

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



# TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

There was a funeral service last week in Buffalo, New York, for a 7-year-old boy named Asa Hill who died from injuries that he suffered in an automobile accident while riding with his grandfather. The news item about Asa's death was very brief, but it contained several things that immediately struck my heart and mind as I read it. First of all, it was just sad to read about the loss of such a young life. He was probably in the second grade and likely enjoyed the same kind of high-energy activities and games in which other boys his age were involved. His parents, Amilcar Hill and Rahwa Ghirmatizion, had never married and young Asa had frequently told them how much he wanted them to live as husband and wife. Asa's death moved Amilcar and Rahwa to honor their son's wish and, to the surprise of the hundreds of people who had packed the church building, they chose to have their wedding ceremony during Asa's funeral service. Joy in the midst of sorrow! The news brief also indicated that several of Asa's organs had been donated for the benefit of others. Extended life for those who were dying; a blessing in the midst of tragedy!

A funeral and a wedding. A tragic death and the gift of life. As I read Asa's story, I couldn't help but think about spiritual parallels with the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus' death was tragic because of its cruelty and injustice; the only true Innocent One suffering a humiliating, agonizing beating and execution that was reserved for criminals. And yet, because of the death that He died, and the power of that "precious blood, as of a Lamb unblemished and spotless," (I Peter 1:18-19), we have been redeemed, washed, sanctified, purified and justified. In baptism, we have participated in His funeral (death and burial) and have shared in His resurrection, being "raised to walk in newness of life," (Romans 6:4). Even as we gather each Lord's day to share in the bread and wine that symbolize the body and blood of His sacrifice, we are able to do so as His beautiful bride, the church, "in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing...holy and blameless," (Ephesians 5:27). A funeral and a wedding! A tragic death and the gift of life!

## **10:00 AM WORSHIP**

Song Leader – Joel Pence

**Redeemed - 514**

**I Stand in Awe - 96**

Shepherd's Prayer – Charles Emerson

**The Old Rugged Cross - 313**

Lord's Supper

Contribution

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - 538**

**BIBLE HOUR** - The Birth of Jesus

Scripture Reading - Psalm 128:1 - 6

*"May You See Your Children's Children"*

Speaker - Tim Pyles

**Do You Know My Jesus? - 943**

**To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way - 867**

Prayer

## **5:00 PM WORSHIP**

Song Leader – Lee Turner

*"Caesarea by the Sea"*

Acts 10: 1-8

Speaker - Tim Pyles

**Welcome!**

**Grandparents  
and  
Grandchildren**

## 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
- New Bible class quarter has begun. Study the class offerings and decide to be a part of Bible class on Sundays & Wednesdays
- Thanks to all those that serve silently day after day, year after year. God knows your servant-hood
- Financial Peace University & Divorce Care continue
- Wednesday evening meals are back: 5:30 - 6:45 pm

### Future View

- Shepherd contact for September - Ron Baxter
- Next Shepherd/Minister meeting - September 21
- Bible hour and Life groups ministries reorganizing
- **"Fireproof"** coming October 24
- **Relationships Matter** coming December 6-9

### In Mike's Basket

Once upon a time there was a traveler who met an old man on the road. The old man had two sacks, one suspended from his neck in front and the other was strapped to his back. "What have you here?" asked the traveler. "Let me see the contents of your sack."

"I shall be glad to do so," replied the old man, "for I have an amazing assortment. The sack I carry in front is filled with good reports and the good deeds of others. Whenever I hear or see of good that others do, I put it into this bag and carry it with me always, and I often get to look into it."

The traveler responded, "Your sack seems to be very full. It must be quite a burden." "There you are mistaken," said the old man. "Though the sack is full, it's not heavy! Far from being a burden, it helps me onward just like a sail on a ship."

"And what do you put in the sack which you carry on your back?" asked the traveler. "All the evil I learn of others I put in there," said the old man, "so that it will be out of my sight." As the traveler examined the sack he said, "Well it appears to be empty... no wonder, there's a hole in the bottom of your sack!" The old man sheepishly grinned, "Well, yes, I put it there on purpose! That way, the evil I hear will fall out and be lost. It can't weigh me down or pull me back."

