



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Chill bumps and tears; lots and lots of tears. That is how I reacted when I watched the video clip of Susan Boyle singing "I Dreamed a Dream" on the British television show *Britain's Got Talent*. Boyle's audition for the show was recorded in January of this year in Glasgow, Scotland, and her performance was aired a couple of weeks ago on April 11. Since then, it is estimated that over 100 million people worldwide have viewed her stirring rendition of the song on YouTube.

Boyle strode non-elegantly onto the stage and stumbled awkwardly through her introductory dialogue with the judges. The camera swept through the audience and found people rolling their eyes and shaking their heads in disbelief as this rather frumpy, middle-aged woman spoke of her aspirations of becoming a professional singer. The atmosphere in the auditorium was thick with skepticism, with trace amounts of pity and embarrassment thrown in as well. Or so it was until the backing tape began and Boyle began to sing. In the mere span of two bars of the song, jaws went slack, eyes welled up with tears, and the crowd rose to its feet with thunderous applause, both in appreciation for Boyle's remarkable gift and in shame for their own shallowness and superficiality in judging another human being solely by her appearance. Even Simon Cowell, infamous for his cynicism and biting sarcasm, was won over by the clarity, purity, and power of her voice.

When will we ever learn! When will I ever learn! Having a disabled son has greatly sensitized me to how quickly and cruelly people can cast a look, make a face, or utter some inane comment (don't get me started!) just because someone looks or acts a little differently than "normal," whatever that is. Yet, I still walked right into the "Boyle Trap" with everyone else. I was so proud of her, and so ashamed of myself. My Savior has tried to teach me, "Don't judge according to appearance" (John 7:24). God had to explain to Samuel that "man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). I don't know about you, but I am still trying to "get it."

As moved as I was by Susan Boyle's performance, I later wondered how I and others would feel about her if she couldn't sing a note. Does she only have value to us as a person now because of her amazing talent, because of what she can do, and do extremely well? What about her intrinsic value as a person created in the image of God, a person who bravely endured bullying and name-calling in school, and a person who lovingly cared for her mother until her death two years ago at the age of 91. "Lord, please help me; help me to get it!"

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

Be Still and Know - 31

Shepherd's Prayer – Richard Mosby

He Has Made Me Glad - 103

Sing, Amen! - 87

To God Be the Glory - 4

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Christ for the World We Sing - 626

BIBLE HOUR - The Rich Man & Lazarus

Scripture Reading - Matthew 25

"I Was Hungry" Mathew 25:31-40

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom - 643

Poured Out like Wine - 655

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Kyle Thomas

Speaker - Tim Pyles

"The Gospel of Judas" John 13:21-30



Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Welcome to our guests!
- 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
- Leadership Training Seminar for the shepherds, ministers, deacons & ministry leaders is May 1st & 2nd (Topics to be covered: communication, leadership, partnering, healthy maturity, purposeful action)
- Summary of ministers/shepherds meeting—April 20
 1. Round table discussion of shepherding groups
 2. Proposed Ministry Leaders/ Deacon assignment reviewed
 3. Update on Leadership Appreciation & Training Seminar
 4. Update on India work & needs
 5. Special fellowship services to continue May 24, June 21 & July 19
- Pray for our preparation for summer missions & activities

Future View

- Shepherd contact for May—Dave Larson
- Shepherd meetings for May—4th & 18th
- Prayer Marathon—May 22nd & 23rd

CURRENT EVENTS

APRIL

- 26 Rob & Lydia Lee Baby Shower
- Library Meeting
- Parents of HS Juniors Meeting
- Senior Honor Nite Items Due!**
- HS Devo****
- GoldenAgers Committee Mtg
- 29 Coordinator Meeting

FUTURE

- May 1-2 Leadership Training Seminar
- May 3 Candice Morrow Baby Shower
- Worship Committee Meeting
- Ms Devo****
- May 5 GoldenAgers Social
- May 10 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- May 12 Ladies Quilting Workday
- May 17 Senior Honor Night****
- May 22-23 Prayer Marathon
- May 23 Clothing Room open
- May 24 Sunday Food, Fellowship & Worship
- HS Devo****

