



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

(Adapted and condensed from my blog)

I still haven't seen *Iron Man 2*. It is currently showing at the discount theater, but at this point I will probably just hold out until the film is released on dvd next month. Since it has been nearly four months since the premier of *Iron Man 2*, the subject of this article may be "old news" to many people. If so, I apologize for any redundancy of ideas.

In *Iron Man 2*, the character Ivan "Whiplash" Vanko played by Mickey Rourke says, "If you could make God bleed, people will cease to believe in him." I can only conjecture since I haven't seen the movie, but I assume that the point of Vanko's statement was that if he could expose some sort of weakness or vulnerability in Tony Stark/Iron Man, then the adulation from the masses would radically diminish. If he could "make him bleed" and show his humanity, then the people's confidence in him as a superhero would evaporate.

If I totally missed Vanko's point, you can let me know, or I'll figure it out if and when I see the movie. But, the statement is just so stark (no pun intended) that it is hard to miss the theological, Christological, and soteriological connections; translation: the God stuff, the Jesus stuff, and the salvation stuff.

"If you could make God bleed..."

God is spirit (John 4:24); but the Word, who was God, became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1, 14); He emptied Himself and was made in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:6-7); He was made like His brothers in flesh and blood (Heb. 2:14, 17). The Enemy and the human enemies of Jesus caused Him to bleed through violence and cruelty. Blood flowed from His thorn-crowned brow, His scourged back, His nailed hands and feet, and His pierced side.

"...people will cease to believe in Him." Really???

After seeing the suffering of the Savior, the centurion said, "Truly this was the Son of God," (Matt. 27:54). When Thomas saw and touched Jesus' wounded hands and side, he proclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)

God bled... We believe!!!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

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Wonderful Love of Jesus - 308

Shepherd's Prayer – Ron Baxter

Thank You, Lord - 474

Nailed to the Cross - 361

Communion Thoughts

Lord's Supper

Give Thanks - 68

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BIBLE HOUR - Casting Out the Evil Spirit

"A Place for Sacrifice"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Jesus Paid It All - 922

Jesus Is All the World to Me - 590

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Worship in Song

Song Leader – Jim Hoffmeister

Speaker - Tim Pyles



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
- Let your prayer needs be known. Pray with a shepherd every Sunday morning or Wednesday night during Bible class time in the conference room for any need
- New Wednesday night classes start this week. Check out the great topics
- Thanks to God for the blessings of the summer and pray for continued growth this fall

Future View

- Shepherd contact for August - Bruce Binkley
- Shepherd contact for September - Steve Copeland
- Next Shepherds/Ministers Meetings - August 30 & September 15
- Men's Retreat - September 24 & 25
- Mission Forum - October 24-31

In Mike's Basket

Did you hear the story from Copiapo, Chile this past week? 33 miners were assumed lost in a mine cave-in on August 5th, yet, they've been discovered healthy and alive - nearly a half a mile inside the earth! Right at 2300 feet under the ground, these miners had found safety in a workshop under tons of rock and dirt. On Tuesday they began accepting food, water and oxygen from above ground as rescue teams worked to gauge their state of mind and brace them for the long wait ahead - possibly 4 months! Yep, they might have to wait until Christmas before actually being dug out of their predicament!

Through a newly installed communications system, each of the men spoke and reported feeling hungry but well, except for one with a stomach problem, a Chilean official said. They requested toothbrushes. It was a positive sign, and Chile's president said the nation was "crying with excitement and joy" after engineers broke through Sunday to the men's refuge. Can you imagine being 2300 feet underground - entombed - for over two weeks! What joy to know someone was looking for you, praying for you, wanting you to get out of the darkness into the light!

Sound familiar? We have a God who has **"transferred us from a kingdom of darkness to a kingdom of light!"** We have a God who was and is looking for those lost! He provided a way of escape for those who wish to come to the light! Let's be praying for those "spiritually lost" and thank God for saving us! Have a great week!

