

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



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Vacation Bible School last week provided an opportunity for both youth and adults within the congregation to focus our attention and study for a few days on "The Heart of David." Many thanks to those who planned and organized this year's VBS and to the army of volunteers that was required to make this a vibrant, fun, and effective learning experience! The scope of the lessons took us from the Biblical introduction to David with his anointing by Samuel and his defeat of Goliath on through his coronation and recognition as King of Israel.

As our nightly themes emphasized, there are so many lessons to be learned from David's early life about courage, loyalty, jealousy, mercy, vengeance, discouragement, and deliverance. These stories reveal so much about David's heart and character, and they help us understand why he was the man who fulfilled God's desire for a king to lead His people who was "a man after His own heart" (I Sam. 13:14). David is among the many who are held up to us as examples of living, active, and obedient faith in Hebrews 11. And, like everyone else listed in Faith's Hall of Fame, Scripture records for us David's victories and defeats, successes and failures, his mighty, heroic deeds and his shameful sins.

Yet, even in his darkest hours and the moments of his greatest moral failures, David had the kind of heart that could be convicted of sin which led him to accept responsibility for his actions, find repentance, and humbly seek forgiveness. When he learned of the slaughter of the priests and the other inhabitants of Nob, he admitted to Abiathar that "I have brought about the death of every person in your father's household" (I Sam. 22:22). Later in his life, when confronted by Nathan about adultery and murder, David openly confessed, "I have sinned against the Lord" (II Sam. 12:13). From such experiences, David could write, "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...Purify me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow" (Ps. 51:1-2, 7). Open, transparent, convicted, and confessional; thank you, David, for teaching us how to respond to our sins!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

We Will Glorify - 578

Where He Leads I'll Follow - 417

Shepherd's Prayer – Tim Walton

A Common Love - 705

When My Love for Christ Grows Weak - 350

Lord's Supper

Contribution

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - 674

Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 6:9-20

BIBLE HOUR - Peter, John & the Lame Man

"Dear Church: God's Spirit Lives in You"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Lord, Take Control - 790

We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes - 634

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Timothy Class



Shepherds' Corner

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

Present Action

- Welcome to the church of Christ at Broken Arrow
- Thank you to all that helped with VBS. Great Job!
- Shepherds are available in the conference room during Bible class on Sundays & Wednesdays to pray for any need. Come by and have the shepherds pray with you
- Last week to volunteer to help with 50 Days of Food & Fun. See Colleen Detherage
- Attend **Marriage Matters** by Jerry & Lynn Jones at Park Plaza today through Wednesday.

Future View

- Shepherd contact for August - Keith Walvoord
- Next Shepherd/Minister meetings - August 3 & 17
- Prayer Study - August 16 at 4 pm for shepherds, deacons & ministers
- **Financial Peace University** begins September 2
- **Relationships Matter** coming December 6-9

In Mike's Basket

Michael Phelps is in the news again! He got 2nd place for the first time in 4 years! There are lots of folks who'd be thrilled with a 2nd place in the world championships – but Michael Phelps is NOT "lots of folks." He was NOT a happy camper! What amazes me though - before the newsprint had time to fully dry - he came out the next day and won the 200m butterfly AND broke another world record!! Seriously? Did you know this guy has set 34 world records in his career? Did you know he is the only man in the history of the world to win 8 gold medals in one Olympic games? Who else can claim that?!? Wouldn't you want to win a gold medal in the Olympics? Before you say "yes," you might want to hear more of Michael's story and the sacrifices he had to make to win those medals.

When Michael was 11 years old, he was swimming in a pool in Baltimore, Maryland. A swim coach by the name of Bob Bowman noticed him and immediately realized that Michael had extraordinary talent. He talked to Michael's parents and told them that the boy was very gifted and could become an Olympic champion if he trained right. He told them it would take "total commitment" to training. He made it perfectly clear that Michael would never reach his full potential by living the life of a normal kid. So, from the time he was 11, he gave up almost everything else in his life to devote himself to becoming the greatest swimmer in Olympic history. Michael Phelps "lost the life of a normal kid" but he found greater fulfillment in life as an Olympic champion.

Jesus said: **"If any of you want to be my follower, you must forget about yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."** Just as Bob Bowman saw great potential in Michael Phelps, Jesus sees great potential in each of us! He has called us his disciples! Will it be easy? Nope! He told us it would be difficult; that we couldn't live the life of a "normal person;" that we would have to make sacrifices; that we would need to **"lose our lives to find them."** I don't care if I never have another victory in bowling or softball or football or anything else in this world, as long as I'm victorious with Jesus! Let's have a focus on the prize that Jesus offers! Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

AUGUST

- 2 Wedding Shower for Aaron & Julia Anderson
Library Ministry Meeting
Ukraine Picture Sharing
Take-A-City #6
Emerson's Shepherding Group
GoldenAgers Committee Mtg
- 3-4 **HS Six Flags Trip****
- 4 Ladies Quilting Workday
GoldenAgers Social
- 7-8 **Graduates Weekend on the Lake**
- 8 3rd Grade Party in OC
- 9 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Wedding reception & shower for Brent & Holly Worden
MS & HS Combined Devo**
- 10 **Monday Night Meal****
- 12 **First Day of School**
- 23 Baby Shower for Marc & Rita Cotner
- 30 Baby Shower for Faith Kuykendall

FUTURE:

Nov 13-15 GoldenAgers to Branson

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Aug 3 & 4 **HS Six Flags Trip****
- Aug 7-8 **Graduates Weekend on the Lake****
- Aug 9 **MS & HS Combined Devo****
- Aug 10 **Monday Night Meal****
- ** Youth Events**

Youth Information Phone Numbers

about upcoming events.