You know, the Lord would rather us focus on the things in life that make us better and more like Him! There will be a day when evil is no more (AMEN!) and there will be pure joy!! Why would we focus on anything that will pass away?!? David wrote in *Psalm 34:14,15* - **"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth."** Where is our focus? Do we savor and hold to the good or do we choose to envision all the bad in the world?!? Paul's answer was: **"Think on these things..."** You know, the things that were good and excellent and true and pure! I guess we should ask... which sack is full? Have a great week!

Mike

## CURRENT EVENT

### SEPTEMBER


- 13 Grandparents Day  
GoldenAgers Luncheon  
Worship Committee Meeting  
Love Step Homeless  
Ministry Meeting  
**MS & HS Game Night!\*\***
- 18 Christian Business Breakfast
- 19 WinGS Bunko for all women
- 20 Third Sunday Luncheon & early worship  
Prayer study for shepherds & ministers  
**Area Wide\*\***
- 24 **Union Feed\*\***
- 26 **SMORG\*\***
- 28 WinGS Mentoring program begins
- 27 **HS Devo\*\***

### FUTURE:

- Oct 3 1st Annual Father/Son Bowl  
Secret Sister Revealing
- Oct 11-17 Fall Camp Out
- Oct 18 **Area Wide Here\*\***
- Oct 24 Fireproof video
- Nov 13-15 GoldenAgers to Branson
- Dec 4-5 Men's Retreat
- Dec 6-9 Relationships Matter

### FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Sep 13 **Game Night!\*\***
- Sep 20 **Area Wide\*\***
- Sep 24 **Union Feed\*\***
- Sep 26 **SMORG\*\***
- Sep 27 **HS Devo\*\***
- Oct 10-11 **MS Worlds of Fun\*\***
- Oct 18 **Area Wide Here\*\***



**MS & HS GAME NIGHT TONIGHT.** On your own for dinner. Come at 7 pm to enjoy the fun & mystery.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLDS OF FUN MONEY DUE TODAY!! \$60**

**CHILDREN'S  
BIBLE HOUR**

*For 3 year olds thru  
1st grade*

**September 20, 2009**

*Lesson 3 - The Boy Jesus*

Teach C Hoffmeister  
Monitor D Ward

**September 27, 2009**

*Lesson 4 - The Baptism &  
Temptation of Jesus*

Teach D Ward  
Monitor E Emerson

**October 4, 2009**

*Lesson 5 - Jesus Calls the  
Twelve Apostles*

Teach E Emerson  
Monitor F Lynn

**October 11, 2009**

*Lesson 6 - Jesus Turns  
Water into Wine*

Teach F Lynn  
Monitor G Murdock

**A Simple Remedy for Depression**

The late William L. Stidger, a famous minister and teacher, once had a nervous breakdown. He was enclosed in gloom and depression, caring for nothing. In the midst of his despair, a friend suggested, "Think of those who have benefited you in life and ask yourself if you have ever thanked them." Stidger responded that many people had helped him, but he could not recall ever having thanked one of them. Stidger's friend encouraged him to write some helpful person a letter of thanks.

After giving it some thought, Stidger remembered a teacher named Miss Smith, who had given him a love for literature. He wrote Miss Smith and expressed his appreciation for her influence in his life.

Soon he received a letter in shaky handwriting: "Dear Willy, I remembered you as a little fellow in my class. You have warmed my old heart. I have taught school for fifty years. Yours is the first letter of thanks I ever received from a student, and I shall cherish it until I die."

This response so encouraged Stidger that he wrote another letter and another. After five hundred letters, he stopped. He was no longer downcast.

All of us have benefited from a host of people--parents, teachers, school-mates, friends, preachers, fellow Christians. Are you in the dumps, feeling sorry for yourself? Pick up a pen and write a letter. Go dial the number of a friend. Express thanks!

(Written by Chris Smith in *Glad Tidings of Good Things*)

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,  
September 20: *"Does It Matter What We Believe?"*

**New Members: Kevin, Ganesa, Nicholas\*, Jackson\*, & Isaac\* Guillette,**  
4424 W Urbana St., 74012 ph. 893-6047

***Congregational News***

**GoldenAgers September Potluck Luncheon** is TODAY in the Fellowship hall following morning worship. Anyone age 55 and over is welcome to attend. Please join us.

