

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



# TOGETHER

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## SHAPED TO SHARE FORGIVENESS

"Haste makes waste." Do you remember hearing this proverb from a parent or teacher? Perhaps that same person also warned you not to "go off half-cocked."

This unusual expression comes from the mid-eighteenth century when the hammer on muskets had two positions. Cocked, the musket was ready to fire. Half-cocked, the musket was theoretically locked, safe from accidental discharge. Sometimes, though, the mechanism didn't work as planned. The hammer would randomly release... to the dismay of the musketeer and innocent bystanders.

Muskets had not been invented when Joshua and his officials "went off half-cocked." Even so, the damage surprised and dismayed everyone in the nation of Israel. Joshua 9-10 recounts the sad details. To sum it up, a group of people who had been living in the Promised Land, the Gibeonites, had heard rumors about Joshua's people and their God. Fearful of Israel, the Gibeonites put moldy bread in their saddlebags and lied to Joshua.

Instead of admitting they lived right around the corner, they pretended to have come from a far country. Israel fell for the Gibeonites' clever lie and forged an alliance. God had forbidden such alliances. How could this happen? Joshua himself tells us:

"The men of Israel sampled [the Gibeonites'] provisions but did not inquire of the Lord." Joshua 9:14.

Israel probed the evidence and, in self-reliance, sealed an unwise, ungodly partnership. But before we raise our eyebrows in judgment, we might consider that sometimes we are tempted to "stand on our own two feet." At times, we have failed to "inquire of the Lord." As a strategy for our personal lives or for life together in Christ's church, self-reliance quickly becomes lonely, scary, and precarious.

Still--amazingly--the Lord did not desert his erring people or their leader. He did not rescind his promises to them. With equal astonishment, we realize he does not abandon us when we fail either.

Instead, he picks us up, patches our skinned knees, and sends us out for further service, deeper joy. How wonderful to know his forgiveness in Christ's cross. And how remarkable is our privilege in being called and shaped to share that forgiveness with others.

\*Adapted from "Shaped to Serve" by Dr. Jane Fryar

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

**He Has Made Me Glad—103**

**Highest Place—155**

Elder's Prayer – Dave Larson

**Our God, He Is Alive — 23**

**When My Love for Christ Grows Weak—350**

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Scripture Reading

**To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way — 867**

**BIBLE HOUR - *Jesus Raises Jarius' Daughter***

*Resolutions from Solomon*

Speaker - Mike Baskett

**Redeemed — 514**

**Ring Out the Message — 622**

Prayer

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Song Leader – Archer Honea

Speaker - Scott Keele

*FOCUS for*  
**JANUARY WORSHIP**

***Equipping the Body***

## Elder's Corner

January 11, 2009

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

### Present Action

- Thanks to Mike Baskett and Scott Keele for last Sunday's lessons
- This Sunday's preaching by Mike Baskett, AM and Scott Keele, PM
- Pray for the pulpit minister search committee as the search continues
- Elders are available in the conference room during Bible class Sundays & Wednesdays for any need. Come and have the elders pray with you
- Please submit **Deacon Suggestion** sheets to the elders TODAY
- Winter Sunday lunch TODAY, followed by early evening service
- LTC practice is in full swing. Volunteer to coach or assist with teams
- Corporate meeting is tomorrow evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is to meet Non-Profit Organization requirements
- Check out the new website: [bacoc.org](http://bacoc.org)

### Future View

- Elder contact for January—Charles Emerson
- Next elders' meeting—January 19
- Deacon appointment—early March

## In Mike's Basket

A drunk was converted at a Bowery mission. Prior to his conversion, "Joe" had earned the reputation of being a dirty wino for whom there was no hope, only a miserable existence in the ghetto. But following his conversion to the new life that Jesus offered, everything changed. Joe became one of the most caring individuals anyone had met. Joe spent his days and nights hanging out at the mission doing whatever needed to be done. There was never anything that he was asked to do that he wouldn't do! Whether it was cleaning up the vomit left by some violently sick alcoholic or scrubbing the toilets after careless individuals left the bathroom filthy. Joe did what was asked of him with a soft smile and always with a seeming gratitude for the chance to help. Joe was truly a servant!

