



TOGETHER

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I know that I am somewhat dating myself with this question, but do you remember the McDonald's advertising jingle from the early 70's entitled, "You Deserve a Break Today"? I know that many of you are now singing the song in your head (or maybe even out loud). That ad campaign debuted in 1971, almost 40 years ago! It is amazing (and more than a little scary!) to consider the lasting impact and influence that advertising has on us. This particular campaign was extremely successful, not just because of a catchy tune and an easily recognizable product, but also because the message really resonated with people. Most folks do believe that they deserve a break, with regularity, from whatever their normal daily routine happens to be. Even Jesus said to His disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." What a beautiful invitation and wise counsel from our Teacher!

Our children are enjoying a well-deserved break from school this week, so I am sure that many of our families will be away from the Broken Arrow church this morning. But, as I reflected on what many of our families are doing over Spring Break, I was reminded that, while we may be taking a break from our regular activities, we never take a break from our identity as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ. That identity is very apparent among the youth who are currently sharing fellowship and fun together on a ski trip in Colorado. Several families will be at Sequoyah State Park this week enjoying the annual Spring Break Campout. Many others of our church family were here at the building yesterday gaining instruction and encouragement from the "Moving Toward Happily Ever After" Marriage & Family Seminar with Matt & Lucinda Crain. We appreciate what they shared with us on Saturday and we look forward to Dr. Crain's messages this morning. I know that other families are spending vacation time out of town or simply enjoying some "down time" at home this week. No matter how we may be "enjoying our break," it is good to be reminded that "who we are" and "whose we are" are not affected by a change in location or schedule.

Tim Pyles

9:00 AM BIBLE CLASS (All Adult Classes)

"Connecting and Adapting as Circumstances Change"
Speaker - Dr. Matt Crain

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

As the Deer—71

O Worship the King—144

Shepherd's Prayer – Steve Copeland

Praise Him! Praise Him!—300

In Heavenly Love Abiding—139

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Ten Thousand Angels—349

NO BIBLE HOUR

Scripture Reading - Genesis 1:26-31

I Stand Amazed—147

"God's Design for Happily Ever After"

Speaker - Dr. Matt Crain

He Knows Just What I Need—525

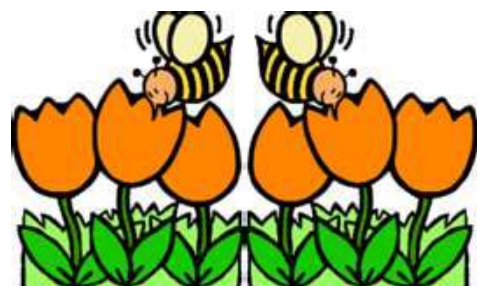
The Glory-Land Way –535

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jared Pence

Worship in Song



Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."
Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Thanks to Tim Pyles for last Sunday's lessons
- This Sunday's preaching will be by Matt Crain-AM with Worship in Song-PM
- Shepherds are available in the conference room during Bible class Sundays & Wednesdays to pray for any need. Come and have the shepherds pray with you
- Deacon candidate names are listed on the last page of this bulletin. Please submit scriptural objections in writing to the shepherds by March 22
- LTC practice is in the final stages, talk to Beth Astor regarding your plans to attend
- Planning for summer mission trips and activities has begun. Volunteer, get involved. One of the ministers or shepherds can direct you to the correct coordinator
- Pray for Richard Mosby & Reece Parker as they travel to Ukraine to prepare for the summer mission trip

Future View

- Shepherd contact for March—Glen Lyle
- Shepherd meetings for March—16th
- Minister/Shepherd Planning Retreat—March 27 & 28
- Deacon appointment—March 29th
- Leadership Training Seminar—May 2

In Mike's Basket

Colby was on the computer Monday afternoon looking at the weather... that seemed rather strange to see a 12-year-old scanning weather.com with such interest... but he heard on the news there was a tornado warning and he wanted to see if it included our house! There have been and there will be tornadoes in this area – it's just part of living in Oklahoma and Kansas and Texas! Deal with it! But isn't it strange how folks react to the warning sirens? It's amazing (I've done it so I can say this...) but it's absolutely amazing that some people don't take heed or prepare for possible danger! What do we do? "Let's go see what's going on!" "Let's grab a camera and take some good photos!" We even have some that get into their cars and chase the storms! Is that stupid or what? What could we possibly be thinking?

