



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Five-Word Sermon

On Sunday, October 18, we were still involved in the "Dear Church" series of sermons from the book of I Corinthians. The lesson title that morning was "Dear Church: Can You Hear Me Now?" which focused on spiritual gifts like knowledge, tongues (languages), and prophecy which were intended by the Holy Spirit to be used for the effective communication of the Gospel of Christ, the strengthening of faith, and the edification of the church. However, these gifts were being exercised in a very selfish and competitive manner in Corinth. Their assemblies were being treated like "show-and-tell" opportunities for individuals to showcase their particular gifts. Some who possessed the gift of tongues insisted on speaking and praying in those languages even when it was not the vernacular of the assembly and when there was no one present with the gift of interpretation. Their assemblies were becoming filled with unintelligible noise, confusion, and chaos. Within this context, Paul wrote, "However, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue" (I Corinthians 14:19).

In my enthusiasm to emphasize the point that five intelligible words are of infinitely greater value than ten thousand spoken in an unknown language, I excitedly (and totally spontaneously) stated that I would prepare a five-word sermon sometime in the future. I later made a mental note to myself to stick with my outline. It appears to be dangerous for me to deviate from it!

Well, today is the day! I will only speak five words in the sermon this morning. However, we will use our available technology to supplement those words with PowerPoint slides containing Scriptures for you to read to yourselves, songs that you will sing together that are related to those words, images for you to focus on as you meditate on these spiritual concepts, and a couple of Scriptures that you will be asked to read aloud together as you stand just before the invitation song. I will share with you later some of the great suggestions that I had from various individuals about possible five-word sermons that I could deliver. My hope and prayer is that these five words will help you focus on the message of the Gospel and that they, along with the accompanying Scriptures and songs, will be carried with you into the coming week.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

In Moments Like These - 239

This Is My Father's World - 991

Shepherd's Prayer – Richard Davis

Our God, He Is Alive - 23

Ten Thousand Angels - 349

Lord's Supper

Contribution

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - 528

Scripture Reading - Acts 2:22-24, 32-39

NO BIBLE HOUR

"Five Intelligible Words"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Nothing But the Blood - 902

To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way- 867

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jordan Maples

Guest Speaker - Pete Hunt

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.

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
- **Relationships Matter** starts next Sunday. Take advantage of this great opportunity to invite friends and enrich your own relationships
- 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
- Shepherd contact for December - Richard Davis
- Next shepherd/ministers meetings - November 30 & December 14
- Church office closed - December 23-25
- Church office closed - December 31 & January 1

In Mike's Basket

Rudyard Kipling, the author of *The Jungle Book*, was so popular at one point in time in his career that his writings were getting ten shillings per word (about \$10.00). Sweet! This bulletin article contains 483 words, if written by Kipling, that would be a nice \$4,830 paycheck! Anyway, back to the story... a few college students didn't appreciate Kipling's writings so they lightheartedly sent him a letter and enclosed ten shillings. The letter read: "Please send us your best word." They got back a letter from Kipling with a one word, "best word" reply: **"Thanks."**

We've all heard tons of sermons on *1 Thessalonians 5:17*, "...pray continually" but the next verse is a good one too! It reads: **"...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."** Paul says that you and I are to give thanks in all circumstances. That no matter what happens in life - whether life is going great or whether we are in the midst of a storm we can still give thanks to God. In other words, no matter how bad life "feels," there's always something we can thank God for! Unfortunately, instead of giving thanks for what God has blessed us with, we focus on the negative or what we don't have! For example: Have you seen the commercial of the man sitting with the two little girls at a table? He asks the first little girl, "Would you like a pony?" She enthusiastically nods her head, "Yes!" He hands her a cute little toy pony and her face beams with joy! He then asks the other little girl, "Would you like a pony?" With a very exuberant smile she says, "Yes." The unexpected now happens - he coaxes out (hidden behind a toy house) a REAL pony and the girl is thrilled! The first little girl's smile has now faded... and she says, "You didn't say I could have a real pony." To which he responds, "You didn't ask." It's a commercial about "fine print" and recognizing a "bad deal" when you see it... but it teaches us a simple lesson: WE HAVE A HARD TIME BEING THANKFUL BECAUSE WE'RE NOT CONTENT! Isn't it true? People are absolutely content until they start walking through the mall. People love their car until they catch a glimpse of that new Chevrolet Camaro. People haven't even considered their cabinets are outdated, until they watch a home improvement show. We, of all people, need to **"...give thanks in all circumstances."**

God has done so much for us! My goal this Thanksgiving is to quit being farsighted and become nearsighted. I want to be thankful for what I have! To thank God in all circumstances! To be acutely aware of the gift of eternal life given to me by a loving Savior! And say, "Thanks!" Have a great week. *Mike*

CURRENT EVENT

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- 29 LTC 1st Meeting
HS Activity**
- 3 GoldenAgers Holiday Party
- 4-5 Men's Retreat
- 5 Clothing Room Open
- 6 **MS Devo****
- 6-9 Relationships Matter
- 8 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
- 9 Take-A-City #4 meeting
- 11 Rhoades Christmas Party
- 12 Life Group Leader Training
- 13 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Area Wide**
- 18 Christian Business Breakfast
- 19 Life Group Leader Training
- 20 Soup & Sandwich Lunch & Afternoon Devo in OC
HS Devo**
- 23-25 Office Closed
- 31-Jan 1 Office Closed
- Jan 8 LTC 1st Pre-convention Events Due!!

