



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Bruce, Charles, Dave, David, Gary, Glen, Keith, Richard, Richard, Ron, Steve, Tim. If you are a visitor, or perhaps one of our newer members, this might appear to be a random list of names. However, most of you probably recognize these as the first names of our twelve shepherds here at the Broken Arrow church. I first met these men in late January of this year and have been blessed to serve under their oversight for the last eight months. I have prayed with them. I have sat in meetings with them in which the spiritual health, growth, and maturity of the congregation were purposefully and productively discussed. I have listened to them sincerely and compassionately discuss and pray about needs of the members of this church family: health concerns, spiritual struggles, financial needs, and relationship challenges. I have seen them rejoice over the salvation of souls and over encouraging news from our mission works. I have heard them pray for wisdom. I have seen them minister to hurting brothers and sisters in Christ.

I have also seen our elders respond with great patience and kindness when members of the congregation approach them with questions, concerns, complaints, and criticisms. The apostle Paul wrote that agape love acts that way. "Love is patient, love is kind..." (1 Cor. 13:4-7). I have witnessed our elders demonstrate that kind of love when members have gotten their feathers ruffled over this matter or that, and I have marveled at their patience. Too often, I don't possess that level of forbearance. God, in His wisdom, did not ordain that His church be led by elders just so that His people would have someone to gripe at! He provided spiritual leaders and guides to "lead us and feed us" in Christ. Scripture says that we, as members of Christ's flock, have a responsibility to help make our overseers' work joyful and not burdensome or sorrowful (Hebrews 13:17). How well are we doing this? How often do we take the time to offer words of appreciation, affirmation, and encouragement to our shepherds for their selfless devotion and commitment to Christ and His church? I am officially declaring today to be "Elder Appreciation Day." If you find yourself about to "lay some negativity" on one of our shepherds, unless it is a life-or-death matter or someone's soul is hanging in the balance, just keep it to yourself today. Have you hugged your elders lately?

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

He Has Made Me Glad - 103

All Things Praise Thee - 43

Shepherd's Prayer – Ron Baxter

Soldiers of Christ, Arise - 647

Worthy Is the Lamb - 234

Lord's Supper

Contribution

The Steadfast Love of the Lord - 123

BIBLE HOUR - *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 16:1-9, 19-24

"Dear Church: See You Soon! Love, Paul!"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Nothing But the Blood - 902

He Gave Me a Song - 608

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

Speaker - Mike Baskett

MISSION FORUM

CONTRIBUTION

CASH \$77,961.93

PLEDGES 72,774.00

TOTAL \$150,735.93

Includes \$5000.00

from the BERTHA JOICE Trust Fund

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
- Thank you for your generosity to Mission Forum. Over \$150,000 committed
- Pray for all our mission efforts in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, the United States, and all around the world
- Summary of shepherds/ministers meeting: Nov. 2
 1. Updates on ministry activities
 - ≈ Protecting & feeding: India, Conifer, CO, Library, Mission Forum, New Member Visitation, Adult Education Curriculum, Worship
 - ≈ Leading & Governing: Fall planning meeting delayed, Involvement Ministry, Budget process, Pictorial directory
 - ≈ Practical Needs: Helping Hands, Youth & Family, Kids Kare
 2. Update on Relationships Matter seminar
- Life Group leaders training begins Saturday, November 14

Future View

Shepherd contact for November - Steve Copeland
Area wide shepherds & ministers dinner at Park Plaza - Nov. 16
Next shepherd/ministers meeting - December
Relationships Matter - December 6-9

In Mike's Basket

Anybody interested? I've got t-shirts for sale! :o) I know this is a weird start for my weekly "space" but I just need to pass on information and make some requests! Thanks for allowing me to do this! As you know, we had a t-shirt designed last spring for our youth (still displayed on the youth bulletin board) and have been making sure everyone that wanted one could order one or purchase one if they so wanted. I know we've added a new 6th grade class to our group as well as new members in these past 7 months! So if you're interested...we have some in stock and will also call-in a new order. It's been really tough getting those that ordered them originally to actually purchase them, so now they're available to whomever has the cashola! :o) They are \$10.00 each. I think it's an awesome thing to have a "youth shirt" for our teens as well as those involved with our youth – AND for anyone that would want one! **So now these are open to any takers!!** I have 8 small shirts and 16 medium shirts IN STOCK. I have 10 people who want t-shirts in larges, x-larges, and 2x's, but need 20 to make a new order. SOOOOOO, if you'd like a t-shirt in a small or medium – they are available! If you'd like to add your name to the list of those wanting larger sizes – please do so at the round table by the youth booth. Karen and I will be available by the booth for those interested! Thanks so much!

