



TOGETHER

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“One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day observes it for the Lord...” (Romans 14:5-6). I know that in this diverse church family, some of us grew up in homes and congregations where Easter Sunday was a big deal every Spring. Others of us came from backgrounds where Easter was virtually ignored on the basis that it was considered an extra-Biblical, post-apostolic innovation built largely upon pagan fertility concepts and images. Other families were “tweeners” that celebrated the cultural and commercial aspects of the day, but downplayed the religious significance. While the apostle Paul was likely addressing Jewish feast days in the above passage, the Holy Spirit knew that the church in subsequent centuries and millennia would face the same issues of how to observe special days. Paul essentially wrote, “Do what your conscience and heart lead you to do. Do it (or don’t) for the Lord, and allow others that same liberty without judgment or condemnation.”

I have fond memories of Easter Sundays as a child. Dyeing real boiled eggs (cool process if you’ve never done it!); egg hunts; Easter baskets; chocolate bunnies; big crowds at church; ham, mashed potatoes, and green beans for lunch; 6 inches of snow one Easter morning in Louisville, Kentucky. Easter was special to me then, but it is even more special to me now. I know that the word Easter doesn’t appear in the New Testament (except in the KJV of Acts 12:4, where it mistranslates the word for Passover). But this I also know: the crucified Christ was raised to life by the power and glory of the Father on the Sunday following Passover. It was at precisely this time of year 1,979 years ago that death was deprived of its sting and the grave lost its victory. The weekly feast that we observe with bread and wine in remembrance and proclamation of the Savior’s sacrifice and death, we do in anticipation of the Living Christ’s return. In that sense, every Lord’s Day is Easter. Just ask a Russian! The Russian word for Sunday is Voskresenie, meaning “Resurrection.” Happy Resurrection Day!

Tim Pyles

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

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Scripture Reading - Matthew 28:1-10

“Risen”

Speaker - Tim Pyles

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Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

LTC - Leadership Training for Christ

participants will conduct service

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Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."
Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Welcome to all VISITORS & FRIENDS
- Welcome Denny & Linda Sneed back to the USA
- Service tonight will be lead by our LTC participants. Be here to encourage these young people
- Shepherds are available in the conference room during Bible class Sundays & Wednesdays to pray for any need. Come and have the shepherds pray with you
- Summary of Ministers/Shepherd's planning retreat 4-6-09
 1. Ministry updates
 - ≈ **Protecting & Feeding:** Summer Outreach program update, Sneeds back in the USA, search for domestic mission point in progress, Foreign Missions updates given
 - ≈ **Leading & Governing:** Shepherds/Ministers retreat follow-up: Action plan for identified focus areas of prayer, sharing the faith, open & respectful attitude, & intergenerational needs discussed. Deacon assignment & needs discussed
 - ≈ **Practical needs:** Wednesday dinners will stop for the summer, spring & summer youth calendar discussed
 2. Leadership training plans discussed

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In Mike's Basket

Can you remember your life before Christ entered the picture? Can you remember how you felt (or maybe now feel) about "forever" things? Can you remember your self-image? I can... I can remember having no self-confidence, no desire to think of higher things, no feelings of hope. Life just really didn't make a lot of sense. But God saw something in me I never saw in myself! God planned for me. Do you realize that God planned for you?!?!? A risen Savior proves that! Paul wrote: **"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly."** He made the first move! God can do mighty things in our lives if we'll just let Him. We are valuable to Him!

'Twas battered and scarred, and the old auctioneer,
Thought it scarcely worth his while
To waste much time, on the old violin.
But he held it up with a smile.
"What am I bid for the old violin?
Who'll start the bidding for me?
A dollar, a dollar, and who'll make it two?
Two dollars and who'll make it three?"

Three dollars once, three dollars twice,
Going for three"..... and no!
From far in the back a gray-haired man
Came forward and picked up the bow.
Then wiping the dust from the old violin,
And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, soft and sweet,
As sweet as an angel sings!

The music ceased and the auctioneer
With a voice that was soft and low.
Said... "What am I bid for the old violin?"
And he held it up with the bow.
"A thousand dollars and who'll make it two?
Two thousand and who'll make it three?
Three thousand once, three thousand twice
And going and gone," said he!

