

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



# TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Our annual Mission Forum will be held on Sunday, November 1. In this space for the next three Sundays, Scott Keele, Mike Baskett and Rich Dolan will share insights with us and challenge us to continue fulfilling the Savior's call for His church to "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:19).

In II Kings 7, the city of Samaria in Israel was under heavy siege by the Arameans. The situation in the city was in an extreme downward spiral. Formerly worthless items were being sold at outrageous prices. Food supplies were entirely depleted. Elisha boldly prophesied that by the next day there would be a complete economic reversal and the restoration of prosperity. One royal official, in total disbelief, said that this could not happen even if the Lord made windows in heaven and showered down blessings. Sitting at the gate of the city that day were four lepers who were clinging to life. They reasoned, "If we go into the city, we will starve with the rest of the people. And if we just sit here, we will die. So let's go to the camp of the Arameans. If they spare us, we will live. If they kill us, we'll only die, which is going to happen anyway!" Late in the day, they walked out to the enemy camp and found the place completely deserted. The Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots, horses and a great army. Panic ensued, and Israel's enemies fled, leaving everything behind: gold, silver, clothing, tents, horses and donkeys. After eating and drinking their fill, looting two tents and hiding their newfound treasure, the consciences of the four lepers began to bother them. "We are not doing right. This is a day of great news, but we are keeping silent." An entire city was starving, and they were selfishly keeping the news of deliverance to themselves. The lepers quickly returned to the city to tell of what the Lord had done, and Samaria was saved from ruin.

We have been entrusted with the glorious Good News, Christ's Gospel of Salvation for all mankind. May our spirit be like that of Peter and John, "We cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard," (Acts 4:20).

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

**Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing - 121**

**Boundless Love - 325**

Shepherd's Prayer – Richard Mosby

**I Am Mine No More - 683**

**Beautiful Lamb of God**

Lord's Supper

Contribution

**Love One Another - 719**

**BIBLE HOUR - Jesus Turns Water into Wine**

Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 13:1-13

*"Dear Church: All You Need is Love"*

Speaker - Tim Pyles

**On Bended Knee - 791**

**Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing - 121**

Prayer

## 5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Archer Honea

Speaker - Scott Keele

## Next Sunday is Third Sunday Fellowship & Early Worship in the OC

Please bring soup, sandwiches & desserts for your family and one more. Be sure everything is ready to serve. Plan to stay for early afternoon worship.

There will be no 5 pm service.



## 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
- Welcome our new members. Help them get involved in our work
- Summary of ministers/shepherds meeting: October 5
  1. Round table discussion of ministries
    - Protecting & Feeding: India floods, Mission Forum plans, Take-A-City report, Life Group feedback
    - Leading & Governing: Budget process starting, fall planning session scheduling, leadership meetings continue
    - Practical Needs: Clothing give away, Financial Peace & Divorce Care being utilized
  2. Prayer requests and prayer offered
- Wednesday evening meals are back: 5:30 - 6:45 pm

### Future View

- Shepherd contact for October - Bruce Binkley
- Next Shepherd/Minister meetings - October 12
- Bible hour and Life Groups ministries reorganizing
- **"Fireproof"** coming October 24
- Mission Forum will be November 1
- **Relationships Matter** coming December 6-9

### In Mike's Basket

Jim Davis, a grocery store clerk who really loves his job, prides himself on his fast work. During his day you can watch his enthusiasm as he goes about "checking out" his customers. Folks will definitely look for him as they approach the check-outs as they know how fast and efficient he is. One of his pet-peeves is children. He listens to them gripe and complain and "want" everything they see while parents either yell and scream or totally ignore.

One evening, Jim was checking out a customer who had a shopping cart full of groceries. While he got into his fast-paced rhythm, a child behind him starting crying and screaming. Next thing Jim hears is, "Get down!"

"What a jerk," thought Jim, without even looking up; he just kept those groceries flying past the scanner. The kid behind him continued to cry and again he heard the man yell quite loudly, "Get down!"

"This guy is mean and rude," thought Jim, "what a poor parent." He continued checking groceries without missing a beat. Finishing the cart in record time he proudly looked up and said, "That will be \$93 dollars and 26 cents please." But no one was there! He looked around and was surprised to see everyone laying face down on the ground! He looked down and sure enough, his customer was laying on the floor too! As he turned around to see what was happening he noticed a man with a shotgun running out the front doors. The checker behind him, still laying on the floor, looked at him in disbelief and said, "Are you crazy, Jim? The second time that guy told you to 'get down' he had his shotgun pointed right at you!"

Have you ever been too busy to hear a warning? Have you ever been so preoccupied that you just didn't see or hear things around you? I think it's possible for us to get so used to the "noises" of our culture and the everyday banter of life that we might be distracted!! We might even get to the point that we don't recognize a warning when we should.