May 31 - June 6 Camp

- June 1 50 Days of Food & Fun
- June 7 Promotion Sunday for Nursery Dept thru High School
- June 19-July 6 Ukraine Mission
- June 21 3rd Sunday Food, Fellowship & Worship
- July 4-12 Medical Mission
- June 19 3rd Sunday Food, Fellowship & Worship
- July 26-30 VBS

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- April 26 HS Devo**
- May 3 MS Devo**
- May 17 Senior Honor Nite**
- May 24 HS Devo**
- June 9-15 Senior Trip**
- June 28-July 1 Work Camp**
- Aug 3 & 4 HS Six Flags Trip**

** Youth Events

In Mike's Basket

Seniors 2009

DUE TODAY

for Senior Honor Night

Senior picture
Profile

Bible choice

Song

Slide show

information

Turn in to either Mike or Karen Baskett.



Burnt Cabin Info!!!

The Broken Arrow session of **Burnt Cabin Christian Camp** will be May 31—June 6th. Camp is open for students entering 4th grade through senior high. Applications can be picked up at the youth booth or accessed on the youth page of our website at www.bacoc.org. Get your registration in to secure a spot for the "highlight of the summer".



Burnt Cabin Special Contribution

as of April 19, 2009

\$15,080.00

Thank You!!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

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

May 17, 2009

Lesson 30 – *The Rich Young Ruler*

Teach D Ward
Monitor E Emerson

May 24, 2009

NO BIBLE HOUR

May 31, 2009

Lesson 31 – *The Last Supper*

Teach E Emerson
Monitor F Lynn

THE PRIVILEGE OF SUFFERING

A paralyzed teenager... Joni Eareckson's life can teach us so much! She wrote the following in the preface of her book, *Joni*:

Isolated, by itself, what is a minute? Merely a measurement of time. There are sixty in an hour, 1,440 in a day. At seventeen, I had already ticked off more than 9 million of them in my life. Yet, in some cosmic plan, this single minute was isolated. Into these particular sixty seconds was compressed more significance than all the millions of minutes marking my life prior to this instant.

So many actions, sensations, thoughts, and feelings were crowded into that fragment of time. How can I describe them? How can I begin to catalog them? I recall so clearly the details of those few dozen seconds--seconds destined to change my life forever. And there was no warning or premonition.

Oscar Wilde wrote, "In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it." To rephrase his thought, I suggest there are likewise only two joys. One is having God answer all your prayers; the other, not receiving the answer to all your prayers. I believe this because I have found that God knows my needs infinitely better than I know them. And He is utterly dependable, no matter which direction our circumstances take us.

Helen Keller once said, "Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

In my office this past week, I have had the opportunity to be with some people who are being filled with "overcoming." What has amazed me is the fact that "overcoming" didn't look like their preconceived ideas. "Overcoming" wasn't clothed in no troubles. "Overcoming" wasn't wrapped in avoidance of pain and negative emotions and events... and people.

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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, May 3: "What If Hell Is Real"

Congregational News

Come & Go Video Baby Shower for Rob & Lydia Lee: TODAY from 4-5 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Target & Babies-R-Us. They are expecting a girl. Lydia is not able to be here but drop by and send your good wishes to her & Rob. Kevin & Mignon will take the gifts down to them. Wrapping is optional.

Anyone Interested in Helping in the Church Library: Dave Brockway will have a short meeting TODAY from 4-5 in the Library.

Meeting for Parents of HS Juniors: There will be a meeting at 3:30 pm TODAY in room 103 N to plan for Senior Honor Night.

GoldenAgers Committee Meeting: TONIGHT after evening worship in 101N. All GoldenAgers are invited.

Bible Class Coordinator Meeting: Wednesday evening, April 29, at 6 pm in OC # 3. Bring your dinner.

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.



