

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



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

A Day of Worship and Rest on April 25. Did you notice that this item was listed among several upcoming events in the Shepherds' Corner in last Sunday's bulletin? If you saw it, did you wonder what it was? Let me explain a little bit about the reasoning behind this special day of worship and what we will be doing on that Sunday morning.

Have you ever gotten home on a Sunday evening (at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, or even later) and wished that you had a day of rest before having to go back to work on Monday? For many within our church family, Sunday not only includes Bible classes and the morning and evening worship assemblies, but a wide variety of

other activities and commitments: ministry meetings, LTC practice, bridal and baby showers, mission trip meetings, fellowship meals, youth activities, VBS preparations, etc. Occasionally, there are those "perfect storm" days when your Sunday begins quite early and ends rather late, leaving you drained, fatigued, and dreading the alarm clock on Monday morning.

While we understand that Sunday is not the "Christian Sabbath" and that Old Testament Sabbath work restrictions were not "transferred" to the Lord's Day, we must also acknowledge that God knew of mankind's need for rest, as did Jesus during His ministry (Mark 6:31). In fact, He has even promised us an eternal Sabbath rest in heaven (Hebrews 4:9-10). But, sometimes our multitude of good works and good intentions causes us to rush through a non-stop flurry of activities on Sunday, leaving us exhausted at the beginning of a work week.

So, on Sunday, April 25, we are going to enjoy a two-hour worship service from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. No other formal ministry activities will be planned for that day. Nothing! No morning Bible classes. (Teachers, you have the day off!) No fellowship meal. (It requires a lot of work in set-up, serving, and clean-up). No evening service. No Life Groups. You and your family can spend the rest of the day however you need to and however you choose to. If you want to do that with other Christians, that is perfectly fine and is encouraged, but is still entirely up to you. Relax, read, study, serve, exercise, visit another church, whatever! By the way, we will offer Bible Hour during the second hour of the worship service (following Communion), and the nursery will be staffed, but with two shifts.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jared Pence

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord - 242

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah - 844

Shepherd's Prayer – Bruce Binkley

Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims - 747

Come, Share the Lord - 364

Lord's Supper

Contribution

The Battle Belongs to the Lord - 749

Scripture Reading - I Samuel 16:1-1-3

BIBLE HOUR - Jesus Walks on the Water

"Before the Big Battle"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

To Christ Be True - 736

When All of God's Singers Get Home - 859

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Kyle Thomas

Worship in Song



Remember to Sign-up!

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
- Thanks to Richard Mosby and family for 20 plus years of service as a shepherd
- Pray with a shepherd every Sunday morning or Wednesday night during Bible class time in the conference room for any need
- Life Group sign-ups CONTINUE. Sign up in the foyer
- Seek out and welcome our new members

Future View

- Shepherd contact for January - Charles Emerson
- Shepherd contact for February - Dave Larson
- Next Shepherd/ Ministers meetings - February 1 & 15
- Life Groups start - February 14
- Day of Worship & Rest - April 25
- Prayer Marathon - May 7-8

In Mike's Basket

LTC Registration Money Reminder:

One more reminder, if you haven't paid your LTC registration payment of \$35 it would be great to get that into the books! We have around 10 that haven't paid... thanks so much!

The Two-Edged Sword of God:

The Word of God has been called many things in Scripture. It is a "living and powerful two-edged sword," (*Heb. 4:12*). It is like a "mirror" that reveals our true condition (*James 1:23*), a "lamp" that leads us through the darkest hours (*Psalms 119:105*), the "sword of the Spirit" that defends us in spiritual battle (*Eph. 6:17*), and the "rock" upon which men and women should build their houses (*Matt. 7:24ff*). It's also called the "seed that produces imperishable life" in *1 Peter 1:23-25* and the "abundant fruit" here on earth (*Matt. 13:8*). Many common descriptions of God's Word have to do with food! It is the "pure milk" by which we grow and taste the kindness of God (*1 Peter 2:2,3*). It is the "solid food" that makes us mature and trains us in good and evil (*Heb. 5:14*). It is "sweeter than honey" to our mouths (*Psalms 119:103*), and "more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb." (*Psalms 19:10*). Jesus, who is the eternally existent Word, referred to himself as the "bread of life" and the "living water."