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## CURRENT EVENT

### OCTOBER

- 11 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- 11-17 Fall Camp Out
- 13 Tuesday Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
- 16 Christian Business Breakfast
- 17 GoldenAgers Hobo Stew Dinner
- 18 Third Sunday Lunch & Early Worship
- Area Wide Here\*\***
- 20 Ladies Bible Class & Workday
- 24 **Fireproof** video
- MS Halloween Party\*\***
- 25 Fall Good Guy Carnival**
- HS Devo\*\***
- 31 Trunk or Treat

### FUTURE:

- Nov 1 Mission Forum & World Potluck Luncheon
- Nov 3 GoldenAgers Social
- Nov 7 Wives of Deacons Brunch
- Nov 8 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- Nov 10 Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
- Nov 13-15 GoldenAgers to Branson
- Nov 15 Roper Baby Shower
- Area Wide Skate Nite\*\***
- Nov 20 Christian Business Breakfast
- Nov 20-22 Fall Retreat\*\***
- Dec 4-5 Men's Retreat
- Dec 6-9 Relationships Matter

### FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Oct 18 Area Wide Here\*\***
- Oct 24 MS Halloween Party\*\***
- Oct 25 HS Devo\*\***
- Nov 15 Area Wide Skate Nite\*\***
- Nov 20-22 Fall Retreat\*\***



**MS HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 24**  
**@ MIKE & DANA MARTIN'S HOME**

**BUS LEAVES BUILDING**  
**@ 6 PM & RETURNS @ 9:15 PM**

## CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru  
1st grade*

**October 18, 2009**

**NO BIBLE HOUR**

**Fall Break**

**October 25, 2009**

*Lesson 7 - Jesus & Nicodemus*

Teach G Murdock

Monitor H Martin

**November 1, 2009**

**NO BIBLE HOUR**

**Mission Forum**

**November 8, 2009**

*Lesson 8 - Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

Teach H Martin

Monitor I Honea

**November 17, 2009**

*Lesson 9 - The Samaritan Woman at the Well*

Teach I Honea

Monitor J Saffell

## **MANNA... What is it to you?**

I can only imagine what the Israelites must have thought the first time they laid their eyes on Manna. I know they were hungry because of the grumbling. And the grumbling came in the form of over-exaggeration. Here is what the former slaves had to say, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Wow... what a reaction. So do you get the idea that they were not only hungry, but very upset? Do you see how their need (for food) and their desires (for as much food as they want) were skewing their mindset and their attitude?

So the Lord provides them with bread from heaven, food given directly from God. (This is the same God that brought them out into this desert to die...in their words, blaming it on Moses, but really on God).

And my imagination sees the Israelites getting up that first 'manna' morning and seeing the dew on the ground. Scripture says the dew covered the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. And when the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

In verse 31 of Exodus chapter 16, the people of Israel called the bread, manna. Manna translated, literally means, "what is it?" So they called God's bread... "what is it?"

Could you ponder with me for a moment...the husband comes home from a hard day of work and asks his wife, "Honey, what's for dinner?" She responds, "Quail. But if you need a snack...there's some 'what is it?' on the table." "Is that the 'what is it?' from breakfast?" "Of course...all the 'what is it?' from yesterday is gone...you know that."

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**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, October 18: *"Loving But Firm"*

**New Address: David & Christina Vranesevich, 1701 E Atlanta St, BA, 74012**

## ***Congregational News***

**GoldenAgers Monthly Potluck Luncheon** is TODAY in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

**Take-A-City #6** will meet TONIGHT after worship at the front of the auditorium.

**Fall Break Campout THIS WEEK!** We have reserved 20 spaces in Sequoyah State Park, Cherokee Camping Area, Wagoner, OK. Please, let the camp host know you are with the BACOC Camp Group upon arrival. Questions, contact Dick Ray at 486-2850.



**Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Luncheon** will be held this Tuesday, October 13, following Bible Study at 10 am. Please bring salads & desserts and join us. We will have people from Cancer Care as our guest and will be presenting them with lap quilts for cancer patients.

**Christian Business Breakfast** will be this Friday, October 16, at 7 am in the OC. Our speaker this month will be Charlie Baker, Executive Coach, for Ernst & Young. Contact Brent Saffell if you plan to attend.



**GoldenAgers Hobo Stew Party**, Saturday, October 17, at Gerry & Darla Lynn's place on Fort Gibson Lake. Bring your favorite can of veggies to add to the pot. Also, bring crackers, bottled drinks & lawn chairs. The bus will leave the building at 3 pm. Don't miss the fun & games. Please sign up at the information booth by Wednesday, October 14.

