

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



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Several years ago when we lived in Alabama, a system of strong thunderstorms bearing high winds, brilliant streaks and flashes of lightning, and deafening claps of thunder rolled through our area one Saturday afternoon. I had spent the morning playing with the children and helping Kim around the house, but after lunch I had settled in at the kitchen table to review my notes for Sunday's sermons and Bible class. However, I soon found myself distracted from my studies by the strength of the storm. It had been "looking like rain" all day, and it finally arrived in sheets and waves. I have always enjoyed watching storms brew, build, and ultimately unleash their contents. I guess I get that trait genetically, because I remember both of my grandfathers, as well as my father, frequently stepping outside to "see what the weather was doing." That afternoon in Alabama, the fierce storm winds blew the treetops back and forth like blades of grass, and at times it appeared as if it was raining horizontally, with the rain being driven parallel to the ground. After the worst of the storm had passed, a steady shower set in, accompanied by gradually diminishing rumblings of thunder.

As my interest in the storm subsided, I returned to my Bible and notes at the kitchen table and continued to fine tune Sunday's lessons. After some length of time, I glanced out of the bay window that opened to the west and was treated to a beautiful sight. Though a light rain was still falling in the immediate area, the western sky had come alive with deep hues of purple and red. Obviously, the storm had lifted on the horizon, and the colors of the sunset provided a striking contrast with the dreary, gray clouds that remained overhead. It was a clear, unmistakable sign that beyond the present gloom there was a promise of fairer skies.

Life is filled with storms and trials. They can be physical storms involving illness, disease, or disability. They can be spiritual storms centered around temptation, sin, or doubt. Some "life storms" are emotional in nature in which we can be besieged by frustration, anger, depression, or discouragement. Many people are encountering financial storms right now as a result of the current economic climate in our country.

Any and all of these can burst unexpectedly into our lives, raging and blowing, and threatening to unsettle our hearts and our faith.

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10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - 674

Living for Jesus - 676

Shepherd's Prayer – Bruce Binkley

We Have Come into His House - 296

Let All That Is Within Me - 235

Lord's Supper

Contribution

I Stand in Awe - 96

BIBLE HOUR - *The Lord's Prayer*

Scripture Reading - Acts 2:37 - 47

"Profile of a Prospering Church"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Nothing But the Blood - 902

I'll Fly Away - 851

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

"The Reluctant Hero"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Family Strengthening Seminar: *Moving Toward Happily Ever After*

Saturday, March 14, 8 am - 1 pm

Sunday, March 15, during Bible Class & Am Worship
(All Adult Bible Classes meet in Auditorium)

Speakers: Dr. Matt & Lucinda Crain

See page 3 for more information.

Third Sunday Lunch & Early PM Worship for next Sunday has been canceled due to Spring Break.

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
- 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 to be presented today. Please submit scriptural objections in writing to the shepherds by March 22
- LTC practice is in full swing. Volunteer to coach or assist with teams
- 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
- Summary of Shepherds/ Ministers Meeting 3-2-09
 1. Prayer requests taken & prayer offered
 2. Protecting & Feeding: Community summer program progressing, India work updated, Sneeds return to USA in April, Ukraine planning trip this month
 3. Leading & Governing: Deacon selection discussion & update, Planning Retreat assignments discussed, Leadership Workshop discussed, Transportation needs to be evaluated
 4. Practical Needs: Helping Hands Homeless packets discussed, Family Strengthening Seminar discussed, Clothing Room needs discussed

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In Mike's Basket

At the end of each year I try and purchase as many books, as possible, on my recommended list of "must reads," either by friend, minister buddy, or my own research. As I've been designating time each week to devour these books it occurred to me that I have been spending more time in these books than THE BOOK! After all, where do these writers get their insight and wisdom? THE BOOK! It has it all: angels, faith, love, commitment, salvation, understanding, service, humility, evangelism, marriage, sex, family, relationship.... **God has provided!**

How will we find these truths that God has richly given to us if we constantly rely on someone else's conclusions? I personally enjoy eating a good meal! I personally enjoy dessert! The decision then is translating this "spiritual meal" into the main meal and the dessert! I think the main meal can only come from the main source: THE BOOK! I think reading other books can give us some real insight and a good warm feeling – but I think this food is more like dessert than the main meal! We should be getting our spiritual nourishment from God's banquet table!

You've seen the commercials, right? -- "Snickers really satisfies." Yeah right! Give me a 16 ounce rib-eye! That's true satisfaction! :o) Real food is what sustains us! Real food brings nourishment, grows bones, fends off disease, builds muscle, produces new blood... We make our kids eat real food 'cause we know it's value! I'm thinking that God's Word is the real food! Jesus said: ***"Blessed is he who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, for he will be satisfied."*** Ok, that's true satisfaction!

Jesus also said in **John 6** – ***"And the bread that God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world... I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty."*** I think I'll read THE BOOK tonight... My soul hungers for a spiritual t-bone!
Have a great week!

