

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



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

I have started teaching a new class this quarter based on the book *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, authored by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart. I am teaching the material in the Young Families class on Sunday mornings and in OC # 7 on Wednesday nights. Gluttons for punishment may attend both!

The purpose of Fee and Stuart's book is to help Christians better understand Scripture through the use of good interpretive tools and methods and a recognition of the different genres of literature in which God revealed His Word. Rather than just giving us a *Divine Book of Lists* with propositions and imperatives written in columns, God has expressed eternally relevant truths through human language in history, utilizing various forms of human literature. In Scripture, we find historical narratives, genealogies, chronicles, codes of law, poetry, proverbs, prophetic oracles, riddles, drama, biographical sketches, parables, letters, sermons, and apocalypses. How we approach a particular text of the Bible, how we seek to understand it and make appropriate application of the text to our lives is affected, in part, by the type of literature in which it is expressed. Below, I have shared a couple of great quotations from the book's first chapter.

"In fact we are convinced that the single most serious problem people have with the Bible is not with a lack of understanding but with the fact that they understand most things too well," (pg. 17). I mentioned in class Wednesday night that, even if we never learned another thing from Scripture, most of us already know and understand enough to keep us busy for the rest of our lives seeking to fulfill the will of God in our actions and our words.

"...the aim of good interpretation is not uniqueness; one is not trying to discover what no one else has ever seen before. Interpretation that aims at, or thrives on, uniqueness can usually be attributed to pride (an attempt to "outclever" the rest of the world), a false understanding of spirituality... or vested interests... Unique interpretations are usually wrong," (pg. 17-18). Join us for the class or just purchase the book for your personal reading and study. May we all seek to benefit more from the Bible's incredible worth!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

In Moments Like These - 239

You Are the Song That I Sing - 238

Sanctuary

Shepherd's Prayer – Richard Davis

Pierce My Ear

Communion Thoughts

Off We Come Together

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Victory Chant - 278

Scripture - Hebrews 9:15-22

BIBLE HOUR - Jesus Heals the Nobleman's Son

"The Question to the Answer"

Faith Basics Series

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Kneel at the Cross - 945

Victory in Jesus - 470

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Erich Anderson

"Rebels With a Cause" - Daniel 3:8-18

Study of Daniel

Speaker - Tim Pyles

BEDLAM FOOD DRIVE

ENDS TONIGHT

See lists in foyer



**HOPE HARBOR
& CONTACT CHURCH**
GIFTS DUE WEDNESDAY

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
- Multiple opportunities for giving (Hope Harbor, Contact church, food drive). We are blessed so we can bless others
- Welcome back Keith Walvoord, Nick Price and Archer Honena from foreign mission trips

Future View

- Shepherd contact for December - Dave Larson
- Next Shepherds/Ministers Meeting - December 6 & 22
- Wednesday evening Bible class time changes to 7 pm starting 1-5-11

In Mike's Basket

THANK-YOU GOD!

A lifeguard recently reported that he had rescued 223 people from drowning. Only 3 of them ever thanked him! Hard to believe? By my calculations that's 1.3% with a thankful heart. Not even close to 10% which is what the 1 leper out of ten who thanked Jesus totaled. And we think 10% is bad! What's the % of the world who are ready to thank Jesus for saving their life? How many in the church are really thankful? How about us? Do we thank God everyday for the blessing of Jesus Christ?! Shakespeare once wrote: "Let never day nor night unhallow'd pass, but still remember what the Lord hath done."

John writes: **"And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."** Isn't it comforting to realize that God knew just what we needed! Max Lucado said this: "If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior."

I hope we can say a special prayer of thanks this week - Thank-you God for a Savior! Thank-you God for life!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 5 Bedlam Grocery Packing
MS Devo**
- 7 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
GoldenAgers Christmas Party
Ladies Nite Out
- 8 Hope Harbor & Contact Church
gifts due!!
TAC #4 meeting
- 10 Rhoades Christmas Party
- 11 Lord's Ladies Class Party
HS Road Trip**
- 12 GoldenAgers Potluck Luncheon
Life Group Sunday
Teen Area Wide Devo**
- 17 Business Breakfast
Christmas Follies
- 18 SMORG-HS**
- 19 Christmas Party**
- 22-24 Holiday—Office Closed
- 29 Holiday Devotional
- 31 New Year's Eve Party**

FUTURE:

Jan 21 Christian Business Breakfast

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Dec 5 MS Devo**
- Dec 11 HS Road Trip**
- Dec 12 Teen Area Wide Devo**
- Dec 18 SMORG-HS**
- Dec 19 Christmas Party**
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

DEVO

TONIGHT!