**Flu Shots** are available at Reasor's stores Monday—Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Cost is \$25. Free to those on Medicare if you show your card.



## 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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### **MANNA... What is it to you?** (continued from page 3)

A Harding professor suggested that some ingenious Israelite trying to be creative in helping manna stay interesting invented "What is it?" Helper. My thought was that maybe they got creative with it...added some sugar...rolled it into a candy bar and called it *whatcha ma callit.* OK... Okay...enough of the puns. Here is the point, for 40 years the Israelites depended upon God for their very lives. At every meal they were reminded of God's gracious intervention even by the way they referred to this bread from heaven. They called it a question, "What is it?" and the answer was clear. It is a life sustaining gift from God!

Everyday...we take the time to eat. But do we take the time to recognize that God sustains us through our food? Everyday...we take God's gifts to make sure our physical life continues, but do we do the same for our spiritual life?

Encouragement: Do not neglect the opportunities you have to study the Bible. Do not discount your chance to interact with fellow Christians on Bible subjects on Sunday morning just because you are sleepy, or it's raining...or you have family in town... I'm sure you will still provide yourself with a physical meal...do so spiritually as well.

### **In Mike's Basket** (continued from page 2)

Maybe someone is warning us about our attitude, or a sin we are playing too close to, or maybe its just a poor choice that can only make things worse! We just keep doing what we're doing and think: "Oh, that's for someone else!"

We always put ourselves at risk when we blow-off important messages! The time will come when there won't be any opportunities to act on a warning. God said, "***This is my beloved Son, listen to Him!***" Are we truly listening? Have we allowed our busy lives to hinder Christ's messages? Paul said, "***I tell you, NOW is the time of God's favor, NOW is the day of salvation.***" **2 Cor. 6:2.** Today would be a good day to slow down and listen to the message of God! Today would be a good day to do that which you've been thinking about doing for awhile... whatever it is! Have a good week!  
*Mike*

## **NO Wednesday Nite Meal This Week!!**

### **Hope Harbor Needs:**

### *Green Chili Enchilada Sauce*



## **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).*



## PRAYER LIST (continued)

**Friends & Family:** Marge Keirse (friend of Joyce Ackley), Opal Pritchett (grandmother of Chris Slaton), Evalyn Sneed (mother of Denny Sneed), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hill)*

**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

## More Congregational News

**Wives-of-Deacons Brunch:** Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9:00-11:30, hosted in the home of Kim Pyles. RSVP to Kim at 994-7609

**GoldenAgers Trip to Branson, MO** will be November 13-15. The bus will leave at 8:30 am from the building for shopping & great shows. We will return Sunday afternoon. Sign-up at the information booth by Wednesday, October 28. There will be a meeting before we go regarding our hotel, shopping & shows to see. Questions? See Ron or Gail Baxter.



**Military DVD Ministry:** If you have family or friends in the military that would like to receive a DVD recording of our weekly Sunday morning worship, please contact the church office with their name and current address.



## FALL GOOD GUY CARNIVAL

For Nursery through 5th grade

October 25

6:30 pm in the OC

Sponsored by  
Middle School Youth

**Needed:** Donations of bags of individually wrapped candy. Please place them in the box by the Youth Booth.



## Sympathy

- goes out to **Rich and Becky Kilmer & family** on the death of Becky's uncle, Bud Dyer, of Lubbock, TX on Friday, October 2.
- is extended to **Judy Walker** on the death of her niece, Ruth Ann Birchett, in Stillwater last week. Her service was at Catoosa Church of Christ on Friday.
- is expressed to **Janice Pratt and family** on the death of **Wayne Pratt** on Wednesday, October 7. A memorial service will be held here tomorrow, Monday the 12th at 11:30 am. Memorials can be given to Mission Forum, a passion of Wayne's.

## Thank You

Brothers & Sisters in Christ, We thank you so much for all the prayers, calls & food for our son, James Mitchell. In Christian Love, **Jess & Ruby Mitchell**

## Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

### **Barne; & Noble Book Fair Supporting Hope Harbor**



November 6-8 & December 11-13  
41st & Yale

For more info see the bulletin boards in the foyer.

### **Homecoming & Gospel Meeting North Sheridan Church of Christ**

Sunday through Wednesday,  
October 18th - 21st

Guest Speaker: Robert E Owen

of Dunn Chapel Church of Christ in Lufkin, TX

For more info see the bulletin boards in the foyer.

### **Fall Lectureship at Sperry, OK Things of Urgency**

### **Cincinnati Ave Church of Christ**

Sunday through Wednesday,  
October 18th - 21st

For more info see the bulletin boards in the foyer.

### **Fall Gospel Meeting at Carthage, MO Practical Life Lessons**

### **Carthage Church of Christ**

Guest Speaker: Ray Sullins  
October 25th - 28th

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