



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Today is Life Group Sunday! What does that mean?

1. The sermon this morning will be focused on the **Fruits of the Spirit**. This is part of a special series of lessons that we are sharing together on the second Sunday of each month through October. The series is designed to coincide with our monthly Life Group meetings, and each lesson serves as the basis for the Life Group Discussion Guide. Today's message focuses on patience as an evidence (fruit) of the Holy Spirit's life and work within us.

2. Life Groups will be meeting in 27 different homes in and around Broken Arrow this afternoon and this evening. These small groups reflect the diversity that makes up the Broken Arrow church: families with children, young couples without children, singles, widows and widowers, and those who are divorced. The purpose of our Life Groups is to facilitate closer relationships and provide a smaller, less formal setting in which we can study Scripture together, discuss its application to our lives, pray, spend time in fellowship, and reach out to friends and neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The first three months of this ministry have been extremely encouraging. Our afternoon/evening participation and attendance has averaged 503 on Life Group Sundays in February, March, and April. We had a Leaders and Co-leaders meeting a few weeks ago, and there were multiple stories shared about families who were getting involved, members who were opening up and sharing their lives and their faith, responsibilities that were being met, service projects that were taking place to meet needs within the Body, and visitors and new members who were attending the Life Group meetings. None of this would be possible without the commitment that the Leaders and Co-leaders have made and without the support and involvement of the Life Group members. You may be thinking, "I thought we had 29 Life Groups!" Glad you brought that up!

3. Two of our Life Groups will be meeting here at the building at 5:00 p.m. with other brothers and sisters from the congregation for an **Evening Worship Assembly**. This provides another opportunity to assemble for songs of praise to God, prayer, and a message from the Word.. I'm excited about Life Group Sunday!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

We Praise Thee, O God - 2

He Has Made Me Glad - 103

Shepherd's Prayer – Dave Larson

I'll Be List'ning - 988

Create In Me a Clean Heart

Lead Me to Calvary - 332

Lord's Supper

Contribution

You Are My All in All

Scripture Reading - Galatians 5:16-26

BIBLE HOUR - *The Pharisee & the Publican*

"Life in the Spirit: Patience"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Footsteps of Jesus - 416

How Great Is Our God

Prayer

LIFE GROUPS MEET TODAY

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Conducted by

Life Groups 9 & 14

Happy Mother's Day



Shepherds' Corner

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

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- WELCOME to the church of Christ at Broken Arrow
- Let your prayer needs be known. Pray with a shepherd every Sunday morning or Wednesday night during Bible class time in the conference room for any need
- Life Group Sunday TODAY
- Sign up and participate in 50 Days of Food & Fun. Everyone's help is welcome
- Pray for all the many "Milestones of Life" in the next few months: Graduation, Weddings, and Births. May God bless all
- Summary of Ministers/ Shepherds meeting 5-3-10
Financial Update by Jim Coghill. THANK YOU! For your great financial giving!
1) Ministry Updates
 - ≈ Protecting & Feeding: Mission updates given, Brother V infection improved, 50 Days continues to need volunteers
 - ≈ Leading & Governing: Thankful for contribution for last quarter, book reading assignment given for leadership development, capital projects considered, annual review process discussed
 - ≈ Practical needs: Youth interns selected, summer youth activity calendar full, Clothing & Helping Hands have constant needs
- 2) Prayer request taken and prayer offered

Future View

- Shepherd contact for May - Tim Walton
- Next Shepherd/Minister meeting - May 19

In Mike's Basket

The city of Jerusalem lay unprotected. 143 years earlier, Nebuchadnezzar and his army had destroyed the walls and the gates of the city had been burned with fire. Now the year is 444 B.C., and Nehemiah asks permission from the King of Persia (he was serving as his cupbearer) to go back to his homeland, and rebuild the walls around the city.

After Nehemiah inspects the damaged walls for himself, he rallies the people of Israel to help him! The Israelites answered the call and began the work. They were harassed from nearby governors and even their own friends! They made fun of the "*feeble Jews*" who worked on the walls and they laughed at their so-called "construction," saying it was so poor that: "*If a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall.*" (*Nehemiah 4:2,3*) But they didn't listen – they ignored the ridicule and kept to the task! Nehemiah himself persevered through criticism, plots to kill him, and false accusations. With the odds stacked against them... Nehemiah and the Israelites finished the project in 52 days! How cool is that?!

