

Hearts Turning Home — Touching the Hearts of our Community...



TOGETHER

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Over the last couple of weeks, many of you have received an email message from me with the subject line, "Sunday's Coming!" This is a weekly communication that I will be sending to members of the Broken Arrow church to give you a heads-up about the Sunday morning sermon, the text of Scripture upon which the lesson will be based, and the direction that we will be taking in our discussion of the Word. This will provide you with an opportunity to spend some time in devotional reading and thought prior to our Sunday worship assembly. It might be the case that the sermon is one that would be of particular interest to a friend, co-worker, family member, or classmate that you have been thinking about inviting to join you for worship. If this helps provide you with an easy and convenient opportunity to do that, then, "Praise God!" When you receive the email, you also might want to pause and offer up a prayer for the preacher (I know that this preacher would greatly appreciate it!) as he continues the preparation of the message.

How did I get your email address? The distribution list was built from the membership data that we have in the office. How can you get on the distribution list if you haven't yet received the weekly email? You can write your email address on your attendance card today or you can simply email Colleen Detherage at cdetherage@bacoc.org and we will get you on the list. [Hey, youth group! Give us your email addresses, too, if you would like to receive the message. Do you even read my bulletin article? Only during the sermon, right?!? lol]

Please know that your email addresses are considered by the ministers and office staff to be "privileged information" that we are committed to protecting. The "Sunday's Coming!" email is sent BCC (blind carbon copy), meaning that recipients cannot see or access the distribution list, nor can they "reply to all." Replies will only come back to me.

We have also launched a periodic email called "BA Family E-News" using the same distribution list. This will assist us in communicating useful information and critical updates to the congregation in a timely manner.

Tim Pyles

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

All Things Praise Thee - 43

Heavenly Sunlight - 611

Shepherd's Prayer – Gary Jones

Glorify Thy Name - 77

Low in the Grave He Lay - 344

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Scripture Reading – Acts 8:26-35

Jesus, Hold My Hand - 412

BIBLE HOUR - The Parable of the Talents

"I Thought You'd Never Ask"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

There's a Fountain Free - 909

Burnt Cabin Camp Contribution

This World Is Not My Home - 957

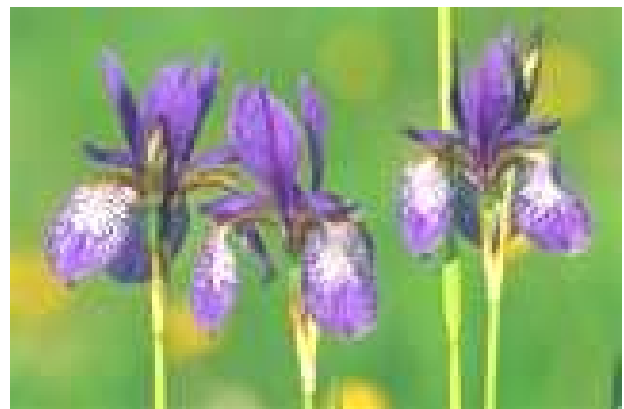
Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jared Pence

"Fifteen Minutes of Fame" - Romans 12:1-2

Speaker - Tim Pyles



Shepherds' Corner

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

Present Action

- Praise God for the 17 additional deacons appointed last Sunday that are ready to serve
- 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
- LTC is next Friday & Saturday. Pray for our young people's spiritual growth through this activity
- Summary of Ministers/Shepherd's planning retreat 3-28-09
 1. Eight book/articles presented and discussed in the areas of growing, strengthening & involving the church
 2. Four areas of focus emerged from the discussion: Prayer, Sharing the faith, Open & respectful attitude, & Intergenerational needs
 3. Action plans for these areas are yet to be developed

Future View

- Shepherd contact for April—David Maynard
- Shepherd meetings for April—6th & 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

Wow! What a month we have to do great things!

BURNT CABIN CAMP MEETING: Please remember today at 4:05 pm – if you are interested in being part of Burnt Cabin Camp, we will be meeting in the youth room in the Outreach Center! I have purple "Staff Application" forms on the round table near the youth booth if you'd like to get ahead of the game!