God's Word is the organic, nutritious, delicious food of the soul! Never in the history of the world has a nation had such access to the Word of God! The average home boasts several Bibles. (I have over 20 in my office.) Although it is abundantly available to us, we still starve for lack of it! Why? Just like I have loads of food in my house, lots of goodies in the pantry and in the refrigerator; I must put it into my mouth, chew, and swallow for my body to receive any nourishment. We've got to wake-up to the reality that **WE CANNOT REFORM AND IMPACT OUR CULTURE WITHOUT GOD'S POWER!** We can't do this on our own! We must consume the pages of the book to receive spiritual nourishment! Let's tap into the greatest power man has available to him – the precious and life-changing Word of God! (Excerpts from "Overcoming Overload.") Have a great week! *Mike*

CURRENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 GoldenAgers Social
- 7 Ukraine Mission Informational Meeting
Special Needs Ministry Meeting
MS Devo**
- 9 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
- 12 New Member Party
- 14 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Life Groups Begin!
- 19 Christian Business Breakfast
- 21 Third Sunday Luncheon & Devo
Teen Area Wide**
- 27 Duncan Bible Bowl
- 28 **HS Devo****

FUTURE:

- Mar 26-27 Ladies Retreat
- Mar 27 Kansas Bible Bowl
- Apr 2-3 LTC at Rogers, AR
- Apr 25 Day of Worship & Rest
- Apr 24 Community Outreach Nite
- May 7-8 Prayer Marathon
- May 14 GoldenAgers Dinner sponsored by the HS
- May 16 Senior Night
- Jun 6-12 CAMP
- June 12-19 Medical Mission Trip
- Jul 25-29 VBS

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Mar 13-18 Ski Trip
- Apr 17 Big Nite Out**
- Jun 25-Jul 1 Senior Trip**

Teens

**FEBRUARY 7 -
MS DEVO &
VALENTINE'S DINNER
SERVED BY THE
ELDERS
BRING \$4.00**

**CHILDREN'S
BIBLE HOUR**

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

February 7, 2010

*Lesson 18 – The Trans-
figuration*

Teach G Murdock
Monitor H Martin

February 14, 2010

*Lesson 19 – The Sinful
Woman*

Teach H Martin
Monitor I Honea

February 21, 2010

*Lesson 20 – The Good
Samaritan*

Teach I Honea
Monitor J Saffell

February 28, 2010

*Lesson 21 – The Good
Shepherd*

Teach J Saffell
Monitor K Larson

"Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Say"

William Shakespeare once said, "Everyone can master grief but he that has it."

You just might be tempted to scream if one more person tells you, "I know how you feel." Right?! No one knows how you feel. Statements made by well wishers often convey an underlying disapproval of your grief and sadness, and may fill you with conflicting emotions and even anger (writes Jennie Wright, RN, Certified Grief Counselor, www.recover-from-grief.com).

Here at the Broken Arrow church family, we have experienced occasions of grief over the past few weeks. As part of the immediate families, we are hurting. As part of the extended families, we are struggling with ways to encourage our brothers and sisters. Sometimes we say the wrong things. Strong grief is sometimes scary and uncomfortable for us who are trying to comfort. We can catch ourselves relying on platitudes (clichés, trite expressions) when we literally don't know what to say. We try to help the bereaving feel better...but we may actually accomplish the opposite.

So, I am giving you a list of things that are "No No's" in trying to encourage someone deep in the valley of grief. Some of these phrases you may not believe are discouraging, but each of these has actually been reported.

"You're young, you can have more children." "He wouldn't want you to be sad."

"Be a brave little boy. You'll have to be the man of the house now." (to a child)

"You'll be fine. It's OK."

"Don't cry, crying only upsets you."

"Time heals all wounds."

"At least she's not in pain anymore."

