



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

I first heard the following story in the early 1980's. Various versions of the story have apparently been around a lot longer than that, but it still makes me chuckle every time I read it. It involves the explanation that an injured employee provided in filling out an accident report form for his company.

"When I got to the building I found that the hurricane had knocked off some bricks around the top. So I rigged up a beam with a pulley at the top of the building and hoisted up a couple barrels full of bricks. When I had fixed the damaged area, there were a lot of bricks left over. Then I went to the bottom and began releasing the rope. Unfortunately, the barrel of bricks was much heavier than I was - and before I knew what was happening the barrel started coming down, jerking me up."

"I decided to hang on since I was too far off the ground by then to jump, and halfway up I met the barrel of bricks coming down fast. I received a hard blow on my shoulder. I then continued to the top, banging my head on the beam and getting my fingers pinched and jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground hard, its bottom burst, allowing the bricks to spill out."

"I was now heavier than the barrel. So I started down again at high speed. Halfway down I met the barrel coming up fast and received several injuries to my shins. When I hit the ground, I landed on the pile of bricks, getting several painful cuts and deep bruises. At this point I must have lost my presence of mind, because I let go of my grip on the rope. The barrel came down fast - giving me another blow on my head and putting me in the hospital."

"I respectfully request sick leave."

I am sure that all of us have experienced days like this; probably not with a barrel of bricks, but with discouraging news, a strained relationship, difficulties at work, illness, financial hardships, temptations that we just seem to weak and worn to resist, physical or emotional exhaustion, etc. Though Jesus doesn't offer us an exemption from life's tribulations, he invites us to "take courage" because He has overcome the world (John 16:33). A Father who sees, hears, knows, and understands our struggles urges us to cast all of our anxiety on Him, because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). So, go ahead and fill out the form (pray!); our Heavenly Father understands!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Matt Hoffmeister

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-35

O Worship the King - 144

Victory Chant - 278

How Great is Our God

Shepherd's Prayer – Glen Lyle

Communion Thoughts

Low in the Grave He Lay - 344

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:1-4, 10-13

Create in Me

NO BIBLE HOUR

"Against You, You Only"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Create in Me

Magnificat

Prayer

7:00 PM WORSHIP

VBS

Song Leader – Erich Anderson

"2 Judges, 2 Kings & a Queen"

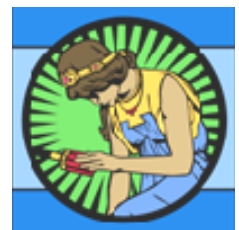
VBS Speaker - Dale Graham

VBS

Classroom helpers be in class by 6:30 pm each night.

Group (city) leaders meet TONIGHT in Auditorium at 6:15 pm.

Cookies can be dropped in the fellowship hall kitchen.



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
- 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
- VBS starts TONIGHT!! 7:00 pm
- VBS adult evening classes Sunday thru Wednesday. Come hear Dale Graham
- Sign up and participate in 50 Days of Food & Fun
- Summary of Minister/Shepherds meeting: July 21, 2010
 - ≈ Round table discussion of Shepherding Groups
 - ≈ Prayer request taken & prayer offered

Future View

- Shepherd contact for July - Ron Baxter
- Connections Ministry Leaders breakfast: July 31
- Next Ministers/Shepherds meetings: August 2 & 18

In Mike's Basket

Luke writes in his gospel: ***"Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."***

Do you ever watch reality TV shows? After watching varied shows it occurs to me that most people don't like themselves! You've got shows that tell you how bad you dress, how bad you look, how your hair should be different, how your face should be different, or how your body needs some major help! People either WANT TO BE someone else or LOOK LIKE someone else... or they're being told by others they need some change in their life. I think it's absolutely awesome that we worship a God who took the time to mold, shape, and create each and every one of us ... just the way we are... for a purpose! It's when the "purpose" is mistaken... you have lots of TV shows! Do you realize that humans were made extra-special by God? Separate and apart from the rest of creation?

The Biblical-day sparrow was one of the most beautiful creatures known to man. It had bright colors and a graceful movement. Luke reminds us that even a sparrow cannot compare to the beauty found in each human! Too many of us compare ourselves to others – be it movie stars, athletes, or someone more "popular." We get so caught up in these comparisons that we decide to go to great lengths to change our "look." But the "image" we strive for should be that of Jesus Christ! I can change to be like Him everyday! And the best part is: I have the greatest Physician in the world changing my appearance. It's obviously not an earthly, physical thing... it's a life-style... it's a way we live each day so as to bring glory to our Father and Creator! Let's *thank* God we are unique and special – and popular ***in His eyes*** – right down to the hairs on our head. Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

