



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Father, I ask that You be with us today as we ..."

"Lord, please be with ..."

I don't know why I used to pray like this. Perhaps it is because I heard others use similar language in their prayers. But, regardless how I got started, I routinely asked God to "be with" me, my family, my shepherds, my fellow ministers, our missionaries, the sick, and the sorrowing without really considering the implications of my request. Did I think God was absent and needed to show up? Was I afraid that He might check out and abandon those about whom I had care and concern?

In recent months, I have ceased *asking* for God's presence and just started *thanking* Him for it.

We serve a God who has promised, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Among our Savior's parting words to His disciples was an affirmation that "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus said that another Helper, the Spirit of Truth, would be sent by the Father and "He will be with you forever" (John 14:15-16). Our bodies have become sanctuaries of the Holy Spirit who lives within us (I Corinthians 6:19). Where we go, He goes!

"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me." (Psalm 139:7-10)

I think I sometimes used "be with" as a kind of generic prayer language shorthand. I would say "be with" when I really meant strengthen, comfort, heal, grant wisdom, or some other needed Divine blessing. So, I have tried to become more specific about what I am asking of the Lord, without needlessly questioning His presence.

I love the final verse of the hymn *Father and Friend! Thy Light, Thy Love* written by John Bowring in 1825:

Thy children shall not faint nor fear,
Sustained by this delightful thought;
Since Thou, their God, art everywhere,
They cannot be where Thou art not.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

We Praise Thee, O God - 2

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah - 3

Shepherd's Prayer – Dave Larson

Unto Thee, O Lord - 794

I Sing Praises - 97

Lord's Supper

Contribution

As the Deer - 71

Scripture Reading - II Samuel 6:12-18

I Stand in Awe - 96

NO BIBLE HOUR

"Doing Something Great for God"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me - 523

The Lord Bless You and Keep You - 710

Prayer

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

Speaker - Tim Pyles

VISITORS PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Today following morning worship we will have a lunch of soups, sandwiches, chips, and desserts in our Outreach Center.

An afternoon devotional will immediately follow lunch in the Outreach Center.

There will be no 5 pm service.



Shepherds' Corner

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

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- The church of Christ at Broken Arrow welcomes YOU
- Fellowship Lunch and service—Today
- Let your prayer needs be known. Pray with a shepherd every Sunday morning or Wednesday night during Bible class time in the conference room for any need
- Sign up and participate in 50 Days of Food & Fun
- Summer series this Wednesday. Come hear Mike Crosby
- Summary of ministers/shepherds meeting: 7-12
 - 1.Update on Gage Dixon and prayer offered
 - 2.Ministry Updates:
 - ≈ Protecting & Feeding: Missions updates given, Summer mission report planned for August 1, Life group update, Fall adult classes presented, VBS in preparation
 - ≈ Leading & Governing: Continue book study for August discussion, Connections breakfast July 31, Minister goals and objectives in process
 - ≈ Practical Needs: Youth activities continue, Clothing room in preparation for next give away, Prayer session planned
 - 3.Prayer request taken and prayer offered

Future View

- Shepherd contact for July - Ron Baxter
- Next Ministers/Shepherds meeting: July 21
- VBS: July 25-29

In Mike's Basket

Psalm 19:1 – "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands."

23 of us had an opportunity to spend time in the mountains of Colorado last week while fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Conifer! On Monday, after a 1 ½ mile hike, we were over 10,000 feet above sea level! The expanse of the sky, the beauty of the surroundings, and the gorgeous views gave us cause for reflection. The creation of God is overwhelming! Have you noticed it? It's everywhere you turn. David reminds us (in the above passage) that the "heavens" are telling of the glory of God! But we've really got to pay closer attention than what we do at times... it often takes a change of scenery to keep our minds on God's creative power! Like looking at the stars while in Colorado... not the same as living in Tulsa or Broken Arrow! We had a clear shot at the heavens and the handiwork of God. It doesn't take a genius to realize how large the sky is. It's easy to get lost in it if you stare long enough. It's huge!

Can you picture King David on the top of his roof around three thousand years ago? Or maybe he was remembering all of those nights in the fields as a shepherd boy – just looking at those stars! He must have been overcome with the glory of His God! We should never lose sight of the fact that God created everything for us! He indeed created the universe to display His glory!