Now that the walls were rebuilt, the citizens felt safe again. Yet... there was something missing. So the people gathered together in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate of Jerusalem and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law which, of course, God had given Moses. Ezra read from the Book from "*morning until midday*" while the people stood and listened. When he finished, the people wept. *Why?* Because they had disobeyed the Lord's instructions! It cut them to the heart so they renewed their commitment to reading and heeding the Lord's commands (*Nehemiah 8*).

As we look back at the story... it's obvious the people finally felt "safe" again in their homes; however, something was missing. There was a *spiritual hole* in the city which ONLY God could fill! They realized that wiping the dust off of God's Word, reading it, accepting it, and obeying it was the truest protection from the enemy!

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CURRENT EVENTS

MAY

- 9 GoldenAgers Monthly Luncheon
Life Group Sunday
- 11 Ladies Quilting Work Day
- 12 Kitchen Training Class-1
- 14 GoldenAgers Banquet sponsored by the HS
- 15 Burnt Cabin Work Day
- 16 Senior Honor Night
- 19 Kitchen Training Class-2
- 23 Food & Fellowship Sunday
Wedding Shower for Phil Main-prize & fiancée, Kristin Mueller
HS Devo**
- 25 Ladies Quilting Work Day
- 30 **Movie Night****
- 31 **HS SMORG****

FUTURE

- June 1 50 Days of Food & Fun Begins
- Jun 6-12 CAMP
- Jun 12-20 Medical Mission Trip
- Jun 19 Father/Daughter Banquet
- Jun 18-July 5 Ukraine Mission Trip
- Jul 25-29 VBS

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- May 23 **HS Devo****
- May 30 **Movie Night****
- May 31 **HS SMORG****
- Jun 15-16 **HS Six Flags Trip****
- Jun 25-Jul 1 **Senior Trip****
- Jul 8-13 **HS Mission to Conifer****



Camp Applications

Applications may be picked up at the youth booth. You can also find them on the church website.

<http://www.bacoc.org/archives.cfm/category/forms-guidelines>



In Mike's Basket (continued)

I think that's the case with many in the world today... maybe with some reading this article! We feel secure inside the "walls" of our homes and the routine of our lives, yet there's still an emptiness – a hole that keeps many dissatisfied. *Why?* Because there's a hole only God can fill! The solution is the same as it was in Nehemiah's day – wiping the dust off of God's Word, read it, accept it, and obey it! God will fill the void! Have a great week! *Mike*

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

May 16, 2010

*Lesson 30 – The Rich
Young Ruler*

Teach H Martin

Monitor I Lee

May 23, 2010

*Lesson 31 – The Last
Supper*

Teach I Lee

Monitor J Saffell

May 30, 2010

NO BIBLE HOUR

June 6, 2010

*Lesson 32 – Jesus
Washes the Disciples'
Feet*

Teach J Saffell

Monitor K Larson

But Before That...

In 1992, when Governor Kirk Fordice stated unreservedly, "America is a Christian nation," the response bordered on hysteria.

But before that... Congress declared 1983 to be the "Year of the Bible" and stated that the Bible, the Word of God, has made a unique contribution in shaping the U.S. as a distinctive and blessed nation... Biblical teaching inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the U.S." (Public Law 97-280, Stat. 1211, approved 10/4/1982)

But before that... Former Chief Justice Earl Warren said in 1954, "I believe no one can read the history of our country without realizing that the Good Book and the spirit of the Savior have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses... Whether we look to the first Charter of Virginia ... or to the Charter of New England... or to the Charter of Massachusetts Bay... or to the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut... the same objective is present... a Christian land governed by Christian principles. I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it."

But before that... Abraham Lincoln, April 30, 1863, appointed a National Fast Day and declared, "It is the duty of nations as well as men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history: that nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

But before that... George Washington said on October 3, 1789: "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly implore his protection and favor."

But before that... The Mayflower Compact 1620 was a covenant "in the presence of God, in the name of God, Amen... by the Grace of God... have undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith."

But LONG BEFORE THAT... Psalm 33:12 said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

(Supplemented and edited article from "*GladTydings of Good Things*" from Jacksonville church of Christ)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, May 16: "*Where Are the Dead?*"

Prayer Request: Marjorie Jones & her family

Congregational News

THIS WEEK:

GoldenAgers Monthly Potluck Luncheon: TODAY in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Please bring a dish and join us.