CURRENT EVENTS

MARCH

- 8 GoldenAgers Potluck Lunch
MS & HS Get-together in OC
Bring \$2! **
- 13-18 HS Ski Trip **
- 14-15 Family Seminar
- 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 4 Kayla Minter Shower
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 Group T-shirts are here! Be sure to claim yours, if you ordered one. Just \$10 and a smiling face are all that is needed.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Meatloaf

Serving from 5:30 - 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:

Flavored Instant Oatmeal

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

**March 15, 2009
NO BIBLE HOUR**

**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

Moving Toward *Happily Ever After*



Saturday, March 14, 2009

- 8:00 am "Marriage and Family Wellness: Corporate America's Business?"
- 9:00 am "Building on Strengths Rather than Focusing on Weaknesses"
(Couple Checkup offered to those not completing it before coming)
- 9:30 am Communication Workshop
"God Made Us to Compliment One Another"
"Do You Have to Bring Your Feelings Into It?"
"Disagreeing in a Non-Destructive Way"
"Why Did I Marry Someone So Different?"
- 11:30 am Lunch with "Changing and Adapting as Circumstances Change"
Couple Flexibility Panel (Q and A with the presenters)

Sunday, March 15, 2009

- Sunday Morning Class: "Connecting Without Smothering" (Couple Closeness)
- Sunday Morning Sermon: "God's Design for Happily Ever After" (Genesis 1-2)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
March 15: "By Grace Have You Been Saved"

Congregational News

GoldenAgers Monthly Potluck Luncheon is TODAY following morning worship. Please join us.

Servants Needed: Volunteers are needed to prepare food for funeral meals. This is a wonderful outreach to hurting families. Several sign up sheets are in the foyer showing ways to serve. In order to update records please sign up even if you are currently on a list.

First Grade is looking for a teacher & helper for Wednesday night classes for this quarter. Please see Rhonda Blackstock if you can help.

Clothing Room is now accepting spring & summer clothing.

Spring Break Campout, March 15 – 21: We have reserved 20 spaces in Sequoyah State Park, Cherokee Camping Area, Wagoner, OK. Please, let the camp host know you are with the BA-COC Camp Group upon arrival. Questions? Dick Ray 486-2850.

Homeless Packets: There will be a short meeting tonight after evening worship, in the front of the auditorium for anyone interested in this mission.

Website Training: If you missed the training session last Sunday, see Kevin Lee for a training manual.

2009 Women's Retreat

Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts

Friday, April 24th - Saturday, April 25th



At Doubletree Hotel
6110 S Yale Ave
Tulsa, OK



Register by Sunday, March 22

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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On February 21, 2009, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Mary Thompson and Gene Lynch

were united in marriage before God.

We invite you to share with

us in celebrating our marriage

You would honour us with

your presence at our Reception

On Sunday the fifteenth of March

Two thousand and nine

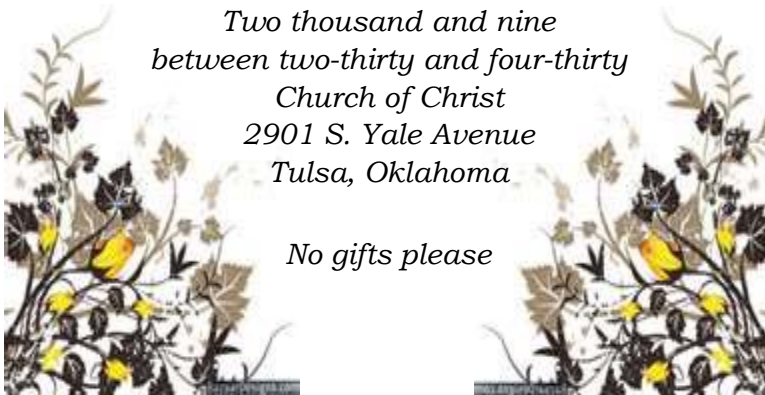
between two-thirty and four-thirty

Church of Christ

2901 S. Yale Avenue

Tulsa, Oklahoma

No gifts please



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Jesus taught us to expect as much. Our Savior never pulled any punches when describing life, especially the life of discipleship. He never painted an unrealistically rosy picture of this world. He was shooting straight with us when He said, "in the world you have tribulation." However, in the very next breath He offered the hope and strength that enables us to weather the storm. "But take courage," He said, "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The apostle Paul was granted a glimpse beyond life's struggles and hardships, of which he suffered more than His fair share. He was caught up to the third heaven, into Paradise, where he heard inexpressible words (II Corinthians 12:1-4). Whether this happened bodily or in some sort of out-of-body experience Paul wasn't sure. But He did know that at least for a brief time the veil of this world was drawn back so that He could see beyond the trials, tribulations, and struggles of our present existence. It is for this reason that Paul could write with confidence, accuracy, and authority that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18).

When you find yourself feeling battered and bruised by life's storms and surrounded by the darkness of this world, lift your head, raise your eyes, and look to the Horizon. The clouds will lift, the storm will pass, and Eternity awaits.

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.

