



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

I am a Christian. My assumption is that practically everyone who reads this article would be willing to unapologetically and confidently make the same statement. The basic meaning of the word is simply “a follower or partisan of Christ,” that is, someone who willingly identifies himself or herself with Jesus. Given our familiarity with the term and our frequent usage of it, many are surprised to learn that the name only appears three times in the New Testament (Acts 11:27; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). In our modern language and culture, the name “Christian” is used in a multitude of ways and has been infused with a wide spectrum of meanings. These range from “anyone who acknowledges some level of belief in Jesus Christ as opposed to following the tenets of Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, etc.” to “only those believers who precisely agree with every aspect of my own understanding and practice of faith in Christ.”

In reexamining the first occurrence of the name “Christian” in the book of Acts, I found it very instructive to note the timing and context of its inaugural use. It was not a name that was immediately claimed on Pentecost, when the Spirit-enabled apostles first proclaimed the message of the crucified and resurrected Christ and thousands were baptized (Acts 2). It wasn't when the number of disciples grew to 5,000 men in the Jerusalem church (Acts 4:4). It wasn't when the Gospel spread beyond Judea and gained an overwhelming reception among the Samaritans (Acts 8:1-12). Nor was it when Peter first proclaimed the message of salvation to Cornelius and the rest of his Gentile household in Caesarea (Acts 9). The name was not used until after the conversion of many Gentiles in Antioch of Syria and the tag-team ministry of Barnabas and Saul among those believers (Acts 11:19-26). The name “Christian” was a “shared” name that transcended all man-made barriers between Jews, Samaritans and Gentiles, men and women, slave and free, rich and poor, educated and uneducated (Galatians 3:27-28). It was a name that celebrated the oneness of all baptized believers in Jesus Christ.

I am a Christian.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

Our God, He Is Alive - 23

We Will Glorify - 578

Surround Us, Lord

Someday

Shepherd's Prayer - Glen Lyle

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - 528

Communion Thoughts

Nearer, Still Nearer - 478

Near to the Heart of God - 477

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Faith Is the Victory - 469

BIBLE HOUR - *Sermon on the Mount*

Scripture - 1 Timothy 2:4

“God Wants YOU!”

Speaker - Mike Baskett

Give Thanks - 68

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - 528

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

“God in Every Moment”

Speaker - Scott Keele



Life Groups meet next Sunday. If you are a visitor or a new member ask others in the

congregation where they attend. Several groups meet at the building immediately after worship while others meet in homes. Contact Patrick Edison, Jim Hoffmeister or Tim Pyles if you have questions.

Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Pray with a shepherd during Bible Class time in the Conference Room. Let your prayer needs be known
- WELCOME to the church of Christ at Broken Arrow
- Summary of Minister/Shepherd meeting 12-5-11
 1. Visit with a member
 2. Approved 2012 Budget proposal presented by Jim Coghill
 3. Ministry updates and discussion
- Follow up on your brother or sister that you missed seeing in class
- Prayer focus for the week: Single parents and their children

Future View

- Shepherd contact for December: Gerry Lynn
- Next Ministers/Shepherds Meeting: December 21

CURRENT EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 11 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Teen Connection
16 Christian Business Breakfast
17 Christmas Party
20 Ice Skating
22-26 Office Closed for Christmas
30-Jan 2 Office Closed for
New Years
31 New Year's Eve Party

FUTURE:

Jan 7 York Choir

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

Dec 11 Teen Connection

Dec 17 Christmas Party

Dec 20 Ice Skating

Jan 27-29 AKOUO

30-Hour Famine

Diamond Searching Road Trip

In Mike's Basket

The weekend before Thanksgiving, we attended an area-wide retreat at Burnt Cabin. The theme of the weekend was: "Prove It!" We basically talked about Creation vs. Evolution while equipping the teens with truths about God and His incredible design. Here at BA, Bill Detherage teaches on some of these ideas as part of our Sunday morning curriculum AND we've had further discussions and lessons on Wednesday nights. Our teens are bombarded with evolution at school... and it's just plain sad!

