



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

I know that there are times when most, if not all, of us feel lonely. It may just be a relatively brief feeling that you experience from time to time. Or, it may be an extended emotional state in which you feel that no one really knows or understands your circumstances, or, if they know, they really don't care and aren't there for you. As we discussed last week in our message from I Corinthians 12, one of the reasons why God added us to His church when He saved us was so that we wouldn't have to feel that way and wouldn't have to be alone. He added us to a spiritual family: a spiritual body in which every member is valuable, interdependent and interconnected. Despite our intellectual knowledge of that spiritual reality, we can still feel at times that others have abandoned us. Regardless of whether that is a reality or just our perception of it, we can gain emotional strength and comfort from a Father, Savior and Holy Spirit who have promised never to leave us or forsake us.

The apostle Paul was feeling extremely isolated and alone during his second imprisonment in Rome as he neared the end of his life. Luke was there, but Demas, Crescens and Titus had all left Rome to go elsewhere. Paul deeply desired for Timothy and John Mark to join him. Paul wrote, "At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them." Then, he qualified what he had just written by adding, "But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me..." (II Timothy 4:16-17). Paul ultimately realized that, despite the absence of human companionship for a brief period, he could never be truly alone.

Jesus has promised that He will be with us always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). The Father has promised, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," (Hebrews 13:5), and He has sent His Holy Spirit to dwell within us to confirm His promise. "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?" (Psalm 139:7). Jesus is with us this morning in our assembly (Matthew 18:20) because He came here with me and He came here with you! Never alone!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

In Moments Like These - 239

We Will Glorify - 578

Shepherd's Prayer – Dave Larson

Lead Me to Calvary - 332

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Our God, He Is Alive - 23

BIBLE HOUR - The Baptism & Temptation of Jesus

Scripture Reading - Acts 2:37-47

"Getting Small"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Hark the Gentle Voice - 907

The Glory-Land Way - 535

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jared Pence

"I Will call Upon the Lord" Psalms 18:1-6

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Pictures for New Directory: Pictures are being taken in the OC today right after morning worship if you have not already had yours made & you are in either of the following categories:

- ≈ If your family has placed membership since April 2008
- ≈ Your last name begins with A-G and you have been contacted about changes in your family.



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
- Financial Peace University & Divorce Care continue
- Wednesday evening meals are back: 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Future View

- Shepherd contact for October - Bruce Binkley
- Next Shepherd/Minister meetings - October 5 & 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

Did you hear about the guy who became a millionaire from praying? Yep, you read this right, from *praying!* During a research study on the internet and a couple of links later, I happened upon this story from 1996 about a Spanish businessman who stopped in to a church to pray. Eduardo Sierra, a devout Roman Catholic, was on a trip to Stockholm and found a place for his daily prayers. Upon arriving at the church, he found it empty except for a coffin. Eduardo knelt down and prayed for the deceased for 20 minutes, and then signed the condolence book after he saw a note saying those who prayed for the dead man should enter their name and address. He would be the only person to do so. Several weeks later he got a call from the Swedish capital, informing him he was a millionaire. It seems that Jens Svenson, the man he had prayed for, was a 73-year-old real estate dealer with no close relatives. He had specified in his will that "whoever prays for my soul gets all my belongings." Sweet!

Did Eduardo pray for Jens Svenson knowing he would receive a reward? Nope! Eduardo Sierra was obviously a man who took prayer seriously! Prayer is important! Prayer is crucial! Prayer is commanded! Now I understand that we aren't required to pray in a church... we can pray anywhere... but do we? Are we faithful prayer warriors when we go out of town? On vacation? How about at home? Daily? **James 5:16 says: "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."** Throughout scripture we read phrases like: **"pray constantly" and "don't cease to pray" and "pray earnestly" and "we always give thanks for you."** *We need to pray daily!* No, not in hopes of receiving a million dollars, but in hopes of understanding Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount: **"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."** Prayer is a wonderful blessing from God... we should take advantage of it every chance we get! Have a great week. *Mike*