Medical Mission: The following people have expressed interest in going to Belize on this year's medical mission. If your name is on the list and it should not be or if it is not on the list and you want to go, please contact the office: Bill Davis, Jim Parker, Fred Suffridge, Aaron & Elizabeth Laney, Clyde Barnes, Becky Kilmer, Beth Whisenhunt, Cathy Loveless, Wayne & Pam Pope, Leta Loftin, Fran Garrett, Robbie Riggs, Rhonda Riggs, Gerry & Darla Lynn.

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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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THE PRIVILEGE OF SUFFERING

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I am reminded that when golf balls were first manufactured, their covers were smooth. Then it was discovered that after a ball had been roughed up, one could get more distance out of it. So, they started manufacturing them with dimpled covers. So it is with life; it takes some rough spots in your life to make you go your farthest.

"You are extremely happy about these things {salvation}, even though you have to suffer different kinds of trouble for a little while now. The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold, and by passing the test, it gives praise, glory, and honor to God."

Happenings Around the Area

So What's the Big Deal? The Lord's Supper: Bill Burton will speak on Thursday, April 30 at 7 pm at the Wagoner Church of Christ. For more information see the bulletin board in the North foyer.

Gospel Meeting at North Heights Church of Christ in Bixby: Sunday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 6. Russ Dyer will speak. For more information see the bulletin board in the North foyer.

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

Quesadillas

Provided by the Boy Scouts

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:

Family Size Tea Bags



May 3, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Joel Pence

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
David Maynard

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.
1. Ed Mainprize
2. Mike Martin
3. David Maynard
4. Evan Maynard
5. Steve McDonald
6. Lonnie Miller
7. Wayne Mitchell
8. Bobby Morrow
9. Richard Mosby
10. Robby Mosley
11. Bill Murdock
12. Tim Murdock
13. Dick Page
14. Ken Palmer
15. Jim Parker

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER
For Bread - Victor York
For Cup - Bernard Anderson

PRAYER FOR OFFERING
Ron Baxter

CLOSING PRAYER
Dave Brockway

May 3 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Nathan Michael

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Elaine Maynard Nancy McWherter
Mignon Lee Lori Gillin

DOORGREETERS
1. Steve & Jackie McDonald
2. Dick & Madolene Page
3. Reece & Holly Parker
4. Tim & Linnea Plowman
5. Mike & Narissa Rampey
6. Dick & Sharon Ray

USHERS
2. Jerry Lundy
3. Jared Pence
4. Tim Plowman
5. Mike Rampey

INFORMATION CENTER
AM Hosts - Jared & Cara Pence
PM Hosts - Linda Kirk & Gayle Langston

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS
AM Hosts - Carl & Peggy Alexander
 Glen & Edwina Lyle

PM Hosts - Bill & Jean Murdock
 Dick & Sharon Myers

May 3, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Scott Keele

EVENING PRAYERS
Jim Coghill
Steve Copeland

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Darla Lynn Pam Mitchell
Lynn Marshall JoAnn Mitchell

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.
Glen Lyle
James Parker

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:

Allen Butler is having pain in his shoulder & back. He will have surgery soon.
Gavin Kuykendall had heart surgery, Wednesday, April 22, in San Diego. His surgery went great and he is up and walking.
Brent Saffell is home following out-patient knee surgery on Wednesday.
Bill Baskett (father of Mike) had heart surgery in Abilene this week.
Matt Mangrum (team member of Ron Lee) has a brain tumor.
Donna Scott (friend of Mary Harper) had cancer surgery at St. John's on Thursday.
Emma Smith (6 month old granddaughter of Emma Mosby's niece) is home after a hospital visit due to seizures.
Kara Van Meter (daughter of Mary Harper) will have gall bladder surgery on Monday.

