

# WOW CONNECTIONS

FALL 2018 EDITION

Pastors Will and Karen Duke

## **Church Events**

Connections Group – every Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Carry-In Fellowship – Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 9 (with Christmas party to follow)

Jim Montgomery services - Oct. 7-9

Christmas Eve service – Dec. 24 @ 6:00 pm

#### **Evangelist Coming**

Evangelist Jim Montgomery from Tulsa, OK will be ministering at WOW Church on Sunday, Oct. 7 – Tuesday, Oct. 9. Jim is an awesome Bible teacher and you will be blessed by attending these services. Service times are Sunday 10:30 am and 6:00 pm, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

# **Family Matters**

Pastors Will and Karen have started a series called "Family Matters". They are teaching about marriage, children, finances, etc. They will teach you from the Bible how to treat your spouse, raise children, how to handle money and other topics pertaining to the family. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to hear this dynamic series! A series on *Healing* will begin in November.

## **Connections Group**

Our Fall Connections Group has now started. Jim and Ina Barney are teaching on the Holy Spirit. Get involved and learn how the Holy Spirit can empower and strengthen your Christian walk. Connections Group meets weekly on Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Below is the weekly meeting place schedule:

Travis & Linsey - Nov. 1 and Dec 6

Jim & Ina - Oct. 11 and Nov. 15

Mike & Rachel - Oct. 25 and Nov. 29

Jim & Linda - Oct. 4, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13

#### Jumping In

## Sunday Morning Adult and Children's Classes

Jim Fliehman is teaching on Foundations for Christian Growth. We meet at 9:30 am. and the teaching has been lively and informative. Come on out at 9:30, get a nice hot breakfast at the Café, settle in for a discussion on Christian growth. Also, classes are available for Toddlers and K-5<sup>th</sup> grade at 9:30.

### Café is now open!

Julieann is serving some delicious breakfast items. Come and enjoy her scrumptious delights! You can also enjoy coffee, tea, hot chocolate, juice, oatmeal, pop tarts, granola bars, donuts, etc. Donations are accepted . Café opens at 9:15 and closes at 10:30.

#### Encouragement Corner

God has given you everything you need to live the life He has called you to live. He has given you the power of the Holy Spirit, the mind of Christ, and all the riches of heaven. Even when we know we have already been given everything we need to live victoriously, we wonder, Why don't I operate in the power I already have? Why is my love so fickle? Why do I cower rather than make demons flee? What keeps me from living out an adventurous faith?

I believe living bold comes with practice, First, you know the truth. Second, you believe the truth. I don't mean just believe it is true, but believe it is true *for you and in you*. Third, you act on it, walk in it, stomp about in the surefootedness of it.

God does not need to be stirred, prodded, or roused as if from a sound sleep. We do. We need to wake up, take hold, and live in the power that is already ours.

No matter what you are going through today or will go through tomorrow, your destiny is greater than you difficulty, greater than your dilemma, greater than your discouragement. And God has given you everything you need to get there.

Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit does not mean we sit back and do nothing. We have to take hold—to engage the power of the Holy Spirit to do all God has called us to do and be all God has intended us to be.

God can use whatever you've got, but you've got to use what you've got. Look what Jesus did with 5 loaves of 2 fish. Look what David did with a single stone. Look what Shamgar did with jawbone of an ox. They used what they had. We tend to pray that God will give us more power. But it could be that He is waiting for us to access the power we already have. Let go of excuses. Take hold of what you have in Christ.

So many of us are equipped to live the abundant life in Christ but don't even know it. We suit up but then settle in. We resign ourselves to living in mediocre faith. Don't head to the bathtub with your scuba gear on. Head out to the ocean of opportunity and experience all God had for you. You've already got the gear. It's up to you to jump it.

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