



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Last Wednesday, Kim and I closed on the sale of the house in which we have lived for the last 12 years. People who have lived in the same hometown for most of their lives would probably not consider 12 years to be an extremely long period of time. Yet, for me, it constitutes a significant portion of my life. Having moved around quite a bit when I was growing up and in my young adulthood, it was a new experience for me to live in the same house for 12 years. I spent 26% of my entire life in that house in Carrollton, Texas. (Yes, math geeks, that makes me 46 years old!). It is the house where Kim and I have spent over half of our married life and where we raised our children. I can't tell you how excited I am that our family will be completely relocated to Broken Arrow in about three weeks. Still, despite my great anticipation, I couldn't help but feel a tinge of sadness as we closed on the house and as the Sanchez family stopped by on Thursday to look at "their" new house. We are their "renters" for the next three weeks!

Last week was a good opportunity for me to tune my theology in with my life and emotions. Biblically, I am completely convinced that I am a "tenant" for my entire sojourn upon this earth. I am "a stranger and an exile" (Hebrews 11:13) who, like Abraham, seeks a city with foundations (11:10) and "a better country, that is, a heavenly one" (11:16). I know that "this world is not my home, I'm just a passing through," so why do I seem to get so easily attached and hung up on the things of this world as if they are permanent? These "treasures on earth" can be a deceptively huge distraction from the things that ultimately matter in life and in eternity. It is "relationship" not "real estate" that makes the Pyles family what it is. It is "love" not "location" that ultimately matters. The same goes for our spiritual family in Christ's church. Yet, churches, too, can just as easily get overly "attached" (and even prideful) about mere buildings and physical locations. I pray that I (and we) will be reminded to not get so fixated on "brick and mortar" but to concentrate more on faith, hope, and love.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

Doxology - 66

A Wonderful Savior - 508

Fairest Lord Jesus - 288

Shepherd's Prayer – Keith Walvoord

Jesus Is Lord - 180

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Follow Me - 395

Scripture Reading - I John 2:1-6

Jesus Is All the World to Me - 590

BIBLE HOUR - The Rich Young Ruler

"Knowing Jesus"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You - 768

Take the Name of Jesus with You - 738

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Matt Hoffmeister

Senior Honor Night

Speaker - Mike Baskett

24 Hour Prayer Marathon: May 22nd & 23rd. The building will be open from Noon on the 22nd to Noon on the 23rd. There will be security on site throughout the night. Plan to use the north parking lot. Please turn in your prayer requests to the designated box in the foyer. Sign-up times are available in the foyer. Prayer request forms are in the foyer and also available on our website.



Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Congratulations to our high school graduates! Serve God in all you do.
- 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 Shepherd/ Minister Meeting May 11.

1. Bus Purchase plan presented by Jim Coghill & Terry Craghead
2. Follow up discussion on last weekend's Leadership Training
3. Ministry Updates:
 - a. **Protecting & Feeding:** *Missions:* Dave Brockway headed to Cambodia May 22, domestic missionary search continues, summer mission trip planning in full swing, worship committee update, 50 days summer program update
 - b. **Leading & Governing:** Rich Kilmer identified as Executive Minister, new lighting progressing, deacon assignments discussed, follow up meetings with deacons beginning
 - c. **Practical needs:** Clothing room work continues with great success, woman's program updated, youth & family summer plans discussed

4. Prayer requests taken & Prayer offered

Sign up for the Prayer Marathon May 22-23

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In Mike's Basket

Have you ever read something in the scriptures and wondered how they wrote what they wrote? I mean, Paul writes: **"...For I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties..." (2 Cor. 12:10)**. Delight is probably not the word that I would have used! Paul gives us a really awesome example of what it means to have a severe positive attitude. It's not that he really enjoyed pain or persecutions... I think he was focused elsewhere.