But before we lay down a quick judgment, I see an even bigger "stupidity." When we, as God's children, are told of the dangers of sin, God gives us history, God instructs us about shelter, and God blows the warning sirens... and what do we do? We want to go and look or get as close as we can! I dare say that some of us even go chasing after those sinful things! Why don't we heed God's warnings? Can we not learn a lesson from the past? Some things never change! Paul wrote this: ***"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us..."*** (I Cor. 10:11.) He goes on to tell the Corinthians to ***"take heed"*** and to ***"be careful of falling"*** and to ***"flee from idolatry."*** Paul understood (as should we) that for us to NOT listen to the warnings of God – just like the Israelites refused to do – would be dumb! NOT listening to God's "sirens" has always produced grief and pain and sorrow! I'm thinking the creator of the universe knows where the danger lies! The question is: Are we willing to listen? Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

MARCH

- 15 Family Seminar
Thompson/Lynch Wedding -
Reception 2:30 pm to
4:30 pm at 29th & Yale
Church of Christ
- 15-21 Spring Break Campout
- 20 Christian Business Breakfast
- 20-21 March Madness
- 22 HS Devo**
Take-A-City # 4 Meeting
- 24 Ladies Bible Class Work Day
- 27-28 Shepherd/Minister Planning
Retreat

FUTURE

- Apr 10 & 11 LTC**
- Apr 24-25 Ladies Retreat
- Apr 25 Comedy Concert with
Daren Streblov
- May 31 - June 6 Camp**
- June 19-July 6 Ukraine Mission
- July 4-12 Medical Mission
- July 26-30 VBS**

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Apr 18 HS Big Nite Out**
- May 17 Graduate Honor Nite**
- June 9-15 Senior Trip**
- June 28-July 1 Work Camp**
- Aug 3 & 4 HS Six Flags Trip**

** Youth Events

Youth Information

Phone Numbers

about upcoming events.

Middle School - 317-7159

High School - 317-7160

You can receive voice mail messages with updates, changes & future happenings.



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

**March 22, 2009
NO BIBLE HOUR**

March 29, 2009
Lesson 23 – *The Parable of the Ten Virgins*

Teach I Honea
Monitor J Saffell

April 5, 2009
Lesson 24 – *The Parable of the Talents*

Teach J Saffell
Monitor K Larson

April 12, 2009
Lesson 25 – *The Parable of the Prodigal Son*

Teach K Larson
Monitor L Slaton

April 19, 2009
Lesson 26 – *Jesus and Bartimeus*

Teach L Slaton
Monitor A Keele

CLOSE ENOUGH TO SMELL HIM

Have you heard the story of the ascended Christ's report to the heavenly hosts regarding his work of atonement? It goes something like this... "Upon hearing the good news, one of the angels asked, 'What are your plans for getting this good news to the world?' Jesus replied, 'I have left it in the hands of twelve friends of mine. They will be telling others who will tell still others.' 'But,' asked the angel, 'what if those men do not do the job? Or what if the people they tell do not tell others? What then?' Jesus paused and replied, 'I have no other plan.'"

The above story is imaginary, but the plan it describes is real and is the only plan Christ has for spreading the good news. Matthew's record of that plan is in chapter 28:18-20.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

At the time the above commission was given it was only a plan. Of course, with the divine guarantee behind it, it's success was assured. Not only did Jesus tell his disciples that he would be with them always, he also explained the nature and effect of his presence with them. "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8). So the plan possessed the necessary ingredients and promised the needed power. But it was still in the planning stage.

By the time Paul wrote the second Corinthian letter, the plan was no longer just a projection. It was a reality. It had been implemented and was working--working so well that Paul breaks forth in an enthusiastic claim that serves as the theme of his handbook on ministry. "But thanks be to God who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Corinthians 2:14-15).

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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
March 22: "A Scarecrow in a Cucumber Field"

New Members:

Phillip, Jayme & Macy* Butler, 1141 S 99th E Ave, Bixby, 74008 ph. 369-8441
Jordan Maples, 11023 E 16th St, Tulsa, 74128
Orvind White, 3012 N 2nd St, Broken Arrow, 74012 ph. 355-2428
Matt Wilks, 11023 E 16th St, Tulsa, 74128 ph. 580-716-1581

Baptized: Elizabeth Van Meter, daughter of Larry & Kara Van Meter and granddaughter of Mary & Harry Harper, was baptized on Saturday, March 7, while visiting in Broken Arrow.