**Worship Committee Meeting** TODAY at 3:30 pm in Tim's office.

**Love Step Homeless Ministry** will meet TONIGHT in room 200 N following evening worship.

**Christian Business Breakfast** resumes this Friday at 7 am in the OC. Our speaker this month will be Tim Pyles. Contact Brent Saffell if you plan to attend.

**WinGS Bunko Party** will be Saturday at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited. Bring finger food & a favorite recipe (this is your admission ticket). Drinks will be provided.

**1st Annual Father/Son Bowl** (Football game) will be October 3 followed by a meal, a spiritual message focusing on the father/son relationship and finishing with a viewing of OU vs Miami in the OC. Time to be determined later per TV viewing schedule. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer.

See Kevin Lawrence or Jerry Lundy for more info.



**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 BA-COC Camp Group upon arrival. Questions, contact Dick Ray at 486-2850.

### 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 (214-493-9769)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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### Kids Kare Pre-school Positions

Substitutes are needed for the 2009-2010 school term. Emergency substitutes as well as long term substitutes to relieve expectant teachers are needed. If you are interested, please

contact Melissa Gillin at 317-7150.

## Next Sunday, September 20 Third Sunday Fellowship & Early Worship in the OC

Please bring soup, sandwiches & dessert that are fully prepared; enough for your family plus a little extra. Plan to stay for early afternoon worship. There will be no 5 pm service.

### **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).*

### **Wednesday Night Meals**

**Menu: Meatball Stuffed Pasta**

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*



**September 20, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SONG LEADER**  
Lee Turner

**SHEPHERD'S PRAYER**  
Gary Jones

**LORD'S SUPPER A.M.**

1. Garrison Bare
2. Greg Bare
3. Jon Huff
4. Keith Kashwer
5. Scott Keele
6. Rich Kilmer
7. Bill Kimrey
8. Dave Larson
9. Kevin Lawrence
10. Jim Lee
11. Kevin Lee
12. Mark Lee
13. Glen Lyle
14. Mike Martin
15. David Maynard

**PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER**  
For Bread - Harold Tydings  
For Cup - Jim Walton

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING**  
Brian Street

**CLOSING PRAYER**  
Keith Walvoord

**September 20, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Nathaniel Michael

**MORNING NURSERY HELPERS**  
100S                      111S  
Katie King              Cara Jones  
Lisa King                Donna Jones

**DOORGREETERS**

1. Brent & Holly Worden
2. Paris & Rose York
3. Bernard & Carol Anderson
4. Sherman & Alice Boley
5. Mitchell & Charlene Bean
6. Harold & Dorothy Billings

**USHERS**

2. Dwayne Canton
3. John Cash
4. Thomas Coleman
5. Terry Craghead

**INFORMATION CENTER**

AM Hosts - Brandon & Shara Stidham  
PM Hosts - NA

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

AM Hosts - Jan Davis & Edna Griffin  
William & Cathy Lovelace

PM Hosts - NA

**September 20, 2009 - TO SERVE**  
**SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER**  
Scott Keele

**EVENING PRAYERS**  
Joshua Wann  
Steve Wann

**EVENING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S                      111S  
Gayla Alexander      Lynn Lee  
Brenda Layman        Sharon Legg

**LORD'S SUPPER P.M.**

Richard Mosby  
Robby Mosley

**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:**

**Dorothy Billings** is home following out-patient foot surgery last Friday.  
**L.H. Gassaway** is home following a stay in the hospital due to a fall. No visitors, at this time.  
**Robbi Gilliland** has moved to room 4212 in St. Francis.  
**Tim Plowman** is home following knee surgery on Tuesday.  
**Karen Scism** will have surgery on Wednesday at the Tulsa Spine & Specialty hospital.  
**Erma Wiginton** received a good report last week.  
**Paris York** is home following out-patient surgery on his leg last Tuesday.  
**Andrea Brazil** (wife of Blinda Selim's nephew) is undergoing chemo for cancer.  
**Randy Godwin** (co-worker of Bruce Binkley) has esophageal cancer. He has undergone a year of chemo & several surgeries and is now facing more of the same.  
**Laura Mountjoy** (friend of Tracey Michael) had a tumor removed from her pituitary gland.  
**Karina Vandebroke** (neighbor of the Baxter's) will soon have brain surgery. She has 2 small children.  
**David Yellin** (brother-in-law of Dave Brockway) had angioplasty surgery on Thursday due to a heart attack.  
**Members:** Mary Bonds, Maureen Butler, *Earl Cline*, *Laura Copeland*, *Georgiana Dixon*, Miranda Garrison (wife of Justin Garrison), (continued on back of insert)