Ladies Quilting Day: Tuesday, May 11, 9 am - 2 pm, come & go. Please bring a sack lunch and join us to work on quilts for cancer patients.

Kitchen Training Class: Wednesday, May 12, **6:30 - 7:00 pm** in OC Kitchen. These classes are required by the state for all those that plan to work in the kitchen this summer whether full time or part time.

GoldenAgers Banquet: Friday, May 14, at 5:30 pm in the OC, hosted by the youth group. Sign-up at the Information Center for dinner & entertainment.

Burnt Cabin Camp Work Day: Saturday, May 15. Leave building at 7:43 am!

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Wedding Shower for Kelly Parker, Monday, May 17, 7 pm at the home of Rich & Becky Kilmer.

Hamburger Dinner: Wednesday, May 19. For more information see the insert!!

Kitchen Training Class: Wednesday, May 19, **6:30 - 7:00 pm** in OC # 4. These classes are required by the state for all those that plan to work in the kitchen this summer whether full time or part time.

Wedding Shower for Phil Mainprize & his fiancée, Kristin Mueller, Sunday, May 23, immediately following the afternoon devotional in the Parlor. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Hats & Scarves, knitted or crocheted, are still needed for the Ukraine Mission trip.



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-Apr)

Wednesday -- Bible Classes and Devotional -- 7:15 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (286-6403)

•Tim Pyles (991-8457)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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CONGRATULATIONS

Aaron Askew graduated from Oklahoma Christian University on April 30th with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and a minor in Family Studies.

Mike Coghill graduated from Oklahoma Christian University on April 30th with a Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Ministry.

Brin Craghead graduated from Oklahoma Christian University Cum Laude on April 30th with a Bachelor of Science Education in Early Childhood.

Corey Giles graduated from Oklahoma Christian University on April 30th with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Emily C. Kilmer graduated from Tulsa Community College on May 7th with an Associate Degree of Nursing and her pinning ceremony will be May 12th.

Kayla Saffell graduated from Oklahoma Christian University on April 30th with a Bachelor of Science in Education majoring in English.

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 Dinners
in MAY**

**Hope Harbor
Needs:**

100% Juice



May 16, 2010 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Jim Hoffmeister

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Glen Lyle

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Harold Tydings
2. David Updike
3. Cameron Walker
4. Terry Walker
5. Jim Walton
6. Tim Walton
7. Keith Walvoord
8. Joshua Wann
9. Steve Wann
10. Rick Ward
11. Ciif Warren
12. Jerry Warren
13. Jeff Watson
14. John Wells
15. Paul West

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Rick Jones
For Cup - Corey Jones

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Gary Jones

SCRIPTURE READING

Jon Huff

CLOSING PRAYER

Bruce Johns

May 16, 2010 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Gayle West	Erma Wiginton
Beth Whisenhunt	Joy Anderson

DOORGREETERS

1. Clif & Kelli Warren
2. Bill & Joan Wilson
3. Brent & Holly Worden
4. Paris & Rose York
5. Junior & Joyce Ackley
6. Don & Karen Ames

USHERS

2. Ron Baxter
3. Bruce Binkley
4. Duane Bresee
5. Bruce Burnette

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Tim & Linnea Plowman
PM Hosts - Lynnda Brown & Nora Fairless

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Glen & Edwina Lyle
Bruce & Wanda Johns

PM Hosts - Sonny & Rosie Steele
Junior & Joyce Ackley

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Jeff Watson
AM Worship - Deanna Watson
PM Worship - Becky Kilmer

May 16, 2010 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Senior Honor Night

EVENING PRAYERS

Senior Honor Night

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Gayla Alexander	Peggy Alexander
Gail Baxter	Tammy Allen

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Chris Wilson
Corey Wilson

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

WEDNESDAY - May 19, 2010
INFORMATION CENTER

Keith & Frances Kashwer

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Robert & Tracey Michael
Terry & Dawn Walker

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
May 2, 2010

Bible Class	469
AM Worship	672
PM Worship	360
Wednesday	386
Contribution	\$24,929
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$393,907
Budget YTD	\$378,324
Over/(Under)	\$15,583

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

Hospital/Tests:

Carla Bare has been diagnosed with cancer. She met with doctors this past week to discuss her options.

Jo Ella Gotcher has returned home after a short stay in the hospital but is still very ill with a blood infection.

