of our Lord. So that when that young person(s) enters your vehicle, you have a smile on your face and can speak words of encouragement to them when you ask about their day.



Let us “Do all things without grumbling or disputing that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you **shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life...**” Phil. 2:14-16



FALL is my favorite season. I look forward to crisp winds and falling leaves. I love the colors that God paints in all the different trees. It seems that school starts and we are back on schedule at

our house. It’s time to start something new.

### Two New Classes:

- 1) **Telling Your Story** “I will remember the deeds of the Lord.” Ps. 77:11 Our children and grandchildren need to hear our stories and read our stories. If you would like to explore how and want to be encouraged to write down these stories, please contact Lois Breedlove, 918-740-2270 or [ljb316@cox.net](mailto:ljb316@cox.net) for more information. (The start date has yet to be determined.)
- 2) **Understanding How Others Misunderstand You**— This 6-week class will be an overview of the personality temperaments. You will have fun while gaining insight into strengths and weaknesses of your own temperament. This class lead by Tim & Lois Breedlove starts on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 6:30pm, at Ridge Christian, 4010 W. New Orleans Street, Broken Arrow. Call 918-294-8470 to register.