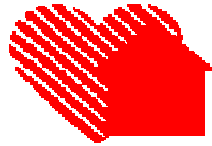


Hearts Turning Home — Touching the Hearts of our Community...



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

I know that the Broken Arrow church has a rich history of reading through the Bible together. Glen Lyle recently led a Wednesday evening study group that read through the Bible in 13 weeks. Over his many years of ministry here, Bill Keele periodically connected Sunday evening sermons and Wednesday evening studies to a schedule of reading through the Bible in a year's time.

While there are many reading schedules that have been put together which break the Scriptures into 365 daily readings, one of the most effective ways to do this is to follow a chronological ordering of the Bible's contents. In the early 1980s, LaGard Smith published *The Narrated Bible in Chronological Order*. More recently, this volume has been issued under the title, *The Daily Bible*. Not only are the daily readings arranged chronologically, but each section contains some very helpful and enlightening "narration" from Smith that often includes material related to background, context, explanation of historical and cultural matters, and spiritual applications of the text.

Many of you are already in the positive habit of spending time each day meditating upon the Word. Others of you may have had a desire to do this, but have lacked a structured plan to help you stay on track over the long haul of a year. For those of you in this latter group, I would highly recommend that you purchase a copy of *The Daily Bible* and "resolve" to spend time with the Scriptures every day in 2010. If you would like to order a copy (or multiple copies - they make great Christmas presents!), please sign the list at the Information Desk and indicate how many copies you would like. We will make a bulk order in a couple of weeks. The cost will be \$15 per copy, and you may pay for the Bibles when you pick them up.

As an incentive to stay current with your daily readings, most of our Sunday evening sermons in 2010 will be related to the texts of Scripture that have been read during the previous week. This will allow us to tie the texts together and share some applications of the Word to our lives of discipleship. Also, if you work in the downtown Tulsa area, Patrick Edison is organizing a weekly Bible study that will center on reading through the Bible in the coming year. If you work downtown or know someone who might be interested in this study, talk to Patrick in person or you may email him at wpedison@gmail.com.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Kyle Thomas

Mansion Over the Hilltop - 881

God Is So Good - 83

Shepherd's Prayer – Bruce Binkley

Let All That Is Within Me - 235

The Old Rugged Cross - 313

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Listen to Our Hearts - 810

This World Is Not My Home - 957

BIBLE HOUR - *The Samaritan Woman at the Well*

Scripture Reading - Genesis 1:26-31; 2:8-9, 15

"Into Our Hands!"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Farther Along - 753

Don't You Want to Go to That Land - 969

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Archer Honea

"Trying to See Jesus" - Luke 19:1-10



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
- Shepherds are available in the conference room during Bible class on Sundays & Wednesdays to pray for any need. Come by and have the shepherds pray with you
- Life Group Leader/Co-Leader training has started. Check the posted schedules to complete the training before groups begin in February
- Budget process nearing completion for 2010

Future View

Shepherd contact for November - Steve Copeland
Area wide shepherds & ministers dinner at Park Plaza - Nov. 16
Church office closed November 26 & 27
Next shepherd/ministers meetings - November 30 & December 14
Relationships Matter - December 6-9

In Mike's Basket

I think all of us are familiar with the meaning of friendship. Each of us have "friends," "close friends," "best friends," and "life-long friends." We are all aware of what it takes to be a friend and what we expect from our friendships (obviously different for everyone!) Since I brought up the idea I'd like to throw a verse at you: **Isaiah 41:8b: "...Abraham my friend."** Wow! The hairs on my arm stand up when I read that! Do we realize who is speaking here? God actually counted Abraham as His friend!

How proud are you to be associated with someone famous? Our best friends in Sweetwater were/are Ed and Jana Emerson. They have a nephew you might have heard of: John Lackey. He makes \$7,000,000 a year as a pitcher for the Anaheim Angels. As a rookie in 2002, he pitched in 3 games of the World Series, hit .500, and actually started and won game 7! I've sat right next to him at a football game and "talked baseball." How cool is that? Each of us can tell stories of run-ins with famous people. For years I've told the story of running into Terry Funk at the DFW airport on one of my bowling excursions... (He was the World Champion in wrestling when I talked with him.) I also recognized, talked with, and got a cool picture and autograph from actor George Hamilton at the Chicago airport in the early 80's. Recently, like last week, Bruce Binkley sat on the airplane - not 10 feet from former President George W. Bush! Sweet! I'm sure you've got your story! The point is simple, we each have those times when we are excited about coming into contact with someone famous - OR we are excited to talk about someone in our family line that is famous!

