



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Since we will not be printing a bulletin for next Sunday, this will be my last opportunity of 2010 to communicate with you through a bulletin article. I try to utilize this space each week for a variety of purposes. I may use it to: share some insights into a particular text of Scripture or story from the Bible; comment on the spiritual implications of current events and the larger, secular culture in which we live; highlight a particular ministry or congregational event; encourage faithfulness to Christ and active involvement in His body, the church; or just to express gratitude and give honor where it is due. I am opting for the last of these today.

I would like to thank our shepherds for the opportunity that they have given me and my family to serve with this congregation. Although my "anniversary" is technically not until the first of March, I am completing my second year of ministry with the Broken Arrow church. In that time, I have come to have an immense amount of love, respect, and appreciation for Ron, Bruce, Steve, Richard, Charles, Dave, Glen, Gerry, David, Tim, and Keith. They love the Lord sincerely and are deeply committed to leading, feeding, and protecting God's flock. I also appreciate the way in which they have encouraged me in my ministry.

I also count myself privileged to serve with our ministry staff and administrative staff. Scott is one of the most compassionate and caring ministers I have ever known; he is a multi-gifted, tireless servant of all whose ministry has blessed this congregation for nearly 24 years. Mike is not only a creative, enthusiastic, and endlessly energetic minister to our youth, he is an extremely effective teacher who genuinely loves our kids and challenges them to grow and mature in their relationship with Christ. Rich is an organizational and administrative wizard who manages a mountain of details every week that are essential to the work of this congregation. None of us could do our work effectively without the multi-talented and multi-tasking assistance and support of Colleen and Nora, who don't just hold administrative "jobs," but, like Phoebe, they are true servants of Christ and His church. Thanks for the joy and blessing of serving with all of you!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Wayne Pope

Faith Is the Victory - 469

A Medley of Faith Songs

Shepherd's Prayer – Dave Larson

Only in Thee - 492 v.3

A Hill Called Mount Calvary - 373

Communion Thoughts

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? - 324 chorus

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Living By Faith - 560

Scripture - Hebrews 11:1-6

NO BIBLE HOUR

"You Gotta Have Faith"

Faith Basics Series

Speaker - Tim Pyles

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - 679

Prayer

Joy to the World - 1018

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Archer Honea

"Mad-Cow Monarch" - Daniel 4:1-18

Study of Daniel

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Office Closings:

For Christmas: Wednesday thru Friday, December 22-24. All announcements & prayer requests need to be submitted by 10 am Tuesday, December 21.

For New Years: Thursday thru Friday, December 30-31. All announcements & prayer requests for Sunday, January 2, need to be submitted by 10 am on Wednesday, December 29.

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
- Thank you for your great giving (Hope Harbor, Contact church, food drive, member needs). We are blessed so we can bless others
- Summary of Ministers/Shepherds meeting: 12-15-10
 - 1.Round table discussion and prayer for shepherding groups
 - 2.Brandon & Katie Price have full support, departure date for Ukraine 1-13-11
 - 3.Minister/Shepherd planning meeting to be schedule for 1st quarter 2011

Future View

- Shepherd contact for December - Dave Larson
- Wednesday evening Bible class time changes to 7 pm starting 1-5-11
- Next Shepherds/Ministers Meeting - January TBA

In Mike's Basket

Doesn't matter where you turn in the sports world... there are records for just about everything! On Monday night, Brett Favre stood on the sideline for the start of a game, the first time to do so in 297 games! It astounds me to think he's played in that many games knowing how many times an NFL quarterback gets sacked, knocked down, and blind-sided. To start 297 games is down-right impressive! Just 9 years ago, A.C. Green ended the longest streak by an NBA player at 1,192 consecutive games. How about Cal Ripken, Jr... whose streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games ended when he voluntarily removed his name from the lineup in 1998?!? Can you image playing in *every* baseball game for over 17 years? And by the way, just in case you wondered, Doug Jarvis holds the record for NHL starts at 964. All of these men have been nick-named "Iron Man" for good reason. I don't know if we can truly comprehend the amount of energy, grit, and fortune that it takes to continually play at that level - but it is truly amazing - no matter what the sport!