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CURRENT EVENTS

APRIL

- 12 GoldenAgers Luncheon
LTC Nite
- 17 Christian Business Breakfast
- 18 **HS Big Night Out****
- 19 3rd Sunday Food, Fellowship & Worship
- 21 Ladies Bible Class Workday
- 24-25 Ladies Retreat
- 25 Comedy Concert with Daren Streblov
- 26 **HS Devo****

FUTURE

- May 1-2 Leadership Training Seminar
- May 3 Candice Morrow Baby Shower
Ms Devo**
- May 5 GoldenAgers Social
- May 10 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Senior Honor Night**
- May 22-23 Prayer Marathon
- May 31 - June 6 **Camp**
- June 7 Promotion Sunday for Nursery Dept thru High School
- June 19-July 6 Ukraine Mission
- July 4-12 Medical Mission
- July 26-30 **VBS**

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- April 26 **HS Devo****
- May 3 **MS Devo****
- May 10 **Senior Honor Night****
- May 17 **Graduate Honor Nite****
- June 9-15 **Senior Trip****
- June 28-July 1 **Work Camp****
- Aug 3 & 4 **HS Six Flags Trip****
- ** Youth Events

Youth Information

Phone Numbers

about upcoming events.

Middle School - 317-7159

High School - 317-7160

You can receive voice mail messages with updates, changes & future happenings.



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

April 19, 2009

Lesson 26 – *Jesus and Bartimeus*

Teach L Slaton
Monitor A Keele

April 26, 2009

Lesson 27 – *The Rich Man & Lazarus*

Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

May 3, 2009

Lesson 28 – *The Lepers are Healed*

Teach B Street
Monitor C Hoffmeister

May 10, 2009

Lesson 29 – *The Pharisee and the Publican*

Teach C Hoffmeister
Monitor D Ward

START WITH A BROWNIE

In the late 1800's, in the Tewksbury almshouse (orphanage and mental institution) outside of Boston, a young girl known as "Little Annie" was locked in the dungeon. The dungeon was the only place, said the doctors, for those who were hopelessly insane. In Little Annie's case, they said, there was no hope for her. Little Annie, almost blind, separated from her father and older sister, her mother and younger brother, dead from disease, was consigned to a living death in that small cage which received little light and even less hope.

It was about this time that an elderly nurse was nearing retirement. She felt there was hope for all of God's children, so she started taking her lunch into the dungeon and eating outside Little Annie's cage. She felt perhaps she should communicate some love and hope to the little girl.

In many ways, Little Annie was like an animal. On occasions, she would violently attack the person who came into her cage. At other times, she would completely ignore them. When the elderly nurse started visiting her, Little Annie gave no indication that she was even aware of her presence. One day, the elderly nurse brought some brownies to the dungeon and left them just outside the cage. Little Annie gave no hint she knew they were there, but when the nurse returned the next day, the brownies were gone. From that time on, the nurse would bring brownies when she made her Thursday visit. Soon after, the doctors in the institution noticed a change was taking place. After a period of time they decided to move Little Annie upstairs.

Finally, after time and much pleading... Little Annie was able to attend the Perkins School for the Blind. She ultimately graduated valedictorian. After her graduation, she moved to Tusculum, Alabama to work as teacher and tutor for a 6-year-old deaf, mute, and blind girl. You see, it was Little Annie, whom we know as Anne Sullivan, who cared for, taught, and nurtured Helen Keller... and it started with brownies.

In essence, we are being challenged to be this elderly nurse in the Tewksbury almshouse... just believe that there is hope for all of God's children. Place yourself in their path and set your plate of brownies within reach. It may look like inviting someone to Bible class and not being upset when they decline. It may look like the "5 Minute Rule" Tim spoke about in his "Sunday's coming" article. It looks like compassion. It looks like humility... like the humility Jesus showed in His death on the cross... a selfless act.

It started with brownies!

(article information from: Illustrations Unlimited, James S. Hewett, editor, p289; American Foundation for the Blind website <http://www.afb.org/annesullivan/>.)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, April 19: *"Be Kind to One Another"*

Prayer Requests: **Vincent Dorman** as he rededicates his life to Christ
Holly Parker to be bolder as she invites people to worship

Congregational News

GoldenAgers April Potluck Luncheon will be Sunday, April 12, following morning worship. Please bring a dish and join us.



3rd Sunday Luncheon: April 19th, after morning worship. Please bring soup, sandwiches & desserts that are fully prepared. Drinks will be provided. Please plan to stay for early afternoon worship together in the OC. There will be no 5:00 pm worship that day.

Comedy Concert: with Daren Streblov, April 25th in the Auditorium. Invite your friends and neighbors. Watch for an email invitation to forward to your friends and neighbors. Paper flyers are located in the back of the auditorium. For a glimpse into Daren's world see

<http://www.darenstreblov.com>



OC Volunteer Needed: We are looking for a volunteer to open and close every-other Thursday night from 6 to 9 pm.

Baby Shower for Candice Morrow: Sunday, May 3, at 2 pm in the Parlor. Candice already has an abundance of boy clothes for her new baby; diapers and necessities for the new baby would be greatly appreciated. She is registered at Babies-R-Us.