CURRENT EVENT

OCTOBER

- 4 Mentor/Mentee Get-together
- 6 GoldenAgers Social
- 10 Clothing Room Open to Public
Jennifer Norris Baby Shower
- 10-11 MS Worlds of Fun**
- 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 7 Wives of Deacons Brunch
- Nov 13-15 GoldenAgers to
Branson
- Dec 4-5 Men's Retreat
- Dec 6-9 Relationships Matter

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Oct 4 Mentor/Mentee Get-together
- Oct 10-11 MS Worlds of Fun**
- Oct 18 Area Wide Here**
- Oct 24 MS Halloween Party**
- Oct 25 HS Devo**



**MS
WORLDS OF
FUN**

**LEAVE AT 5:55 AM SAT.
OCT. 10TH!! NEED MONEY
FOR 3 MEALS**

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

**CHILDREN'S
BIBLE HOUR**

For 3 year olds thru
1st grade

October 11, 2009

Lesson 6 - Jesus Turns
Water into Wine

Teach F Lynn
Monitor G Murdock

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 1, 2009

Lesson 8 - Jesus Cleanses
the Temple

Teach H Martin
Monitor I Honea

Ida... One More Time

Here is an article found at apologeticspress.com by [Eric Lyons](#) M.Min. I have found it really interesting as we have taken a look at evolution vs God's creation in one of our Wednesday night classes. As time continues to go by, "discoveries" are made...some for and some against God's creating the world. As we use God's Word as our foundation, we take the new discoveries of the scientific community and see if they fit into God's Word...not the other way around. As science continues to advance, let's take another look at what science is now saying about the recent discovery of "Ida." Here is Eric Lyons' article.

Do you recall all of the fanfare a few months ago surrounding the little lemur-like animal, dubbed Ida (pronounced E-da), which supposedly is one of our great-great-great...grandparents from 47 million years ago? Do you remember how one scientist referred to it as "the eighth wonder of the world" (as quoted in Scally, 2009), because "it will finally confirm **irrefutably** Sir Charles Darwin's theory of evolution" (Leonard, 2009, emp. added). And what about how the world's most popular search engine (Google) incorporated an illustration of the animal into its logo? The media turned Ida into a star overnight. Millions of people were "reminded" once again how certain scientists are that "we evolved" from lower mammals.

Just one thing: since the time of Ida's unveiling to the world in May of 2009, as additional facts have come to light, more and more people, including many evolutionists, have flatly rejected earlier claims that Ida is a missing link (cf. [Butt](#), 2009). One of the most recent evaluations of Ida was done by evolutionist Richard Kay of *Science* magazine. After working his way through the pro-Ida book titled *The Link* by Colin Tudge and Josh Young, Kay penned an article titled "Much Hype and Many Errors," in which he referred to the claims by the pro-Ida authors as "entertaining," "sensational," "disturbing," "inaccurate," and "misleading" (2009, 325[5944]:1074). "Why are there so many errors?" Kay asked. "Perhaps because the book had no scientific editor to check facts or demand reviews that would have uncovered these inaccuracies. The book was rushed out, and the whole project from purchase of the fossil up to the media blitz was cloaked in secrecy" (Kay, p. 1074)

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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, October 11: "Keeping Teens Faithful"

New Members:

- Chad, DeAnna, Jessi* & Blake* Brewer**, 3601 W Boston Pl, 74012 ph. 459-3834
- Gene & Beverly Dunn**, 1220 W Edgewater St., 74012 ph. 286-2519
- Ben, Susan & Anara* Getter**, 5408 E 38th St, Tulsa, 74135 ph. 817-703-9685
- Rick, Lorrie, Corey, Jordan & Chelsie Jones**, 133 S Laurel Ave, 74012 ph. 250-2299
- Joshua, Gina & Drew* Mahaffey**, 4508 N Poplar, Ave, 74012 ph. 497-0930
- Stephen, Paige & Valerie* Vaughan**, 7728 S 92nd East Place, Tulsa, 74133 ph. 808-1225

Congregational News

GoldenAgers Social, Tuesday, October 6, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor Bring finger food & join the fun.

