



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

January 3, 2010. When you write today's date that way, it appears to be just another ordinary day at the beginning of yet another year. Perhaps if we wrote it differently it would seem to have more significance. We could say that today is the first day of the first full week of the first year of the second decade of the third millennium after the birth of Jesus Christ! Maybe that sounds like a much more momentous occasion; maybe not.

There is nothing magically or supernaturally transformative about the beginning of a new year. Practically all of us have the same families, same jobs, same schools, and the same routines and responsibilities as we did at this time last week. Some have lost family members in recent days; others may have had the unfortunate experience of losing a job. But, generally speaking, life continues as normal when we turn the calendar page from one year to another.

Still, there is something about the beginning of a new year that is very culturally and psychologically significant. There are New Year's Eve celebrations to say goodbye to the old year and to "ring in" the new one at midnight. New Year's Day is a paid holiday for many workers. Government offices and financial institutions are closed. Special attention is given to the first baby born in the new year in local communities. It is common for many people at this time of year to make New Year's resolutions, expressing both the desire and the commitment to make positive changes in their lives, drop some bad habits, and set some attainable goals for the next twelve months.

In addition to these secular observances, it makes sense for Christians to utilize this time of year for some spiritual reflection as well. It gives us an opportunity for renewed resolve in our relationship with God through His Son Jesus; a chance to commit ourselves to greater faithfulness, growth, maturity and service in the coming year. This morning, the sermon is entitled "Starting Over." We will consider the blessing of God's amazing grace that allows us to "begin again" spiritually through the powerful, cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. If you are truly looking for a fresh start this year, look to Jesus!

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BIBLE HOUR - The Widow's Son

"Starting Over"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

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Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jared Pence

"A Bow in the Clouds"

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

- WELCOME to the church of Christ at Broken Arrow.
- Pray with a shepherd every Sunday morning or Wednesday night during Bible class time in the conference room.
- Life Group Leader/Co-leader training has started. Check the posted schedules to complete the training before groups begin in February.
- LTC deadlines have been disrupted by the bad weather. Volunteer to help develop our young men and woman to lead and serve the church. Contact Beth Astor or Mike Baskett.

Future View

- Shepherd contact for January - Charles Emerson
- Next Shepherd/ Ministers meetings - January 4 & 18
- Corporate Meeting - January 18, 2010
- Life Groups start in February.

I can't remember where I read this... but I saved it on my computer! It's a powerful analogy!

"With a strong forearm, the apron-clad blacksmith puts his tongs into the fire, grasps the heated metal, and places it on the anvil. His keen eye examines the glowing piece. He sees what the tool is now and envisions what he wants it to be—sharper, flatter, wider, longer. With a clear picture in his mind, he begins to pound. His left hand still clutching the hot mass with the tongs, his right hand slams the two-pound sledge upon the moldable metal. On the solid anvil, the smoldering iron is changed...

The smith knows the type of instrument he wants... he knows the size... the shape... the strength. ***Whang! Whang!*** The response doesn't come easily! It doesn't come without discomfort. To melt down the old and recast it as new is a disrupting process. Yet the metal remains on the anvil, allowing the toolmaker to remove the scars, repair the cracks, refill the voids, and purge the impurities. And with time a change occurs: What was dull becomes sharpened, what was crooked becomes straight, what was weak becomes strong, and what was useless becomes valuable. Then the blacksmith stops. He ceases his pounding and sets down his hammer. With a strong left arm, he lifts the tongs until the freshly molded metal is at eye level. In the still silence, he examines the smoking tool. The incandescent implement is rotated and examined for any mars or cracks. There are none!!

Now the smith enters the final stage of his task. He plunges the smoldering instrument into a nearby bucket of water. With a hiss and a rush of steam, the metal immediately begins to harden. The heat gives in to the fresh, cool water, and the pliable, soft steel becomes an unbending useful tool! The blacksmith has created something special from a simple piece of metal..."