Kids Kare Needs Substitutes! We are still in need of people to substitute. If you are interested in flexible part time work, please call Melissa Gillin @ 317-7150 or 688-1003 (cell). (continued on the back of insert)

SERVICES

Sunday -- Worship -- 10:00 a.m. -- Bible Class 9:00 a.m. -- Evening 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday -- Ladies Bible Class -- 10:00 a.m. (Sep-May)

Wednesday -- Bible Classes and Devotional -- 7:15 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (286-6403)•Tim Pyles (214-493-9769)•

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Shepherds' Corner (continued)

Future View

- Shepherd contact for April—David Maynard
- Shepherd meeting for April—20th
- Outreach opportunity: Comedy Concert by Daren Steblow—April 25
- Leadership Training Seminar for the shepherds, ministers & deacons —May 1st & 2nd (Topics to be covered: communication, leadership, partnering, healthy maturity, purposeful action)
- Prayer Marathon—May 22nd & 23rd

In Mike's Basket (continued)

The people cheered but some of them cried,
"We don't quite understand?!

What changed its worth?" The man replied:
"The touch of the Master's hand!"

And many a man with life out of tune,
And battered and scarred with sin.
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,
Much like the old violin.

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But the Master comes and the foolish crowd,
Never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought,
By the touch of the Master's hand!

(Poem by Myra Brooks Welch)

Hopefully the Master is at work in your life! Have a great week!
Mike

Welcome, Guests!

You honor us with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. If you would be interested in a home Bible study or a Bible correspondence course, please contact Scott Keele at 918-258-9602 or e-mail skeele@bacoc.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Pancakes & Sausage

Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Cost: Adults \$3.00

Children 6-11 \$2.00

Please mark the attendance card just below your names, indicating the number of adults and children that plan to attend.

Hope Harbor Needs:

33 Gallon
Trash Bags



April 19, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
Glen Lyle

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Rocky Giles
2. Brett Gould
3. George Gwinn
4. Jack Hale
5. Virgil Hale
6. Bill Hancock
7. Lee Heffner
8. Tom Henderson
9. Jim Hoffmeister
10. Richard Holleyman
11. Archer Honea
12. Jack Hudkins
13. Jon Huff
14. Keith Kashwer
15. Rich Kilmer

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Josh Wann
For Cup - Steve Wann

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Rick Ward

CLOSING PRAYER

John Wells

April 19, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Evan Maynard

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Lauren Giles Frances Gillin
Janice Hays Sharon Hamilton

DOORGREETERS

1. Jack & Gloria Hale
2. Virgil Hale & Jim Lee
3. Peggy Hill & Darla Lynn
4. Keith & Frances Kashwer
5. Rich & Becky Kilmer
6. Bill & Connie Kimrey

USHERS

2. Jack Hale
3. Bill Hancock
4. Archer Honea
5. Kevin Lee

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill
PM Hosts - NA

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Scott & Michell Reeder
David & Abby Mainprize

PM Hosts - NA

April 19, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Archer Honea

EVENING PRAYERS

Paul West
Bart Whisenhunt

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Gloria Hale Cara Jones
Mignon Harris Donna Jones

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Sean Layman
Jim Lee

If you will not be available to serve in the area listed, please contact:

LORD'S TABLE

(South) Larry Brewer..... 357-1433
(North) Dwayne Canton .. 281-9171

PRAYERS

Jerry Lundy..... 357-5728

DOOR GREETERS

Gary Southern 355-3131

USHERS

Jerry Lundy..... 357-5728

PRAYER LIST

Hospital/Tests:

Alta Lamirand will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow.

Cathy Lovelace was deployed to the USS Comfort on April 4th. Prayers are requested for the crew on board and the children she will be treating.

Darrell Vest is home doing well after surgery on Tuesday to insert a stint.

Jim Wiginton had outpatient nose surgery on Monday.

Remember the **family of Kaitlyn Finnegan**, Bishop Kelly High School student, that was killed earlier in the week. Her father is a co-worker of Heather Blevins.

Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother) has cancer and is not doing well. He lives in Tahlequah.

Dawn Rugeley (friend of Rosie Steele) had a stroke. She has 2 little girls. She is from Ponca City but is currently at St. John's Medical Center.

Kayla Sediacek (friend of Bill & Connie Kimrey) has been diagnosed with cancer. She has eight children.

Felicia Windham (niece of Rosie Steele) of Brooklyn, NY has stage 4 cancer.