A Baby Shower for Jennifer Norris will be Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am until noon in the Parlor. She is registered at Babies-R-Us and Target and is expecting a boy.



Clothing Room Opening to the public will be Saturday, October 10 from 9 - 11 am. Volunteers are needed to help at the opening. Please sign-up in the foyer.

GoldenAgers Monthly Potluck Luncheon, Sunday, October 11, in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.

Fall Break Campout: October 11 – 17. 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.



GoldenAgers Hobo Stew Party, Saturday, October 17, at Gerry & Darla Lynn's place on Fort Gibson lake. Bring you 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.

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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*Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Walton
and
Mrs. Clyde Coffey*

*Request the honour of your presence
at the wedding reception
for their children*

*Kaitlynn Laree
and
Ira Coben*

*Saturday, October 10, 2009
at Three o'clock in the afternoon
Broken Arrow Church of Christ*

More Congregational News

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.



Wednesday Nite Meal

Menu:

Baked Potatoes & fixin's

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:

Applesauce Cups



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.

October 11, 2009 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Scott Keele

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

David Maynard

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Bill Murdock
2. Ken Palmer
3. James Parker
4. Jim Parker
5. Jared Pence
6. Joel Pence
7. Tim Plowman
8. Nick Price
9. Mike Rampey
10. Dick Ray
11. Brett Roper
12. Brent Saffell
13. Tom Scism
14. Trent Stephens
15. James Stephens

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Steve Copeland

For Cup - Bill Davis

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Bryan Davis

CLOSING PRAYER

Richard Davis

October 11, 2009 - TO SERVE

SCRIPTURE READING

Bobby Morrow

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Barbara Saffell	Becky Sisson
Julie Schroeder	Tonya Stephens

DOORGREETERS

1. George & Phyllis Gwinn
2. Jack & Gloria Hale
3. Kristina Dixon & Peggy Hill
4. Keith & Frances Kashwer
5. Rich & Becky Kilmer
6. Bill & Connie Kimrey

USHERS

2. Darrell Davidson
3. Bryan Davis
4. Patrick Edison
5. Jack Hale

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gerri Henderson & June Scott

PM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Bruce & Wanda Johns
Gary & Gail Southern

PM Hosts - Tim & Alicia Murdock
Jr. & Joyce Ackley

October 11, 2009 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEAD

Archer Honea

EVENING PRAYERS

Ryan Dent
Bill Detherage

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Janice Sosa	Andrea Suffridge
Shelly Thomas	Carolyn Vest

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Reece Parker
Fred Suffridge

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:

Robbi Gilliland, room 4212, St. Francis.

Faith Kuykendall has been confirmed with H1N1 flu.

Gavin Kuykendall is in room 309, St. Francis Children's, with vomiting, fever & high blood pressure.

Jim Lee received a pacemaker on Monday and is home doing well.

John D. Lee is back at BA Nursing after a short trip to the hospital due to a fall.

Darlene Mathis will have out-patient surgery on Friday, October 9, at Hillcrest.

Wayne Pratt was admitted to the hospital due to fall but has since been released.

Brent Saffell is home following out-patient surgery on Wednesday.

Andrea Brazil (niece of Blinda Selim) is undergoing chemo. She lives in VA.

Juanita Caton (sister of Dorothy Billings & Ken Tobey) is undergoing a series of tests.

Alex Chmielewski (11 yr. old grandson of Fran Garrett's friend) is having emotional problems due to the separation of his parents.

Oben Farrant (brother-in-law of Arlene Reed) had leg & knee surgery in Norman on Monday.

Nita Fluke (sister-in-law of Fran Garrett) had cancer surgery last week and will receive chemo soon.

Marge Keirsey (friend of Joyce Ackley) is being tested at Mayo for loss of muscle strength.