But more impressive to me is the fact that we have many members sitting in the pews each Sunday who have been here much longer than 297 games or 2,632 games or 20 + years of participation in a sport! We have members who have been faithful to our Lord for over 50... 60... 70... and perhaps 80+ years! I realize that I'm comparing the physical to the spiritual... but

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CURRENT EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 19 40's Class Christmas Party
MS/HS Christmas Party**
- 22-24 Holiday—Office Closed
- 29 All Church
Holiday
Devotional
- 31 All Church
New Year's
Eve Party



FUTURE:

- Jan 4 Ladies Bible Class &
Luncheon
GoldenAgers Social
- Jan 9 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Life Group Sunday
- Jan 16 Liliya McCoy Baby
Shower
- Jan 21 Christian Business
Breakfast

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

Dec 19 MS/HS Christmas

Youth Christmas Party

When:

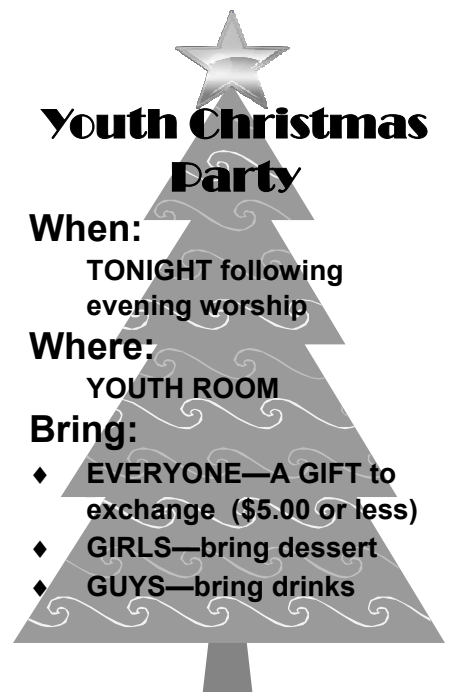
TONIGHT following
evening worship

Where:

YOUTH ROOM

Bring:

- ◆ EVERYONE—A GIFT to
exchange (\$5.00 or less)
- ◆ GIRLS—bring dessert
- ◆ GUYS—bring drinks



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

December 26, 2010
NO BIBLE HOUR

January 2, 2011
NO BIBLE HOUR

January 9, 2011
*Lesson 12 – Jesus Heals
the Centurion's Servant*
Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

January 16, 2011
*Lesson 13– The Widow's
Son*
Teach B Street
Monitor C Hoffmeister

To our dear church family,

It is incredible to think that we have now been here in Broken Arrow for six months. The time has flown by fast, and we feel like it is too soon to be leaving you already. Since most of you know that our plan was to be here for only six months, we've been receiving questions from people inquiring about the status of our support-raising, our upcoming plans, and when our actual departure date will be. We thought giving you all our information here would be the quickest and most efficient way of sharing that news with you.

First of all, we are thankful to God that **we now have all the support we need to live and work in Ukraine**. On Monday morning, Katie and I were \$130 a month short of where we had budgeted to be. Later that day we received a one-time donation of \$8,000 from an organization that helps missionaries. As we did the math we discovered that $8000 \div 5 \text{ years} \div 12 \text{ months}$ comes out to *\$133 a month*. Isn't God amazing? To site my source and quote Scott Keele, "How cool is that?" We thank you all for your prayers—they have achieved much!

Secondly, here's a rundown of the remainder of our time in the states. On Monday (12/20), Katie and I will be flying to *the* California and *the* Nevada to spend Christmas with our families. After the new year we will fly to North Carolina—since it's so close to California—to spend some time with Katie's mom. We'll return to Broken Arrow on January 17th and will spend the following two weeks packing up our apartment and getting all the last little details taken care of before **we leave from Tulsa for Ukraine on Monday, January 31st**. (And just so you know, I will be preaching on our last Sunday, January 30th.)

Our time here has gone by much too fast. You all have welcomed us with open arms, you have made this place home for us. We won't say goodbye just yet since we will see each other again in January, but our hearts are already hurting over the moment when we do. You are a fantastic congregation, and you honor us with your partnership.

