

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



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to visit in the office with a wonderfully encouraging, older brother in Christ. Despite his advanced years (he told me that he was 85), there was briskness in his step, firmness in his handshake, and a vibrant sparkle in his eyes. While he spoke about the abundant number of years that were behind him, there was an optimistic tone in his voice that seemed to eagerly anticipate the future. In the hour or so that we conversed, we learned quite a bit about one another's lives and experiences. However, there was one central component that stood out to me from this man's eight and a half decades of life. In fact, it is the very thing that brought him by the building last Tuesday. He is a former minister for the Broken Arrow church of Christ. His name is Ray Rayburn, and he preached here from 1952 to 1957! It was fascinating to me to hear the stories and memories of his ministry with this congregation. We prayed together before he left, and I assured him that the seeds of faith he planted here over 50 years ago are still bearing fruit in 2009.

There were several ministers who preceded Ray in working with the Broken Arrow church, and many more have followed. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the elders, ministers, deacons, Bible class teachers, Barnabases, Tabithas, and Phoebes who have served within this church family since 1922. Innumerable sacrifices have been made throughout these years which ensured that Christ's light kept shining in the Broken Arrow community and, from here, around the world. Part of our sermon text this morning from I Corinthians 3 reads, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth." We walk ground that has been cultivated and prepared by those who came before us, and our current ministries will be watered by those who follow, until Jesus comes. We give praise to our gracious God and Father for His divine blessings which have allowed these efforts to be effective and fruitful for so many years. To Him belongs the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Kyle Thomas

We're Marching to Zion - 869

Hosanna You're My King

The Lord's My Shepherd - 134

Shepherd's Prayer – Gary Jones

Does He Still Feel the Nails

I Gave My Life for Thee - 354

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 3:1-9

The Battle Belongs to the Lord - 749

NO BIBLE HOUR

"Dear Church: Grow Up!"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary - 912

Have You Seen Jesus My Lord? - 214

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – College Men

"Second Chances"

Romans 5:1-11

Speaker - Tim Pyles

**Church Office
Closed
Friday, July 3
for the holiday
Have a
Great 4th!**



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
- Shepherds are available in the conference room during Bible class on Sundays & Wednesdays to pray for any need. Come by and have the elders pray with you
- Summary of shepherds meeting - June 22
 - ≈ Shepherding groups reviewed
 - ≈ Prayer offered for blessings
 - ≈ Needs identified
- Volunteer to help with the 50 Days of Food & Fun. See Colleen Detherage
- Pray for a safe 4th of July
 - ≈ Ukraine mission team returns
 - ≈ Belize medical mission team leaves
 - ≈ Conifer, Colorado mission team leaves

Future View

- Shepherd contact for June - Richard Mosby
- Shepherd contact for July - Tim Walton
- Next Shepherd/Minister meeting - July 6 & 13
- Third Sunday Food & Fellowship - July 19

In Mike's Basket

While we were on our senior trip, we passed through Memphis. I remembered reading a story about a church of Christ in Memphis that had a colony of honey bees "place their membership" in the upper corner of their auditorium. The molding was rather elaborate so the bees had a ready-made hive. Believe it or not, I think these bees can teach us a few things:

EXAMPLE: They came to church, settled down, and got busy with the work God intended them to do! I've been so impressed with the B.A. church, lots of busy bees!

ORGANIZED: Each bee has a job and does it. They realize that together they are a mighty force; without each other they get very little accomplished.

PRODUCING: Honey is one of the finest tasting and healthy foods you can eat. It's also the only "product" that NEVER goes bad! What the church "produces" should be even sweeter! It also is a "product" that NEVER goes bad! Hope is so sweet!

Did you know that in the United States there are 6 million colonies of bees producing nearly 300 million pounds of honey and nearly 5 million pounds of beeswax annually? It makes me wonder what the church could do if we followed their example?!?!?

C.S. Lewis wrote this: *"If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world, were those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become ineffective in this world. Aim at heaven and you get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither."*

The writer of Hebrews gives us two examples of faith and "looking beyond" – please read Hebrews 11:13-16 and Hebrews 11:24-26. He concludes with the idea of **"fixing our eyes on Jesus."** Let's get busy and do the things God created for us to do! Have a great week! *Mike*