So let's get back to that **Isaiah** passage... This is NOT a case of some writer merely describing Abraham; nor is it the case of a human perception of this relationship. These words in **Isaiah 41** are God's words! The very Creator of heaven and earth was happy to be FRIENDS WITH ABRAHAM! Wow! How did that friendship come about? **James 2:21-23** gives us one of the keys to Abraham's favor with God: **"...and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend.'"** Wow! (I know... that's my 3rd wow.)

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CURRENT EVENT

NOVEMBER

- 15 Kyler Roper Baby Shower
Area Wide Skate Nite**
- 20 Christian Business Breakfast
- 20-22 Fall Retreat**
- 21 Life Group Leader Training
- 21 Young Families Progressive Dinner
- 22 MS/HS Devo in the OC**
- 25 All Church Devotional
- 26-27 Office Closed
- 29 HS Activity**

FUTURE:

- Dec 3 GoldenAgers Holiday Party
- Dec 4-5 Men's Retreat
- Dec 5 Christmas Parade
Clothing Room Open
- Dec 6 MS Devo**
- Dec 6-9 Relationships Matter
- Dec 8 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
- Dec 9 Take-A-City #4 meeting
- Dec 11 Rhoades Christmas Party
- Dec 12 Life Group Leader Training
- Dec 13 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Area Wide**
- Dec 18 Christian Business Breakfast
- Dec 19 Life Group Leader Training
- Dec 20 Soup & Sandwich Lunch &
Afternoon Devo in OC
HS Devo**
- Dec 23-25 Office Closed
- Dec 31-Jan 1 Office Closed
- Jan 29-31 Akouo**
- Jan 29-31 Singles Weekend at
Disney World

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Nov 15 Area Wide Skate Nite**
- Nov 20-22 Fall Retreat**
- Nov 22 MS/HS Devo in the OC**
- Nov 29 HS Activity**
- Dec 6 MS Devo**
- Dec 13 Area Wide**
- Dec 20 HS Devo**
- Jan 29-31 Akouo**

Teens

◆ TONIGHT:
AREA WIDE
SKATE NITE!!

7 - 9 PM. \$3 TO
SKATE. NO BUS!!

◆ FALL RETREAT FRI.—SUN.
LEAVE AT 4:03 PM. COST \$30.
BRING BIBLE & "CAMP
STUFF" FOR 3 DAYS. RETURN
APPROX. 12:30 PM SUNDAY!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

- November 22, 2009**
Lesson 10 - Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son
Teach J Saffell
Monitor K Larson
- November 29, 2009**
NO BIBLE HOUR
- December 6, 2009**
Lesson 11- Sermon on the Mount
Teach K Larson
Monitor A Keele
- December 13, 2009**
Lesson 12- Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street
- December 20, 2009**
NO BIBLE HOUR
- December 27, 2009**
NO BIBLE HOUR

WHEN WE FUMBLE THE WORDS

Bryan Chapell uses the classic tale of Cyrano de Bergerac to make a unique point directed toward our thoughts and understanding of prayer. Bryan reminds us that a young man named Christian tries to court a beauty named Roxane, but he does not know the words to say. Cyrano, an older man, comes to Christian's aid by standing in the shadows beneath Roxane's window and prompting the suitor with whispered words of lavish prose. The ruse works for a bit, but then the youth bumbles even the words that Cyrano supplies. Cyrano comes to the rescue again and speaks so eloquently for the young man that Roxane's heart yields. Christian and Roxane wed, but Cyrano's words continue to echo with such passion through the story that it becomes clear that they came from his heart. With his own voice and words, Cyrano helped Christian woo Roxane. Cyrano wanted the best for her because he loved her too.

While the parallels are not exact, of course, there is divine help promised to Christians in prayer that gives us hope and strength. Though we may not know the words to say when we pray, another speaks to the Father on our behalf, for our good. Bryan Chapell suggests that the Holy Spirit does not merely supply the fervor and content of our prayers; He gives us the Savior's voice to make our petitions. Jesus tells his disciples that when they face persecution for their faith, they should not worry about the words to say, "for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit" (Mark 13:11).

With this said and out on the table, I am not always sure what to think about it. Do I think that what Jesus promised to his disciples in Mark 13 applies to us today? That is a good question... but I am sure that the passage in Romans was meant for all Christians alike. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27).

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, November 22: *"Be Thankful"*

Born Again: Congratulations to the following for choosing to put their Lord on in baptism.:
Karen Ames, Friday, November 6 and **Ethan Hancock**, Sunday, November 8.

Congregational News

A baby shower for Kyler Roper, TODAY, from 2 to 4 in the Parlor. Brett & Kyler are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies-R-Us and Wal*Mart.



Christian Business Breakfast will be this Friday, November 20 at 7 am in the OC. Our speaker this month will be Jim Roberts, Managing Partner for Henderson Investments. Contact Brent Saffell if you plan to attend.