Stephen Hawking, an evolutionist, and is considered the best-known scientist since Albert Einstein, admits: *"The universe and the laws of physics seem to have been specifically designed for us. If any one of about 40 physical qualities had more than slightly different values, life as we know it could not exist..."* Sir Fred Hoyle, professor of astronomy at Cambridge University said: *"The likelihood of the formation of life from inanimate matter is one out of 10 to the 40,000th power. It is big enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution..."* One of my favorite analogies says this: *"The chance that higher life forms might have emerged through evolution is comparable to the chance that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials therein."* In the face of such evidence – such design – such incredible power within the creation... how can people still believe evolution? Easy – they choose to! Paul wrote in *Romans 1:18-20* - *"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them."²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." Notice that? "They suppress the truth..." They can see it and understand it yet refuse to accept it! Why? They just don't deal with it... they tuck it away and forget about it. I believe having a good knowledge of creation and an understanding of the flaws of evolution creates wonderful opportunities for conversation about God and His incredible power! Hopefully we're prepared for those conversations! Make a difference in *YOUR* world. Have a great week! *Mike**

Teen Connection at Pryor: Leave the building at 3:48 & return at 8:08ish. Bring a Bible!! No money needed.

MS & HS Christmas Party: 6:06 pm at the OC. Everyone bring a snack/drink! Also bring an appropriate gift that costs less than \$5.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

December 18, 2011
NO BIBLE HOUR
Christmas Holiday

December 25, 2011
NO BIBLE HOUR
Christmas Holiday

January 1, 2012
NO BIBLE HOUR
New Years Holiday

January 8, 2012
Lesson 12 - *Jesus Heals Centurion's Servant*
Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

College/Young Professionals 203 N
Bobby Morrow Judges/Ruth
Young Families..... 213 S
David Maynard Ephesians
30's..... OC 5
Ray Wilburn Jeremiah/Lamentations
40's..... OC 4
Charles Emerson Acts
50's..... 103N
Gerry Lynn Mark
50's Give or Take OC 7
Scott Keele..... Dealing With Difficult Times
60's..... Parlor
Andy Crawford..... Stewardship
Adult AUD
Jerry Lundy..... Judges/Ruth
Ladies Class 101N
Ellen Dowdy Conversational Intimacy
Lord's Lady OC 6
Lynnda Brown James: Pure Religion

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
December 18: "How Jesus Viewed Scripture"

Congregational News

GoldenAgers Potluck Luncheon is TODAY following morning worship. Please join us for food & fellowship.

Golden Wedding Anniversary: For those who know Ken & Gayle Yates you are invited to the 50th anniversary celebration, hosted by their children on Saturday, December 17, from 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall at 29th & Yale Church of Christ. No gifts please.



Lost & Found: The large mixing bowl to the stand mixer that belongs in the OC kitchen is missing. If you know the whereabouts of this mystery bowl, please return it to the kitchen or the church office.

If you wore a **New Heights shirt** home after caroling, please return it before it gets lost in the holiday shuffle. You may leave them at the Information Center.



Job Opportunities: We are creating a job search email list. If you would like to be on the list or know someone that would like to be on the list, please contact the church office with an email address.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE
LAST DAY

Lists of needed items are available in the foyer. **Money** is also being accepted to purchase perishable items.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack groceries after evening services in the Fellowship Hall.

We also need several **willing families to help deliver** them sometime this coming week. See Loretta Turner or Dana Turner if you have questions.



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 -- 7:00 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (810-4977)

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

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LTC practice will begin January 15 and be EVERY week until convention. Pick-up a sign-up sheet in the Foyer and return them to Beth Astor before January 15.

Welcome, Guests!

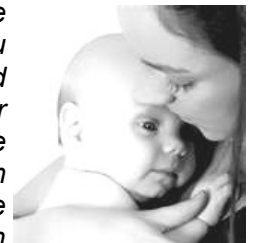
You honor us with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God.