Middle School -
317-7159
High School -
317-7160



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

August 9, 2009

Lesson 38 – Ananias & Sapphira

Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

August 16, 2009

Lesson 39 - The Conversion of Saul

Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

August 23, 2009

Lesson 40 - The Call to Macedonia

Teach B Street
Monitor C Hoffmeister

August 30, 2009

Lesson 41 - Casting Out the Evil Spirit

Teach C Hoffmeister
Monitor D Ward

Special to God

Soon our son, Addison, will be leaving for Harding University. I feel the same way many of you do. "How could this be happening? It seems only yesterday he was in my 4 year old Bible class." Or you might say, "I remember when you were so excited when Addison was born!" And that is exactly the way Kim and I feel too. Where has the time gone? So, with Addison going off to college, I have been trying to give him words of wisdom that will benefit his college career. I have also been telling him all the stories of when I was in college (hoping he will gain something from them).

One of the stories that came to mind was about the only class in college that I ever dropped. I went to the first day's class. The professor gave us our syllabus for the course. I looked intently at it then promptly went to the office and dropped the class.

Now you may be asking, what class was it? And why did you drop it? What scared you away from the class?

The answer is simple. It was Introduction to Art and one of the main projects was to draw a life-size self-portrait! Well...I knew about how well I could draw...How well I like to draw...and just knew there was another college class that could give me the credit I needed to graduate besides this class.

Self-Portraits. Hummm. You're standing in a Bible class filled with 4 year olds. You are holding a framed mirror where only you can see the mirror and you say, "I'm looking at a picture of someone God says is very special. Would you like to see the picture? OK, but I'll show you only if you promise not to tell who's in the picture."

You hold the mirror up to each child so only one child at a time can see into it at a time.

"Did we all see the same person? Who did you see? God thinks we are all special. God thinks you're special. Which child here do you think is God's favorite child? God doesn't have a favorite, does He?"

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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, August 9 :

"Has the Church Lost Its Way?"

Prayer Request: Aaron Laney for strength in his walk with the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Alicia Stickney for her grandson, Branson Stickney, who put the Lord on in baptism on Sunday, July 26.

Congregational News

A Wedding Shower for Aaron & Julia Anderson is TODAY from 2-4 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Aaron & Julia placed membership with us in March and were married June 20. Come meet them.

Library Ministry meeting TODAY at 4 in the library.

Ukraine Team will meet TONIGHT in 101N, following evening worship to share pictures.

Emerson Shepherding Group will meet TONIGHT in the Fellowship hall following evening worship.

Take-A-City #6 will meet TONIGHT in the Parlor following evening worship.

GoldenAgers Committee Meeting will be TONIGHT in room 103N following evening worship. All GoldenAgers are welcome.

Ladies Quilting Day will be Tuesday, August 4, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch and join us at 9 am to sew quilts for cancer patients. No quilting experience needed.

GoldenAgers Social, Tuesday, August 4, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Bring finger food and join the fun.

The **Clothing Room will be closed** during the **month of August**. Please hold all donations until September 2. We will begin taking winter clothing at that time.

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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)• Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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The person you saw doesn't look exactly like the other children. Some of you have dark hair; others have light hair. Some have dark skin; others have light skin. Some are tall; others are short. But no matter how you look, God thinks you're special."

While our children's Bible class is over, my question is this: "Why do we adults have so much trouble with this concept as well?" We are truly all important in God's eyes. Let's practice seeing what God sees. If you are still unsure...if you are struggling with your self-worth in God's eyes, read 1 Corinthians 12 and 13. It is here that God needs to explain about the body, and how we each have our place and we each are important. Then God goes straight into a reminder that Love is so important. When we truly love each other, we begin seeing the value in each other (and in ourselves)!

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.

Hope Harbor Needs:

*Antibacterial
Spray Cleaner
(disinfectant)*



August 9, 2009 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Jared Pence

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Keith Walvoord

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Clyde Barnes
2. Steve Copeland
3. Terry Craghead
4. Darrell Davidson
5. Bill Davis
6. Bryan Davis
7. Richard Davis
8. Ryan Dent
9. Bill Detherage
10. Robert Dowdy
11. Patrick Edison
12. Charles Emerson
13. Cliff Fitzgerald
14. James Garrett
15. Rocky Giles

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Ron Baxter

For Cup - Jim Hoffmeister

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Landon Holcomb

CLOSING PRAYER

Jon Huff

August 9, 2009 - TO SERVE

SCRIPTURE READING

Archer Honea

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Mignon Lee	Elaine Maynard
Darla Lynn	Lois McNeal