Peter writes for us: **"For a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."** (1 Peter 1:6,7). God has someone in His mind too! He sees the value in each of us while He molds us, shapes us, and changes us into useful tools! Have you seen His handiwork in your life this year?! He will do great things IN us! Have a great week! *Mike*

CURRENT EVENT

JANUARY

- 3 LTC - Registration Fee Due-\$35
Middle School Devo**
- 5 GoldenAgers Social
- 8 LTC - 1st Pre-convention Events Due!!
- 10 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Baby Shower for Paige
Vaughan & baby Victoria
- 12 Tuesday Ladies Bible class & Luncheon
- 15 Christian Business Breakfast
- 17 Third Sunday Luncheon & Devo
Area Wide Skate Night**
- 23 Ministry Leader's Breakfast
- 24 High School Devo**
- 29-31 Akouo**
- 29-31 Singles Weekend at Disney World

FUTURE:

Feb 12 New Member Party


FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

Jan 3 Middle School Devo**

Jan 17 Area Wide Skate Night**

Jan 24 High School Devo**

Jan 29-31 Akouo**



**MS
DEVO
TONIGHT!!**

**IN YOUTH ROOM
FOLLOWING EVENING
WORSHIP. BRING \$3.00.**

**AREA WIDE SKATE
NIGHT
JANUARY 17**

HS DEVO JANUARY 24

AKOUO JAN 29-31

**CHILDREN'S
BIBLE HOUR**

For 3 year olds thru
1st grade

January 10, 2010

Lesson 14 – Jesus
Calms the Storm

Teach C Hoffmeister
Monitor D Ward

January 17, 2010

Lesson 15 – Jesus
Raises Jairus' Daughter

Teach D Ward
Monitor E Emerson

January 24, 2010

Lesson 16 – Jesus
Feeds the 5,000

Teach E Emerson
Monitor F Lynn

January 31, 2010

Lesson 17 – Jesus
Walks on Water

Teach F Lynn
Monitor G Murdock

Tomorrow Is Almost Here!

" Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for - "I just can't sleep!" That's what happens when this state of mind takes over. In the Greek text, all of these English words are a single Greek word *merimnate*. This word describes that condition when the concerns about this life press us so hard we are unable to rest or sleep. In the Greek world, the temporary escape from this worry was drink and sex. But everyone knew that the only permanent solution was death. Observation says that the world has not changed in this regard. The cares of this life still drive people to drink and sex, but only death removes this kind of worry. Unless Christ literally changes one's mind.

Did you notice that the word is an imperative? This is a commandment. It is not optional. Do this! Does that mean that God will fix everything? No. This commandment is not about "fixing" things. It is about freeing your mind. The difference between a Christian and a world-bound person is this: a Christian releases the cares of life to God and is free from anxiety while a world-bound person has no one to give those cares to and is a prisoner of the limits of this life. This commandment is about the freedom that comes when we realize that life is not within our control but it is in God's control. And if God is in control, then what is there to worry about? He cares for us.

As we approach the end of this year, we continue to need a daily reminder of the sovereignty of God. It's not that we forget He is in control. It is rather that the cares of this life are insidious. They are more than able to rob us of our freedom (and sleep) if we let them. Those cares, even if they are not real, push us toward reality escape because reality without Christ is a dismal road to death. It is amazing that people reject Jesus but embrace the temporary fixes. Life shows us there are only two permanent solutions: death or God.

"Don't worry. Be happy" is *not* what Paul is saying. That Caribbean "good news" is nothing more than trite avoidance. Paul is saying, "Stop worrying. Be submissive." Let your Father have control of your life and rely on Him.

This article by Skip Moen has been slightly edited. For the unedited copy go to <http://www.studyight.org/col/tw/>

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, January 10: *"Knowing Christ"*

Requested Prayers: **Marjorie Jones** for continued health improvement.
Betsy Hilton for her children.

Congregational News

GoldenAgers Social will be Tuesday, January 5, in the Parlor. Please bring finger foods and join the fun.

GoldenAgers Potluck Luncheon will be Sunday, January 10, in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Please bring a dish and join us.

A Baby Shower for Paige Vaughan and new daughter, Victoria, will be given on Sunday, January 10. Stephen & Paige are registered at Babies-R-Us.

Secret Sister Revealing: Sunday, Jan 17th at 1:30 in the Parlor. To reveal your sister be prepared to find your "match" when you arrive. New sisters will also be drawn at this gathering.