"God needed another angel."

"This was God's will."

"Things will be back to normal before you know it."

"You'll find someone else."

"Be thankful you have other children."

"This too shall pass."

"She led a full life."

"God never gives you more than you can handle."

"Be grateful you had him for so long.".....and the list goes on!

So, what may we say that will uplift and encourage? First of all, if you are in doubt, then keep silent. Let your being there speak for you. Secondly, let them know you don't understand exactly what they are going through, that you love them and will hold them through this. God's hands are extended through your touch and hugs! Ask them if there is something constructive that you can do... like getting them something to drink or eat, watch their children, pick up their house, mow their grass... something. Be specific, offer your services, and follow through! We truly are God's hands on earth. In fact, we are His Body!

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, February 7: *"Should I Be Baptized?"*

**New Members: Jeff, Christy & Caitlyn Easley & Sierra Wright, 8201 E Freeport St., BA, 74014
ph: 355-5027**

Congregational News

Life Group Sign-Ups continue. All adults are encouraged to choose a group. Contact Tim Pyles, Patrick Edison or Jim Hoffmeister if you have questions.

GoldenAgers Social will be Tuesday, February 2, in the Parlor at 6:30 pm. Bring finger foods and join the fun. Anyone 55 or older is welcome.

Kids Kare Winter Wonderland: A Kids Kare winter program is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, at 7 pm in the OC.

Clothing Room Opening: Due to the weather, the opening was postponed. It will be this Saturday, February 6, from 9-11 am. If you had planned to volunteer, please indicate on the sign-up table if you can help this Saturday.

Ukraine Mission Information Meeting: Sunday, February 7, at 4 pm in 103N. This meeting is for all that are interested in the Ukraine Mission Trip scheduled for mid June.

Ladies Bible Class Luncheon will be Tuesday, February 9, in the Fellowship Hall following Bible study.

GoldenAgers February Calendars are located at the back of the auditorium.



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



**Practice Every
Sunday Afternoon**

Puppets 2:00

Drama 3:00

Chorus 4:00

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 Needs:

Velveeta



February 7, 2010 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER

Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Steve Copeland

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Corey Jones
2. Rick Jones
3. Scott Keele
4. Rich Kilmer
5. Bill Kimrey
6. Aaron Laney
7. Dave Larson
8. Kevin Lawrence
9. Marty Legg
10. Robert Legg
11. Jim Lee
12. Kevin Lee
13. Mark Lee
14. Stephen LupPlace
15. Joshua Mahaffey

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Robert Michael
For Cup - Bobby Morrow

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Robby Mosley

CLOSING PRAYER

David Mainprize

February 7, 2010 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING

Bruce Binkley

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Audra Sisson	Kyndal Slaton
Becky Sisson	Tonya Stephens

DOORGREETERS

1. Walt & Terry Willson
2. Bill & Joan Wilson
3. Brent & Holly Worden
4. Paris & Rose York
5. Junior & Joyce Ackley
6. Carl & Peggy Alexander

USHERS

2. Mike Rampey
3. Brent Saffell
4. Jim Schroeder
5. Brian Street

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Jared & Cara Pence
PM Hosts - Linda Kirk & Peggy Hill

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale
Steve & Jackie McDonald

PM Hosts - Harold & Dorothy Billings
Patrick & Jamie Edison

February 7, 2010 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Erich Anderson

EVENING PRAYERS

David Maynard
Richard Mosby

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Shelly Thomas	Andrea Suffridge
Hannah Sosa	Carolyn Vest

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Glen Lyle
Ed Mainprize

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:

Bill Childers is not doing well. Hospice has been called in.
Gage Dixon had tests at OU Children's Hospital in Okla. City this week.
Ray Duwe went home from the hospital on Wednesday.
Lauren Giles had out-patient surgery at Oklahoma Surgical Hospital on Thursday for some torn tendons in her foot.
Emma Lou Lamar fell in December and injured her ankle. She is hoping to return to services soon.
Karen Scism's second surgery for kidney stones was postponed until Tuesday of this week.
Jim Walton will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow at Oklahoma Surgical Hospital.
Jack Leathermon (brother-in-law of Barbara Poteet) is in St. John's following a heart attack. Due to complications from diabetes and the heart attack he is now on dialysis.

