



# TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

I made a confession on Facebook a couple of weeks ago about my growing addiction to QuikTrip doughnuts. My openness helped me learn some valuable information about this "new-to-me" social networking website. You can add posts about matters of faith, politics, and culture with minimal to no commentary at all from your friends in Facebook-land. But, make a comment about doughnuts and QT and an avalanche of comments will soon follow! I just did not yet properly understand the hierarchy of priorities on Facebook. Now I know!

We had QTs in the Dallas area where I lived for the last twelve years, but I didn't learn until coming to Broken Arrow that it is a Tulsa-based company. So I did some online research and found a lot of interesting information: stores have up to 24 gasoline pumps; 520 stores in 10 large metropolitan markets; 500th store opened in Broken Arrow in May of '08; has its own line of foods from QT Kitchens. But the most fascinating fact involved why there are no QTs in Oklahoma City. There is a "gentlemen's agreement" between QT CEO Chester Cadieux and the owner of the 7-Eleven stores in Oklahoma City not to compete in each other's markets. So, no QTs in OKC; no 7-Elevens in Tulsa. Apparently, there is no contractual or legal obligation not to compete, just a "handshake" and taking the word of a business competitor at face value! What a refreshing revelation in this dog-eat-dog, competitive culture that looks for loopholes and buries surprises in the small print of contracts.

God wants us to speak and act with that kind of integrity, so that our word is our bond. We serve the God of truth (Isaiah 65:16), whose very nature prevents Him from speaking a lie (Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2). We follow and are clothed with Him who is the Truth (John 14:6). We are personally indwelt by the Spirit of Truth (John 14:16-17). Falsehood was a part of the old self of sin. "Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its practices," (Colossians 3:9). Mr. Cadieux and his competitor reminded me that Jesus taught us to let our "yes" be "yes" and let our "no" mean "no."

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

**As the Dear - 71**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer - 827**

Shepherd's Prayer – Gary Jones

**Higher Ground - 539**

**The Old Rugged Cross - 313**

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Scripture Reading - *Acts 1:1-14*

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives - 528**

**BIBLE HOUR - The Lepers are Healed**

*"Together in Prayer"*

Speaker - Tim Pyles

**Do You Know My Jesus? - 943**

**To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way - 867**

Prayer

## 5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

*"End of the Spear" Isaiah 2:1-4*

Speaker - Tim Pyles



## Shepherds' Corner

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

### Present Action

- Welcome to our guests!
- Thanks to Randy Willingham for his leadership training this weekend for our Ministry Leaders, Deacons, Ministers & Shepherds.
- 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.
- Pray for our preparation for summer opportunities (camp, 50 days, mission trips...)
- Congratulations to our college graduates. Serve God in all you do.

### Future View

- Shepherd contact for May—Dave Larson
- Shepherd meetings for May—4th & 18th
- Prayer Marathon—May 22nd & 23rd

### In Mike's Basket

Nathan, the prophet, was the guest speaker that day. King David was the only one in the audience. Nathan had a message that needed delivering... so he told an interesting story:

***"There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup, and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.***

***Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." (2 Samuel 12:1-4).***

The story had David on the edge of his seat. He took it seriously! He responded with emotion: ***"As surely as the Lord lives, the rich scoundrel who took that little lamb deserves to die!"*** BINGO! Desired response! The rest of Nathan's message required few words: ***"YOU are the man."***

Nathan understood what every good speaker and teacher knows: "a picture is worth a thousand words." An illustration that is thoughtfully used and skillfully chosen is remembered longer... and usually has a lasting impact on the listener. Maybe, perhaps, that is why our society and our government is so set on removing God's name from everything! Maybe, perhaps, that is why they want crosses removed from all properties and facilities! They realize the strength of the picture! The cross represents so much more than we could ever preach!

The one thing we should remember this week... the government has NOT tried removing crosses from our homes. They have NOT tried removing our Bibles from our table tops. We have the freedom to remember! We have the freedom to study and read every day! Are we taking advantage of that? Are we remembering and telling?!!? God needs people to tell the story. Who? I think He might give us the same words He gave Nathan: ***"YOU are the man (woman)."*** Let's be diligent this week!

Mike

## CURRENT EVENTS

### MAY

- 3 Medical Mission Meeting after morning worship  
Candice Morrow Baby Shower  
Worship Committee Meeting  
Ukraine Mission Meeting  
50 Days of Food & Fun Shower  
**Ms Devo\*\***
- 5 GoldenAgers Social
- 10 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- 12 Ladies Quilting Workday
- 17 Rachel Pewitt Baby Shower  
**Senior Honor Night\*\***
- 22-23 Prayer Marathon
- 23 Clothing Room open
- 24 Robbie Riggs & Cassie Tyler Wedding Shower  
**HS Devo\*\***

**May 31 - June 6 Camp**

### FUTURE

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

### FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

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

## Seniors:

**If you haven't done so, please get your Sr. Honor Night items turned in A.S.A.P.**

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR**

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

**May 10, 2009**

Lesson 29 – *The Pharisee and the Publican*

Teach C Hoffmeister  
Monitor D Ward

**May 17, 2009**

Lesson 30 – *The Rich Young Ruler*

Teach D Ward  
Monitor E Emerson

**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

**MYSTERIOUS PRAYER**

Prayer isn't as simple as it sounds. Looks can be misleading. As Margaret Feinberg puts it in her book entitled, **The Sacred Echo**, "I wish prayer was simple, clean, and clear instead of complex, messy and complicated. I wish hearing from God was as easy as clipping articles and slipping them into a drawer [or right clicking and saving for me]. Then, I could simply open a file anytime and find the exact answer, direction, and encouragement I needed in the moment."

