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Verse of The Week

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
﴿الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ فِي السَّرَّاءِ وَالضَّرَّاءِ وَالْكَاطِمِينَ الْغَيْظَ وَالْعَافِينَ
عَنِ النَّاسِ وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ﴾ [سورة آل عمران - الآية
[134]

“Those who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people - and Allah loves the doers of good.” (Qur'an 3:134).

Meaning: This verse highlights the virtuous qualities of true believers who consistently spend in charity, regardless of their financial circumstances, demonstrating unwavering generosity. Beyond monetary giving, it emphasizes crucial moral virtues: the ability to control one's anger and the magnanimity to forgive others' transgressions. Ultimately, Allah ﷻ declares His love for those who embody these excellent characteristics, identifying them as "the doers of good".



Hadith of The Week

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: ﴿أَكْمَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِيمَانًا أَحْسَنُهُمْ خُلُقًا﴾ [رواه الترمذي].

“Narrated by Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: “The most perfect in faith among the believers is the one whose character is best.” (Recorded by Al-Tirmidhi)

Meaning: This Hadith emphasizes that true faith perfection is directly linked to one's moral character through actions and demeanor. It highlights that excellent conduct, kindness, patience, and good dealings with people are paramount

signs of strong and complete faith in a believer. Therefore, striving to refine one's manners and embody the highest ethical standards is a continuous journey towards achieving a more profound and beautiful state of faith in Allah ﷻ.



Editorial:

A vibrant Muslim community flourishes when it truly embodies the core values of kindness, and good spirit, functioning effectively as both a cherished house of worship and a proactive beacon of service and outreach. This commitment to Islam's foundational principles allows the community to actively engage with the wider society, demonstrating the beauty and universality of Islam's teachings through practical actions. Such a community inherently cultivates an environment where faith deepens, knowledge thrives, and compassion extends beyond its walls, ultimately becoming a source of light and understanding for all.

Giving a good picture of our Muslim community requires not only fulfilling our own religious obligations but also engaging positively with our neighbors and visitors. Our programs emphasize education, family support, interfaith dialogue, and welfare services. By extending kindness to those in need, hosting open houses, and participating in community service and interfaith events, we hope to dispel misconceptions and build meaningful relationships founded on mutual respect. An open-door policy and transparent communication are crucial for cultivating trust both within and outside our center.

The Islamic Center in Stillwater, ICS, invites everyone, Muslim or non-Muslim, to visit, ask questions, and experience firsthand the warmth and openness of our community. In all our endeavors, we seek to paint an authentic picture: Muslims as good neighbors, collaborators for the

common good, and faithful stewards of compassion and justice.



Weekly Article



Three Types of People: Re-reading al-Baqarah

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Surah Al-Baqarah, the longest chapter of the Qur'an and primarily revealed in Madinah, begins by categorizing humanity into distinct groups, setting a foundational understanding of human responses to divine truth. It first introduces two types of people familiar to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (= peace be upon him) from the Meccan period: the sincere believers and the overt disbelievers. The believers are described as those who readily accept the unseen, establish prayer, spend from what Allah ﷻ has provided, and affirm all divine revelations; for them is guidance and ultimate success. In stark contrast, the disbelievers are portrayed as those whose hearts and ears are sealed by their stubborn rejection, making them impervious to warning and destined for a severe punishment.

As the Muslim community gained strength and established a state in Madinah, a third and more insidious category emerged, one that posed a unique challenge: the hypocrites (al-Munafiqoon). These individuals outwardly declared their belief in Allah ﷻ, the Last Day, and the Prophet ﷺ, often participating in Muslim rituals. However, their inner reality was one of concealed disbelief, doubt, and often malicious intent. The Qur'an meticulously exposes their deceptive nature, describing them as attempting to "deceive Allah and those who believe," while, in reality, they deceive only themselves. Their characteristics include indecisiveness, mockery, spreading mischief, and a fundamental sickness in their hearts that Allah ﷻ intensifies.

This tripartite classification at the very beginning of Surah Al-Baqarah is crucial because it provided Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the nascent

Muslim community with a comprehensive framework for understanding the diverse human landscape they would navigate. While overt disbelievers presented an external challenge, the hypocrites represented an internal threat, far more dangerous due to their hidden animosity and subversive actions from within the Muslim ranks. By meticulously detailing the traits of the hypocrites, the Surah served as a powerful divine warning, equipping believers with discernment and highlighting the spiritual and social foundations necessary to build a truly pure and resilient Islamic society amidst varying human inclinations.



Reflection



What is Hijrah

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The Hijrah, or migration, holds immense significance in Islamic history, marking the pivotal journey of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his companions from Makkah to Madinah in 622 CE. This was not merely a change of location, but a strategic move born out of intense persecution and the search for a safe haven to practice Islam freely. Faced with severe oppression, the Prophet ﷺ and his followers left behind their homes, livelihoods, and tribal ties in pursuit of a land where they could establish the principles of justice, brotherhood, and the worship of One God (Allah ﷻ) without fear. This momentous event became the cornerstone of the nascent Muslim community, leading to the establishment of the first Islamic state and the very beginning of the Islamic calendar.

