



# TOGETHER

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In 1968, eccentric American artist Andy Warhol predicted, "In the future, everyone will be famous for 15 minutes." Warhol seems to have had some eerily accurate prophetic insight into how things would develop over the next 40 years. The phrase "15 Minutes of Fame" is now a part of our collective vocabulary and is repeatedly used to describe the phenomenon of celebrity and popularity that can be created almost instantaneously with the information and communication capabilities of our age. Our journey down this cultural road was aided several years ago when television programs were created that focused solely on the world of entertainment and entertainers. *Entertainment Tonight* has created "*Entertainment 24/7*." Then came "Reality TV" which is a huge misnomer. It should have been dubbed "Contrived, Set-Up, Scripted, Inane, Slickly Produced TV with a Vague Appearance of Reality." It could have also been called "All-the-Good-Ideas-Have-Already-Been-Taken TV." My concern is that the "cult of celebrity" can elevate trivia, minutiae, and sheer absurdity to the level of a time-wasting and life-consuming vocation and can divert our attention from the weightier matters of life: our souls, our faith, our values, our families, and the needs of others.

I need to be reminded to let my mind dwell on those things that are "true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, excellent, and worthy of praise" (Philippians 4:8). Notice what Paul writes in Romans 12:2 and then read Eugene Peterson's take on that verse: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (NASB). "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you" (The Message).

Tim Pyles

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

**Step by Step - 15**

**The Glory-Land Way - 535**

Shepherd's Prayer – Charles Emerson

**Is It for Me? - 483**

**I Love the Lord - 359**

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Scripture Reading - Acts 6:1-7

**Heart of a Servant - 693**

**Servant Song 694**

**BIBLE HOUR** - The Parable of the 10 Virgins

*"Make Me a Servant"*

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Appointment of Deacons by the Shepherds

**Jesus is Tenderly Calling - 947**

**He Keeps Me Singing - 615**

Prayer

## 5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

*"The God of Heaven Laughs" - Psalm 2:1-6*

Speaker - Tim Pyles

## New Deacons

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

## 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 including the LTC video drama for the congregation to enjoy & learn from last Sunday evening
- 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 installation TODAY
- LTC practice is in the final stages, talk to Beth Astor regarding your plans to attend
- Pray of thanks for safe return of Richard Mosby & Reece Parker from Ukraine where they made preparations for the summer mission trip
- Summary of Ministers/Shepherd's meeting 3-23-09
  1. Shepherding groups reviewed and prayer offered
  2. Reviewed deacon installation for 3-29-09
  3. Reviewed preparations for planning retreat
- Spring Leadership Planning Session completed on Saturday with focus on growing, strengthening and involving the church

### Future View

- Shepherd contact for April—David Maynard
- Shepherd meetings for April—6th & 20th
- Leadership Training Seminar—May 2nd  
Ministers & Deacons to cover topics of communication, leadership, partnering, Healthy Maturity, Purposeful Action

## In Mike's Basket

As I sit in my office somewhat excited that a big chunk of paperwork is now missing from the top of my desk... I also see some fun signs that the teens drew and created on our ski trip. They won't mean a whole lot to some, but for us, they are a clear and distinct reminder of great memories, jokes, foods, games, and embarrassing moments that occurred on Spring Break 2009! Memories are good!

Do you have your favorite memories? Do you have a trip that stands out? Maybe it's a family vacation or maybe a scouting trip or maybe it's just a memory from your teen years. Memories are good! What amazes me is the frequency that I hear, "Remember at camp..." If you've never attended Burnt Cabin or Lujo or QMCC or Pettijohn or Blue Haven... then you'll not relate. The greatest memories of many people reading this article will have some roots at "camp." **Next Sunday**, we have an opportunity to help make a new memory for someone this summer and for summers to come!! It's our annual "SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR BURNT CABIN." We know the economy has pinched many in this church. We know that money is tight right now. We know some of you worry about paying bills. But we also know we have always found a way to help a good cause! Burnt Cabin Camp is a good cause!

Please remember next Sunday is a special day for the Broken Arrow Church of Christ. We will have a special contribution in hopes of raising \$10,000 for Burnt Cabin. The monies will be spent on capital improvements, one of the best being the expansion of the mess hall. If you can help in any way, please give to this wonderful memory maker! Thanks so much!

## CURRENT EVENTS

### MARCH/APRIL

- 29 Deacon Appointment
- 1 ISI after devo in 103N
- 3 GoldenAgers to Skiatook
- 5 Burnt Cabin Special  
Contribution  
MUD  
Pre-school Dept. Meeting  
Camp Sponsors Meeting  
**MS Devo\*\***
- 7 Ladies Bible Class Lunch  
GoldenAgers Social
- 10 & 11 LTC\*\***
- 12 GoldenAgers Luncheon  
LTC Nite
- 18 HS Big Night Out\*\***
- 24-25 Ladies Retreat
- 25 Comedy Concert with  
Daren Streblow
- 26 HS Devo\*\***

### FUTURE

- May 2 Leadership Training  
Seminar
- 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

- 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

## Speaking of Camp

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of all interested sponsors for Burnt Cabin will be at 4:05 on April 5<sup>th</sup> in the youth room. If you'd like to be on staff for May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup> - please attend!**

**Purple "STAFF APPLICATIONS" can be found on the round table near the youth booth.**



## CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

**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

**April 26, 2009**

Lesson 27 – *The Rich Man & Lazarus*

Teach A Keele  
Monitor B Street

## MINISTRIES: A COMMON NATURE

If we learn in 2 Corinthians 4:1 that in whatever ministry we participate, is by the mercy of God, the question begs to be asked... Then what is the nature of our ministry? I ask that, knowing that today we are installing deacons and in a way are celebrating the many different ministries in which this church family participates. There are so many ministries and they vary in the use of many different talents.