Congregational News

Welcome Home, Wyatt! Please plan to stay for a "Welcome Home" fellowship honoring Wyatt Paschall tonight following worship. Wyatt returned home from his tour of duty in Iraq & Afghanistan this past week.



Tuesday Ladies Bible Class will not be held this week due to Spring Break.

Secret Sisters—Women of the Congregation: Join the fun. Pick up a form from the "Who's" table, fill it out, and return it today to the Gold box on the "Who's" table. Secret Sister assignments may be picked up at the "Who's" table on Sunday, March 29.

Take-a-City #4 will meet in the Parlor Sunday, March 22, following evening worship. Please bring "pot luck."

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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)•

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Deacon "nominees"

- Bernard Anderson
- Travis Blevins
- Tom Henderson
- Jim Hoffmeister
- Jon Huff
- Kevin Lawrence
- Ron Lee
- Gerry Lynn
- Lonnie Miller
- Bobby Morrow
- David Parrott
- Jared Pence
- Nick Price
- Tom Scism
- Paul West
- Walt Willson
- Corey Wilson

CLOSE ENOUGH TO SMELL HIM (continued from page 3)

OK... here is the key... God has decided that we are the aroma of Christ to the world... we will be taking the fragrance of Christ to those dying... and to those being saved... to everyone!

So here is my question as well as my thought: How close do you have to get to someone to be able to smell them? Will just being in the same city work? Or do we have to get closer? How about just being in the same neighborhood or on the same block? Do we have to be in the same house... or do we need to be in the same room... or do we need to maybe, just maybe be standing right next to them? And what does that say about evangelism and reaching the lost with the fragrance of Christ? You guessed it. We probably should get closer.

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.

NO Wednesday

Night Dinner

March 18

(Enjoy Spring Break)

Hope Harbor Needs:

*Canned White
Meat Chicken*



March 22, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Jim Hoffmeister

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
Richard Davis

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Ron Baxter
2. Harold Billings
3. Shane Blackstock
4. Sherman Boley
5. John Bonwell
6. Duane Bresee
7. Leslie Brewer
8. Dwayne Canton
9. John Cash
10. Jim Coghill
11. Thomas Coleman
12. Steve Copeland
13. Terry Craghead
14. Darrel Davidson
15. Bill Davis

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Robby Mosley
For Cup - Ken Palmer

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

James Parker

CLOSING PRAYER

Jim Parker

March 22, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Gary Jones

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Addie Palmer Kathleen Pence
Cassie Palmer Tonya Stephens

DOORGREETERS

1. Harold & Ruth Tydings
2. Sam Walton & Brent Worden
3. John & Linda Wells
4. Walt & Terry Willson
5. Rose & Paris York
6. Junior & Joyce Ackley

USHERS

2. Bryan Davis
3. Patrick Edison
4. Cliff Fitzgerald
5. Rocky Giles

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Aaron & Elizabeth Laney
PM Hosts - Lynn Marshall & Sue Doss

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Nathan & Wendy Lee
Ila Hickey Davis &
Shane Blackstock

PM Hosts - Terry & Barbara Craghead
Tim & Brenda Layman

March 22, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Archer Honea

EVENING PRAYERS
Jared Pence
Nick Price

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Brooke Schroeder Becky Sisson
Julie Schroeder Barbara Saffell

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Patrick Edison
Charles Emerson

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:

Paul Lemons is in very critical condition at the Broken Arrow Nursing Home.
Sharon Love's surgery planned for last Wednesday will be rescheduled after further tests.
Heather Nequette is in St. Francis, room 6113.

Ron Allen (brother of June Scott) has had two colon surgeries and is not doing well. He lives in Leesburg, FL.

W. E. Battenfield (father of Gary) is in critical condition at Forest Hills.

Corey Baird (grandson of the Qualls) will have his second facial surgery for cancer this Thursday. Surgery is expected to last from 12-20 hours.