FUTURE:

- Jan 29-31 **Akouo****
- Jan 29-31 Singles Weekend at Disney World

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Nov 29 **HS Activity****
- Dec 6 **MS Devo****
- Dec 13 **Area Wide****
- Dec 20 **HS Devo****
- Jan 29-31 **Akouo****

LTC!!!

MEETING TODAY @ 4 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

All interested adults, coaches and sponsors please be here!!!

Teens

Rhoades Elementary
Christmas Party
Friday Dec. 11

Dinner
Games
Santa
Pictures
Cookies

High school teens needed. Mark your calendar. Watch for sign-ups.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

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

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES

December 2009 – February 2010

College/Young Prof.....	203N
Dave Larson	Exodus
Young Families	OC6
Tim Walton	Faith Makes a Difference
30's.....	OC5
Scott Keele	I Corinthians
40's.....	OC4
Reece Parker	Nehemiah
50's.....	103N
Archer Honea	Job
Encouragement	OC7
Tim Pyles	Luke
60's	Parlor
Ron Baxter.....	The Church that Jesus Built
Adult.....	Auditorium
John Wells.....	Exodus
Ladies Class.....	101N
E. Dowdy/L. Turner	Richer Relationships
Lord's Ladies.....	OC3
L. Brown/M. Harris	I Peter

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, December 6: "Let's Talk About Heaven"

New Members: Jerry & Judy Warren, 2205 W Louisville St, Broken Arrow, 74012 ph. 258-2139

Born Again: Taylor Caballero put her Lord on in baptism on Monday, November 23. She and her family have been worshipping with us recently.

Congregational News

LTC Planning Meeting: Our first meeting will be TODAY at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This a planning meeting for sponsors and pre-convention events. Anyone associated with LTC in any way is encouraged to attend.



GoldenAgers Holiday Party - Thursday, December 3 - 6:30 PM: All GoldenAgers are invited to attend a Christmas party at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger food and a \$10.00 wrapped gift for each member of the family. Come join all the fun

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.

Clothing Room will be closed the week of Thanksgiving also the month of December following the opening to the public on Saturday, December 5, from 9-11 am. Volunteers are needed to help with the opening. Please sign-up in the foyer.



Life Group Leader Training Dates

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

Make-up Dates

Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Dec. 12

8:00-11:00 am

Sessions 1-3

Saturday, Dec. 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)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Wednesday Night Meal

Menu: Mexican Stack-Up

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:

*Unbleached
Flour*



Presented by Dr. Jerry & Lynn Jones

December 6-9, 2009

Sunday, December 6

9 AM Bible Class.....Women of God—Lynn Jones

.....Men of God—Jerry Jones

10 AM Worship.....The Servant Heart—Jerry

2 PMRecovery from Death or Divorce

3 PMParenting 101

(All We Wanted Was a Baby to Hold!)

4 PMBREAK

5 PMGod's Ideal Marriage—Jerry

6 PMAffair-Proofing Your Marriage

Monday, December 7

7 PMPlease Listen to Me (Part 1)

8 PMPlease Listen to Me (Part 2)

Tuesday, December 8

7 PMUnrealistic Expectations

(This Is Not Quite What I Expected)

8 PMTrouble in Paradise: Pornography

Wednesday, December 9

7 PMLoving Your Mate

Through The Season Of Life (Part 1)

8 PMLoving Your Mate

Through The Season Of Life (Part 2)

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thompson

and

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schnell

invite you to join them in asking

God's blessing upon the union of

Katherine Ann Thompson

and

Eli David Schnell

Saturday, the nineteenth of December

Two thousand and nine

at

Orasso Church of Christ

10510 N 129th East Avenue

Orasso, Oklahoma



December 6, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS
Charles Emerson

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Erich Anderson
2. Don Ames
3. Bob Arledge
4. Clyde Barnes
5. Ron Baxter
6. Dan Beisiegel
7. Harold Billings
8. Bruce Binkley
9. Shane Blackstock
10. Travis Blevins
11. Sherman Boley
12. John Bonwell
13. Duane Bresee
14. Dwayne Canton
15. John Cash

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Brian Street
For Cup - Fred Suffridge

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Kyle Thomas

CLOSING PRAYER

Bill Thrailkill

December 6, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Keith Walvoord

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Sandra Watts Andrea Suffridge
Beth Whisenhunt Peggy Alexander

DOORGREETERS

1. Brian & Tama Davis
2. Richard & Janet Davis
3. Kristina Dixon & Cliff Fitzgerald
4. James & Frances Garrett
5. Rocky & Dawn Giles
6. George & Phyllis Gwinn

USHERS

2. Kevin Lee
3. Jerry Lundy
4. Steve McDonald
5. Bill Murdock

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Jared & Cara Pence
PM Hosts - Linda Kirk & Peggy Hill

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Mary Jane Carriger & Sue Doss
 Jack & Gloria Hale

PM Hosts - Gerry & Darla Lynn
 Rich & Becky Kilmer

December 6, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Archer Honea

EVENING PRAYERS

Lee Turner
Jimmy Turner

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Gail West Kelli Warren
Cynthia Walvoord Carolyn Vest

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Terry Craghead
Jim Coghill

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:

Larry Brewer is home from the hospital after a heart attack on Sunday. He will be seeing a cardiologist on Tuesday to review his options.