But what you will find is that each ministry has a common nature. So, what is the nature of our ministries? Ultimately it is the transformation of lives. We must not settle for less. But the transformation of lives is God's work, and will be done by God's power in God's time. After stating that we are being changed into Christ's likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18), Paul adds, "which comes from the Lord." He also wrote to the Colossians of this transformation, saying that the hope of glory is "Christ in you" (Colossians 1:27). He states further; "Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ" (Colossians 1:28).

You see, our lives and our ministries must not be satisfied merely with information. Our goal... transformation. The use of our talents for the Lord cannot be the end unto themselves. Bringing and drawing others to God the Father must be our ultimate vision.

So here is something you will see at the church of Christ in Broken Arrow: a striving to help each of our ministries focus on reaching the lost... ourselves, our families, our community, our country, our world... and giving the opportunity for God's gospel, His Good News, to sink into the hearts of people and make a difference.

Continually pray for our church leadership. Pray for our shepherds as well as for our fringe members. Pray for our GoldenAgers as well as our newborns. Pray for our families and singles. Pray for our paid staff as well as our many volunteers. Let us get our knees together in prayer that our focus and ministries are turned in the direction of God for the sake of transformation.

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,  
April 5: "A Holy God, A Holy People"

**Directory Change:** Josh Burt's phone number is 574-536-0896  
James & Belinda Mitchell, 2807 E Oakland Ave, 74014

## *Congregational News*



Pick up your **secret sister info** at the "WinGS" table by the water fountains in the foyer TODAY after am worship and before & after pm worship. Thanks for your participation in helping promote uniting the women of the congregation and getting acquainted as spiritual sisters, plus having FUN doing it.

**GoldenAgers Trip to Skiatook Opry Show:** Friday, April 3. Bus will leave the building at 5 pm. We will have dinner at Bishops and then proceed to Skiatook. Cost is \$5 per person for the show. Sign up at the information center by Wednesday, April 1, if you plan to attend. Questions? See Ron or Gail Baxter.

**Clothing Room Opening:** April 4th from 9:00—12:00. Clothing is free to the public. Volunteers are needed. Please sign-up at the table in the foyer.

**Pre-school Department Teacher's Meeting:** Sunday, April 5th at 4:00 pm in 103S. All pre-school teachers are encouraged to attend even if you are off rotation.

**Kids Kare Needs You!** We are looking to fill a teachers' aide position in our 4 yr. old class for April & May. This position is from 9 am to 2:45 pm on Tues., Wed., & Thurs. We also need to grow our substitute list. If you are interested in flexible part time work, please call Melissa Gillin @ 317-7150 or 688-1003 (cell).



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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)•

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## HELP NEEDED AT RHOADES ELEMENTARY

Rhoades Elementary will be giving the state achievement test the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to monitor during the test. Each volunteer must attend a test monitor orientation on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am or Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. The orientation will not take more than 30 minutes. Being a monitor is very easy! During test week you will need to be at the school each morning by 8:45am and stay until your class has completed their test for that day. All classes should be finished by lunch time.

Your help will be very much appreciated.

Contact Rhoades at 259-4440 if you can help for even one day.

### ***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](mailto:skeele@bacoc.org).*

### **Wednesday Night Dinner**

#### **Mexican Stack-Ups**

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:**

*Applesauce  
Cups*



**April 5, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SONG LEADER**  
Joel Pence

**SHEPHERD'S PRAYER**  
Gary Jones

**LORD'S SUPPER A.M.**

1. Rocky Giles
2. Brett Gould
3. George Gwin
4. Jack Hale
5. Virgil Hale
6. Bill Hancock
7. Lee Heffner
8. Tom Henderson
9. Jim Hoffmeister
10. Richard Holleyman
11. Archer Honea
12. Jack Hudkins
13. Jon Huff
14. Keith Kashwer
15. Rich Kilmer

**PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER**

For Bread - Brett Roper  
For Cup - Kyle Thomas

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

Tom Scism

**CLOSING PRAYER**

James Stephens

**April 5, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Jerry Lundy

**MORNING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S                      111S  
Teresa York              Kim Binkley  
Beth Whisenhunt      Ashley Bonwell

**DOORGREETERS**

1. Sandra Butler & Laura Copeland
2. Dwayne & Pam Canton
3. John & Jimmie Cash
4. Terry & Barbara Craghead
5. Bryan & Tama Davis
6. Kristina Dixon & Gerri Henderson