Scrapbook Night, Friday, November 20 from 6-12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring snacks & drinks.. Questions? Check with Shannon Koeninger (346-5130).

Ladies Craft Getaway, Saturday, November 21 from 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a continental breakfast followed by holiday craft displays, demonstrations, and some make-and-take.

Updated Directory Information: If you were not able to review your info during Sunday morning Bible class a copy can be found at a table on the north side of the foyer. If you edited your info in class please don't mark it again.



Life Group Leader Training Dates

Open to Life Group Leaders, Co-leaders, wives and anyone else who is interested in the training material.

Saturday, November 21

Meet in 103 N

8:00-11:00 am Sessions 4-6

Make-up Dates

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 12

8:00-11:00 am Sessions 1-3

Saturday, December 19

8:00-11:00 am Sessions 4-6

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 (991-8457)• Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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In Mike's Basket (continued)

What a feeling to know that the God of the universe calls you ***His friend!*** But the best part of the story is this part: *It's true for us today as well!* The same principle applies! Jesus said: **"You are my friends if you do what I command."** **John 15:14.** We have come in contact with someone BEYOND famous... that should make your arm hairs stand up too! :o) A relationship with the Redeemer of the world should be something we talk about as well! I pray that each of us feels a great sense of pride and honor in calling God our friend, but even better, understanding that God calls us ***His friend!*** Have a great week! *Mike*

Join us in celebrating the

90th Birthday

of

Almeta Talley

and her twin sister

Wauneta Walters

Friday, November 27, 2009

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Silver Arrow Retirement Center

Community Building

2601 S Elm Place, Broken Arrow, OK

Your presence is the only gift they wish for.

Wednesday Night Meals

**Menu: Chopped BBQ Pork
Open Face Sandwiches**

Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Cost: Adults \$3.00

Children 6-11 \$2.00

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*



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.

November 22, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Scott Keele

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS
Steve Copeland

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Kevin Guillette
2. Lee Turner
3. Jimmy Turner
4. Harold Tydings
5. David Updike
6. Cameron Walker
7. Terry Walker
8. Jim Walton
9. Tim Walton
10. Keith Walvoord
11. Joshua Wann
12. Steve Wann
13. Rick Ward
14. Jeff Watson
15. John Wells

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Robby Mosley
For Cup - Ken Palmer

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

James Parker

CLOSING PRAYER

Jim Parker

November 22, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Ray Wilburn

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Elaine Maynard Nancy McWherter
Jeanne Mason JoAnn Mitchell

DOORGREETERS

1. Junior & Joyce Ackley
2. Carl & Peggy Alexander
3. Bernard & Carol Anderson
4. Clyde Barnes & Sandra Butler
5. Mitchell & Charlene Bean
6. Harold & Dorothy Billings

USHERS

2. Cliff Fitzgerald
3. Rocky Giles
4. Bill Hancock
5. Archer Honea

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gayle Langston & Sue Brewer
PM Hosts - Steve & Jackie McDonald

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Bruce & Wanda Johns
Gary & Gail Southern

PM Hosts - Sonny & Rosie Steele
Brent & Barbara Saffell

November 22, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
David Maynard

EVENING PRAYERS

Reece Parker
Jared Pence

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

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

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Paris York
Victor York

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:

Leslie Brewer is in St Francis, room 6110, following more surgery.
Tabitha Hansen is in St. Francis, #7121, began a new round of chemo treatment for lymphoma.
Barbara Poteet is home following several days in the hospital. Surgery will follow at a later date to repair her colon.
Ray Downey (Jason Bradley's uncle) of Junction City, AR has stage 4 liver cancer. He is being treated at MD Anderson.
Linda Kirk (niece of Ruby Mitchell) is in St. Francis with bone cancer.
Tony Lightsey (member at Whispering Hills) had outpatient surgery at St. John's on Friday for a torn retina.

Members: *Mike Baskett, Heather Blevins, Rhonda Blackstock, Leslie Brewer, Laura Copeland, Marge Curnutt, Gage Dixon, Georgiana Dixon, Ray Duwe, Camille Fitzgerald, Robbi Gilliland, Tabitha Hansen, Naomi Hall, Jack Hudkins, Carolyn Keele, Brody Kuykendall, Carolyn Lee, John D. Lee, Edwina Lyle, Jared Scism (in Japan), Karen Scism*

Friends & Family: Janiece Arnold (minister's wife in Blair, NE), LeAnna Blanchard (sister of Shane Blackstock), Joyce Burdine (mother of Jennifer Bradley), Myrad Copeland (friend of Sue Doss), Josh Detherage (nephew of Bill & Colleen), Joe Long (father of Valerie Hale), Annette Overton (mother of Rhonda Blackstock),
(Prayer List continued on back of insert)