See you in January,
Brandon and Katie Price

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,

December 26: *"Why Did Jesus Come?"*

January 2: *"How Jesus Overcame"*

BORN AGAIN: We rejoice with **Brittney Calhoun** on her decision to become a Child of God through baptism on Sunday, December 12. Welcome Brittney!! Her address is PO Box 3052, BA, 74013

NEW MEMBER: **Mary Steger**, mother of Charlotte Thrailkill. Mary is now living with Bill and Charlotte. Welcome, Mary!!

Congregational News

40s Class Christmas Party: TONIGHT after evening worship @ the Saffell's home. Everyone bring a finger food and come enjoy the fun.

ALL CHURCH HOLIDAY DEVOTIONAL will be Wednesday, December 29. No Bible classes on that evening.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Luncheon will be Tuesday, January 4, following class. Bring a dish that makes you feel warm and comfy, ie. Soup, chili, hot chocolate.

Children's Clothes Needed: It's time to clean closets! We've received calls from our neighbors needing warm children's clothing & our resources are running low. Children's clothes of all sizes, infant - youth XL are needed. Clothing may be left in the "Clothing Room Closet" located in the Outreach Center foyer next to the Clothing Room.



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 (810-4977)

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

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PHOTO OP Opportunity!

The **OC Stage** will be left decorated through out the holidays.

You & your family are welcome to come up for pictures anytime before or after



worship on Sundays or Wednesdays when the buildings would normally be open.

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.

Nursing Mothers

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



**NO
Wednesday Night Dinners
until January**

Hope Harbor Needs:

*Liquid
Laundry
Detergent*



December 26, 2010 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

David Maynard

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Glen Lyle

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Paris York
2. Victor York
3. Erich Anderson
4. Don Ames
5. Bob Arledge
6. Garrison Bare
7. Greg Bare
8. Ron Baxter
9. Dan Beisiegel
10. Harold Billings
11. Bruce Binkley
12. Shane Blackstock
13. Travis Blevins
14. Sherman Boley
15. Chad Brewer

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - James Gilpin

For Cup - George Gwinn

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Jack Hale

SCRIPTURE READING

Ray Wilburn

CLOSING PRAYER

Bill Hancock

December 26, 2010 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Holly Parker	Addie Palmer
Kathleen Pence	Cassie Palmer

DOORGREETERS

1. Cliff Fitzgerald & Virgil Hale
2. Jack & Gloria Hale
3. Jared & Monica Hale
4. Richard & Helen Holleyman
5. Gerri Henderson & Peggy Hill
6. Keith & Frances Kashwer

USHERS

2. Tim Plowman
3. Mike Rampey
4. Jim Schroeder
5. Brent Saffell

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Abbey Wilks &
Georgiana Dixon
PM Hosts - Jeff & Deanna Watson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Sherman & Alice Boley
Bruce & Wanda Johns
PM Hosts - Patrick & Jamie Edison
Bill & Jean Murdock

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Terri Larson
AM Worship - Darla Lynn
PM Worship - Karen Mainprize

December 26, 2010 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Jim Hoffmeister

EVENING PRAYERS

Archer Honea
Doug Hudkins

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
April Price	Barbara Saffell
Tara Ryan	Terri Roberts

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Thomas Coleman
Steve Copeland

If you will not be available to serve in the area listed, please contact:

LORD'S TABLE

(South) Brad Jones 518-6442
(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 Davis is in St. Francis, room 7115.

Ray Duwe was readmitted to St. Frances on Wednesday with pneumonia. He is in ICU 4503.

Hannah Sosa

Darrell Vest is in a great deal of pain but knee surgery could not be scheduled before January 20.

Mabel Butts (104 yr. old mother of Don Butts) is in the hospital in Tahlequah following a stroke.

Pat Hough (Sherrie Slaton's friend's mom) is in the hospital.

Willard Pyles (father of Tim) has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital at Hillcrest. Visitors are welcome.

James Richey (Sherrie Slaton's cousin's father-in-law) will have cancer surgery soon.

Valesha Windham (niece of Rosie Steele) of Brooklyn, NY has stage 4 cancer and pneumonia.