Beyond its historical context, the concept of Hijrah carries a profound spiritual meaning that remains perpetually relevant for every Muslim. It embodies the constant, internal migration from all that is displeasing to Allah ﷻ towards all that is righteous and virtuous. This can mean abandoning sin for repentance, replacing ignorance with knowledge, and trading heedlessness for constant remembrance of Allah ﷻ. The Hijrah thus sym-

bolizes a continuous journey of self-purification, sacrifice for the sake of one's faith, and perseverance in the face of challenges, always striving to move from a state of spiritual stagnation to one of growth and deeper submission to divine will. It is a timeless call for personal transformation and the establishment of truth and justice wherever one may be.

Announcements

- Jum'ah prayers are set to start at 1:35 PM.
- Daily Khatira are after Isha prayers

- You can contribute to the AsSiddique Weekly. Contact me for details.
- For questions about the AC maintenance, please contact Dr. K. Mansy.

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Prayer Times for Stillwater, Oklahoma (July 12 – July 17, 2025)

For corrections: Please allow for ± 1 minute. ISNA calculations method used.

Day	Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
Sat	July 19	4:58 AM	6:23 AM	1:31 PM	5:15 PM	8:38 PM	10:01 PM
Sun	July 20	4:59 AM	6:24 AM	1:31 PM	5:15 PM	8:37 PM	10:00 PM
Mon	July 21	5:00 AM	6:25 AM	1:31 PM	5:15 PM	8:36 PM	9:59 PM
Tue	July 22	5:01 AM	6:26 AM	1:31 PM	5:14 PM	8:35 PM	9:58 PM
Wed	July 23	5:02 AM	6:27 AM	1:31 PM	5:14 PM	8:34 PM	9:57 PM
Thu	July 24	5:03 AM	6:28 AM	1:31 PM	5:14 PM	8:33 PM	9:56 PM
Fri	July 25	5:04 AM	6:29 AM	1:31 PM	5:13 PM	8:32 PM	9:55 PM
Sat	July 26	5:05 AM	6:30 AM	1:31 PM	5:13 PM	8:31 PM	9:54 PM

DUA' OF THE WEEK

O Allah, illuminate our hearts with faith, adorn our minds with wisdom, grant our bodies health and well-being, and encompass us with Your pardon, mercy, and kindness.

O Allah, we ask You to preserve for us our blessings, protect us from hardships, and grant us the sweetness of life, the best of gifts, vast provision, peace of mind, the garment of good health, and a righteous ending.

Grant Paradise to us, our parents, our families, and those whom we love.

Have mercy on the Muslim men and women, the believing men and women — those among them who are alive and those who have passed away.

O Allah, ease our affairs, relieve our worries, conceal our faults, rectify our condition, forgive us and our parents, and cause us to die while You are pleased with us — O Most Merciful of the merciful.

O Allah, Ameen

Stillwater News

Lawsuit blocking Trump's birthright citizenship

States who filed lawsuits against President Trump's Executive Order



A U.S. District judge in New Hampshire has certified a class action lawsuit filed by the ACLU that challenges President Trump's executive order limiting birthright citizenship, potentially applying relief to all babies born in the U.S. after June 27, regardless of their state. This includes states like Oklahoma that were not part of the original suits. Although the Supreme Court recently curtailed nationwide injunctions from lower courts, this ruling illustrates that broad legal relief remains possible through class action lawsuits. The judge stayed the injunction until July 27 to allow time for a federal appeal, but legal experts note class actions and the Administrative Procedure Act still offer valid legal tools against executive actions.

Legal scholars warn that if the executive order is allowed to take effect in select Republican-led states while class actions are pending, a confusing legal disparity could emerge where a child's citizenship depends on the state of birth—something not seen since the Civil War. Some plaintiffs, like those from organizations based in Oklahoma, may remain protected, but overall enforcement could result in a patchwork of coverage. Oklahoma lawmakers, including Senators Mullin and Lankford,

support Trump's order and the Supreme Court's recent decision limiting judicial overreach, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the separation of powers rather than allowing courts to issue nationwide rulings outside their jurisdiction.

SPS Will Recieve Funds



At the July 8 Stillwater Public Schools Board of Education meeting, concerns were raised about the potential delay of state and federal funding earmarked for public schools, with particular focus on whether federal sources like Title funds might be withheld or affect state allocations. Board member Marshall Baker questioned how such uncertainties might impact budget planning, while CFO Kristie Newby explained that the district expected approved federal funds to arrive eventually, viewing the delay as more procedural than substantive—though still frustrating. Superintendent Tyler Bridges emphasized that federal law limits Title fund cuts to 10% per year and doubted major disruptions, given the scale and pre-approval of the funds, but acknowledged the unprecedented uncertainty caused by a stated federal funding freeze. While the district's budget for the 2025-26 school year anticipates over \$29 million in state and \$3.3 million in federal revenue, administrative leaders are preparing contingency plans, but remain optimistic that the funding will ultimately be released.