Instead, what do we do? We call out to God and hope He's listening, fingers crossed for a reply. We hope we haven't done anything to upset Him so that He will not only listen, but see fit to show us a little favor... and we cross the fingers on both of our hands. Some people call this faith. Another word could be desperation.

It has been suggested that the very act of praying demands vulnerability-- acknowledgement that we don't have all the answers, we can't do it on our own, and we're in need! And we pour out our hearts... we cry out to God... and in the exhaustion of the moment we become silent.

In this moment, do we take a breath long enough to ask, "God, what's on Your heart?" And if we do... if we asked this question, will we be quiet long enough to hear his soft assuring whisper, "You!"

Again, Ms Feinberg puts it this way: "Like a feather gently resting on a silky blanket, the word ["You!"] lies soft and tender on my soul. In my heart and mind, it's like God is saying, "I love you." In those moments, the concerns and weights I've unleashed in prayer disappear, and I am enveloped in the height, depth, and width of God's love. I don't want to leave."

We are never far from God's heart. The NIV reads: "How precious to [concerning] me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you." (Psalm 139:17-18)

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, May 10: "The God Who Understands"

**Baptism: Rett Parker**

**Change of Address: Jim & Frances Bryan, Heartland Plaza, 2621 S Elm Place, #205, 74012**

***Congregational News***

**Medical Mission to Belize:** TODAY all those planning to go to, or are interested in going to Belize, July 4-12, please meet in room 103N immediately after morning worship.

**Baby Shower for Candice Morrow:** TODAY at 2 pm in the Parlor

**Worship Committee Meeting:** TODAY at 3:30 pm in Tim Pyles office.

**Ukraine Mission Team** will meet TODAY at 4 pm in room 103 N.

**Third Grade Teachers Needed:** for Sunday morning beginning in June. See Mike or Dana Martin.

**Baby Show for Rachel Pewitt:** Sunday, May 17, at 3 pm. She is registered at Babies-R-Us & Target and is expecting a girl.

**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 2-4 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Crate & Barrel, Pottery Barn and Target.

**Burnt Cabin Christian Camp:** The BA session will be May 31-June 6th. Camp is open for students entering 4th grade through senior high. Applications may be picked up at the youth booth or accessed on the youth page of our website: [ba-coc.org](http://ba-coc.org).

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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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TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS

***CASSANDRA NICOLE TYLER***

**&**

***ROBERT FRANKLIN RIGGS II***

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY

AT THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR UNION

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH OF JUNE,

TWO THOUSAND AND NINE

ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

VESICA PISCIS CHAPEL

2188 N HIGHWAY 167, CATOOSA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

***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**

**Pizza Casserole**

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:**

*Canned  
White Meat Chicken*



**May 10, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SONG LEADER**  
Jim Hoffmeister

**SHEPHERD'S PRAYER**  
Tim Walton

**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 Davis  
For Cup - Bryan Davis

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

Richard Davis

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Ryan Dent

**May 10 - TO SERVE**  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Robert Michael

**MORNING NURSERY HELPERS**  
100S                      111S  
Dana Martin            Addie Palmer  
Jeanne Mason          Cassie Palmer

**DOORGREETERS**

1. Jared & Cara Pence
2. Joel & Kathleen Pence
3. Linda Reeder & Mary Alice Lynch
4. Brent & Barbara Saffell
5. Tom & Karen Scism
6. Robert & Marie Stow

**USHERS**

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

**INFORMATION CENTER**

AM Hosts - William & Cathy Lovelace  
PM Hosts - Keith & Frances Kashwer

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

AM Hosts - Branden & Shara Stidham  
Steve & Jackie McDonald

PM Hosts - Gerry & Darla Lynn  
Tim & Brenda Layman

**May 10, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER**  
Eric Norris

**EVENING PRAYERS**

Bill Detherage  
Robert Dowdy

**EVENING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S                      111S  
Brooke Schroeder    Candice Morrow  
Julie Schroeder      Holly Parker

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

Jared Pence  
Joel Pence

**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:**

**Mitchell Bean** is home following a stay in the hospital to regulate his blood pressure.

**Gavin Kuykendall** is making progress and may be released to the hotel soon.

**Ruby Mitchell** will have surgery Thursday, May 7, at Hillcrest.

**Dennis Arner** (friend of Sherrie Slaton) of Casper, WY is not doing very well.

**John Burdine** (father of Jennifer Bradley) will have surgery on Wednesday, May 6, at St. John's Medical Center.

**FK Doss** (brother-in-law of Sue) is in critical condition after emergency surgery to repair a ruptured colon & due to a blood infection.