Mike

We need your help! If you are interested in hosting a middle school or high school devotional, please write your name at the devotional sign-up sheets to the right of the information booth. Thanks so much for having the young people in your home! If you need details, please call Mike!

CURRENT EVENTS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- 29 Service Project**
- 31 Ladies Quilting Workday
- 4 Baby Shower for Linnea Plowman & baby, Aiden
- 7 Tuesday AM Ladies Bible Class Resumes with Luncheon GoldenAgers Social
- 11 Kilmer-Wilks Wedding
- 12 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- 13 Secret Sisters Resume
- 19 3rd Sunday Fellowship
- 21 Ladies Quilting Workday
- 24 & 25 Men's Retreat

FUTURE

Oct 31 Mission Forum Sunday

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

Aug 29 Service Project**

Oct 16-17 MS Worlds of Fun**

Nov 19-21 MS/HS Fall Retreat**

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORLDS OF FUN

October 16 & 17, 2010

Cost: \$55.00

Sign-up by September 19.

Tickets will be purchased for all those on the list as of Sept. 19.

All money due to Beth Astor by Oct. 3.



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

September 5, 2010

NO BIBLE HOUR

Holiday

September 12, 2010

Lesson 1 – Prophecy of the Coming of Jesus

Teach A Keele

Monitor B Street

September 19, 2010

Lesson 2 – The Birth of Jesus

Teach B Street

Monitor C Hoffmeister

September 26, 2010

Lesson 3 – The Boy Jesus

Teach C Hoffmeister

Monitor D Ward

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

How We Got the Bible

103N-Tim Pyles



1-2 Kings & 1-2 Chronicles

Divided We Fall
Auditorium-Scott Keele

Live by the Spirit - Women Only
OC- Kim Binkley & Loretta Turner



Heaven and Hell

101 N-Tim Walton



Father Fiction – Men Only
Fellowship Hall-Brandon Price

Divorce Recovery
Parlor-Darrell Simpson



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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
September 5: "God's Power to Save the Lost"

New Members: Wayne & Pam Pope, 11880 S 96th E Ave, Bixby, 74008 ph 369-3621

New Address: Lloyd & Alta Lamirand have moved to BA Nursing. 424 N Date, Room 9. ph 286-4255

\$15,350.00 in donations were received at Gage Dixon's Homecoming Dinner. All were placed in the AVB Support Fund for Gage. Donations can still be made through the church office or directly to AVB.

Congregational News

Ladies Quilting Workday: Come & go, Tuesday, August 31 from 9 am-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch & join us to work on quilts for cancer patients. No quilting experience needed.

A Baby Shower for Linnea Plowman & Baby boy, Aiden will be held on Saturday, September 4, at 2 pm in the home of Amy Gonzalez. The Plowmans are registered at Babies-R-Us.

Men's Retreat: "Who's Got Your Back?" Who: Men ages 16 and up Where: Burnt Cabin Camp When: September 24 & 25 Clint Davidson from Meridian, ID will be the speaker. Cost is \$40.00.



Leadership Training for Christ - LTC Pre-Convention events: Web Site Design, Power Point, Children's Book, Bulletin Board, Radio Minute Message and Scripture Challenge begin meeting September 26 at 4pm at the building to prepare for early deadline. All those interested in participating in any of these events please sign-up at the table near the Youth Booth or contact Beth Astor.

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-Apr)

Wednesday -- Bible Classes and Devotional -- 7:15 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (286-6403)