Members: *Keith Askew, Clyde Barnes, Charlcie Been, Jim Bryan, Ray Duwe, Camille Fitzgerald, Sheila Haddock, Alice Jackson, Frances Kashwer, Norma McGuire, Phylis McWherter, Jessica Olivarez, Terry Osburn,*
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WEDNESDAY - December 29, 2010

INFORMATION CENTER

Julie Parette & Erma Wiginton

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Terry & Dawn Walker
Robert & Tracey Michael

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
December 12, 2010

Bible Class	379
AM Worship	533
PM Worship.....	NA
Wednesday	NA
Contribution	\$17,831
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$1,034,168
Budget YTD	\$1,050,900
Over/(Under)	(\$16,732)

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

Members: *Barbara Poteet, Katie Price, Bill Rhodes, Loren Rumsey, June Smith, Janice Sosa, Mary Steger, Beth Whisenhunt, Ray Wilburn*

Friends & Family: *Jim Arledge (brother of Bob), Sammy Bonner (cousin of Rosie Steele), Caiden Call (nephew of Colleen Detherage), TJ Finnley (minister at Branson, MO), David Kimrey & family (son of Bill & Connie), Tim Larson (nephew of Dave Larson), Adam Lee (son of Mark Lee), Russ May of Cassville, MO, Willa Morrison, Cody Oliver (son of Debbie Keller), Lee Peters (former minister at BA), Rich Pietrucha (son-in-law of Warren & June Smith), James Rowland (husband of Winnie), Jayne Sarnoskie (niece of Darrell Simpson), Alexis Saravia (friend of Marty & Lisa Legg), Rick Schnake (cousin of Edna Griffin), Emma Tackett (friend of Phylis McWherter), Eleanor Thompson (mother of Darla Coghill), John Villarreal (grandfather of Amy Gonzalez), Ed Whitworth of Red Oak (former member)*

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, Michael McCready, Shannon Scott McDonald, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Mike Pyle, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth*

EXTENDED PRAYER LIST

Shut-ins: *Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Sacia Coleman, Neal Dobbins, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Vanelle Helm, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, Lonita Nutt, Bill Powers, Dorothy Stutz, Pat Tobey*

Long-term illness: *Carl Alexander, Haleigh Baker, Mitchell Bean, Pam Bonwell, Pat Boulter, Jim & Frances Bryan, Marge Curnutt, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Irene & Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Dee Hall, Lisa Hancock, Roxanna Honea, Jack Hudkins, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Gavin Kuykendall, Lloyd & Alta Lamirand, John A. Lee, Betty Martin, James & Belinda Mitchell, Barbara Poteet, Coleman Pyles, Loren Rumsey, Sonny Steele, Erma Wiginton, Walt Willson, Paris York*

Address Change

Alice Jackson, Parks Edge Nursing, 5115 E 51st St. #304, Tulsa, OK 74135-7430 ph. 918-828-0578



Several of the "**I Pray For Brandon and Katie**" t-shirts are still available in all sizes. They are \$11 a piece and they will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Thanks!



Thanks for the Holiday Cheer: Thanks to all those that helped with the Rhoades Christmas party on Friday. We had just over 300 neighborhood guests. There were lots of smiles & plenty of gratitude expressed. Thanks to the kitchen staff, party helpers, decorators, food drive contributors. A special thanks to "the man in red". You all provided a fun-filled evening for our neighbors.



Since there will be NO BULLETIN for December 26 the list of those to serve on Sunday, January 2, and Wednesday, January 5, is provided this week.