I hope you'll have time this week – take two minutes to look for the glory of God. Inhale an extra-large breath of fresh air when you step outside today. Slow down to look at the birds flying overhead. Stop, if you can, and just stare at the heavens for awhile! They are ***"declaring the work of His hands."*** Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

JULY

- 18 3rd Sunday Fellowship
- 20 MS - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
- 22 S.A.L.T.**
- 23 Family Fun Night
- 25-29 VBS
- 27 MS - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
- 28 50 Days Wednesday Nite Dinner Fund Raiser
- 29 S.A.L.T.**
- 31 Breakfast CONNECTION
Clothing Room Opening
Wedding Shower for Abbey
Kilmer & Matt Wilks

FUTURE

- Aug 1 Kara Ratzlaff Wedding Shower
- Aug 3 Ladies Quilting Workday
Last Class - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
GoldenAgers Social
- Aug 5 Last S.A.L.T.**
- Aug 8 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- Aug 12 SCHOOL BEGINS
- Aug 15 3rd Sunday Fellowship & Devotional
Combine Devo
- Aug 17 Ladies Quilting Workday

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- 20 MS - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
- 22 S.A.L.T.**
- 27 MS - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
- 29 S.A.L.T.**
- Aug 3 Last Class - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
- Aug 5 Last S.A.L.T.**

Circle of Sisters
will meet on
Wednesday
this week,
July 21
at 5:30 pm in OC # 3
to accommodate VBS
preparations.

**CHILDREN'S
BIBLE HOUR**

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

**July 25, 2010
NO BIBLE HOUR
VBS**

August 1, 2010
*Lesson 37 – Peter, John &
the Lame Man*
Teach D Ward
Monitor E Emerson

August 8, 2010
*Lesson 38 – Ananias and
Sapphira*
Teach E Emerson
Monitor F Lynn

August 15, 2010
*Lesson 39 – Conversion of
Saul*
Teach F Lynn
Monitor G Murdock

A JOLT, A SPILL

Amy Carmichael (a missionary to India in the early 1900's) has a note in her little book: "A cup brimful of sweet water cannot spill even one drop of bitter water, however suddenly jolted."

If it is full of sweet water and is jolted, what will come out of the cup? Sweet water. If you gave it a harder jolt, what's going to happen? More sweet water will spill. If someone is filled with sweet water and someone else gives him a "jolt," what will come out? Sweet water! Jolts do not turn sweet water into bitter water. That is done by something else.

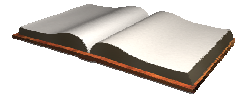
Jolts only bring out of the container what's already in the container. If you're filled with sweetness and light, and you get jolted, you're going to spill sweetness and light. A number of years ago, the phrase was "garbage in, garbage out." What you put in is what you're going to get out. If you're filled with honey, the honey will come out. If vinegar comes out, what does that prove? It shows what was already in the container.

Jim Wilson writes of this, "In other words, bitterness is not based upon what the other person did at all. It is the result of what we do and who we are."

Ephesians 4:31 reads, "Get rid of your bitterness, hot tempers, anger, loud quarreling, cursing, and hatred. Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ." (God's Word Translation)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, July 25: "You Can Be Sure"

UPDATE!! CAMBODIA TRANSLATION FUND \$8671.00



Congregational News

Family Fun Night—Bounce Party! Friday, July 23 from 6-9 pm. Join the Elders, eat dinner and bounce. For families with children from toddler thru elementary school.

Clothing Room will open July 31 for the general public. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for volunteers to help on this day.

Pictorial Directory: If you have not picked up your new directory, you may pick it up at the Information Center.

Lap Robes for nursing home patients!! It's time to begin knitting & crocheting lap robes. They should be 40" x 40". We are also looking for covers for wheelchair pillows (16" x 16") this year. If you have questions please contact Berniece Rumsey.



PARKING LOT RENOVATION

In case some of you haven't noticed (and many of you obviously have), Tiger Hill to the east of the church building is getting a facelift. Flight Safety is building their new building on the backside of Tiger Hill, to the east of the OC. The plan is for us to share a parking lot with Flight Safety; their plan is to remove the existing parking lot and rebuild it to handle their delivery trucks. While this is going on, Flight Safety has promised us parking back there, some of the time it may be gravel until the new lots are ready. Flight Safety will be accessing their property from Lynn Lane and from 71st (east of the Farm Credit building). They will highly discourage their employees from using the access road to the south of the OC.

This is a work in progress for us, we will try to keep you informed as things progress; Bill Detherage and Rich Kilmer will be the principal points of contact for this project.