Love Step: Homeless ministry needs: toilet paper razors towels bottled water Bibles juice boxes Gift certificates (McDonalds, QT, fast food)



Training continues each Wednesday evening during class in 101N. Training is open to Life Group Leaders, Co-leaders, wives and anyone else who is interested in the training material.

Ministry Leaders' Breakfast will be Saturday, January 23, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Lost & Found: A set of keys were found in the Clothing Room which include a Nissan & a Mercedes key.

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 (991-8457)• Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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LTC

Leadership Training for Christ

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JAN 8 1st Pre-convention Events Due!!

Thank You

- Thank you to the GoldenAgers & church for the fruit and goodie bag. **Alice Jackson**
- We want to thank Colleen and all the staff that are involved in sending the worship service DVD to us. Thank you very much for taking the time to do this. It makes our service at home seem more involved with the congregation. God Bless. **Bill & Vanelle Helm**

Food Drive

Thanks to all that participated in the food drive. It was short lived but amazingly productive. Five of our church families were served as well as an additional eighteen families. Twelve of those were families & friends of members and six were local neighborhood families. What remained will be donated to Broken Arrow Neighbors, a United Way funded organization. Thanks for your generosity!

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

Menu: Ham Dinner

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

Body Wash



January 10, 2010 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER

Scott Keele

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Tim Walton

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Ryan Dent
2. Bill Detherage
3. Robert Dowdy
4. Patrick Edison
5. Charles Emerson
6. Cliff Fitzgerald
7. James Garrett
8. Rocky Giles
9. James Gilpin
10. Brett Gould
11. Kevin Guillette
12. George Gwinn
13. Jack Hale
14. Jared Hale
15. Virgil Hale

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Bill Davis

For Cup - Bryan Davis

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Richard Davis

CLOSING PRAYER

Ryan Dent

January 10, 2010 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING

Brent Worden

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Mignon Lee	Katy King
Gina Mahaffey	Lisa King

DOORGREETERS

1. Reece & Holly Parker
2. Jared & Cara Pence
3. Joel & Kathleen Pence
4. Tim & Linnea Plowman
5. Mike & Narissa Rampey
6. Dick & Sharon Ray

USHERS

2. Tim Murdock
3. Chad Noblett
4. Jared Pence
5. Tim Plowman

INFORMATION CENTER

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

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - David & Abby Mainprize
Victor & Teresa York

PM Hosts - Junior & Joyce Ackley
Rich & Becky Kilmer

January 10, 2010 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Erich Anderson

EVENING PRAYERS

Bill Detherage
Robert Dowdy

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Mary Lynch	Elaine Lee
Darla Lynn	Sharon Legg

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Lee Heffner
Tom Henderson

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:

Carl Alexander is at home after a short stay in the hospital & is awaiting additional tests.

Bill Childress is having blood pressure problems.

Ruth Davis is in St. Francis, So. # 239, with pneumonia & infection.

Georgiana Dixon had pins removed from her ankle on Fri., Dec. 18th.

Tabitha Hansen is in St. Francis, #7121.

Richard Mosby is home following knee surgery on Monday, Dec. 21.

Karen Scism is at home after a second stay in the hospital. An additional procedure will be scheduled to remove kidney stones.

Stephanie White is being treated for a leg infection. This is the result of an earlier injury from an auto accident a few years ago.

Charles Coatney (cousin of Sue Doss & husband of Betty Luton) is in critical condition in St. Francis, #5117.

Arden & Nathaniel Mahaffey (children of Robert & Debbie Mahaffey, former members) were in a skiing accident & are in the hospital in Denver.

Members: *Mike Baskett*, Rhonda Blackstock, Larry Brewer, Destin Byers (grandson of Robert & Barbara Byers), *Laura Copeland*, *Marge Curnutt*, *Gage Dixon*, *Georgiana Dixon*, *Ray Duwe*, *Camille Fitzgerald*, *Robbi Gilliland*, *Dee Hall*, Helen Holleyman, *Jack Hudkins*, Gavin Kuykendall, *Carolyn Lee*, *John D. Lee*, Edwina Lyle, *Barbara Poteet*

(Prayer List continued on back of insert)

WEDNESDAY - January 13, 2010

INFORMATION CENTER

Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Robert & Tracey Michael
Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
December 27, 2009