Members: Carl Alexander, Riley Astor, Rhonda Blackstock, Heather Blevins, Larry Brewer, Taylor Caballero, *Laura Copeland*, *Marge Curnutt*, *Georgiana Dixon*, Judy Emerson, *Dee Hall*, Helen Holleyman, *Jack Hudkins*, Gavin Kuykendall, *Carolyn Lee*, Edwina Lyle, Darla Lynn, Colette McCullin, Richard Mosby, *Barbara Poteet*, Lillian Qualls, Becky Sisson, Orvind White, *Stephanie White*

Friends & Family: *Earl Anderson (father of Erich Anderson)*, Erin Arledge (daughter-in-law of Bob & Carol Arledge), Paula Belanger
(Prayer List continued on back of insert)

WEDNESDAY - February 10, 2010

INFORMATION CENTER

Erma Wiginton & Julie Parette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Terry & Dawn Walker
Jeff & Deanna Watson

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
January 24, 2009

Bible Class	530
AM Worship	754
PM Worship	312
Wednesday	374
Contribution	\$22,181
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$97,287
Budget YTD	\$84,072
Over/(Under)	\$13,215

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: (wife of Shane Belanger, the student that we are supporting at Bear Valley), Tom Birmingham (brother of Kelly Wann), Charles Coatney (cousin of Sue Doss & husband of Betty Luton), Denise Gandee (cousin of Steve Copeland), Amy Gillespie (cousin of Stephen LupPlace), Marty Karguth (sister of Eric Norris), Arden & Nathaniel Mahaffey (children of Robert & Debbie Mahaffey, former members), *Wendi Murrell (neighbor of the Baxter's)*, Jaxon Musick (2 yr old nephew of Jessica Olivarez, girlfriend of Bryan Nequette), Gene Soward (Diane Baker's father), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, *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*

Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to **Harold & Dorothy Billings** on the death of his sister, Juanita Rizzuto, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She passed away on Wednesday, January 27.

Deepest sympathy is extended to **Cory Hansen, Chris & Sherrie Slaton and their families** on the death of **Tabitha Hansen** on Wednesday, January 27.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Warren Vaughan** on the death of his sister, Norma Berger last week. The funeral was in Cleveland, OK on January 23.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped to make my 90th birthday a most memorable one. All of the good wishes, cards and the beautiful cake made for a pleasant surprise for me. **Evelyn Graham**

Thanks for the letters, cards, thoughts and prayers during my illness. **Collette McCullin**

Dear Church, We want to thank-you for all your prayers, calls, cards and expressions of concern during Lillian's surgery and stay in the hospital. Also for the food that was brought out to us. In appreciation and love, **Charles & Lillian Qualls**

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

A door of opportunity is opening up to serve children with special needs and their families. Over the last several months, many of you have assisted in welcoming and embracing Coleman Pyles into our church family, creating a quiet room, and sitting with him during Bible classes and worship services. Since then, the Lord has brought other families with special needs children to the Broken Arrow church. Some of these children just need a "buddy" to assist them in their Bible classes. Others could benefit from supervision and interaction in a separate room. If you are interested in assisting with Coleman and these other precious children, please plan to attend an organizational meeting for the Special Needs Ministry on **Sunday, February 7, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 103N**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to participate in this ministry, there will be a sign up sheet at the Information Center beginning today. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Bruce and Karen Burnette.



Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

Christian Services of Oklahoma
(providing adoptions, foster care & maternity home programs for women, children & families in OK)

1st Annual Tot Trot

Friday, May 7 from 6-9 pm at Oklahoma Christian University

For information on ways to help support or be a sponsor see the bulletin board in the north wing of the foyer. You may also contact Bailey Huntsman at 405-615-2211 or bailey.huntsman@alumni.oc.edu