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-Apr)

Wednesday -- Bible Classes and Devotional -- 7:15 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (286-6403)

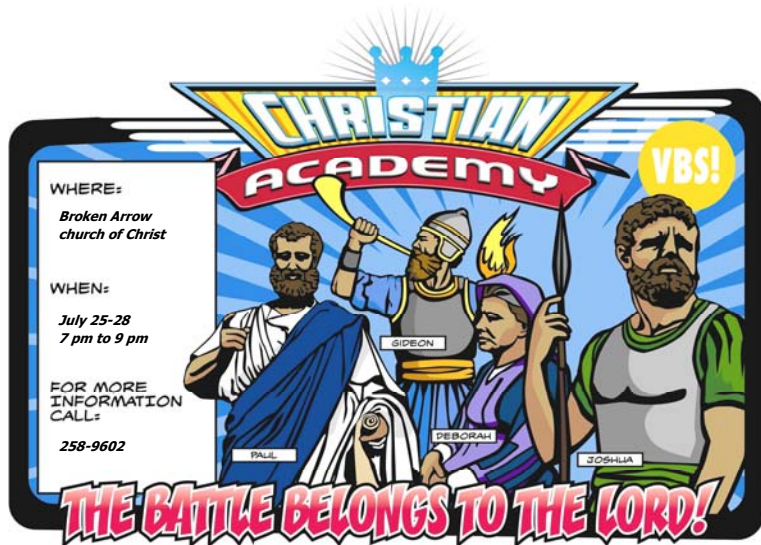
•Tim Pyles (991-8457)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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VBS July 25-28 7 pm to 9 pm

VBS Registration Forms are located at the round table by the VBS siGn-up board in the foyer. Enrollment forms may also be found on the web site. This includes nursery age thru Middle School.

VBS Wednesday Nite Fund Raiser Dinner!! All monies raised above and beyond food cost will go to provide School Supplies for students attending 50 Days of Food & Fun.

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: Chicken Florentine Crepes, Grilled Zucchini & Squash and Garlic Mashed Potatoes

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:**

Divided

Styrofoam Trays



July 25, 2010 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Matt Hoffmeister

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Glen Lyle

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Thomas Coleman
2. Darrell Davidson
3. Bill Davis
4. Bryan Davis
5. Richard Davis
6. Ryan Dent
7. Bill Detherage
8. Robert Dowdy
9. Patrick Edison
10. Charles Emerson
11. Cliff Fitzgerald
12. James Garrett
13. Rocky Giles
14. Kevin Guillette
15. Virgil Hale

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Paul West
For Cup - Nick White

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Ray Wilburn

SCRIPTURE READING

Ron Lee

CLOSING PRAYER

Jim Wiginton

July 25, 2010 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Tonya Stephens Kyndal Slaton
Christina Snitker Andrea Suffridge

DOORGREETERS

1. Joel & Kathleen Pence
2. Tim & Linnea Plowman
3. Loren & Berniece Rumsey
4. Mike & Narissa Rampey
5. Arlene Reed & Linda Reeder
6. Jeffrey & Terri Roberts

USHERS

2. James Gilpin
3. Jack Hale
4. Jared Hale
5. Bill Hancock

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gayle Langston & Sue Brewer
PM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Sherman & Alice Boley
 David & Abby Mainprize

PM Hosts - Kyle & Shelly Thomas
 Gerry & Darla Lynn

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lois McNeal
AM Worship - Elaine Maynard
PM Worship - Karen Mainprize

July 25, 2010 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Erich Anderson

EVENING PRAYERS

Matt Wilks
Walt Willson

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Brenna Baker Carolyn Vest
Cynthia Walvoord Kelli Warren

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Bill Hancock
Ethan Hancock

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

WEDNESDAY - July 28, 2010
INFORMATION CENTER

Joel & Kathleen Pence

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Lonnie & Joni Miller
Robert & Tracey Michael

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
July 11, 2010

Bible Class	399
AM Worship	600
PM Worship.....(Life Groups)	421
Wednesday	406
Contribution	\$17,381
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$593,903
Budget YTD	\$588,504
Over/(Under)	\$5,399

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

Hospital/Tests:

Carla Bare resumed radiation treatment this past week.
Ron Baxter had gall bladder surgery on Tuesday.
Gage Dixon, Columbus, OH. The family will be there for an undetermined amount of time. To send Gage an e-card: nationwidechildrens.org room 4014.
Terri Larson tore some ligaments in her foot last Sunday.
Loren Rumsey will have a heart catheterization on Tuesday at SouthCrest.
Frank Porta (friend of Paul West)
Members: Carl Alexander, Travis Blevins, *Jim Bryan*, Stevens Copeland, *Marge Curnutt*, Bill Davis, Georgianna Dixon, Lawana Duwe, Fran Garrett, *Jo Ella Gotcher*, Steve Hendon, Alice Jackson, *Lloyd Lamirand*, *Barbara Poteet*, *Coleman Pyles*, Sydni Ryan, Charles Qualls, *Jerry Sampson*, Steve Scott, *Jimmy Turner*

Friends & Family: *Earl Anderson* (father of Erich Anderson), Family of Jimmy Anderson, *Pauli Baxt* (mother of Paul West), Paula Belanger (missions student at Bear Valley in CO), Pam Bell (member at Whispering Hills), Melanie Bennefeld (friend of the Manus'), Wilma Bingley (relative of Vests), *John Burdine* (Jennifer Bradley's father), Sonny Burgess (friend of the Buntins), *Caiden Call* (baby of Colleen Detherage's niece), Bob Carriger (husband of Mary Jane), *Debbie Chovan* (sister of Darlene Mathis), Katherine DeBarr (sister of Mary Lynch), Dixie Fletcher (aunt of Kim Keele), Art & Freda Griffin (parents of Pam Canton), Kaydn Guess (daughter of Vernon & Kanna Guess of Whispering Hills), Nova Lee Hagar (mother of Gail West), (continued on back of insert)

PRAYER LIST (continued)

Friends & Family: Sherry Hall & family (friends of Gene Dunn), Joanne Jones (sister of Evelyn Graham), Terry Koski (father of Heidi Bakker's co-worker), Jack Leathermon (brother-in-law of Barbara Poteet), LOKESH (8th grade boy from India children's home), Doris McCullen (mother-in-law of Colette McCullen), Norma Rodgers (mother of Angie DuBois), Taryn Schlapp (sister of Heidi Bakker's co-worker), Bob Simmons (Lisa Legg's father), Evelyn Wilson, (sister-in-law of Mary Byrd)

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

Shut-ins: Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Sacia Coleman, Neal Dobbins, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Vanelle Helm, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, Lonita Nutt, Bill Powers, Dorothy Stutz, Pat Tobey

Long-term illness: Carl Alexander, Haleigh Baker, Mitchell Bean, Pam Bonwell, Pat Boulter, Jim & Frances Bryan, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Irene & Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Dee Hall, Lisa Hancock, Roxanna Honea, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Alta & Lloyd Lamirand, John A. Lee, Sharon Love, Betty Martin, James & Belinda Mitchell, Sonny Steele, Erma Wiginton, Walt Willson, Paris York



Today is the last Sunday for Jon, Liz, Ben, Elijah & Jabin Huff to worship with us. They are moving to the Fort Smith, AR area on Friday the 23rd. Their new address will be 3725 Colfax Way, Greenwood, AR 72936 cell ph #s. Jon 918-208-9100 & Liz 918-408-5417

VBS WILL SOON BE HERE!

**CHRISTIAN ACADEMY II
Bible Super Heroes**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (High School & Adult only) for all areas. Sign-up board is in the foyer. Please sign-up and leave a t-shirt size and contact information. See Loretta Turner if you have questions.

Approximately **250 small baby food jars with the lids** (empty and clean) are needed for a craft project. Jars can be left in the Christian Academy VBS collection box in the foyer or given to Loretta Turner.



Thank You

Dear Church Family, It is with deepest heartfelt thanks that I write to you for all of the prayers, hospital visits cards, and well-wish calls that I received after and during my recent hospital stay. My family and I feel truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and giving congregation. Missing Ukraine was hard for me but I know God has a plan and purpose for everything that happens in our lives. I love all of you and feel so blessed by your lives. In Christ, **Travis Blevins**

Thank you so much for all the prayers offered for my sister, Joanne Jones, before, during and after her surgery. She is doing well and has been given the good news that there is no need for further treatment.

Evelyn Graham

Sympathy

Our condolences to **Jan Spink** on the death of **Don** on Tuesday, July 13. His service was Friday at the building.

Wedding Showers

• **Matt Wilks & Abbey Kilmer**, Saturday, July 31, at 10 am in the Parlor. Matt & Abbey are registered at Target & Wal-Mart.

• **Kara Ratzlaff & fiancé, Chris Carrero**, Sunday, August 1, at 3:30 pm in the Parlor. Kara is registered at Penney's, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