One night, after the director of the mission had delivered his evening evangelistic message to the crowd of still and sullen men, there was one man who bolted down the aisle and fell on his knees, crying out for God to help him to change. The repentant drunk kept shouting: "Oh God, make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Please make me like Joe!" The director leaned over and said, "Son, I think you should be asking God to make you like Jesus." The man looked up with a quizzical expression on his face and asked, "Is He like Joe?"

The first **real impact** of anything spiritual usually comes from God's people who *demonstrate* their faith; who share the message of Christ through humble, obedient lifestyles. It seems to me that Jesus said, **"Do as I have done to you."** *John 13*. Our goal is to let people see Jesus in us, to be a reflection of Him. We need to be an accurate reflection, who **"Being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant..."** *Philippians 2*. It's been said: "You may be the only Jesus a person ever sees." My question then is simple: What do people see in you?

Have a great week!

## CURRENT EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 18 Lunch, Fellowship & Afternoon worship service  
Melodie Updike Baby Shower  
HS Devo  
HS Guys Nite
- 19 Corporate Meeting
- 20 Ladies Bible Class Work Day
- 24 Clothing Room Open to all members
- 25 Bible Class Coordinators Meeting  
Youth Hospital Project  
Ski Deposit Due
- 30-Feb 1 AKOUO

### FUTURE

- Feb 14 Clothing Room Opens
- Feb 20-21 Affirming the Faith Seminar
- May 31 - June 6 Camp
- July 4-12 Medical Mission
- July 26-30 VBS

## High School Guys Nite

**TONIGHT!!**

**7:00 pm to 7:00 am**

**OC Building**

Be sure to eat dinner  
before you come!

Bring your favorite snacks  
& favorite games!

## Annual Corporate Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2009

7:00 pm

Fellowship  
Hall



## CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

### January 25, 2009

Lesson 16 – *Jesus Feeds the 5,000*

Teach B Street  
Monitor C Hoffmeister

### February 1, 2009

Lesson 17 – *Jesus Walks on Water*

Teach C Hoffmeister  
Monitor D Ward

### February 8, 2009

Lesson 18 – *Transfiguration*

Teach D Ward  
Monitor E Emerson

### February 15, 2009

Lesson 19 – *The Sinful Woman*

Teach E Emerson  
Monitor F Lynn

*"Until I arrive, devote attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhorting, to teaching." – 1 Timothy 4: 13*

The reading of Scripture is central to the Church's worship and spirituality. Through the Scriptures we encounter God's mighty acts and are called to respond to his saving invitation.

Paul gave Timothy the instruction to be devoted to the public reading of Scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. And as we begin to include the reading of Scripture in a more prominent place in our worship services, we can know that we are being devoted to following what God would like to see in our lives.

With this in mind, we are asking for the help of our men in this endeavor. Beginning today, in the foyer, there is a sign-up sheet for any men interested in being one of our Public Scripture Readers. Just as our men are on a "to serve" list for offering prayers, we are beginning a "to serve" list for those who would like to read Scripture in our morning worship services.

Our men who sign up will be used on a rotating basis. They will be able to see the rotation in our weekly "To Serve" list. They will be contacted by the office with the Bible verses they are being asked to read. The Scripture reading will usually be taken from and in connection with the theme for the morning's sermon.

So, men, please, sign-up in the foyer to be included in the Scripture Reading to serve list. Your faithful and devoted help is being requested.