JULY

25-29 VBS

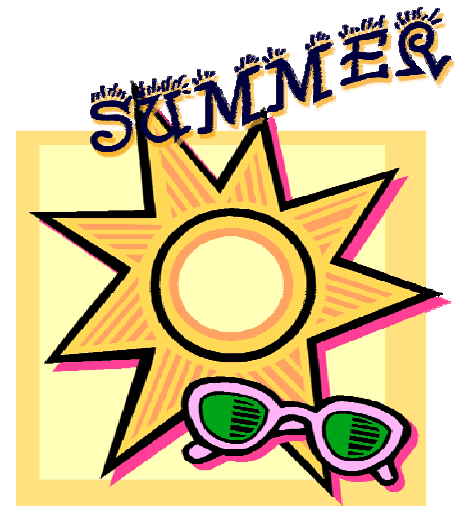
- 27 MS - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
- 28 50 Days Wednesday Nite Dinner Fund Raiser
- 29 S.A.L.T.**
- 31 Breakfast CONNECTION
Clothing Room Opening
Wedding Shower for Abbey Kilmer & Matt Wilks

FUTURE

- Aug 1 Kara Ratzlaff Wedding Shower
- Aug 3 Ladies Quilting Workday
Last Class - Out of Eden & Timothy Classes**
GoldenAgers Social
- Aug 6 GoldenAgers Ice Cream Dinner
- Aug 8 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- Aug 5 Last S.A.L.T.**
- Aug 12 SCHOOL BEGINS
- Aug 15 3rd Sunday Fellowship & Devotional
Combined Devo
- Aug 17 Ladies Quilting Workday
- Aug 22 Welcome Home/Benefit Dinner for Gage Dixon
- Aug 27 Ladies Night Out

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- 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.**
- Aug 15 Combined Devo



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

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

August 22, 2010

Lesson 40 – The Call to Macedonia

Teach G Murdock
Monitor H Martin

I AM A NEWCOMER

With Vacation Bible School upon us and the summer in full swing, we are having many visitors to our services. You may have noticed that there have been many different faces around here. Isn't that awesome? With this in mind, I recently read an article entitled, "I Am A Newcomer." Very appropriate for us!

I Am A Newcomer

Smile at me as I walk in the door. You are my first impression of the church, during the first few moments I am in your building, and the first impression will probably stay with me a long time.

Help me find my place in the service. I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact, I will remember your kindness.

Speak to me during the after-service fellowship time. I know you want to see your friends, but I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for each other unless I first see evidence that you care for the 'stranger' in your midst.

Tell me good things about the church, your elders, deacons, and ministers. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

Notice me even if I am not 'family.' I don't want to feel invisible just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.

Talk to me again the second week when I come back and the third and fourth. I am still not a part of your church family.

Invite me to become a part of some church activity or small group. I need more contact with the church family.

Look around this morning. Before and after class and worship service, be attentive to those visiting with us.

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, August 1: "Give Us a Standard"

BORN AGAIN: Welcome **Scott Goodrich** into the family of God. Scott was baptized into Christ on Monday evening, July 19.

Congregational News



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

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



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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Emily Kilmer, RN
Emily passed her state certification and is now a Registered Nurse!



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)

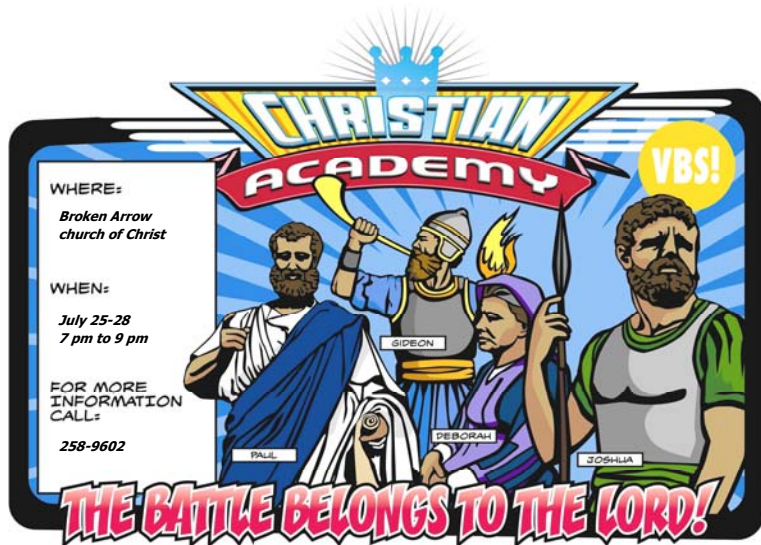
•Tim Pyles (991-8457)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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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. See Menu Below!!

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: TACO SALAD

Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Cost: DONATION for School Supplies

(See above: VBS Wednesday Nite Dinner)

Please mark the attendance card just below your names, indicating the number of adults and children that plan to attend.