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 chaplain_man@yahoo.com.

Nursing Mothers

A room has been set aside for you and your little one in the North wing on the second floor.



**Due to the Holidays
NO Wednesday
Night Dinners
until After 1st of Year**

**Hope Harbor
Needs:
Morrison's
White Gravy Mix**



PRAYER LIST

Local Church Family: *Jim Bryan, Geraldine Carpenter, Kim Clark, Gage Dixon, Caitlyn Easley, Irene Elliot, Camille & Cliff Fitzgerald, Harry Harper, Alice Jackson, Kierstin Legg, Betty & Everett Martin, Steve McDonald, Jess Mitchell, Josh Okerstrom, Carma Osburn, Tammy Osburn, Terry Osburn, Rett Parker, Barbara Poteet, Bill Rhodes, Patty Sellers, Theo Sellers, June Smith, Hannah Sosa, Jack Steele, Carson Swaim, Darrell Vest, Sr., Dianna Wetzel, Jim Wiginton*

Extended Family & Friends: Lisa Blackford (sister of Paul Haddock), *Caiden Call (nephew of Colleen Detherage), Larry Chambers family (childhood friend of Steve McDonald), Julie Clark (mother-in-law of Kim Clark), Paul Compton (friend of Vonda Buntin), Hugh Dawson (grandfather of Shannon Scott McDonald), Jean Diller (friend of Phylis McWherter), Ron Falcon of Whispering Hills, Dixie Fletcher (Kim Keele's aunt), Les Ferguson (minister of Garden Grove Church of Christ in Gulfport, MS) & family, Judy Frisbie (mother-in-law of Becky Sisson), Sallie Jones (aunt of Jennifer Bradley), Jack Letterner (brother-in-law of Barbara Poteet), Keri Long, Mary A Martin (mother of Sharon Legg), Shelby McCarty (grandmother of Jessica), Robert Paxton (brother of Tina Gray), Duane Richey (cousin of Sherrie Slaton), James Rowland (husband of Winnie), John Rumley (father of LeAnn Horsley, former member), Tom Saffell (father of Brent), Jerry Spradley (father of Sheila Haddock), Perry Tackett & family (friends of Phylis McWherter), Oben Tarrant (brother-in-law of Arlene Reed), Frank Thompson (father of Darla Coghill), Abby Vine (daughter of Tracey Michael's cousin)*

Military: Randy Barton, Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Stevens Copeland, Will Courtney, Blake Davis, Randall Dolan, Mike Dorman, Taylor Hillman, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Riley Killam, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Cathy Lovelace, Bryan McCall, Michael McCready, Matt McGuire, Braelyn Mitchem, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Kevin Poteet, Mike Pyle, Derrick Randolph, Conner Stombaugh, Chris Wadsworth

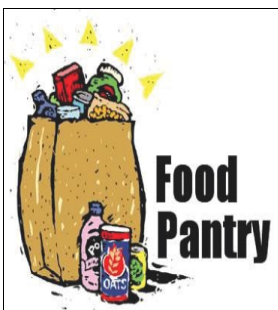
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Pam & Dewayne Canton** on the birth of a grandson, Carter Douglas Canton, on December 5 in Destin, FL. He weighed 6 lbs, 13 ozs. Proud parents are Erin & Doug Canton.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and those that visited Mike in the hospital during his recent surgery. We appreciate the love expressed by our church family and are blessed to be a part of such a congregation. With love & gratitude, **Mike & Janie Fox**

"Thank you to Terri Larson for all of her time and energy spent planning the GA trip to Branson. Wonderful shows, well-planned days and good times with everyone! Thank you to Gerry Lynn for driving the bus. We so appreciate you navigating the roads and crowds!" **The Golden Agers**



Jelly

**Chef-Boyardee type
canned kid foods**

Place these items in the black bucket on the south side of the foyer.

Food Pantry Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering in the Food Pantry please contact Terri Larson for an assignment.