

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



TOGETHER

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Deacons – Agent's of Christ's Mercy

The Greek word *diakoneo* is used many times in the New Testament to describe acts of service. In fact the verb form of the word is "to minister, or serve...". There are many examples in the New Testament of service provided to others. Christ is described as a servant (*diakonos*) in Romans 15:8.

There are three examples in the New Testament of the defined role (or position) of deacon in the New Testament church. It is spoken of in Philippians 1:1, I Timothy 3:8, & I Timothy 3:12. In all three instances the position of deacon is spoken of in context with the position of Elder.

Paul speaks in I Timothy to the character and nature of the leaders – not what they do, but who they are. The basic assumption from scripture is that if you focus on getting the right man as servant (*diakoneo*) then the right service (*diakonos*) will get done.

Interestingly, little is said about the specific tasks for which deacons are responsible. Since the church is a divine body that emulates the nature of God in all respects, one would conclude that deacons should focus on areas of service or ministry to the body.

Our focus for 2009 is about each one of us "being the church". The Ministry Fair scheduled for January 11th is a great opportunity for each one of us to identify with a specific area of service. The new deacons along with the current deacons will be asked to provide leadership in those areas of service as ministry leaders.

We will begin the process of identifying men from the congregations to serve as deacons on January 4th. We ask that each member prayerfully consider scripture and identify men from the congregation that have the characteristics mentioned in I Timothy 3:8-12.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important process for identifying new men to serve as deacons.

The Elders

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jared Pence

He Has Made Me Glad—103

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Elder's Prayer – Charles Emerson

Words and Music—238

His Grace Reaches Me—113

Scripture Reading

When My Love to Christ Grows Weak—350

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims—747

BIBLE HOUR - *The Widow's Son*

Serving the Church

Speaker - Scott Keele

Redeemed—514

When We All Get to Heaven—853

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

One Way

Speaker - Mike Baskett

***FOCUS for
JANUARY WORSHIP***

Equipping the Body

Elder's Corner

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

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Thanks to Ron Lee and Mike Baskett for last Sunday's lessons.
- This Sunday's preaching by Scott Keele, AM and Mike Baskett, 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.
- Deacon selection is starting. Pray for and talk to qualified servants.
- Plan to sign-up and be involved in the Ministry Fair next Sunday.
- LTC practice is in full swing. Volunteer to coach or assist with teams.
(See Mike Baskett)

Future View

- Elder contact for January—Charles Emerson
- January elder's meetings—5th & 19th
- Ministry Fair—January 11th
- Visit to Brother V in India postponed

In Mike's Basket

Once upon a time some visitors took a tour of an oil refinery. The tour guide showed them all the intricacies of the refining process. They looked at the vast catalyst chambers, the pipes, the heating vats, everything that went into the refining of oil. As the tour ended, one of the visitors asked the tour guide a simple question: "Sir, you showed us everything except the shipping department. This oil refinery processes a decent amount of petroleum, but I didn't see where it's put into the containers and shipped out to the world."

"Well, you see," said the tour guide, "we don't really have a shipping department. Everything that's produced in this refinery is used up as energy to keep the refinery going."

Do you realize that there are churches in this world that operate like this? We need to always remember that we exist for service to the world, to Broken Arrow, to our neighborhoods, not to just keep ourselves going! I'm so thankful for this church! We are not a consumer church! The church can do incredible things in the coming year! We need to reach out in every way possible.

Let's pray this week for God's power and God's blessing on the town of Broken Arrow. Let's pray that God will: 1/ Lead you to a lost soul. 2/ Pray that God will soften their heart. 3/ Pray for courage to present God's truths to that person. 4/ Pray for boldness to invite them to services. 5/ Pray for this congregation to exhibit Christ's welcoming, passionate Spirit. 6/ **ALWAYS** have a dream for **ONE!**

Thought of the day: ***"We'll never stump our toe while standing still."*** Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

JANUARY

- 4 MS Devo
Budget Meeting—Ministry Leaders 3:30
 - 6 Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
GoldenAgers Social
 - 7 ISI after the devotional
 - 11 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Ministry Fair
 - 18 Melodie Updike Baby Shower
Lunch fellowship & afternoon worship service.
 - 20 Ladies Bible Class Work Day
 - 21 Worship Planning Committee
 - 25 Bible Class Coordinators Meeting

HS Devo
- 30-Feb 1 AKOUO

FUTURE

**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.

\$\$\$ Ministry Leaders \$\$\$

2009 Budget Meeting Today
3:30 in 103N, stained glass room

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."

Benjamin Franklin

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

January 11, 2009

Lesson 14 – *Jesus Calms the Storm*

Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

January 18, 2009

Lesson 15 – *Jesus Raises Jarius' Daughter*

Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

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

SHAPED IN HUMILITY

Joshua 1:16 reads, "***All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.***"

There is an attitude that comes with being and doing God's Will. There is a selflessness, an emptying, a broader perspective, a sense of looking beyond one's self to see the true direction in life of what is important and what is to be valued.

In the book of Joshua, it is apparent... God is leading His people into the Promised Land and Joshua desperately desires the strength of the LORD in this endeavor. The baton of leadership has been passed from Moses to him. How could he dare stand in front of the Israelites without God's strength and power? And with these words, the people swore allegiance to God and His chosen leader, Joshua.

Some look at this as a shining moment in the history of Israel. And it is. Their history is one of on and off allegiance... but at this moment, they were following God and placing Him in the forefront. And by these actions they were expressing a humbleness in spirit.