WEDNESDAY - November 25, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Bill Davis & Lynn Marshall

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Keith & Frances Kashwer
Jim Lee & Junior Nipps

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
November 8, 2009

Bible Class	477
AM Worship	691
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	459
Contribution	\$17,448
Budget	\$21,016
Contribution YTD	\$899,019
Budget YTD	\$945,720
Over/(Under)	(\$46,701)

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: Willard & Shelby Pyles (parents of Tim Pyles), Jackson Ortiz (grandson of Bill & Lisa Hancock), Evalyn Sneed (mother of Denny Sneed), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hill)*, Frankie Weir (mother of Dana Turner)

Military: *Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Steven Copeland, Justin Garrison, Lucas Heffner, 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, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young*

Shut-ins: Mary Barton, Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Bill Childress, Sacia Coleman, Ruth Davis, Neal Dobbins, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Vanelle Helm, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, John D. Lee, Laura Moore, Lonita Nutt, Bill Powers, Jack & Doris Steele, Dorothy Stutz, Pat Tobey

Long-term illness: Carla Bare, Mitchell Bean, Leslie Brewer, Pam Bonwell, Pat Boulter, Jim & Frances Bryan, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Emily Graves, Dee Hall, Lisa Hancock, Roxanna Honea, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Alta & Lloyd Lamirand, John A. Lee, Sharon Love, Betty Martin, James & Belinda Mitchell, Don Spink, Sonny Steele, Walt Willson, Paris York

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jim & Roberta Parker** on the birth of a new granddaughter, **Kali Chase Lay**. Proud parents are **Jeanne & Alan Lay**, of Owasso. She was born Nov. 11, weighing 7 lbs & 10 ozs. Aunts, uncles & cousins are the **Reece Parker & Jim Hoffmeister families**.



Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Tom & Sacia Coleman** on the death of Tom's mother, Edna Coleman, on Friday, October 30. Her service was held in Stamps, AR.

Deepest sympathy is sent to **Carl & Peggy Alexander** on the death of Peggy's brother-in-law, E. R. Spears. He passed away on Wednesday in Stroud.

Thank You

Dear church family, Thank you for your continued thoughtfulness and prayers. We appreciate all you've done to help with Robbie's hospitalization and her difficult transition to home health care. The meals were delicious and the visits and calls were precious. May God bless you all in His service, **Robbie Gilliland and family**.

More Congregational News



Lap Robes, crocheted or knitted, are needed by Wednesday, November 25th. We currently only have about twenty on hand. Please contact Berniece Rumsey at 286-1473 if you have someone special that you would like to receive a hand made lap robe.

Turkey Smoke Under the Stars:

Bring your holiday birds to the church building Wednesday evening, November 25. The smoker will be on duty all night long smoking turkeys for thanksgiving. Be sure to plan ahead, birds need to be completely thawed by Wednesday evening. See Paul Haddock or Greg Dixon for more information.



Men's Retreat 2009 Sign-Up: Friday & Saturday, December 4-5 at Burnt Cabin. Speaker will be Darin Sixkiller, Outreach/Men's minister at Alameda church of Christ in Norman OK. Cost is \$30.00. Sign-up at the table in the foyer.

Hope Harbor Christmas Wish Lists are in the foyer. Please indicate on the sheet above the table which child or cottage you've chosen. Gifts are due back by Dec. 6th. Leave gifts at the Info. Center.

Clothing Room opens Saturday, December 5, from 9-11 am. Volunteers are needed. Please sign-up in the foyer.

Are you interested in preparing young children academically, socially, and spiritually? Kids Kare needs substitutes for aide & teacher positions. If you are available on Tuesday, Wednesday &/or Thursday from 9 am to 2:30 pm and willing to help and get paid at the same time please contact Melissa Gillin at 314-4150 or the church office at 258-9602.

New Nursery Project Donations of pack 'n plays, rockers, bouncy seats and blankets are needed. If anyone has items they would like to donate contact April Price at april-price@cox.net or 810-6508. Painting and decorating will begin soon.



Sunday's Coming: If you have been receiving the Sunday's Coming email, but did not receive it this past week, please send your preferred email to Colleen Detherage at cdetherage@bacoc.org

Blue Digital Camera Missing; If you happen to know where the church office camera might be hiding please let someone **from the office know**.

2010 Singles Weekend at Disney World: January 29-31. Details can be found in the CYP classroom and on our website www.bacoc.org.

Westview Boys' Home Piggy Bank Shower has received **\$1938.00** as of Friday, November 13.

If you would like to help purchase pigs (\$2500.00) for 5 boys to raise and have not already contributed you may give your contribution to Nancy Johnson, Lawana Duwe, Emma Mosby or to the office. Checks may be made out to the Broken Arrow Church of Christ.