Dee Hall is in St. Francis South, room 251, with pneumonia.

Tabitha Hansen is in St. Francis, #7121. She began a new round of chemo treatment for lymphoma.

Helen Holleyman will have throat surgery on Wednesday, December 2, at SouthCrest.

The father & grandfather of Erich Anderson are both very ill. His father has reoccurring cancer & his grandfather recently had a heart attack & stroke.

Brenda Castle (Cathy Lovelace's neighbor) had a procedure run on Monday.

Ashley Summers (parent of Sherri Holleyman's student) is critically ill. She is pregnant & has two blood clots around her lungs.

Chris Daniel (step-brother of Diann Baker) has stage 3 cancer. Please, also remember Diann's mother, **Charlotte Soward**.

Sherri Rider returned home on Saturday, November 21. Her address is 23497 King St., Broken Arrow, 74014

Shirley van der Spuy (minister's wife & friend of Colleen Detherage) is in serious condition following brain surgery in South Africa.

John Ware (Phylis McWherter's brother) will have a 9 hour exploratory cancer surgery in New Orleans on Thursday, December 3.

Frankie Weir (Dana Turner's mother) is now at the Turner house after another trip to the hospital.

(Prayer List continued on back of insert)

WEDNESDAY - December 9, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Erma Wiginton & Julie Parette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Dick & Sharon Myers
Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
November 22, 2009

Bible Class	482
AM Worship	741
PM Worship	300
Wednesday	NA
Contribution	\$17,482
Budget	\$21,016
Contribution YTD	\$933,144
Budget YTD	\$987,752
Over/(Under)	(\$54,608)

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: Mike Baskett, Heather Blevins, Rhonda Blackstock, Leslie Brewer, Destin Byers (grandson of Robert & Barbara Byers), Laura Copeland, Marge Curnutt, Gage Dixon, Georgiana Dixon, Ray Duwe, Camille Fitzgerald, Robbi Gilliland, Naomi Hall, Jack Hudkins, Carolyn Keele, Brody Kuykendall, Carolyn Lee, John D. Lee, Edwina Lyle, Barbara Poteet, Jared Scism (in Japan), Karen Scism

Friends & Family: Janiece Arnold (minister's wife in Blair, NE), Juanita Caton (sister of Ken Toby & Dorothy Billings), Myrad Copeland (friend of Sue Doss), Ray Downey (Jason Bradley's uncle), Eula Gordon (sister of Rosie Steele), Linda Kirk (niece of Ruby Mitchell), Tony Lightsey (member at Whispering Hills), Joe Long (father of Valerie Hale), Annette Overton (mother of Rhonda Blackstock), Jackson Ortiz (grandson of Bill & Lisa Hancock), Sheri Rider (former member), Linda Taylor (Gina Mahaffey's aunt), Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hill), Julie Thrash (daughter of Fran Garrett), Kara Cozart Van Meter (Mary Harper's daughter & Julie Parette's sister)

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, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young

OFFICE NEEDS:

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.

Directory Photos: If you have not had your directory photo taken (new member, family changes, etc.) please call the office to set-up a time.

Thank You

Thank you for your concern and prayers. On November 30th I will start a new job in Tulsa.
Bill Thrailkill

More Congregational News

Relationships Matter Children's Classes:

Two of our young ladies have agreed to plan children's classes during the seminar. Several volunteers will be needed. There will be separate classes for Nursery, Toddler, Preschool and Elementary children. Sign-up in the foyer to help.

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

Contact Church of Christ Annual Christmas Store:

Gifts are needed for kids 0-16.

Bring them unwrapped with price tags on them. Needy families will have opportunity to purchase gifts at 25% of original price. Proceeds go towards Contact **Kidz Camp** where 70+ kids go to a Christian summer camp for a week at no cost to them. Gifts need to be at the building by Dec. 9th.

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 aprilprice@cox.net or 810-6508. Painting and decorating will begin soon.

2010 Singles Weekend at Disney World:

January 29-31. Details can be found in the CYP classroom and on our website www.bacoc.org.

GoldenAgers December Calendars can be picked-up at the Information Center.



A BIG THANK YOU

from the Tuesday ladies Bible Class to all those that contributed to the Westview Boys'

Home Piggy Shower. We received \$2845.00, enough to purchase pigs for 5 boys plus money for other needs.