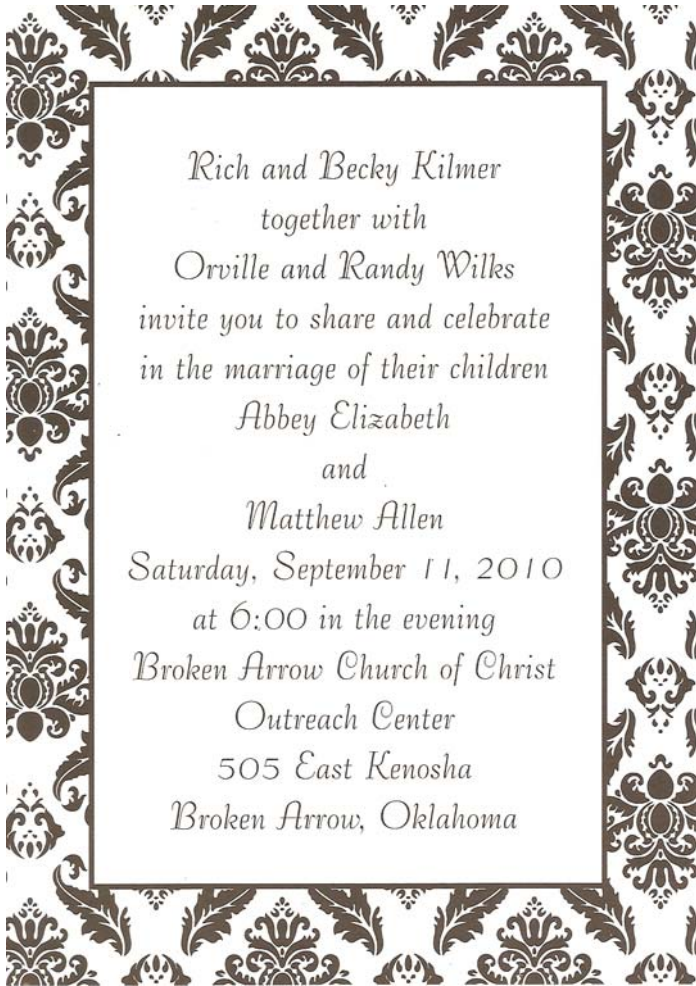
•Tim Pyles (991-8457)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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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.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Menu: Tamales, refried beans & corn

Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Cost: Adults \$3.00

Children 6-11 \$2.00

Please mark the attendance card just below your names, indicating the number of adults and children that plan to attend.

**Hope Harbor
Needs:**

Coffee



September 5, 2010 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER

Wayne Pope

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Bruce Binkley

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. David Mainprize
2. Mike Martin
3. David Maynard
4. Steve McDonald
5. Lonnie Miller
6. Jesse Mitchell
7. Wayne Mitchell
8. Bobby Morrow
9. Richard Mosby
10. Robby Mosley
11. Bill Murdock
12. Tim Murdock
13. Eric Norris
14. James Parker
15. Jim Parker

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Rocky Giles
For Cup - James Gilpin

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

George Gwinn

SCRIPTURE READING

Rich Kilmer

CLOSING PRAYER

Jack Hale

September 5, 2010 - TO SERVE
MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Janice Hays	Katy King
Kim Keele	Lisa King

DOORGREETERS

1. Russell Ward & Dave Brockway
2. Bruce & Karen Burnette
3. James Butler & Sandra Butler
4. Dwayne & Pam Canton
5. John & Jimmie Cash
6. Laura Copeland & Janna Davis

USHERS

2. David DuBois
3. Archer Honea
4. Bruce Johns
5. Kevin Lawrence

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bruce & Wanda Johns
PM Hosts - Alicia Askew & Lynnda Brown

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - David & Abby Mainprize
Jack & Gloria Hale

PM Hosts - Bill & Jean Murdock
Patrick & Jamie Edison

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Kim Binkley
AM Worship - Gayla Alexander
PM Worship - Vonda Buntin

September 5, 2010 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Dave Larson

EVENING PRAYERS

Bill Hancock
Jim Hoffmeister

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Donna Jones	Emily Kilmer
Elaine Lee	Elizabeth Laney

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Chad Noblet
Reece Parker

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:

Bill Wilson will have surgery at St. Francis tomorrow.
Gavin Kuykendall will have his tonsils & adenoids removed on Friday at St. Francis Children's Hospital.
Janice Pratt is having some health issues.
Lisa Legg is having health issues.

Ben Cole (Lynn Lee's father) is having complications following knee surgery.

Bob Simmons (Lisa Legg's father) is taking chemo.