Lorraine Larson (mother of Dave) in Florida is improving following serious complications after surgery last week.

Members: Heather Blevins, Annette Burt, Samantha Dixon, Rocky Giles, *Emily Graves, Dee Hall, Jason Koeninger, Dave Larson, Sharon Love, Betty Martin,* Jess Mitchell, Bill Rhodes, Marie Stow, Erma Wiginton, Walt Willson

Friends & Family: Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan), John Burdine (father of Jennifer Bradley), Judy Chandler (mother of Brian Chandler), *Kara Grubbs (Joella Gotcher's daughter),* Riley Grubbs (grandson of Jo Ella Gotcher), Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother) Amy Hallmark (daughter of Jo Ella Gotcher), Thelma Lawson (Mildred Cooper's niece), Bryant Mitchell (son of Jess & Ruby), Dub Mowery & his wife, Charlotte (minister at Prichett, TX Church of Christ),
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WEDNESDAY - March 25, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Mary Thompson Lynch &
Gerri Henderson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

James & Tonya Stephens
Lonnie & Janie Miller

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
March 8, 2009

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Bible Class..... | 396 |
| AM Worship..... | 603 |
| PM Worship..... | 360 |
| Wednesday..... | 405 |
| Contribution..... | \$19,497 |
| Budget..... | \$21,016 |
| Contribution YTD..... | \$202,717 |
| Budget YTD..... | \$210,160 |
| Over/(Under)..... | (\$7,443) |

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: *Lydia Pope (daughter of Dustin Pope), Ken Rhodes (son of Bill Rhodes), Ann Rodgers (mother of Donna Jones), Don Stow (brother of Robert Stow), Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills), Carl Watts (brother-in-law of Sandra Watts)*

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

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is sent to the **Terry Craghead and Sue Butler** families on the passing of their father, Calvin Craghead, on Tuesday. Calvin is also the grandfather and great-grandfather of the **Jason Butler, Bryan Butler** and **Phillip Butler** families. His service was held here on Thursday.

Thank You

Dear Christian Family, Thank you for your acts of kindness in the loss of my dad. Your encouragement through words, cards, contribution to Hope Harbor and attendance at his service has been very comforting. We miss him but know he is enjoying his reward. In love, **Judy & Charles Emerson**

Thank you Church Family for your prayers during the loss of our loved ones, Priscilla Cozort & Linda Harper. True blessings in our lives come from the kindness of others. **The Cozort & Harper Family**

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the prayers and beautiful cards on the death of our nephew. You are such a loving caring church family. We feel so loved by you. We love you all. In Christ, **Darrell & Carolyn Vest**

I want to say thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards and phone calls. God has blessed me more than I deserve. In Him, **Rocky Giles**

Congregational News (continued)



Lady bug, lady bug, fly away home! Have you noticed lady bugs in our auditorium? According to the local professionals, lady bugs are a protected species. So, this may be an especially colorful spring as we share our building with one of God's creations

LTC Details: Beth Astor needs a final head count for all adults (coaches, chaperone, parents) planning to go to Rogers for competition. Hotel reservations have to be made. The cost will be \$20.00 each for adult hotel stays.

Christian Business Breakfast for Men & Women: Please join us at 7 am in the OC on Friday, March 20, for food & fellowship. Our speaker this month is Jim Roberts, Managing Partner at Henderson Financial.

Housing Need: Charles Hart, a member of Westside Church of Christ, in Russellville, AR is currently working in Jenks on a 3-4 month project. He is looking for a room to rent. If you can help out, see the bulletin board in the north hall.

Cash Envelopes for contributions are located on the tables in the back of the auditorium or ask at the Information Center.

Celebrate Recovery: 1 Year of Changed Lives! Sponsored by Park Plaza Church of Christ, Friday, March 27. Guest speakers: Mac & Mary Owen of White's Ferry Road Church of Christ. See the bulletin board in the north hall for more information.

Porter Church of Christ Ladies Day: Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Speaker is Mrs. Sada (Herndon) Knowles. Call 918-483-3641 by March 21 if attending.

Duncan Bible Bow

The following people were inadvertently left off the list last week.

Junior High Inexperienced Division: **Hunter Baskett-Medal**

Junior High Experienced: **Martin Sisson-Participant**

High School: **Addison Keele-Medal**