Ski trip is coming! I have made arrangements for 24 spots (more can be added if we have interest) in a nice Inn near the slopes of Winter Park Ski Resort. This is a trip for high schoolers and older...the details are on the round table by the youth booth! Please sign-up if you're interested!

Mike

CURRENT EVENT

NOVEMBER

- 8 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Shara Stidham Baby Shower
MUD
HS Bible Bowl Begins**
- 10 Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon:
Westview Boys Home Piggy Shower
- 13-14 **HS Girls Fall Party****
- 13-15 GoldenAgers to Branson
- 14 Life Group Leader Training
SMORG @ the Basketts'**
- 15 Kyler Roper Baby Shower
Area Wide Skate Nite**
- 20 Christian Business Breakfast
- 21 Life Group Leader Training
- 20-22 **Fall Retreat****
- 22 **MS/HS Devo in the OC****

FUTURE:

- Dec 4-5 Men's Retreat
- Dec 5 Christmas Parade
Clothing Room Open
- Dec 6-9 Relationships Matter
- Dec 9 Take-A-City #4 meeting
- Dec 12 Life Group Leader Training
- Dec 19 Life Group Leader Training
- Dec 20 Soup & Sandwich Lunch &
Afternoon Devo in OC

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Nov 14 **SMORG** @ the Basketts'**
- Nov 15 **Area Wide Skate Nite****
- Nov 20-22 **Fall Retreat****
- Nov 22 **MS/HS Devo in the OC****

Teens

TONIGHT!!

**•HS BIBLE BOWL
PRACTICE BEGINS AT 5
PM. MEET IN NORTH WING,
UPSTAIRS. BRING YOUR TEXT-
2 SAMUEL, MARKERS & A
READY & WILLING ATTITUDE.**

**•WORK ON SONGBOOKS !!
MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP
HALL ABOUT 7PM. EAT FIRST!**

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

November 17, 2009

Lesson 9 - The Samaritan Woman at the Well

Teach I Honea
Monitor J Saffell

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

In order for Greg Lougainis to win two gold medals in succeeding Olympics (and be the first ever to do that in diving), he must do this dive perfectly. Greg is standing on the diving platform in the 1988 Olympics, ten meters above the water, ready to make his last dive. He is the last diver of the day, and he is following young Xiang Ni, the Chinese diver who currently has the leading score. Ni, just moments before, had beautifully executed the same dive Greg must do. Do you remember the tension of that moment? Greg has a bruised wrist and a cut on the back of his head from an earlier dive, and his stomach is giving him trouble. Greg pauses a moment before he steps up. Then he rips the dive--powerfully, flawlessly, and he wins it!

A reporter asked him, "What were you thinking about, standing up there on that platform?"

"Well, I was thinking: If I don't win, my mother will still love me."

The bond between a mother and her child is a powerful thing. And while this bond between mother and child comes about almost naturally--unintentionally--great moms are anything but unintentional. They work at being a great mom. They plan and set goals--they are intentional... and they are the heart of the home!

While it is not Mother's Day... and your mother's birthday may be at a different time of the year than Fall.. or in the month of November it is easy for our hearts to be drawn back toward our mothers as they have showered us with nurturing love and compassion. Here are a few quotes from people about their mothers.

"My mother has always been an 'old fashion' (some would say) Christian, who believed in two things: The Lord and her family."

"After we left for school each morning, she would go to each of our rooms and pray for us individually as our day began."

"She read a Bible story book to us at bedtime. On our way home from church service, she would always ask what we learned in Bible class. She lived her faith more than she talked it."

These words are just words of encouragement, Moms. Thank you... We love you! We are thankful God gave us... to you!

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, November 15: *"Christ is Our Hope"*

New Members: Stephen & Kathie LupPlace, 2527 E Albany St, Apt. H, 74014 ph. 893-6158

Directory Changes: Joshua & Jaclyn Wann, 514 N Village Place, BA, 74012

Terry & Dawn Walker, ph # 853-9391

Congregational News

A baby shower for Shara Stidham, TODAY, from 1 to 2:30 in the Parlor. Branden & Shara are registered at Babies-R-Us and Target. They are expecting a girl.

MUD will meet in 101N today at 4 pm.

Westview Boys' Home —Tuesday Ladies Bible Class'



15th Annual Piggy Bank Shower will be this Tuesday, November 10. The goal this year is to collect enough money to sponsor five boys and their pigs. This works out to be \$2500. Everyone is invited to be a part of this program. A

brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall following Ladies Bible Class and men are welcome to attend.