Bible Class	293
AM Worship	469
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	NA
Contribution	\$19,400
Budget	\$21,016
Contribution YTD	\$1,044,805
Budget YTD	\$1,092,832
Over/(Under)	(\$48,027)

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: The father & grandfather of Erich Anderson, LeAnna Blanchard (sister of Shane Blackstock), Juanita Caton (sister of Ken Toby & Dorothy Billings), Chris Daniel (step-brother of Diann Baker), Felicity & Kingston Davis (daughter & grandson of Don & Karen Ames), Ray Downey (Jason Bradley's uncle), Robert Durham (grandfather of Shane Blackstock), Eula Gordon (sister of Rosie Steele), Linda Kirk (niece of Ruby Mitchell), Joe Long (father of Valerie Hale), Wendi Murrell (neighbor of the Baxter's), Annette Overton (mother of Rhonda Blackstock), Nila Parrott (mother of David Parrott), Sheri Rider (former member), Charlotte Soward (mother of Diann Baker), Shirley van der Spuy (minister's wife & friend of Colleen Detherage), Linda Taylor (Gina Mahaffey's aunt), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, Julie Thrash (daughter of Fran Garrett), Kara Cozort Van Meter (Mary Harper's daughter & Julie Parette's sister), John Ware (Phylis McWherter's brother), *Frankie Weir (Dana Turner's mother)*

Military: *Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Stevens Copeland, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Tray & Hope Mamula, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young*

School Of Biblical Studies


Second semester begins January 9th. Classes meet each Saturday from 8:30 to 11:55 am. Four classes are offered each semester. Admission is open to anyone interested. Tuition is free; only cost is for textbooks. Call Allan Lay at 906-8972/272-1564, evangelist@cox.net or see their website at www.owassochurchofchrist.org.

Spring Semester 2010 Classes

Mark-Allan Lay
Genesis— John Higgins
Restoration History— Terry Smalling
Acts 2—Sidney Ellis



Congratulations

- To **Branden & Shara Stidham** on the birth of a daughter, **Paisley Brynn Stidham**, born Sunday, December 20. She weighted 6 lbs. Proud grandparents are **Jeff & Terri Roberts**, great-grandparents are **Bruce & Wanda Johns**, uncles are **Jeffery & Travis Roberts**. 
- To **Brett & Kyler Roper** on the birth of a son, **Logan Brandt Roper**, born Monday, December 21. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and is 22 inches long. Big brother is **Asher**.
- To **Terry & Barbara Craghead** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Sydney Kaelyn Craghead**, to **Terry & Darci Craghead** of Oklahoma City. Sydney arrived on Tuesday, Dec. 29th weighing 6 lbs & 8 oz & measuring 19 1/4" long.

Sympathy

- is sent to **Brett Gould**, former member, on the death of his father.
- is expressed to **Cheri Brewer, Chad & DeAnna Brewer and Larry & Sue Brewer and families** on the death of **Leslie Brewer** on Tuesday, December 22. Services were at the building on Monday, December 28.
- goes out to the family of **Laura Moore (Jr. & Joyce Ackley (sister) and Jerry & Lorey Lundy and family** (grandmother of Jerry) on her death Sunday, Dec. 27. Her service was held at the building on Wednesday, Dec. 30.
- is given to **John & Mignon Harris and Kevin & Mignon Lee** on the death of Mignon Harris's brother-in-law, **Mike Read**, of Hulbert. Funeral services were Wednesday at 11:00 in Hulbert.
- to **Montez Smith & Joan James** on the passing of Montez's sister, **Thelma Ramsey**. The funeral service was Wednesday at Moore-Eastlawn at 10:00.
- is given to **Dave & Terri Larson and family** on the death of her uncle, **Clyde Lewis**, of Memphis, TN. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Congregational News (continued)

New Nursery Project is still in need of pack 'n plays, rockers & bouncy seats. No more clothes or blankets are needed. Contact April Price at aprilprice@cox.net or 810-6508.

For information about the **Take-A-City program** contact Lonnie Miller at 455-9249 or lonniejonimiller@cox.net or Harold Tydings at 459-6869 or htydings@att.net