On a balmy October afternoon in 1982, Badger Stadium in Madison, Wisconsin was packed. More than 60,000 diehard University of Wisconsin fans were watching as their football team got annihilated by Michigan State University. It was obvious, almost from the kick-off, that Michigan State had a much better team. But late in the game, still being pummeled on the field, there were bursts of applause and shouts of joy from the Wisconsin fans. These guys were smiling, yelling, and high-fiving each other as if they were winning. How could they do that? Well, it turned out that they weren't just severe positive attitude cases; just that 70 miles away, the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 3 of the World Series! Many of the fans in the stands were listening to portable radios. They were responding to something other than what they saw on the field!

You see, Paul was "tuned in" to another reality! He knew that even though what he saw with his earthly vision was discouraging at times, he could see and hear "another game." Paul was in touch with the good news about Jesus Christ. He knew there was victory in the end!

If our own reality is the world, what we see and hear all around us, we'll easily be discouraged. But if we'll listen to the voice of God, see what He has in store for us, we'll be aware of a different reality, one that is a cause of rejoicing. God is in control! Question is: What are we truly listening to?

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

MAY

- 17 Rachel Pewitt Baby Shower
Senior Honor Night**
22-23 Prayer Marathon
22-June 14 Dave Brockway -
teaching in Cambodia
23 Clothing Room open
24 Robbie Riggs & Cassie Tyler
Wedding Shower
HS Devo**
30 SMORG**
31 Take-A-City #7 Fellowship
Hall

FUTURE

- June 1 50 Days of Food & Fun
June 2 GoldenAgers Social
June 6 GoldenAgers Picnic
June 7 Promotion Sunday for
Nursery Dept thru HS
Ukraine Mission Dinner
Take-A-City #4 Potluck
June 14 Meagan Tate Tener
Baby Shower
June 19-July 6 Ukraine Mission
June 21 3rd Sunday Food, Fel-
lowship & Worship
July 4-12 Medical Mission
July 26-30 VBS

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- May 17 Senior Honor Nite**
May 24 HS Devo**
May 30 SMORG**
May 31 - June 6 Camp
June 9-15 Senior Trip**
June 28-July 1 Work Camp**
Aug 3 & 4 HS Six Flags Trip**

** Youth Events

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

May 24, 2009

NO BIBLE HOUR

May 31, 2009

Lesson 31 – *The Last Supper*

Teach E Emerson
Monitor F Lynn

June 7, 2009

Lesson 32 – *Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet*

Teach F Lynn
Monitor G Murdock

June 14, 2009

Lesson 33 – *Jesus in Gethsemane, Betrayal*

Teach G Murdock
Monitor H Martin

June 21, 2009

Lesson 34 – *Jesus Before Pilate*

Teach H Martin
Monitor I Honea

COME, SEE, GO, TELL

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:5-7).

These four little words, come, see, go, and tell, outline for us a marvelous method of reaching out to people with the gospel. If people could come and see how wonderful and loving the Savior is, they would go and tell everyone. No one ever has or ever could love us the way that Jesus has in paying the price for our sins and showing us the way to heaven.

If they could come and see the empty tomb with its hope and promise, they would go and tell others that there is life beyond the grave. And if there is life beyond the grave, then we are indeed accountable to the God who created us and has prepared an eternity for us. The crucifixion was not the end of the story; there is also a resurrection ahead. Go and tell that there is life still ahead.

If we could come and see the abundant life of Jesus, how He guides us in the best and the right way, we would go and tell about this wonderful life of joy and peace. If we can grasp what it means to be forgiven of all our sins, that God hears our prayers, that God is with us, and that heaven awaits, we could with great joy go and tell others all the wonderful blessings we possess.

Will you come and see and go and tell?

- Phil Sanders

** Phil Sanders will be a part of the 4th Annual "In Search of the Lord's Way" in Eureka Springs June 25-27th at the Pin Mountain Theater. For more information, call (877) 253-9156. This event is free and no collection will be taken! **

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, May 24: *"The Joy Of Salvation"*

Baptisms: Andrew Patterson, Samantha Laney and Trevor Blevins

Congregational News

Baby Shower for Rachel Pewitt, today, May 17th, 3:00 to 4:00 in the parlor. She is having a girl. Rachel is the daughter of Bill & Lisa Hancock.