Wiley Pence, new son of Jason & Cara Pence, went home on Saturday, May 1.

John Burdine (Jennifer Bradley's father) began radiation treatments on Monday.

Juanita Burnette (Bruce Burnette's mother) is having major health issues.

Angela Chada (recent visitor & friend of the Blackstocks) had twins 4 weeks early. Babies are doing well; one weighted 6lb. 9oz. and the other 4lb. 14oz.

Carolyn McKnight (aunt of Shane Blackstock) from West Monroe, LA will have surgery to remove some cancer on her scalp, followed by skin grafts.

Jessica Oliverz (friend of Brian Nequette) had gall bladder surgery on Friday.

Mary Swafford (mother of a friend of Cynthia Walvoord) had surgery on Monday for a cancerous growth on her leg.

Members: Carl Alexander, Mitchell Bean, Charlcie Been, Dorothy Billings, Taylor Caballero, *Marge Curnutt*, Frances Gillin, Tim Layman, Betty Martin, Barbara Poteet, Jerry Sampson, Blinda Selim, Doris Steele, Paisley Stidham, Rosetta Trowbridge, Clair Turner, Jimmy Turner, Jim Walton, Stephanie White

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PRAYER LIST (continued)

Friends & Family: Paula Belanger (wife of Shane Belanger, ministry student at Bear Valley), Pam Bell (member at Whispering Hills), Cheryl Bruinsma (teacher at Rhoades Elementary), *Caiden Call* (baby of Colleen Detherage's niece), Angela Chada (recent visitor & friend of the Blackstocks), *Debbie Chovan* (sister of Darlene Mathis), Felicity Davis-Lower (Don & Karen Ames' daughter-in-law), Katherine De Barr (sister of Mary Lynch), *Francis Durham* (grandmother of Shane Blackstock), Kylie Gwinn (granddaughter of George & Phyllis), Loretta Kelley (aunt of Tara Ryan), Charlie Leak (grandfather of Jason Koeninger), Vickie Lozano (friend of the Slaton's daughter, Katerra), *Judge Morris*, Harry Orahood (Steve McDonald's father), Annette Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's mother), Steve Overton (brother of Rhonda Blackstock), *Addison Paschal* (daughter of Nathan Paschal, brother of Wyatt Paschal), Pat Patterson (grandmother of Matt Wilks), Perry Tacket (friend of Phylis McWherter), Ray Utter (friend of Jason & Andrea Temme), Brother V, our missionary in India, Wauneta Walters (Almeta Talley's twin sister), Frankie Weir (mother of Dana Turner)

Military: *Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Stevens Copeland, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Tray & Hope Mamula, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Mike Pyle, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young*

Ukraine Hamburger Dinner: Wednesday night, May 19, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the OC. Come & meet our Ukraine Mission Team. Dinner is free. All contributions go to support the Mission Trip to Ukraine in June.



Thank You

The Carl Alexander family would like to thank everyone for all the support our family has received the last couple of months. Words cannot express how we feel and how much we appreciate it. It's been an up-and-down journey for all of us, and we couldn't have done it without you. We always knew we had a lot to be thankful for but when a family experiences the things we've experienced, it really brings it home how lucky we are and how blessed we are with friends and family that care so much. Carl is doing better now, gaining strength every day and hopefully within the next month will again be with Peggy, his sweetheart of 60 years, under the same roof. Thank you so much for all the visits and phone calls, all the prayers, and, of course, all the wonderful food.

Sincerely, **Carl Alexander and family**

Sympathy is expressed to **Mitchell & Charlene Bean** on the death of his sister, Barbara Vaughan, of Cape Coral, FL on May 4. Barbara is also the sister-in-law of **Warren Vaughan**.

50 Days of Food & Fun

Adult classroom staff is needed in Reading, Math & PE/Games. Teen help is needed in all areas, Reading, Math, Bible, PE/Games & Library. Volunteer hours will be reported to Volunteer Central upon request for those that need service hours for NHS, Tulsa Achieves, Key Club, Court Ordered Community Service, etc...



Registration: Blue registration forms are at the Information Center. Children entering K-5th grade are eligible. Lunch & breakfast will be served free to all children 18 years old and younger all summer. No need to register for meals only.

Wish List:

Child size bean bags

(for kids to sit/lay on)

Plastic butter tubs, large & small