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, January 25: *"Christian Children"*

**New Members:** **Bruce & Wanda Johns**, 1832 N. 15th St., Broken Arrow, 74012, ph. 286-6360  
**Matt, Ashley & Luke Robinson**, 1412 N. 53rd St., Broken Arrow, 74014 ph. 357-1120  
**Darrell, Jacob & Kaylie Simpson**, 1028 W. 115 Pl., Jenks, 74037 ph. 724-5410

## *Congregational News*

**All Church Fellowship** following worship today: **Afternoon Worship** to follow immediately in OC!!

**Melodie Updike Baby Girl Shower:** today, 2-4 pm at the home of Ashley Robinson, 1412 N. 53rd St.

**High School Devo & Volleyball:** today in the OC from 5:00 to 7:00.



**Church Family Clothing Room Opening:** The Clothing Room will be open to all members on Saturday, Jan. 24th, from 9:00-12:00. Bring a friend! Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Gal 6:10

**Take-A-City # 4** can pick-up the December report from Josh Austin at the Information Center.

**Attention High School Seniors:** It is now time to apply for the O.C.W.A. Scholarship to Okla. Christian Univ. Scholarships will vary depending on funds available. Information sheets and applications are at the youth booth, on the web, or call Dewayna Petre at 455-9470 or Althea Yeats at 446-8187. Applications are due March 6th.

### 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) •

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### **Congregational News** (continued)



**Hats & Scarves for Ukraine:** It is time to begin knitting for the orphan children in Ukraine. This is an annual project and all are invited to participate. Plenty of yarn is available. If you need yarn or have

questions, please contact Emma Mosby or Berniece Rumsey.

**GoldenAgers Trip to Skiatook Opry Show:** Friday, February 6. The bus will leave the building at 5 pm. We will have dinner at Bishops and then proceed to Skiatook for the musical show at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$5 per person for the show. Please sign up at the information center by Sunday, February 1, if you plan to attend. If you



### **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 elders 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](mailto:skeele@bacoc.org).*

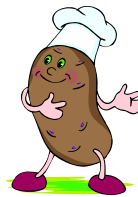
### **Wednesday Night Dinner**

#### **Baked potato & brisket**

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:**

*Peppered White  
Gravy Mix*

**January 25, 2009 - TO SERVE**

**SONG LEADER**

David Maynard

**ELDER'S PRAYER**

Glen Lyle

**LORD'S SUPPER A.M.**

1. Ken Palmer
2. James Parker
3. Jim Parker
4. Reece Parker
5. Tim Plowman
6. Nick Price
7. Mike Rampey
8. Dick Ray
9. Brett Roper
10. Brent Saffell
11. Tom Scism
12. Gary Southern
13. James Stephens
14. Brian Street
15. Fred Suffridge

**PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER**

For Bread - Patrick Edison

For Cup - Charles Emerson

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

Cliff Fitzgerald

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Paul West

**January 25, 2009 - TO SERVE**

**MORNING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S	111S
Gayla Alexander	Addie Palmer
Holly Parker	Cassie Palmer

**DOORGREETERS**

1. Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill
2. Brent Worden & Ken Allen
3. Junior & Joyce Ackley
4. Carl & Peggy Alexander
5. Bernard & Carol Anderson
6. Clyde Barnes & Darrell Davidson

**USHERS**

2. Mark Street
3. Harold Tydings
4. David Updike
5. Kyle Walton

**INFORMATION CENTER**

AM Hosts - Gayle Langston & Linda Wells

PM Hosts - Steve & Jackie McDonald

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

AM Hosts - Steve & Jackie McDonald  
Jim & Darla Coghill

PM Hosts - Terry & Barbara Craghead  
Tim & Brenda Layman

**January 25, 2009 - TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER**

Jared Pence

**EVENING PRAYERS**

Jim Wiginton

Ray Wilburn

**EVENING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S	111S
Cara Pence	Barbara Saffell
Kathleen Pence	Becky Sisson