Hope Harbor Needs:

100% Juice



August 1, 2010 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Scott Keele

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

David Maynard

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Lee Heffner
2. Tom Henderson
3. Jim Hoffmeister
4. Richard Holleyman
5. Archer Honea
6. Bruce Johns
7. Keith Kashwer
8. Rich Kilmer
9. Bill Kimrey
10. Aaron Laney
11. Dave Larson
12. Kevin Lawrence
13. Sean Layman
14. Robert Legg
15. Jim Lee

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Chris Wilson
For Cup - Cory Wilson

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Brent Worden

SCRIPTURE READING

Marty Legg

CLOSING PRAYER

Victor York

August 1, 2010 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Janice Sosa	Beth Whisenhunt
Hannah Sosa	Erma Wiginton

DOORGREETERS

1. Brett Roper & Gary Southern
2. Tara Ryan & Tammy Scott
3. Brent & Barbara Saffell
4. Tom & Karen Scism
5. Steve & June Scott
6. Brock & Christina Snitker

USHERS

2. Ethan Hancock
3. Kevin Lee
4. Jerry Lundy
5. Glen Lyle

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Lynnnda Brown & Alicia Askew
PM Hosts - Linda Kirk & Peggy Hill

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale
Nathan & Wendy Lee

PM Hosts - Patrick & Jamie Edison
Bill & Jean Murdock

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Becky Sisson
AM Worship - Kyler Roper
PM Worship - Lois Powers

August 1, 2010 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Eric Norris

EVENING PRAYERS

Don Ames
Bernard Anderson

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Sandra Watts	Peggy Alexander
Gail West	Tammy Allen

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Marty Legg
Scott Keele

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 - August 4, 2010
INFORMATION CENTER

Erma Wiginton & Julie Parette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Richard & Emma Mosby
Terry & Dawn Walker

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
July 18, 2010

Bible Class	462
AM Worship	658
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	455
Contribution	\$18,801
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$612,704
Budget YTD	\$609,522
Over/(Under)	\$3,182

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:

Gage Dixon, Columbus, OH. Gage continues to progress slowly. If he continues to improve he will be released to the Ronald McDonald house in about two weeks.

Fran Garrett had an MRI on Thursday.

Stephen Hale, new born son of Derek & Valerie Hale, is in St. Francis NICU. He is not breathing on his own yet.

Bill Wilson had a heart catheterization Wednesday at Hillcrest. He is waiting for an appointment to have stents inserted.

Loren Rumsey had a heart catheterization on Tuesday.

Pauli Baxt, mother of Paul West, has a confirmed diagnosis of cancer. The family is awaiting treatment options.

Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan)

Gene Soward, father of Dianna Baker, has bleeding on the brain due to a fall. He is in Forest Hills Skilled Nursing for rehab.

Members: Carl Alexander, Carla Bare, Ron Baxter, *Jim Bryan*, Stevens Copeland, *Marge Curnutt*, Georgianna Dixon, Lawana Duwe, *Jo Ella Gotcher*, Steve Hendon, *Lloyd Lamirand*, *Barbara Poteet*, *Coleman Pyles*, Sydni Ryan, Charles Qualls, *Jerry Sampson*, Steve Scott

Friends & Family: *Earl Anderson* (father of Erich Anderson), Family of Jimmy Anderson, *Pauli Baxt* (mother of Paul West), *John Burdine* (Jennifer Bradley's father), *Caiden Call* (baby of Colleen Detherage's niece), *Debbie Chovan* (sister of Darlene Mathis),
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PRAYER LIST (continued)

Friends & Family: Katherine DeBarr (sister of Mary Lynch), Dixie Fletcher (aunt of Kim Keele), Art & Freda Griffin (parents of Pam Canton), Nova Lee Hagar (mother of Gail West), Sherry Hall & family (friends of Gene Dunn), Joanne Jones (sister of Evelyn Graham), Terry Koski (father of Heidi Bakker's co-worker), Terri Larson, 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), Frank Porta (friend of Paul West), 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



Kids Kare Fall Enrollment

Fall enrollment is being accepted for the 2010/2011 school year.

The Preschool/Mother's Day Out Programs operate Aug-May, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:30 am—2:30 pm. Registration forms can be found at the Information Center or on our website.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Derek & Valerie Hale** on the birth of a son, **Stephen Joseph**, on Monday, July 19th. Big sister is Liberty. Proud grandparents are Jack & Gloria Hale. His uncle, aunt & cousins are Jared, Monica, Emily & Katie Hale. Stephen is currently in St. Francis NICU with pneumonia.

Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to **Darrell & Carolyn Vest** on the death of Carolyn's cousin, Nicky Bacon, of Little Rock, AR. The funeral service was held on Saturday in Little Rock.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and caring given during Ron's stay in the hospital.

The many people who visited before, after and during his surgery was overwhelming. The many cards and phone calls have been so appreciated. Thank you to Tim Pyles for mowing our lawn before he came home and to Tyler Parette and Matthew Miller for mowing this last week. I know that was not a pleasant task, but what a wonderful act of Christian love. Thank you to Joyce and Junior Ackley for the wonderful meal provided the day Ron came home. It is truly a blessing to belong to such a loving and caring congregation. **Ron and Gail Baxter**

Gage Dixon

Cards can be sent to:

Nationwide Children's Hospital
700 Children's Drive, Room 4014
Columbus, OH 43205

Gage Dixon Support Fund

AVB/Attn: Downtown Branch
PO Box 130
Broken Arrow, OK 74013-9924

GOLDENAGERS ICE CREAM SUPPER



Please join us for an ice cream social on Friday, August 6, at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring your favorite **homemade ice cream**, cake or cookies.



Anyone 55 and older is encouraged to join us.