Evalyn Sneed (mother of Denny Sneed) had a stroke and is paralyzed on her left side. She is in a hospital in Oklahoma City. (continued on back of insert)

WEDNESDAY - October 14, 2009

INFORMATION CENTER

Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Jeff & Deanna Watson

John & Linda Wells

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of

September 20, 2009

Bible Class	515
AM Worship	826
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	456
Contribution	\$20,698
Budget	\$21,016
Contribution YTD	\$779,377
Budget YTD	\$819,624
Over/(Under)	(\$40,247)

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: Dorothy Billings, *Laura Copeland*, *Georgiana Dixon*, *Tabitha Hansen*, Naomi Hall, *Adam*, *Faith & unborn baby*, *Brody Kuykendall*, James Mitchell, Tim Plowman, *Jared Scism (in Japan)*, *Karen Scism*, Don Spink, Paris York

Friends & Family: Larry & Shirley Addington (brother-in-law & sister of Barbara Craghead), Earl Anderson (father of one of our new members, Erich Anderson), Andrea Brazil (wife of Blinda Selim's nephew), Joyce Burdine (mother of Jennifer Bradley), Kim Carns (sister-in-law of Karen Mainprize), Larry Coleman (brother-in-law of Lisa Dorman), Randy Godwin, Eric Henderson (nephew of Deanna Watson), *Marilyn Herndon (sister of Mary Byrd)*, Laura Mountjoy (friend of Tracey Michael), Opal Pritchett (grandmother of Chris Slaton), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hill)*, Karina Vandebrake (neighbor of the Baxter's), David Yellin (brother-in-law of Dave Brockway)

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

Ida... One More Time (continued)

Kay even dared to address how "Ida is a reprise of the seamier side of paleontology" (Kay, p. 1074). What side is this? Only **"the exploitation, with the complicity of major museums, of our natural heritage for profit.** The rising commercial value of fossils in recent years...has dampened scientists' efforts to find more and better fossils" (Kay, p. 1074, emp. added). The fact is, a mere lemur fossil will make no one world famous, nor will it bring in large amounts of revenue. So, when the University of Oslo, Norway's Natural History Museum, purchased the Ida fossil for **\$750,000**, they had to find some way to get a financial return. The leadership of this museum and the scientists who worked closely with them chose to sensationalize the story: just claim Ida to be a link, a 47-million-year-old ancestor of humans, and think of the revenue that could be accumulated. According to Kay, Ida represents such shameful exploitation.

How sad it is that so much misinformation regarding Ida and human evolution was parroted only a few short months ago. Yes, as many evolutionists have learned: "Ida is a lemur" (Kay, p. 1075), just a lemur. Indeed, the idea "that Ida is our ancestor, is fallacious" (Kay, p. 1075). We did not evolve from lemurs, anymore than we evolved from lions, lambs, or lady bugs. The first person no more came from a primate than from a pecan. We "are the offspring of God" (Acts 17:29).

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Congratulations

Congratulations to **Doyle Watts** on his marriage to Tricia Hicken on September 19 in Payson, Utah. Doyle grew up in this congregation and is the son of Sandra Watts, grandson of Lillian Wilson and brother of Becky Sisson.

Thank You

Thanks so much for the prayers, many cards, calls, and visits after my recent foot surgery. In Christian Love, **Dorothy Billings**

Church Family, Thank you so much for your kind words, encouragement, prayers, and food after my surgery. God gave us much peace and strength, but He also blessed us with each of you. Thank you for being there for us after Bekah's surgery, also.

We love you, **Tom, Karen & Rebekah Scism**

Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Supporting Hope Harbor

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



Hope Harbor will receive 15-25% of the net sales.

Saturday, November 7 & December 12 will be a Meet & Greet.

Each book fair has a different voucher that needs to be presented at time of purchase. 10008985 (Nov) 10009256 (Dec).

For more info see the bulletin boards in the foyer.

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.