It is a battle of wills... our will or God's will. And the bending, molding, shaping of our will to match His. Maybe like me, you have said words similar to Joshua. We have searched our hearts and decided to give ourselves completely to God... and yet we fail. There come times when we have to say, "Father, I've broken that promise. In my failure to love, in my fear of truth telling, in my desire to take the easy way out." we need to finish the thought... "and Father, forgive me. Forgive me and believe me when I say, all that you have commanded me, I will do. And wherever you send me I will go."

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, January 11: *"The Christian Father"*

New Members: Bruce & Karen Burnette, 7 Spring Creek Lane, Broken Arrow, OK 74014 ph. 455-2599

Congregational News

Winter Sunday Luncheon – January through April

Beginning January 18 we will have a Sunday potluck luncheon **ONCE** each month, January through April, in the Outreach Center followed by an early afternoon worship service. The **Monthly** potluck luncheon will be on the third Sunday each month. The menu is soup, sandwiches and dessert. Bring enough for your family and some extra for visitors, of your favorites **fully prepared** and ready to serve. This will enable the fellowship committee volunteers to attend class and worship and still have time to prepare drinks for the meal.



Ladies Bible Class 1st Tuesday Luncheon is Jan 6th. The New Year menu is soups & desserts. Edwina Lyle will present the lesson. The luncheon will follow.

A **Baby Shower for Melodie Updike** will be held Sunday, January 18, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Ashley Robinson, 1412 N 53rd St., BA. Melodie is expecting a girl and is registered at Babies-R-Us.



Ministry Fair: A Ministry Fair is planned for January 11th. Each ministry will be displayed with a representative present to answer questions. Areas of service will be identified and volunteer sign-ups will be available. All are encouraged to attend. This will be an opportunity to put our "Faith in Action".

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) •

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

Wednesday Night Dinner

**Pancakes &
Sausage**



Hope Harbor

Needs:

Flavored

Cake

Mixes

January 11, 2009 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Jim Hoffmeister

ELDER'S PRAYER

Gary Jones

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 - Kyle Thomas

For Cup - Bill Thrailkill

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Lee Turner

MORNING PRAYERS

Jimmy Turner

Harold Tydings

January 11, 2009 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Mignon Lee	Katy King
Sharon Legg	Lisa King

DOORGREETERS

1. Dick & Sharon Ray
2. Linda Reeder & Mary Thompson
3. Brent & Barbara Saffell
4. Tom & Karen Scism
5. Robert & Marie Stow
6. Brian Street & Fred Suffridge

USHERS

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

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Lois Powers & June Scott

PM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Sherman & Alice Boley
Gary & Gail Southern

PM Hosts - Alicia Askew & Mary Thompson
Gerry & Darla Lynn

January 11, 2009 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

David Maynard

EVENING PRAYERS

Mike Rampey

Brett Roper

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Darla Lynn	Nancy McWherter
Lynn Marshall	Lois McNeal

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Kyle Thomas

Lee Turner

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:

Doc Garrett is at home recovering from a heart attack.

Geraldine Barnes, St Francis-Tulsa, CCICU 5411.

Dee Hall is in St. Francis, Tulsa, # 9117. No visitors at this time. He will be moving to a skilled nursing facility.

Mignon Lee is awaiting treatment for gall stones.

Sue Doss will have a heart catheterization on Jan 9th.

Dexter Kinsey, father of Sue Doss, has cancer of the spine.

FK Doss, brother-in-law of Sue Doss is hospitalized in Dallas with seizures.

Linda Stubblefield, sister of Sue Doss.

Ruth Melton, sister of Sue Doss, in last stages of cancer.

HL Doss, brother-in-law of Sue Doss, struggling with Alzheimer's.

Geames Wooten, member at Whispering Hills, has broken ribs and collar bone as a result of a horseback riding accident.

Dennis Ware, cousin of Phylis McWherter, is in Wynona recuperating from a quadruple by-pass operation.

Perry Tackett, friend of Phylis McWherter, has cancer in Las Vegas.

Members: Allan Butler, Laycie Currier, L.H. Gassaway, Dee Hall, Lily Hall, John Harris, Pete Huntsman, Lisa Legg, Eden Michael, Dru Middleton, Margaret Mosley, Alicia Murdock, Jake Parker, Jerry Sampson, Erma Wiggin

WEDNESDAY - January 14, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Hosts - Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Hosts - Mitchell & Charlene Bean
Dick & Madolene Page

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of December 28, 2008

Bible Class.....	418
AM Worship.....	720
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday.....	NA
Contribution.....	\$28,637
Budget.....	\$19,695
Contribution YTD.....	\$1,018,442
Budget YTD.....	\$1,024,140
Over/(Under).....	(\$5,

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: Lydia Pope (infant daughter of Dustin Pope), James Rowland, Gene Snell (former member), Fleticia Windham (great-niece of Rosie Steele), Kaz Zonko (step-dad of Beth Whisenhunt), 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 William-



Thank You

Dear Church,

We want to "Thank-you" for the wonderful lunch prepared for the Sherri Harmon funeral. It was so nice and thanks to the ladies who served. Thank you also for all the beautiful cards, calls and visits made while I was in the hospital and at home. They were all a blessing to me and my family at this stressful time.

In Christian love, John A. Lee

Nursery & Pre-school Teachers & Helpers

Needed: We have vacancies in the Nursery (0 to 2 years old) & Preschool (3 year old thru Kindergarten) Departments. If you would be willing to teach or even just help, please contact Linnea Plowman or Cara Pence for nursery classes and Nora Fairless for preschool.



The January Newsletter from Denny & Linda Sneed, in Glenrothes, Scotland has been posted on the website. A paper copy can be found on the bulletin board.