January 2, 2011 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Gerry Lynn

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Darrell Davidson
2. Bryan Davis
3. Richard Davis
4. Ryan Dent
5. Bill Detherage
6. Christian Dorman
7. Robert Dowdy
8. David DuBois
9. Patrick Edison
10. Charles Emerson
11. Cliff Fitzgerald
12. Doc Garrett
13. Rocky Giles
14. James Gilpin
15. Jerry Griffin

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Jim Hoffmeister
For Cup - Bruce Johns

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Gary Jones

SCRIPTURE READING

Matt Wilks

CLOSING PRAYER

Scott Keele

January 2, 2011 - TO SERVE
MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Kyndal Slaton Audra Sisson
Andrea Suffridge Becky Sisson

DOORGREETERS

1. Bruce & Wanda Johns
2. Emily Kilmer & Emma Lamar
3. Rich & Becky Kilmer
4. Bill & Connie Kimrey
5. Dave & Terry Larson
6. Jim Lee & Robert Legg

USHERS

2. Brian Street
3. Brandon Tener
4. David Updike
5. Russell Ward

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Dan & Isabelle Beisiegel
PM Hosts - Steve & Jackie McDonald

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - David & Abby Mainprize
 Nathan & Wendy Lee
PM Hosts - Rich & Becky Kilmer
 Gerry & Darla Lynn

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lois Powers
AM Worship - Elaine Maynard
PM Worship - Lois McNeal

January 2, 2011 - TO SERVE
SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

EVENING PRAYERS

Keith Kashwer
Rich Kilmer

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Hanna Sosa Tonya Stephens
Janice Sosa Christina Snitker

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

George Gwinn
Kevin Guillette

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WEDNESDAY - January 5, 2011

INFORMATION CENTER

Tim & Linnea Plowman

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Junior & Joyce Ackley
Keith & Frances Kashwer

Rear Parking Lot

Crossland Construction's plan is to have the parking lot behind the buildings ready for us to use by the end of December; the majority has now been poured. After they finish the parking lot, they will be doing the fencing, sidewalks and landscaping. We will let you know more details when they are available.

In Mike's Basket (continued)

perseverance, and endurance, and stick-to-itiveness are characteristics that I truly admire! One of my favorite verses is from *Hebrews 12:1,2* - *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."* Though the writer of Hebrews is referring to those "of faith" in chapter 11, I believe the elderly folks "of faith" at the Broken Arrow congregation represent to us, that same sort of motivation! Thank-you for your example to those of us that are younger! Thank-you for your perseverance and passion for Christ! Thank-you for teaching us, showing us, and encouraging us to keep our eyes on Jesus! Have a great week! *Mike*

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the following families:

- **Denny & Linda Sneed and family**, former members, on the death of Denny's mother, Evalyn Sneed, on Friday, December 10 in Texas. Her service was held on Tuesday.
- **Almeta Talley** on the death of her brother, Delbert Hawkins of Las Cruces, NM on Thursday, December 16. Services are pending.
- **The family of Virginia Bryant** (former member) on her passing on Wednesday, December 15, in Durant, OK.

Thank You

Thank you for the encouraging cards, visits, and cookies during my illness. Please continue to pray for me and I look forward to seeing you on Sundays if my health allows me to do that. Visits are welcome, but please call before you come over to make sure my strength is strong. Thanks again for your support, kind words, and hugs; I love my church family. **Clyde Barnes**

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the nice "Holiday Food Basket". I can use everything. What a good selection!! Thanks to Brother David for delivering it. Most sincerely, **Phylis McWherter**

Dear Church Family, Freddie and I want to thank you for the prayers, cards, visits and food we received during my hospital stay and home recovery. We appreciate you all very much. **Charlcie & Freddie Been**

Dear Church Family, It has now been 10 years since Ray's accident. The support we have received and the love shown to us are truly amazing. Thanks so much for the prayers, meals, visits and encouragement given during Ray's latest hospital stay. We are so blessed to be part of God's family at this congregation. With Christian Love, **Bill & Lawana Duwe**

THANKS from CONTACT CHURCH



"The line began to form early for the Contact Mission Christmas Store. The first in line was a man who had arrived at 4:30 a.m. After a five hour wait, he shopped for his children. Before leaving, he told the workers how great the store was...and that he would be back even earlier next year! The best part of the story is that he and his son came to worship with the Contact Church the following day. Praise God!

Your generous contributions and prayers made the 2010 Contact Mission Christmas Store the best ever. Nine congregations joined together, donating 1,679 gifts, so that 110 families could provide Christmas gifts for their 365 children, all the while raising \$5,122 for

summer camps. On behalf of the parents and grandparents who had the opportunity to shop with dignity, thank you for your generous heart and giving spirit."