March 15, 2009 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Joel Pence

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Steve Copeland

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 - Kevin Lawrence

For Cup - Jim Lee

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Kevin Lee

CLOSING PRAYER

Mark Lee

March 15, 2009 - TO SERVE

SCRIPTURE READING

Jim Hoffmeister

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Dana Martin	Elaine Maynard
Jeanne Mason	Pam Mitchell

DOORGREETERS

1. Tom & Karen Scism
2. Robert & Marie Stow
3. Brian Street & Fred Suffridge
4. Kyle Thomas & David Updike
5. Mary Alice Lynch & Carolyn Vest
6. Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

USHERS

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

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Branden & Shara Stidham

PM Hosts - Bob & Carol Arledge

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Steve & Jackie McDonald
Glen & Edwina Lyle

PM Hosts - Gerry & Darla Lynn

Jeff & Deanna Watson

March 15, 2009 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Jared Pence

EVENING PRAYERS

Robert Michael

Bobby Morrow

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Holly Parker	Shelby Mitchell
Cara Pence	Candice Morrow

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Christian Dorman

Robert Dowdy

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:

Annette Burt is home following out-patient surgery on Wednesday.

Rocky Giles had surgery last week on his hand following a woodworking accident on Saturday, February 28.

Sharon Love was in Houston last week for a medical follow-up. On Wednesday, she will have pacemaker & defibrillator surgery.

Riley Grubbs (grandson of Jo Ella Gotcher) had hernia surgery last week.

Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother) is in the VA Hospital in Muskogee with pneumonia.

Amy Hallmark (daughter of Jo Ella Gotcher) has an enlarged heart and will be having tests.

Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan) is in St. Francis Hospital with an unknown diagnosis. No visitors please.

Bryant Mitchell (son of Jess & Ruby) has a torn meniscus in his knee, treatment is pending.

Ann Rogers (mother of Donna Jones) is in St. Francis following the removal of a kidney on Friday.

Stephen Copeland will report to Ft. Benning, Georgia to begin his Army training on Wednesday, March 11.

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

Friends & Family: *Corey Baird (grandson of the Qualls), John Burdine (father of Jennifer Bradley), Judy Chandler (mother of Brian Chandler), Kara Grubbs (Joella Gotcher's daughter), Thelma Lawson (Mildred Cooper's niece),*

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WEDNESDAY - March 18, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Robert & Tracey Michael

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

John & Linda Wells

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of

March 1, 2009

Bible Class.....	470
AM Worship.....	672
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday.....	437
Contribution.....	\$23,169
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$183,220
Budget YTD.....	\$189,144
Over/(Under).....	(\$5,924)

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: Dub Mowery & his wife, Charlotte (minister at Prichett, TX Church of Christ), *Lydia Pope (daughter of Dustin Pope)*, Ken Rhodes (son of Bill Rhodes), 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, 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

Shepherds' Corner (continued)

Future View

- Shepherd contact for March—Glen Lyle
- Shepherd meetings for March—16th
- Family Seminar—March 14 & 15 with Dr. Matt Crain
- Minister/Shepherd Planning Retreat—March 27 & 28
- Deacon appointment—March 29th
- Leadership Training Seminar—May 2

Sympathy is sent to **Debbie Aldridge** on the death of her father, Marion Lee, on Thursday, March 5. He was a member of the Eisenhower Church of Christ in Odessa, TX.

Duncan Bible Bowl

The Bible bowls this year are over JOHN. Let's all encourage our kids to put God's word in their heart.

Elementary (4th - 6th)

Inexperienced Division

Medals : Colby Baskett, Brianna Harrison, Isaac Michael

Participants: Jeremy Alexander, Carter Astor, Dylan Blackstock, Samantha Dixon, Claire Turner

Experienced Division

3rd Place Team : Amber Blackstock, Raychel Duwe, Collin Lundy, Rett Parker

Medals : Amber Blackstock, Raychel Duwe, Ashley Turner

2nd Place Individual: Rett Parker

3rd Place Individual: Collin Lundy

Participants: Riley Astor, Alora Blevins, Seth Parker

Junior High (7th - 9th)

Experienced Division

2nd Place Team: Ashley Blackstock, Nicole Duwe, Braden King, Eden Michael

Medals: Josiah Alexander, Haleigh Baker, Ashley Blackstock, Elissa Dorman, Nicole Duwe, Braden King, Eden Michael, Seth Michael

Jr. High Participants: Jake Parker, Audra Sisson, Trent Stephens, Garrett Watson

Senior High

1st Place Team: Addison Keele, Katy King, Matt Miller, Mark Street

3rd Place Team: Allison Lynn, Nathaniel Michael, Emily Saffell, Luke Walvoord

2nd Place Individual with \$600.00 Scholarship: Mark Street

Medals: Hailey Keele, Katy King, Allison Lynn, Nathaniel Michael, Matt Miller, Emily Saffell, Mark Street, Luke Walvoord

Participants: Evynn Alexander, Cody Blackstock, Seth Brockway, Travis Duwe, Sarah Harrison