**USHERS**

2. Jack Hale
3. Bill Hancock
4. Archer Honea
5. Kevin Lee

**INFORMATION CENTER**

AM Hosts - Jeff & Deanna Watson  
PM Hosts - Bill & Sherri Rampey

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

AM Hosts - Sherman & Alice Boley  
Jan Davis & Edna Griffin

PM Hosts - Patrick & Jamie Edison  
Rich & Becky Kilmer

**April 5, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER**  
Jared Pence

**EVENING PRAYERS**

Brian Street  
Fred Suffridge

**EVENING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S                      111S  
Gail West                      Gail Baxter  
Gayla Alexander      Erin Brockway

**LORD'S SUPPER P.M.**

Scott Keele  
Bill Kimrey

**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:**

**Gavin Kuykendall** had his heart cath on Thursday in OKC in preparation for his surgery in California.

**Brent Saffell** injured his knee last week on the ski trip. He will have surgery later in April.

**Wanda Wilburn** was admitted to SouthCrest, room 407, for tests on Thursday.

**Ron Fisher** (nephew of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell) will have surgery on Tuesday.

**Bryant Mitchell** (son of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell) will have knee surgery on Tuesday at St. Francis South.

**Jane Young** (sister of Ruby Mitchell) is experiencing medical problems.

**Cathy Lovelace** is being deployed for the month of April.

**Members:** Heather Blevins, Annette Burt, Samantha Dixon, Rocky Giles, *Jason Koening*, Dave Larson, *Sharon Love*, Jess Mitchell, Heather Nequette, Erma Wiginton

**Friends & Family:** Ron Allen (brother of June Scott), *Corey Baird* (grandson of the *Qualls*), Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan), John Burdine (father of Jennifer Bradley), *Kara Grubbs* (*Joella Gotcher's daughter*), Riley Grubbs (grandson of Jo Ella Gotcher), (continued on back of insert)

**WEDNESDAY - April 8, 2009**

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Mary T. Lynch & Sue Doss

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

Dick & Madolene Page  
Jared & Kara Pence

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Week of  
March 22, 2009

Bible Class.....	439
AM Worship.....	688
PM Worship.....	379
Wednesday.....	417
Contribution.....	\$21,442
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$241,776
Budget YTD.....	\$252,192
Over/(Under).....	(\$10,419)

**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:** Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother), Amy Hallmark (daughter of Jo Ella Gotcher), Lorraine Larson (mother of Dave Larson), Thelma Lawson (Mildred Cooper's niece), Dub Mowery & his wife, Charlotte (minister at Prichett, TX Church of Christ), Ken Rhodes (son of Bill Rhodes), Ann Rodgers (mother of Donna Jones), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, Darrell Vest Jr., 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

Sympathy is expressed to **Rick & Tammy Ward and family** on the death of his brother Rusty Ward on Sunday, March 22. Services were held on Wednesday.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Nick & April Price** on the birth of a daughter, **Vivian Marie**, on Monday, March 23. She weighted 6 lbs. 14 oz and is 18 1/2 inches long. Big brother is **Austin**.

Congratulations to **James & Belinda Mitchell** on the birth of a granddaughter, **Hayden Raine Long**. Hayden was born on Wednesday, March 25, and weighed 9 lbs. and is 20 inches long. Proud parents are **Brandon & Tasha Long**.

## Thank You

Church family, Thank you for the peace lily plant, cards and prayers and the singing provided for Paul Lemon's memorial service. **Harley & Carolyn Keele**

Dear Christian family, Thank you for your prayers, visits, calls, cards and words of encouragement during my surgery and recovery. We are blessed with your love. In Him, **Marie & Robert Stow**

## Congregational News (continued)

**North Sheridan COC Ladies Day:** April 4 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. Speakers: Debbie Schroeder of Blue Starr in Claremore & Mary Williams of Comb St. in Fayetteville. For more info check the Ladies Class bulletin board in the North hall.

**Burnt Cabin 2009:** There will be a special contribution on April 5th for Burnt Cabin Christian Camp. This will allow for additional capital improvements before summer sessions begin.

**Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Luncheon:** On April 7th the theme for Ladies Bible class luncheon will be Easter. Bring potluck featuring Easter/Spring.

**LTC - April 10 & 11:** All participants and adults are asked to be prepared to leave as a group at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. This will allow group check-in and plenty of time before the first event. Please make arrangements ahead of time to leave at this hour.

**Comedy Concert:** with Daren Streblow. April 25th in the OC. Invite your friends and neighbors. For a glimpse into Daren's world see <http://www.darenstreblow.com>.

**Meals on Wednesday Night** will not be served during the summer. Get together with friends and "brown bag" before Bible study. Team members are encouraged to think about volunteering your talents by helping with the Summer Meal program for Rhoades children.

**Donations for the Homeless Packets:** Located in the South wing across from the nursery is a box & list of items needed.

**Hats & Scarves for Ukrainian Orphans:** Please stop by the table in the foyer and pick-up some yarn. Our goal this year is to provide 100 hat & scarf sets. There are currently 102 sets. Let's see if we can reach 125!