Jim Wilkins (friend of Chris & Sherrie Slaton) of Orlando has heart problems.

Members: *Carla Bare, Jameson Buntin, Marge Curnutt, Gage Dixon, Georgianna Dixon, Fran Garrett, Jo Ella Gotcher, Ethan Hancock, Gavin Kuykendall, Josh Laney, Edwina Lyle, Barbara Poteet, Coleman Pyles, Loren Rumsey, Jerry Sampson, Hannah Sosa, Orvind White, Alyssa Wilson, Bill Wilson*

Friends & Family: Joe Bagby (minister in Sweetwater, TX), *Pauli Baxt* (mother of Paul West), Sharon Bryan (daughter of Jim & Frances Bryan), Janice Gray (mother of Kim Pyles), Ron Gwinn (son of George & Phyllis), Carolyn Hancock (step-mother of Bill), Dennis Jones (local Christian), Felicity Davis Lowen (daughter-in-law of Don & Karen Ames), Doris Miller (Scott Keele's grandmother),
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WEDNESDAY - September 8, 2010
INFORMATION CENTER

Jim & Sue Walton

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Robert & Tracey Michael
Lonnie & Joni Miller

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
August 22, 2010

Bible Class	471
AM Worship	640
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday	435
Contribution	\$25,176
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$718,331
Budget YTD	\$714,612
Over/(Under)	\$3,719

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)

Friends & Family: Jonathan Nicholas (son of a friend of Lynn Lee), Annette Overton (mother of Rhonda Blackstock), Kimmie Overton & newborn daughter, Riley Elizabeth (niece of the Blackstocks), Frank Porta (friend of Paul West), Shannon Ray (niece of Jeanne Mason), Norma Rodgers (mother of Angie DuBois), Gene Soward (father of Diann Baker), Jim Wilkens (father-in-law of Sherri Slaton's brother)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Chance Callison, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Stevens Copeland, Blake Davis, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Cathy Lovelace, Tray & Hope Mamula, Michael McCready, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Mike Pyle, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young

Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

Owasso School of Biblical Studies
Fall Semester begins Saturday, September 4
Teachers include: Dan Schnell, Johnny Hinton,
Allan Lay, and Lucian Farrar

For more information see the bulletin board in
the South Foyer.



"We give our first time local guests one of these 9"x12" folders with color pages of information about the congregation here. If you see someone with one of these folders, please go out of your way to meet and welcome them very cordially."

Congratulations

It's a Boy!! Congratulations to **Tim & Linnea Plowman** on the birth of a son, **Aiden Alan** on Sunday, August 22. Aiden weighted 7 lb. 9 oz. and is 19 3/4 inches long. Proud big sister is **Adalynn**. Mother and son are both doing well.

Thank You

I want to thank everybody for their prayers while I was in the hospital. **Jameson Buntin**

Thank you so much for the love and concern expressed to us during my surgery and recovery. The visits, cards, meals, and especially prayers are appreciated and added to a speedier and easier recovery. One of God's greatest blessings to Glen and me is making us part of such a loving family. **Glen and Edwina Lyle**

Ladies

Wednesday Night Ladies Class begins this Wednesday in the OC—eleven weeks with eleven speakers, presenting "*Live by the Spirit*". For those ladies that typically teach in the fall, there are lots of qualified men able to teach. Ask a husband, elder, deacon or father to teach in your rotation for the fall.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class resumes September 7 at 10:00 am. Baby sitting is provided free of charge during class. Following class we will have a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Secret Sisters: On September 13 at 6:30 pm in the parlor we are going to kickoff the new year with food/drawing for Secret Sisters. One change we have made is that there will be 1 drawing in September and you will keep the same Secret Sister until May, then in May we will have a Reveal Party. If you plan on participating please fill out an information sheet and put in the gold box. If you plan on attending the drawing, and your last name begins with the letter A-N please bring sandwiches, O-Z a dessert. Chips and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions please call Shelley Gillion 740-1587 or email gillion@hughes.net