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

Life Group Leader Training Dates

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

Saturday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 21

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

Make-up Dates

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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Wednesday Night Meals

Menu: Pork Loin

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:

*Canned White
Chicken Meat*



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 15, 2009 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER
Kyle Thomas

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS
Bruce Binkley

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 - Corey Jones
For Cup - Rick Jones

PRAYER FOR OFFER

Richard Mosby

CLOSING PRAYER

David Maynard

November 15, 2009 - TO SERVE
SCRIPTURE READING
Fred Suffridge

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Brenda Layman	Katy King
Mignon Lee	Lisa King

DOORGREETERS

1. Carolyn Vest & Gail Baxter
2. John & Linda Wells
3. Walt & Terry Willson
4. Brent & Holly Worden
5. Paris & Rose York
6. Rich & Lorri Jones

USHERS

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

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bill & Charlotte Thraikill
PM Hosts - Mary T. Lynch & Carol Arledge

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jim & Darla Coghill
Edna Griffin & Jan Davis

PM Hosts - Harold & Dorothy Billings
Patrick & Jamie Edison

November 15, 2009 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER
Archer Honea

EVENING PRAYERS

Robert Michael
Bobbie Morrow

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Darla Lynn	Sharon Legg
Lynn Marshall	Lois McNeal

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Corey Wilson
Brent Worden

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:

Rhonda Blackstock is home following a few days in the hospital.

Gage Dixon had tests run in Oklahoma City on Thursday.

Camille Fitzgerald began radiation & chemo treatments for her lungs began this past week.

Tabitha Hansen is in St. Francis, #7121, began radiation treatment for lymphoma.

Carolyn Lee is recuperating at home following knee surgery.

Edwina Lyle is home following arthroscopic surgery on both knees last Tuesday.

Barbara Poteet is in SouthCrest, #521, with severe pain from a ruptured colon. No visitors, please.

Janiece Arnold (minister's wife in Blair, NE) is having severe pain following knee replacement surgery.

Myrad Copeland (friend of Sue Doss) of Stigler will be having cancer surgery this week.

Frankie Weir (mother of Dana Turner) is in Hillcrest. Doctors are adjusting her medications.

(Prayer List continued on back of insert)



WEDNESDAY - November 18, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Dave & Terri Larson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

John & Linda Wells
Jeff & Deanna Watson

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
November 1, 2009

Bible Class	467
AM Worship	645
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	421
Contribution	\$22,676
Budget	\$21,016
Contribution YTD	\$881,571
Budget YTD	\$924,704
Over/(Under)	(\$43,1337)

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, Leslie Brewer, Laura Copeland, Marge Curnutt, Georgiana Dixon, Ray Duwe, Robbi Gilliland, Tabitha Hansen, Naomi Hall, Jack Hudkins, Carolyn Keele, Brody Kuykendall, John D. Lee, Jared Scism (in Japan), Karen Scism, Don Spink

Friends & Family: LeAnna Blanchard (sister of Shane Blackstock), Joyce Burdine (mother of Jennifer Bradley), Josh Detherage (nephew of Bill & Colleen), Joe Long (father of Valerie Hale), Annette Overton (mother of Rhonda Blackstock), 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

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Eric & Jennifer Norris** on the birth of their son, **Thomas Earl**. He was born on Sunday, November 1 and weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz.

Sympathy

- is expressed to **Jack & Gloria Hale and Virgil & Billie Hale and their families** on the death of Jack & Virgil's brother, **Bob Hale**, of Tahlequah. His service was held on Thursday at the Tahlequah church of Christ.
- is sent to **Brent & Barbara Saffell and family** on the death of Barbara's uncle, **C.A. Buchanan** on Friday, October 30. He is the father of Eddie Buchanan from Edmond. C. A. was on the board of directors for Oklahoma Christian and was instrumental in moving the college to Edmond.
- is offered to **Walt, Terry & Robert Willson & family and the family of Gary & Liliya McCoy** on the death of **Carmelita McCoy** on Friday. She is Terry's mother and Gary's grandmother. Services are pending.

Thank You

Broken Arrow Church family, Thank you for all the prayers and concerns. In Christian Love,
The Leggs, Marty, Lisa, Kierstin & Robert

More Congregational News



A baby shower for Kyler Roper on Sunday, November 15, from 2 to 4 in the Parlor. Brett & Kyler are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies-R-Us and Wal*Mart.

Mission Forum Change Cans can be returned to the table below the Wyoming flag in the foyer at any time. This year the change will go to Ukrainian orphans.

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.



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.

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 There are plans for an upstairs quiet/nursing room for mothers and their babies in the north wing. We are experiencing a baby explosion. There

is not an adequate, private area for nursing mothers. This is not a budget item. Donations of pack 'n plays, rockers, bouncy seats and blankets are needed. If anyone has items they would like to donate they can see or contact April



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



HS GIRLS FALL PARTY

FRI. & SAT., NOV. 13-14, 7 PM - 9 AM