LTC MEETING: This is today as well! Tonight, immediately after services, we will have a SHORT (promise) meeting to finalize plans. I realize there is some concern about leaving at 2:00 pm but this is a MUST! We need to locate areas, get all check-ins finalized, and an all-important judge's meeting at 5:00 pm. I know that the kids may miss some school, but I also know that if it's sports, or choir, or band, or whatever... we take them out to make these events! The buses will need to leave at 2:15 pm at the latest so please be on time. Don't forget to be at the meeting after services on Sunday night, April 5th! (Tonight!) :o)

DAREN STREBLOW CONCERT: Do you need a good laugh? We will have a wonderfully gifted comedian here on April 25th at 7:00 pm. What a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors for a casual night of fellowship and fun. Want a "taste" of Daren's humor? Go to: www.darensteblow.com Invitations will be available at the Information Center! This will be a night to remember!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

APRIL

- 5 Burnt Cabin Special Contribution
MUD
Pre-school Dept. Meeting
Camp Sponsors Meeting
MS Devo**
- 7 Ladies Bible Class Lunch
GoldenAgers Social
- 10 & 11 LTC****
- 12 GoldenAgers Luncheon
LTC Nite
- 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 Steblow
- 26 HS Devo****

FUTURE

- May 1-2 Leadership Training Seminar
- 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

- 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

Welcome Home, Emily

Emily Graves has made her way back home! After 2 months in Chicago she is home at 320 W Roanoke St., Broken Arrow, 74011. Her home phone number is 918-806-1117.

Cards, visits, and calls are welcomed. Please continue to pray for Emily and her family as she adjusts to her new life. She is not able to walk but the doctors and nurses have helped her with arm and neck movement.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

April 12, 2009

Lesson 25 – *The Parable of the Prodigal Son*

Teach K Larson
Monitor L Slaton

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

EARTHEN VESSELS... That's Us

Finding and accomplishing a ministry in the church can be perplexing... and many times it can be a daunting task. We may struggle with our own sins, our own mess-ups, our own inadequacies and failures. We may be confused as to exactly what our God-given talents are and how we might put these talents to use. And we may even be pressed from every side with so many people and venues grabbing for our attention that we shrink back in shock and doubt... all leaving us with the feeling that God wants us to be involved in His Church... but we cannot seem to make it happen. The guilt and frustration set up house-keeping and seem to live with us, bumping into us at every turn.

We have previously noted that "since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart."(2 Corinthians 4:1) So our ministry, like Paul's, comes to us by God's mercy. And that mercy is a reason not to lose heart. We then notice later in the chapter, Paul allows reality to be part of the equation. "But we have this treasure in jars of clay". That's right... God knows that His ministry will happen, be done by, be planned and implemented by "jars of clay." Humans! Fallible creatures! Me! You. Us. That's it, and He knows it.

Paul goes on to say that this plan of implementing the Father's ministry on earth has a reason. The reason? "... to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." He then says this, "We are hard pressed on every side, ...perplexed, ...persecuted, ...struck down."

Oh... did I forget to put in the whole passage. I can say those words, "I'm hard pressed on every side, perplexed, persecuted, and stuck down!" and if I dwell on these words, I will be! But let's remind ourselves... "We are hard pressed on every side, BUT NOT CRUSHED; perplexed, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR; persecuted, BUT NOT ABANDONED; struck down, BUT NOT DESTROYED."

It is about POWER.

Getting into a ministry... getting the ministry off the ground... making a difference... getting past the details... finding a way through the turmoil...

It is about POWER... God's power. Church family, we always carry around Christ's death in our body. So that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our body. And we don't lose heart.

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
April 12: "Created in God's Image"

Congregational News

*Pick up your **secret sister info** at the "WinGS" table by the water fountains in the foyer TODAY after am worship and before & after pm worship. Thanks for your participation in helping promote uniting the women of the congregation and getting acquainted as spiritual sisters, plus having FUN doing it.*

Pre-school Department Teacher's Meeting: TODAY at 4:00 pm in Kindergarten Room. **All** pre-school teachers are encouraged to attend even if you are off rotation.

Burnt Cabin 2009 Special Contribution: TODAY This will allow for additional capital improvements before summer sessions begin.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Luncheon: On April 7th the theme for Ladies Bible class luncheon will be Easter. Bring potluck featuring Easter/Spring.

GoldenAgers Social will be Tuesday, April 7, at 6:30 pm. Bring finger food and join us for a great time together.

LTC - April 10 & 11: All participants and adults are asked to be prepared to leave as a group at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. This will allow group check-in and plenty of time before the first event. Please make arrangements ahead of time to leave at this hour.

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

Comedy Concert: with Daren Streblov. April 25th in the auditorium. Invite your friends and neighbors. For a glimpse into Daren's world see <http://www.darenstreblov.com>. (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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***The Children, Grandchildren and
Friends***

of Geraldine Carpenter

***Request your presence
at her birthday party***

Saturday, April 11, 2009

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Silver Arrow Estates

2601 S Elm

Broken Arrow, OK

Your presence will be her special gift.

HELP NEEDED AT RHOADES ELEMENTARY

Rhoades Elementary will be giving the state achievement test the week of April 13th-17th. Volunteers are needed to monitor during the test. Each volunteer must attend a test monitor orientation on Wednesday, April 8th at 10:00am or Friday, April 10th at 2:00pm. The orientation will not take more than 30 minutes. Being a monitor is very easy! During test week you will need to be at the school each morning by 8:45am and stay until your class has completed their test for that day. All classes should be finished by lunch time. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Contact Rhoades at 259-4440 if you can help for even one day.