**Emma Smith** (6 month old granddaughter of Emma Mosby's niece) was in St. Francis being monitored for seizures but has returned home.

**Kristi Tefertiller** (daughter of Ron & Gail Baxter) had surgery Friday in Plano, TX.

**Members:** Allan Butler, Gavin Gonzales, *Jason Koeninger*, Alta Lamirand, *Sharon Love*, Junior Nipps, James Parker, Brent Saffell, Jack Steele, Darrell Vest, Jim & Erma Wiginton, Wanda Wilburn

**Friends & Family:** *Corey Baird* (grandson of the Qualls), Bill Baskett (father of Mike), John Davis (a co-worker of Gary Jones), Kaitlyn Finnegan family (father is a co-worker of Heather Blevins), (continued on back of insert)

**WEDNESDAY - May 13, 2009**

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Gary & Gail Southern

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

Lonnie & Joni Miller  
Jim Lee & Junior Nipps

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Week of  
April 26, 2009

Bible Class .....	454
AM Worship.....	744
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday .....	432
Contribution.....	\$20,559
Budget.....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD.....	\$336,266
Budget YTD.....	\$357,272
Over/(Under) .....	(\$21,006)

**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:** Ron Fisher (nephew of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell), *Kara Grubbs (Joella Gotcher's daughter)*, Bob Hale (Jack & Virgil's brother), Deana Hamilton (Lawana Duwe's niece), Ivy Illiff (daughter of a co-worker of Gary Jones), Matt Mangrum (team member of Ron Lee), Bryant Mitchell (son of Jesse & Ruby Mitchell), Harry & Dorothy Orahoad (Steve McDonald's parents), Winter Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's niece), Dawn Rugeley (friend of Rosie Steele), Joshua Sampson (grandson of Jerry & Mary Sampson), Donna Scott (friend of Mary Harper), Kayla Sediacek (friend of Bill & Connie Kimrey), Steve & Reena Street & family (brother of Brian Street, *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hills)*, *Felicia Windham (niece of Rosie Steele)*, Kara Van Meter (daughter of Mary Harper), Curtis Young (Pam Battenfield's son-in-law), Jane Young (sister of Ruby Mitchell)

**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

## Sympathy

- to **Sue Butler** on the death of her husband, David Friday, April 24. He is the father & grandfather of **Bryan, Jason & Phillip Butler families** and the brother-in-law of **Terry Craghead, Sr.** His service was here on Tuesday.
- to **Don, Donnita, Michael and Abigail Butts** on the death of **Anita** on Thursday, April 30. Sympathy is also extended to the **Wilburn family**. Anita was the sister of Wanda. Arrangements are pending.
- to **Sue Doss, Corey and Stephanie Wilson & family and Bailey Doss** on the death of Sue's father, Dexter "Hap" Kinsey, on Thursday, April 30. Services will be Monday, May 4, at 2 pm at the Stigler Church of Christ.
- to **Alicia Stickney and family** on the death of her brother-in-law, Lenard Beck, of Duncan, OK on Saturday, April 25.
- to **Bryan & Kristi Chandler**, son-in-law of Bill & Linda Reeder, on the death of his mother, Judy, Chandler, in Texas.
- **Thank You to the Ladies Class:** These past weeks have been a complete blur to me, but when I woke, your get well message lifted my spirit. My recovery is slow but knowing the Ladies Class has me in thought, prayer and heart gives me added strength. In Christian love, **Lorraine Larson** (Dave Larson's mother).

## Congregational News (continued)

**An Opportunity** has arisen to purchase 2 lots adjacent to the children's home we support in India. These lots have been used for years by the children as a playground and by the local congregation for tent meetings. The individuals that own the property are retiring and want to sell the property to help support themselves. They are giving the children's home first right of refusal on the land. Brother V would like to keep using the property as they have always done in the past. The only way to guarantee that they will be able to use it in the future is to purchase the land. If you would like to help in a financial way, please see Keith Walvoord.

**Help Needed:** Tom Coleman is seeking to employ a day sitter to care for his wife, Sacia, and perform light housekeeping duties, Monday through Thursday from 8-4 and Friday for 8-12. Please call 671-0057 & talk only to Tom.

**"Shower" for 50 Days of Food & Fun TONIGHT** after evening worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. A "wish list" is at the sign-up table in the foyer. An opportunity to contribute will be available.



**50 Days of Food & Fun:** We will be serving breakfast & lunch to the local children this summer & also providing an enrichment program to the Rhoades Elementary children. Information is in the pew. Sign-ups are available. Several have already volunteered. This local mission will be an outreach effort to the local families.