Members: Gavin Gonzales, *Jason Koeninger*, Alta Lamirand, *Sharon Love*, Junior Nipps, James Parker, Jack Steele, Darrell Vest, Jim & Erma Wiginton, Wanda Wilburn

Friends & Family: *Corey Baird* (grandson of the Qualls), John Davis (a co-worker of Gary Jones), Kaitlyn Finnegan family (father is a co-worker of Heather Blevins), Ron Fisher (nephew of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell),

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WEDNESDAY - May 6, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER
Erma Wiginton & Julie Parette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS
Robert & Tracey Michael
John & Linda Wells

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
April 19, 2009

Bible Class	391
AM Worship.....	588
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday	429
Contribution.....	\$19,143
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$315,707
Budget YTD.....	\$336,256
Over/(Under)	(\$20,549)

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: Kara Grubbs (*Joella Gotcher's daughter*), Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother), Deana Hamilton (Lawana Duwe's niece), Ivy Illiff (daughter of a co-worker of Gary Jones), Bryant Mitchell (son of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell), Harry & Dorothy Orahood (Steve McDonald's parents), Winter Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's niece), Dawn Rugeley (friend of Rosie Steele), Joshua Sampson (grandson of Jerry & Mary Sampson), Kayla Sediacek (friend of Bill & Connie Kimrey), Steve & Reena Street & family (brother of Brian Street, *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, *Felicia Windham (niece of Rosie Steele)*), 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

Shut-ins: Mary Barton, Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Ruby Bryan, Ruth Davis, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, John D. Lee, Laura Moore, Lonita Nutt, Bill Powers, Jack & Doris Steele, Dorothy Stutz, Pat Tobey

Long-term illness: Carla Bare, Leslie Brewer, Jim Bryan, Pam Bonwell, Pat Boulter, Candy Butler, Sacia Coleman, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Emily Graves, Dee Hall, Lisa Hancock, Vanelle Helm, Roxanna Honea, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Gavin Kuykendall, Lloyd Lamirand, John A. Lee, Betty Martin, Belinda Mitchell, Wayne Pratt, Don Spink, Sonny Steele, Walt Willson, Paris York

Congratulations to **Matt & Ashley Robinson** on the birth of a new baby girl, **Brookelyn Faye**. She was born Friday, April 17, weighed 8 lbs. and is 21 1/4 inches long. Proud big brother is Luke. And equally proud are grandparents, Curtis & Sharon Hamilton.

Sympathy is expressed to **Bill & Sherri Rampey** and **Mike & Narissa Rampey** on the death of Bill & Mike's uncle, Willard Rampey. Services were Tuesday at the Coweta Church of Christ.

A Big Thank You to all of those who made Big Night Out successful. We appreciate the Binkley's for opening up their home and providing us with a hilariously hypnotized group! Thanks to all the junior parents and senior parents (especially Rhonda Blackstock and Alicia Askew) and all those that helped at the reception. Thanks to Jimmy and Dana for the wonderful photographs. To the Streets, Walvoords, Lees, Walkers, Turners, and Dixons for chaperoning, driving, and staying up all night! We couldn't do it without you! **Mike & Karen**

Congregational News (continued)

An Opportunity has arisen to purchase 2 lots adjacent to the children's home we support in India. These lots have been used for years by the children as a playground and by the local congregation for tent meetings. The individuals that own the property are retiring and want to sell the property to help support themselves. They are giving the children's home first right of refusal on the land. Brother V would like to keep using the property as they have always done in the past. The only way to guarantee that they will be able to use it in the future is to purchase the land. If you would like to help in a financial way please see Keith Walvoord.

Help Needed: Tom Coleman is seeking to employ a day sitter to care for his wife, Sacia, and perform light housekeeping duties, Monday through Thursday from 8-4 and Friday for 8-12. Please call 671-0057 & talk only to Tom.

Worship Committee Meeting: Sunday, May 3, at 3:30 pm in Tim Pyles office.

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

"Shower" for 50 Days of Food & Fun Sunday night, May 3rd, after evening worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. A "wish list" is at the sign-up table in the foyer. A opportunity to contribute will be available on Sunday, May 3.



50 Days of Food & Fun: We will be serving breakfast & lunch to the local children this summer & also providing an enrichment program to the Rhoades Elementary children. Information is in the pew. Sign-ups are available. Several have already volunteered. This local mission will be an outreach effort to the local families.