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

Ham & Church Potatoes

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:

***Green Chili
Enchilada Sauce***



April 12, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Kyle Thomas

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
Dave Larson

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 - Bill Thrailkill
For Cup - Lee Turner

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Jimmy Turner

CLOSING PRAYER

Harold Tydings

April 12, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Archer Honea

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Betty Crittenden Michelle Bryan
Tama Davis Barbara Craghead

DOORGREETERS

1. Sherman & Alice Boley
2. Darrel Davidson & Cliff Fitzgerald
3. Janna Davis & Lauren Giles
4. James & Frances Garrett
5. Rocky & Dawn Giles
6. George & Phyllis Gwinn

USHERS

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

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gerri Henderson & June Scott
PM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Bruce & Wanda Johns
William Lovelace

PM Hosts - Tim & Alicia Murdock
Bobby & Candice Morrow

April 12, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Scott Keele

EVENING PRAYERS

Tim Walton
Keith Walvoord

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Kristina Dixon Ashley Dent
Kristi Foreman Sue Doss

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Dave Larson
Kevin Lawrence

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:

Jack Steele is having tests for possible eye surgery for a detached retina.

Kaydn Guess (daughter of Vernon & Kanna) had surgery on Monday.

Harry & Dorothy Orahod (Steve McDonald's parents) Dorothy is home following tests on Monday. Harry has asbestos related lung disease.

Winter Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's niece) has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Kayla Sediacek (friend of Bill & Connie Kimrey) has been diagnosed with cancer. Kayla has 8 children.

Curtis Young (Pam Battenfield's son-in-law) had spinal surgery on Friday at Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital.

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

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*),

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WEDNESDAY - April 15, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Mitchell & Charlene Bean
Richard & Emma Mosby

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
March 29, 2009

Bible Class.....	374
AM Worship.....	600
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday.....	417
Contribution.....	\$14,087
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$255,863
Budget YTD.....	\$273,208
Over/(Under).....	(\$17,345)

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: Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother), Lorraine Larson (mother of Dave Larson), Bryant Mitchell (son of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell), Ann Rodgers (mother of Donna Jones), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, Darrell Vest Jr., Carl Watts (brother-in-law of Sandra Watts), 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

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is sent to **Cyndi Bell and family** on the death of her cousin, Carole Kelley, on Friday, March 27. Her service was Tuesday, March 31.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the **family of Catherine Neal** (former member) whose funeral was last Monday.

Thank You

Expressions of thanksgiving for the use of the OC building this semester have been sent to the church by the following **members of the CHEER home school group:** Tom, Chrissy, Jessica & Jillian Darden; Mary Ann Cook; Mary Sprouse & family; David, Michelle, Wes & Griffin Yarborough; Stefan Young (age 10)

Thank you for the refreshments and cards following the death of W E Battenfield. They were very much appreciated.

The Battenfield family

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards & flowers on the families' behalf. Also we appreciate the people that helped with the meal for the family before the service for Calvin Craghead. **The Craghead family**

Thank you so much to our wonderful church family for the dinner, prayers and support. Tammy and I continue to be overwhelmed by your graciousness. God bless you all. Love, **Rick & Tammy Ward**

Dear friends, Thanks for all the lovely meals that you have sent. We appreciate them very much. We also enjoy all the visits and calls. We are doing better now. Thanks, **Everett & Betty Martin**

To My Wonderful Brothers & Sisters, I wanted to express my heart felt thanks to all of you for the cards and calls after the passing of my grandmother. Thank you again, you really helped us through a tough time.

In Him, **The Tim Layman family**

Congregational News (continued)

Kids Kare Needs You! We are looking to fill a teachers' aide position in our 4 yr. old class for April & May. This position is from 9 am to 2:45 pm on Tues., Wed., & Thurs. We also need to grow our substitute list. If you are interested in flexible part time work, please call Melissa Gillin @ 317-7150 or 688-1003 (cell).

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.

Hats & Scarves for Ukrainian Orphans: Our goal this year was 100 hat & scarf sets. We have over 102 sets. Now let's concentrate on 2 more upcoming projects: Glasses Cases for the Medical Mission & Lap Robes for the Nursing homes.

Happenings Around the Area

Cincinnati Ave Church of Christ in Sperry, OK is presenting a series of lessons on April 12-15, titled "The Unchanging Truth." The speaker will be Kevin Wade. For more information see the bulletin board in the north hall.

Jenks Church is hosting a free cancer seminar presented by Cancer Treatment Centers of America on Saturday, April 25. This is an all day seminar for lay ministry training, breakfast & lunch included. RSVP to 299-2713 by April 9. For more information see the bulletin board in the north hall.