CURRENT EVENTS

JUNE/JULY

- 28-July 1 Work Camp**
 - 28 Pill Packing for Belize
 - July 4-9 Conifer Mission Trip**
 - July 4-12 Medical Mission
 - July 7 MS Gals' "Out of Eden" & MS Guys' "Timothy" Class **
 - Ladies Quilting Day
 - GoldenAgers Social
 - July 9 S.A.L.T. **
 - July 10-12 College & Young Professionals Retreat
 - July 11 Family Fun Day hosted by Men's ministry
 - July 12 GoldenAgers Luncheon
 - Jennifer Bresee Bridal Shower
 - MS & HS Combined Devo**
 - July 12-17 Owasso Teacher Training**
 - July 14 MS Gals' "Out of Eden" & MS Guys' "Timothy" Class **
 - Ladies Quilting Day
 - July 16 S.A.L.T. **
 - July 19 3rd Sunday Food, Fellowship & Worship
 - Amy Gonzalez Baby Shower
 - July 21 MS Gals' "Out of Eden" & MS Guys' "Timothy" Class **
 - July 23 S.A.L.T. **
 - July 26-30 VBS
 - July 26-31 Owasso Preacher Training**
 - July 28 Last MS Gals "Out of Eden" & MS Guys "Timothy" Class **
 - July 30 Last S.A.L.T.
- FUTURE:**
- Nov 13-15 GoldenAgers to Branson
- FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY**
- July 4-9 Conifer Mission Trip**
 - July 12-17 Owasso Teacher Training**
 - July 26-31 Owasso Preacher Training**
 - Aug 3 & 4 HS Six Flags Trip**
 - Aug 9 MS & HS Combined Devo**
- ** Youth Events

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

**July 5, 2009
NO BIBLE HOUR**

July 12, 2009
Lesson 36 – *Day of Pentecost*
Teach J Saffell
Monitor K Larson

**July 19, 2009
NO BIBLE HOUR**

**July 26, 2009
NO BIBLE HOUR**

August 2, 2009
Lesson 37 – *Peter, John and the Lame Man*
Teach K Larson
Monitor A Keele

August 9, 2009
Lesson 38 – *Ananias & Sapphira*
Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

Sheep Don't Wallow

There was a lamb and its mother. The lamb passed a pigpen each morning on the way to the pasture with its mother. Watching the pigs wallow in the mud seemed like such fun, and on an especially hot day the lamb asked his mother if he could jump the fence and wallow in the cool mud. She replied, "No."

Then the lamb asked, "Why?"

The mother just replied, "Sheep don't wallow."

This didn't satisfy the lamb. He felt she was just over-restrictive. So as soon as the mother was out of sight, the lamb jumped the fence and ran to the pigpen. He was soon feeling the cool mud on his feet, his legs, and soon his stomach. After a few moments, he decided he had better go back to his mother, but he couldn't. He was stuck.

Mud and wool don't mix. His pleasure had become his prison. He cried out and was rescued by the kindly farmer. When cleaned and returned to the field, the mother said, "Remember, sheep don't wallow."

Sin is like that. It looks so nice, we may think we can escape when we wish, but it is not so. Pleasures often become prisons.

From the *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville Church of Christ, Jacksonville, Alabama

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, July 5: "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"

BORN AGAIN: Welcome **Kristine Weyher** into God's family. Kristine chose to put on her Lord in baptism on Thursday, June 25, 2009.



Congregational News

Pill Packing for the Medical Mission Trip continues TONIGHT after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

NO Ladies Quilting Day this Tuesday. Next work day will be July 7.

Fifty Days of Food & Fun Needs: Empty 2 liter pop bottles with the caps on for Friday, July 4th, bowling. A box has been placed in the OC at the back door near the elevator door.

Ladies Needed: The Junior girls (4th & 5th grades) are in need of a Sunday morning teacher. With a few volunteers a rotation schedule can be worked out. See Kevin Lee if you have questions or would like to help.

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YOUTH NEWS

Clothes!! Towels!! Shoes!! & More Clothes!! Attention all Campers & Parents: REMEMBER All clothes not claimed by Wednesday, July 1, will be donated to the clothing room!

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 (214-493-9769)• rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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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 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.

Conifer, CO Mission Team

July 4 through July 9



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|-------------------|------------------|
| Garrison Bare | Haleigh Baker |
| Colby Baskett | Diann Baker |
| Hunter Baskett | Curry Baskett |
| Mike Baskett | Karen Baskett |
| Reuben Dolan | Kayla DeVault |
| Sean Layman | Nicole Duwe |
| Nathaniel Michael | Allison Lynn |
| Matt Miller | Emily Saffell |
| Cameron Walker | Brooke Schroeder |

Belize Medical Mission Team

July 4 through July 12



*34 Team Members
20 Medical &
14 Evangelistic*

Members from our congregation:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Clyde Barnes | Fran Garrett |
| Bill Davis | Lauren Giles |
| Archer Honea | Elizabeth Laney |
| Gerry Lynn | Cathy Lovelace |
| James Parker | Darla Lynn |
| Scott Riggs | Lois McNeal |
| | Hannah Pyles |
| | Beth Whisenhunt |

July 5, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
Dave Larson

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Josh Wann
2. Steve Wann
3. Rick Ward
4. Paul West
5. Ray Wilburn
6. Walt Willson
7. Chris Wilson
8. Corey Wilson
9. Brent Worden
10. Paris York
11. Victor York
12. Bob Arledge
13. Ron Baxter
14. Harold Billings
15. Shane Blackstock

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER
For Bread - Tom Scism
For Cup - James Stephens

PRAYER FOR OFFERING
Brian Street

CLOSING PRAYER
Lee Turner

July 5, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Corey Wilson

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Janice Sosa Becky Sisson
Juli Schroeder Tonya Stephens