**WEDNESDAY - September 23, 2009**

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Robert & Tracey Michael

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

Lonnie & Joni Miller  
Terry & Dawn Walker

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Week of  
September 6, 2009

Bible Class .....	415
AM Worship .....	614
PM Worship .....	287
Wednesday .....	437
Contribution .....	\$20,370
Budget .....	\$21,016
Contribution YTD .....	\$721,549
Budget YTD .....	\$756,576
Over/(Under) .....	(\$35,027)

**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).

## Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to **the family of Earl Cline** on his death Saturday, September 5th. His funeral service was Thursday. Earl became a brother in Christ on August 5th.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to the **Lester & Veteto families** from Park Plaza Church of Christ on the death of **Stephen, Dana, Laura & Christina Lester & Kenneth Veteto** in a plane crash on September 5th. Sympathy is also extended to **James & LaFern Parker and Bill & Lawana Duwe**. Laura was the niece of LaFern.

Condolences go out to **Paul, Gail & Stephanie West** on the death of Gail's aunt, **Zelda Thompson**, on Sunday. Her funeral was Wednesday.

## Thank You

Dear church family, We appreciate so much your prayers for our son-in-law, Rick Pietrucha, when he had a kidney removed because of cancer. He is doing well now and back at work. His first body scan showed no sign of cancer and he will have scans periodically to be sure that he is cancer free. That is our prayer always. Thank you again.

### Warren & June Smith

Dear Church, I want to thank my church family for all the love you have shown me since I broke my hip; all the calls, visits & cards, and goodies but most of all the prayers. I would like to send a special thank you to the ones that bring communion to us. It has meant so much. Love you all,

**Jim & Frances Bryan**

## Photo Directory Plans

All families with last names beginning with A-G, that are not represented with a photo in our current directory, will have opportunity **September 19th & 20th** to have family photos taken for the upcoming directory. Families that have experienced additions or losses will also be given opportunity to have their photos updated. All households without photos will be identified as "No Photo". Please sign-up and choose an appointment time at the Info Center or call the church office at 258-9602.



## PRAYER LIST (continued)

**Members:** *Tabitha Hansen, Adam, Faith & unborn baby, Brody Kuykendall, Mary Thompson Lynch, James Mitchell, Jared Scism (in Japan), Rebekah Scism, Erma Wiginton*

**Friends & Family:** Brandon Babitke (co-worker of Robert Click), Joyce Burdine (mother of Jennifer Bradley), Kim Carns (sister-in-law of Karen Mainprize), Patty Cruz (grandmother of Audri Goodnight), Eric Henderson (nephew of Deanna Watson), *Marilyn Herndon (sister of Mary Byrd)*, Janet Kelley (aunt of Jennifer Bradley), The Lemus Family, *Sheila Mitchell (daughter of Dick & Sharon Myers)*, Parish Pollard (Wigintons' son-in-law), Judy Roberts (mother of Jerry Lundy & daughter of Laura Moore), *Margaret Teakell (former member & member at Whispering Hill)*, Linda Ward (mother of Rick Ward)

**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 Mamura, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young



Women in God's Service

**WinGs Mentoring Program Kickoff** will be Monday, September 28 at 7 pm at the home of Kim Binkley. All women who have signed

up for the program are invited. Also, anyone who would like to see what is planned is also invited to attend.

## Clothing Room

- ◆ **Now accepting winter clothing.** The clothing room is open on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10 am - noon. Fall & winter clothing need to be sorted & hung for the fall opening. Anyone willing to serve in this area is welcome.
- ◆ **Opening for the BA congregation on Saturday, September 26** from 9 - 11 am. If you have friends or family that could use this service please invite them.
- ◆ **Opening to the public will be Saturday, October 10** from 9 - 11 am.
- ◆ **Volunteers are needed** to help at both openings. Please sign-up in the foyer for one or both dates.