Members: Rocky Giles, *Jason Koening*, *Gavin Kuykendall*, Dave Larson, *Sharon Love*, Heather Nequette, Brent Saffell, Jack Steele, Erma Wiginton, Wanda Wilburn

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WEDNESDAY - April 22, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Dave & Terri Larson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Keith & Frances Kashwer
Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
April 5, 2009

Bible Class.....	424
AM Worship.....	643
PM Worship.....	326
Wednesday.....	446
Contribution.....	\$24,469
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$266,245
Budget YTD.....	\$273,208
Over/(Under).....	(\$6,963)

Prayer Chain - Between 8am and 5pm, contact Nancy Johnson (357-3963) or Lois McNeal (251-4561). After 5pm call Mary Sampson (486-5945) or Cynthia Walvoord (355-5144).

PRAYER LIST (continued)

Friends & Family: Ron Allen (brother of June Scott), *Corey Baird (grandson of the Qualls)*, Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan), Ron Fisher (nephew of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell), *Kara Grubbs (Joella Gotcher's daughter)*, Kaydn Guess (daughter of Vernon & Kanna), Lorraine Larson (mother of Dave Larson), Bryant Mitchell (son of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell), Harry & Dorothy Orahoad (Steve McDonald's parents), Winter Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's niece), Ann Rodgers (mother of Donna Jones), Kayla Sediacek (friend of Bill & Connie Kimrey), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, Curtis Young (Pam Battenfield's son-in-law), Jane Young (sister of Ruby Mitchell)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Steven Copeland, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, **Cathy Lovelace**, Tray & Hope Mamula, Bryan McCall, Matt & Shannon (Scott) McDonald, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Travis Williams, Angela Williamson

Congratulations to **Bruce & Wanda Johns**, the proud great-grandparents of a new great granddaughter, **Emily Ann Johns**. She was born Friday, April 3, and weighed 8lbs 14 ozs and is 21 inches long. Her **grandparents** are **Steve & Cheryl Johns**, members at Park Plaza.

Thank You so much for all the prayers, cards, and visits to the hospital. Thank you for loving and supporting Donna & Gary at this trying time. I'm home now and doing much better thanks to your prayers. Hope to see you all soon.
Ann Rodgers

Thank You for the lovely basket of plants and flowers. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers through our difficult journey. We appreciate the dinner you provided for our family. Sincerely, **Sheryl & Brooke Ward**

Sympathy is expressed to **Bill Davis** on the death of his aunt, Ellen Hughes, on Thursday, April 9. Ellen is also the great-aunt of **Bryan Davis & Brenda Layman**.

Congregational News *(continued)*

Meals on Wednesday Night will not be served during the summer. Get together with friends and "brown bag" before Bible study. Team members are encouraged to think about volunteering your talents by helping with the Summer Meal program for Rhoades children.

Foreign Exchange Students: If you would like to learn more about hosting a foreign exchange student, please visit the website of the American Host Family Program at www.aspectfoundation.org or their local representative, Tiffany Groom, at 260-8934.

Happenings Around the Area

Spring Gospel Songfest & Prayer Meeting: Church of Christ on North Sheridan Road. Songfest: Saturday, April 18 at 5:30 pm & Sunday, April 19 at 2:30 pm. A Time of Prayer: Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 & Monday - Wednesday, April 20-22 at 7:00 pm.

Gavin Kuykendall Update!!

April 9, 2009

WE HAVE A SURGERY DATE!!!! Surgery will be Wednesday, April 22nd. Gavin will have pre-op the day before.

This morning has been an emotional roller coaster... we were told at 8:45 this morning that the insurance would not approve for us to go to San Diego. By 10, they had changed their mind, I just love insurance companies (NOT). Our wonderful pediatrician and his nurse put up a fight. Since the day we found out about Gavin's condition, we said we would do whatever it takes to get the best care for our son. Even if that means selling our house, going in debt, and flying across the country to get the job done. Needless to say, I have shed some stressful tears this morning.

We found out that we will not be able to fly with angel flight out of Tulsa because they do not fly more than 1,000 miles. We were contacted by Freedom Flight out of Texas about using them to fly Gavin and myself out there for free!! We should know by the end of the day if that will work out or not. God is good.

We really need your prayers... this is bittersweet and we have wished for this day to be here since Gavin was born, it's the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. We are so ready for this surgery to be over and for Gavin to have no complications. We also ask for prayers for Adam's mom, Sandra and Faith's dad, Joe. They are planning to fly out to San Diego next week to give blood that will directly go to Gavin... how cool is that???

Anyone that would like to donate blood can do that here. It does not matter what your blood type is. We will get credit for the blood donated. We will submit the credits to our insurance company and it will reduce the price of the blood transfusions. When you go in to give blood tell them that you want the credit to go to Gavin Kuykendall, 3200 N. Oak Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. You can donate anywhere, American Red Cross, Oklahoma Blood Institute, etc.