DOORGREETERS

1. Joel & Kathleen Pence
2. Tim & Linnea Plowman
3. Mike & Narissa Rampey
4. Dick & Sharon Ray
5. Brent & Barbara Saffell
6. Robert & Marie Stow

USHERS

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

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

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS
AM Hosts - Carl & Peggy Alexander
 Sherman & Alice Boley

PM Hosts - Sonny & Rosie Steele
 Nathan & Wendy Lee

July 5, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Jim Hoffmeister

EVENING PRAYERS
Kyle Thomas
Bill Thraikill

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Barbara Saffell Andrea Suffridge
Shelly Thomas Carolyn Vest

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.
Sherman Boley
John Bonwell

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:

Talisa Biggs, daughter of Jason & Ruth Biggs, is home following a tonsillectomy on Wednesday.

Sherry Holleyman is home following outpatient surgery on Wednesday.

Marjorie Jones has moved to St. Francis-Tulsa, #2330.

Lisa Legg is home following tests at St. John this week related to migraines.

Margarete Mosley had heart catheter & angioplasty at St. Frances Heart-Tulsa on Friday.

Jack Osborn has moved to Meadow Brook Specialty Hospital for rehab. No visitors at this time.

Doris Steele had outpatient surgery on Monday for some skin cancer.

Warren Hope (Ron Baxter's uncle) has advanced cancer of the liver.

Terry & Linda McMichael (friends of the Kashwers) are having a difficult time right now.

Sheila Mitchell (daughter of Dick & Sharon Myers) had a mass removed from her brain on Thursday. She is in Hillcrest, ICU and may go home this weekend.

John Neil (grandfather of Andrew Patterson) had colon surgery on Monday.

Beatrice Rogers (sister of Mildred Cooper) of Hulbert, OK has been diagnosed with cancer.

Members: Junior Ackley, Mitchell Bean, Kim Binkley, Ruth Davis, Georgiana Dixon, Tabitha Hansen, Gavin Kuykendall, Walter LaMar, *Jared Scism (in Japan)*

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WEDNESDAY - July 8, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER
Erma Wiginton & Julie Parette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS
Keith & Frances Kashwer
Richard & Emma Mosby

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
June 21, 2009

Bible Class	419
AM Worship.....	NA
PM Worship.....	372
Wednesday	417
Contribution.....	\$17,476
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$500,849
Budget YTD.....	\$525,400
Over/(Under)	(\$24,551)

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: Frank Barganier (father of Celia Rosser), Marilyn Herndon (Mary Byrd's sister), Retha Jordan (mother of Karen Burnette), Jennifer Lyons (friend of Amy Gonzalez), Carmen Miller (friend of Evelyn Graham), Jean Moon (friend of Nancy Cooper), Harry Orahood (father of Steve McDonald), Rich Pietrucha (son-in-law of Warren & June Smith), Alan Stolnaker (brother of Eve Miller), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, John Ware (brother of Phylis McWherter), Clem Witt (son-in-law of the McGowens)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Steven Copeland, Justin Garrison, Lucas Heffner, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Tray & Hope Mamula, Bryan McCall, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Travis Williams

Thank You

To the Teenagers, Thank you so very much for the lovely GoldenAgers banquet. The food was delicious and the entertainment was great and funny! Laughter is the best medicine!

The GoldenAgers

Sympathy

is expressed to Edna Griffin & Virginia Lee on the death of their sister-in-law, Margie Edwards, of Choctaw. She passed away on June 6.

Congratulations

to Aaron Anderson and Julia Greene on their marriage last Saturday, June 20. The happy couple will make their home at 12213 E 30th St, Tulsa, 74129



Congregational News (continued)

Updated Directories may be picked-up at the information Center. Please take only one per family until the entire congregation has a chance to receive one.

Wedding Shower for Jennifer Bresee and her fiancé, Logan Rosenbalm, will be Sunday, July 12, from 2-4 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.



A Baby Shower for Amy Gonzalez will be Sunday, July 19, at 2 pm in the Parlor. Mitch & Amy are expecting a girl and are registered at Target & Babies-R-Us.

VBS: Children After God's Own Heart (A Study of the Heart of David) will be July 26 - 29. It's time to plan. Many volunteers are needed. Lots & lots of cookies will be needed. Plan now to be a part of the fun. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the foyer.

High School S.A.L.T.: The High School Salt and Light Taskforce is an opportunity for our High School students to serve members of the Broken Arrow church. We meet Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12 noon. If you have any projects or are aware of anyone that has any projects for the High School students, please let Mike Baskett, Reuben Dolan, or Mike Coghill know, or you can call the church office. If you have any questions feel free to ask.

Hope Harbor Needs:



Toothpaste

Ukraine Mission Team

June 19 through July 6



Travis Blevins
Jordan Hoffmeister
Addison Keele
Scott Keele
Rich Kilmer
Richard Mosby
Tyler Parette

Erin Brockway
Hailey Keele
Emma Mosby
Holly Parker
Rebekah Scism
Lyuba Teakell
Cynthia Walvoord