**LORD'S SUPPER P.M.**

Harold Tydings

David Updike

**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:**

**Emily Graves**

**Dee Hall** is in Parks Edge Rehabilitation Center, Room # 102. Visitors welcome.

**Sharon Love** had a Cardiac MRI on Wednesday, January 14th.

**Betty Martin** is home following back surgery on Tuesday.

**Corey Baird** (grandson of Charles & Lillian Qualls) is scheduled for cancer surgery on January 26 in Oklahoma City.

**Brenda Honeycutt** (friend of Carol Anderson) is undergoing test to determine her treatment for cancer.

**Marion Lee** (father of Debbie Aldridge) is hospitalized with a collapsed lung in Odessa, TX.

**Richard Shorten** (brother-in-law of Jerry Sampson) is having difficulty adjusting to medication following a fall.

**Eleanor Thompson** (mother of Darla Coghill) fell and broke her leg.

**Wes Tur** (grandson of the Beans) of Oklahoma City has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is in his mid 20s and has two small children.

**Members:** Allan Butler, Sue Doss, Doc Garrett, John Harris, Mignon Lee, Jake Parker

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**WEDNESDAY - January 28, 2009**

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Jim & Sue Walton

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

Jeff & Deanna Watson

Dave & Terri Larson

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Week of January 11, 2009

Bible Class .....	463
AM Worship.....	695
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday .....	395
Contribution .....	\$18,335
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$41,529
Budget YTD.....	\$42,032
Over/(Under) .....	(\$503)

**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:** Charles Bishop (brother of Marie Stow), *Connie Brim (Ron Baxter's sister)*, Richard Church (relative of Sherrie Slaton), FK Doss & HL Doss (brothers-in-law of Sue Doss), Ronnie Falcon (minister at Skiatook & former member), Mary Hall (cousin of Sherrie Slaton), Greg Hohmann (grandson of the Stows), Elliott Holland (15 yr. old relative of Edwina Lyle), Dexter Kinsey (father of Sue Doss), Ruth Melton (sister of Sue Doss), *Lydia Pope* (daughter of Dustin Pope), Gene Snell (former member), Linda Stubblefield (sister of Sue Doss), Perry Tackett (friend of Phylis McWherter), Dennis Ware (cousin of Phylis McWherter), *Fleticia Windham* (great-niece of Rosie Steele), *Kaz Zonko (step-dad of Beth Whisenhunt)*, Gwen Wright (cousin of Steve McDonald), Geames Wooten (member at Whispering Hills), Sandy Zuniga (friend of Kevin & Lee Talley)

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

**Shut-ins:** Mary Barton, Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Ruby Bryan, Sacia Coleman, Ruth Davis, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, John D. Lee, Hazelle Milford, 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, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Lisa Hancock, Vanelle Helm, Roxanna Honea, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Gavin Kuykendall, Lloyd Lamirand, John A. Lee, Belinda Mitchell, Wayne Pratt, Don Spink, Sonny Steele, Walt & Terry Willson, Paris York

### Address Changes:

**Bill & Sherri Rampey, (New Mailing Address)** P.O. Box 3465, Broken Arrow, OK 74013

**Betty Luton,** 707B S. Grand St., Grove, OK 74344

## Sympathy

- ◆ *Is extended to Paul Lemon and Harley & Carolyn Keele on the death of **Inez Lemon** on Tuesday. Her service will be at the church building on Monday, January 19, at 10 am.*
- ◆ *Is expressed to the families of Shelby McCarty, J.T. Reeder and Bill & Linda Reeder on the death of Dan McCarty on Sunday, January 11. His service was Friday.*

## Congratulations

- ◆ *To **Fred & Andrea Suffridge** on a new granddaughter. Aubree Grace arrived on Jan 9th weighing 7 lbs. and 2 ozs. She is the daughter of Wende Suffridge & baby sister of Ashely Suffridge & Ryan Haines.*
- ◆ *To **Bill & Joan Wilson** on the birth of a grandson, Drew Robert Halter, born Dec. 9th, weighing 8 lbs. 3 ozs. Proud parents are Doug & Shannon Halter of Dallas, TX.*

## Thank You

Dear All, Thank you so much for the "Santa" picture taken during your Christmas Party. I was most impressed with your young people conducting the activities. It's nice to have a strong young group! Also thank you for the invitation to attend service. Love, Carol & David Rogers