DOORGREETERS

1. Kristina Dixon & Lauren Giles
2. Cliff Fitzgerald & Virgil Hale
3. James & Frances Garrett
4. Rocky & Dawn Giles
5. George & Phyllis Gwinn
6. Jack & Gloria Hale

USHERS

2. Chris Wilson
3. Walt Willson
4. Ron Baxter
5. Duane Bresee

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gerri Henderson & June Scott

PM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - William & Cathy Lovelace
David & Abby Mainprize

PM Hosts - Tim & Alicia Murdock
Gerry & Darla Lynn

August 9, 2009 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

David Maynard

EVENING PRAYERS

Doug Hudkins

Jack Hudkins

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Lynn Marshall	Nancy McWherter
Dana Martin	JoAnn Mitchell

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Jack Hale

Virgil Hale

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:

Neal Dobbins is in St. Francis-Tulsa, #4220.

L.H. Gassaway is in St. Frances-Tulsa, #3106. He was admitted on Wednesday for an infection in his foot.

Dee Hall is now recuperating at home.

Doreen Thompson (new member) is home following knee surgery.

Jordan Harper (15 month old grandson of Bruce & Karen Burnette) is doing well following a heart catheter on Tuesday at St. Francis Children's Hosp.

Rick Jackson (brother of Bill Hancock) of Hereford, TX had surgery on Wednesday and required a blood transfusion.

Lena Willis (sister of Mildred Cooper) is in St. John Hospital.

Members: *Frances Bryan, Georgiana Dixon, Ray Duwe, Tabitha Hansen, Marjorie Jones, Adam, Faith & unborn baby, Brody Kuykendall, Jared Scism (in Japan), Neil White*

Friends & Family: Larry & Shirley Addington (brother-in-law & sister of Barbara Craghead), Scott Garman (friend of the Blevins), *Sheila Mitchell (daughter of Dick & Sharon Myers), Annette Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's mother),*

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WEDNESDAY - August 12, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Keith & Frances Kashwer

Lonnie & Joni Miller

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
July 26, 2009

Bible Class	483
AM Worship	772
PM Worship	667
Wednesday	668
Contribution	\$19,109
Budget	\$21,016
Contribution YTD	\$597,170
Budget YTD	\$630,480
Over/(Under)	(\$33,310)

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: Tom Sorrels (principal of Oliver Middle School), *Margaret Teakell* (former member & member at *Whispering Hills*), Asher Van Meter (grandson of Mary Harper)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Steven Copeland, Justin Garrison, Lucas Heffner, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Tray & Hope Mamula, Bryan McCall, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Travis Williams



Thank You

- Thank you for your support and love during Margaret Gamble's passing. Mike, Pam and I want all of you to know just how thankful we are for your support. **Debbie Hopwood**, daughter of Margaret
- Thank you to those who prayed for my grandson, Logan McAfee, before & during his open heart surgery in Nashville, TN at Vanderbilt on June 20. God answered prayer and he is doing great. He should not need another heart surgery for about 10-15 years when they will need to repair the patch because of growth. Many thanks, **Linda Logan and daughter & family**

Sympathy

- ♦ Is sent to **Tim & Linnea Plowman** on the death of Tim's grandmother on Thursday, July 23.
- ♦ Is expressed to **David & Claudia Updike and family** on the death of Claudia's sister, Marilyn Pruitt. She passed away on Thursday, July 30.
- ♦ Is sent to the **Wayne Roberts family** on the death of his father, **Emmett Roberts**, on July 26. Emmett is a former minister at Broken Arrow. His memorial service was yesterday at the Bear Valley Church of Christ in Denver.

Teens

YOUTH NEWS

High School Six Flags Trip:

Monday & Tuesday, August 3 & 4. Sign-up at the table in the foyer. Cost is \$60.00. Female sponsors are needed. Please contact Reuben Dolan or Mike Coghill if you can sponsor.

Graduates Weekend on the Lake:

Friday & Saturday, August 7 - 8. See Mike Coghill & Reuben Dolan for more details.

MS & HS Devo:

Sunday, August 9. Big bash at the Dixon's. Bring \$5 for food. Check the youth calendar for more details.

Meals On Monday :

Final Monday night meal will be August 10 from 6:00-8:30 pm at the Parette's home.

Congregational News (continued)



A Wedding Reception & Shower for Brent Worden

and his new bride Holly will be August 9 from 2-4 pm in the Parlor. The happy couple is registered at Dillard's & Target.

A Baby Shower for Marc and Rita Cotner

will be Sunday, August 23 in the Parlor from 2-4 pm. Marc, the son of Doc & Fran Garrett, and Rita have a new baby boy, Joshua Marcus Cotner born on June 29, 2009.

Kids Kare

Position Available: Interested in working at Kids Kare? Now is the time to apply. Kids Kare is currently accepting applications for teacher in the 3 year old class. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Gillin by **Monday, Aug 3rd** at 317-7150 or the church office at 258-9602.

Enrollment is currently being accepted for classes beginning August 18. Classes for children 4 months through 5 years. Contact Melissa Gillin or the church office.