Summer Kitchen Training: There will be a mandatory training session for all summer kitchen volunteers & substitutes Wednesday, May 20th & 27th in OC 4, during class at 7:15.

Clothing Room Opening: Saturday, May 23, from 9 am to noon. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up at the table in the foyer.

A Wedding Shower for Robbie Riggs & Cassie Tyler will be Sunday, May 24, from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Crate & Barrell, Pottery Barn and Target.

Secret Sister Reminder: Please check the Secret Sister table. There are several gifts and messages. Please don't forget your Secret Sister. Some are anxiously waiting to hear from you.

GoldenAgers Picnic: All "Golden Agers" please come and join us for our annual picnic at the home of George & Phyllis Gwinn on Sat. June 6th, 4:00 pm. Please bring only your lawn chairs and a dessert. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided with all the extras. Please plan to be with us for fun and fellowship.

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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)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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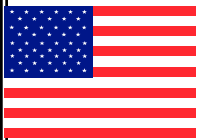
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Shepherds' Corner (Cont.)

Future View

- Shepherd contact for May is Dave Larson
- Next Shepherd/ Ministers Meeting May 18
- Prayer Marathon May 22 & 23.
- Camp is May 31 through June 6

Boy Scout Troop 930



which meets at the BACOC, is planning a flag retiring ceremony for old, worn American flags on Monday, May 18th at the amphitheatre at Whispering Hills from 7:00 - 8:30pm. This can be a very moving and inspirational ceremony, especially for veterans.

Anyone that wants to come is welcome. Also, anyone that has an old American Flag that needs to be retired can bring it to us and we can add it to the ones we already have. Although bench seating is available, you may want to bring lawn chairs for extra seating.

In case of rain, we will have the ceremony in the OC (all but burning the flags!).



SECRET SISTERS 2ND QUARTER

Want to be a Secret Sister from July—September?

See the WinGS table for information about current and future revealings and sign-ups

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 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



May 24, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER
Ron Baxter

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Ed Mainprize
2. Mike Martin
3. David Maynard
4. Evan Maynard
5. Steve McDonald
6. Lonnie Miller
7. Wayne Mitchell
8. Bobby Morrow
9. Richard Mosby
10. Robby Mosley
11. Bill Murdock
12. Tim Murdock
13. Dick Page
14. Ken Palmer
15. Jim Parker

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER
For Bread - Bill Hancock
For Cup - Jim Hoffmeister

PRAYER FOR OFFERING
Landon Holcomb

CLOSING PRAYER
Archer Honea

May 24, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Mike Nequette

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS
100S 111S
Carolyn Vest Peggy Alexander
Cynthia Walvoord Tammy Allen

DOORGREETERS

1. John & Linda Wells
2. Walt & Terry Willson
3. Paris & Rose York
4. Sherman & Alice Boley
5. Sandra Butler & Laura Copeland
6. Dwayne & Pam Canton

USHERS

2. Jerry Lundy
3. Jared Pence
4. Tim Plowman
5. Mike Rampey

INFORMATION CENTER

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

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Sue Doss & MJ Carriger
Jim & Darla Coghill

PM Hosts - Jr & Joyce Ackley
Rich & Becky Kilmer

May 24, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Scott Keele

EVENING PRAYERS
Doug Hudkins
Jack Hudkins

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Sandra Watts Gail Baxter
Gail West Erin Brockway

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Mike Rampey
Dick Ray

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:

Sindra Arnold (relative of Sherrie Slaton) is ill in Henderson, TN.
Mitchell Bean was admitted to the hospital Friday with breathing problems.
Kim Binkley is in St. John's, room #1001, and expects to go home mid-week.
Norma Boley, sister of Doc Garrett, is doing well after having surgery.
Dan Boyd, brother of Mignon Harris, is on hospice in Montara, California.
Kaydn Guess (infant daughter of former members Vernon and Kanna Guess) will be having an MRI May 21st.
Tabitha Hansen (daughter of Sherrie Slaton) is recovering from pneumonia.
Matt Mangrum, team member of Ron Lee, had a brain biopsy Thursday.
Logan McAfee (grandson of Hal & Linda Logan) will have heart surgery in Tennessee on May 21st.
Collette McCullin has some medical decisions to make and requests prayers.
Kayla Minter had a recent accident at work & is seeing specialists about future treatment.
Jack Osborn is in the hospital with double pneumonia. No visitors please.
Ed Fitzgerald, (Lynn Marshall's father) had surgery on Tuesday in New Orleans.
Glynn Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's grandmother) is critically ill.
Brittany Schaudwald (niece of Marjorie Jones) has serious complications with her pregnancy.

WEDNESDAY - May 27, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Mary Lynch & Gerri Henderson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Richard & Emma Mosby
Jared & Kara Pence

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
May 10, 2009

Bible Class	446
AM Worship.....	734
PM Worship.....	341
Wednesday	410
Contribution.....	\$21,561
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$381,327
Budget YTD.....	\$399,304
Over/(Under)	(\$17,977.00)

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)

Members: Allen Butler, Gavin Gonzales, Gavin Kuykendall, Alta Lamirand, *Sharon Love, Evan Marshall (in Africa)*, Ruby Mitchell, Junior Nipps, Brent Saffell, Jared Scism (in Japan), Jack Steele, Jim & Erma Wiginton, Wanda Wilburn.

Friends & Family: Dennis Arner (friend of Sherrie Slaton), Bill Baskett (father of Mike), John Burdine (father of Jennifer Bradley), Diane Cook (sister of David Parrott), FK Doss (Sue's brother-in-law), Galen Groves (father of Gayla Alexander), Deana Hamilton (Lawana Duwe's niece), Matt Mangrum (team member of Ron Lee), Dave O'Meilia (boss of Marjorie Jones' daughter), Harry & Dorothy Orahod (Steve McDonald's parents), Marilyn Pruitt (sister of Claudia Updike), Joshua Sampson (grandson of Jerry & Mary Sampson), Donna Scott (friend of Mary Harper), Kayla Sediacek (friend of Bill & Connie Kimrey), Emma Smith (6 month old granddaughter of Emma Mosby's niece), Steve & Reena Street & family (brother of Brian Street, *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*), Kristi Tefertiller (daughter of Ron & Gail Baxter), Kara Van Meter (daughter of Mary Harper).

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, Cathy Lovelace, 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.

Prayers and Praise: John Burdine's surgery was successful. Thank you for all the prayers! Jennifer Bradley

Sympathy is expressed to the John Minter family on the loss of Barbara's father, J.E. Coleman, who passed away Sunday evening. Services were held at the Church of Christ in Stroud, OK.

Thank You: We would like to say thank you for all the prayers, cards and expressions of concerns for our grand-son, Corey Baird. He is improving each day, but still has a ways to go to be completely well. He still needs prayers. Thank you so much! In Christian love, Charles & Lillian Qualls.

Congregational News (continued)

50 Days of Food & Fun: Sign-ups are available in the foyer. We are currently staffing for the month of June. There is still need for someone to teach a couple of days of math. Help is needed on Fridays during meal time & several are still needed for clean-up.

Mentoring Profile Sheets need to be filled out and turned in by the end of May. Please turn them in to Fran Garrett or Loretta Turner. Profile sheets are available on the WinGS table in the foyer.

Clothing Room Opening: Saturday, May 23rd, 9-12:00. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer. PLEASE HELP!! Attendants are needed.

Homeless Ministry: Meeting Sunday, May 24, after evening worship in room 200N. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome.

WinGS Book Club: Do you enjoy reading and discussing books of spiritual value.? Those interested are asked to fill out a "Book club interest questionnaire" located on WinGS table in the foyer. Please return to the manila envelope located on the same table by May 27.