@ Lee Turner's House

Bring \$3 for dinner



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

December 12, 2010
Lesson 11 – Sermon on the Mount
 Teach K Larson
 Monitor A Keele

December 19, 2010
NO BIBLE HOUR

December 26, 2010
NO BIBLE HOUR

January 2, 2011
NO BIBLE HOUR

January 8, 2011
Lesson 12 – Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant
 Teach A Keele
 Monitor B Street

FEAR OF FAILURE

There is an interesting read when you look at some of our heroes, see their statistics and realize... there are the things that they have done that are great... (that we shine the light upon), and the things that they have done that are not so great (that we seem to forget about).

Take Babe Ruth as an example. Babe Ruth isn't known for his 1330 strikeouts. His completely awesome feat of hitting 714 home runs obliterates the number of times he spent walking back to the dugout after striking out. Pitcher Cy Young (yes, the award is named after him) accumulated 511 victories, a mark that has never been threatened. But what is generally forgotten is that Young lost 316 games. Cy Young lost just 8 games less than the legendary Nolan Ryan won. In fact, Nolan Ryan racked up 324 wins and 292 losses... but of course, Nolan's accomplishments are overshadowed by his feat of over 5,000 strikeouts! ... thus my point. Good and bad things happen. Amazing and average come in the same package.

Many people let their fear of being average or their fear of failure keep them from doing great things for God. No doubt, you remember the man in the parable of the talents who was given one talent. Although he had the ability to do something with the talent that God had given him, he let fear keep him from doing so. When examined by his lord, he confessed, "I was afraid" (Matthew 25:25). Although the Lord is known for His patience, He has no patience for those who do not try... well, is that what you would say, knowing that the lord called the man "wicked," "lazy" and "worthless."

Check out the contrast between those who use the talent that God gave them vs. the one that hid his talent. Good vs wicked. Faithful vs fearful. Well done vs should have. Enter vs cast out. (continued on back of bulletin)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, December 12: *"Designed By God"*

Congregational News

Directory pictures are being taken TODAY immediately following morning service. This is for those who have never had a picture take, have recently been baptized or are new to the congregation.



Tuesday Ladies Bible Class December Luncheon will be this Tuesday, December 7. Please bring your "Festive Holiday" dish and join us for food & fellowship following our Bible class.

GoldenAgers Holiday Party: All GoldenAgers are invited to attend a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 7, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger food and a \$10.00 wrapped gift for each member of the family. Come join the fun.

Ladies Night Out: Tuesday, December 7, in the Youth Room. Bring your cocoa mug and be ready to deliver ornaments to the shut-ins.

Volunteers Needed to deliver food to the names submitted for food baskets.

Take-A-City #4 will meet Wednesday, December 8, at 5:30 in OC #3.

Rhoades Elementary Christmas Party sponsored by BACOC will be Friday, December 10, at 6 PM. Volunteers are still needed to help in these categories: kitchen help, face painting & decorating. Yard inflatables are needed as decorations. If you have one we can borrow please contact the office. Sign-up at the round table near the Youth Booth. Questions? Contact Colleen Detherage. (news continued on back of insert)

The devotion and dedication of the congregation to the **Clothing Room Ministry** is so appreciated!! Words seem so inadequate, but "Thank You All" for your donations of clothing, money, energy and time! This ministry is soon to begin it's 5th year and could not have come this far without YOU and your sacrifices! There is no Reward without sacrifice!

The Clothing Room will be closed during December and the 1st week of January. Volunteers to return on January 8th & 9th.

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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FEAR OF FAILURE

Each man in the parable faced the same possibility of failure. The difference between the men was not what they faced, but how they faced it. The five-talent man and the two-talent man faced the future with faith and gained the victory. So, get in the game... you may have gains that far out weigh your setbacks (Young's 511 wins vs 316 losses). You may have gains that about equal your setbacks (Ryan's 324 wins vs 292 losses) or you may even have setbacks outweigh your gains (Ruth's 1330 strikeouts vs 714 homeruns). But you will be remembered by God as someone who played the game and didn't hide their talent.

What are you accomplishing for the Lord?

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.



Wednesday Night Dinner

Menu: Pecan Crusted Tilapia

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:

*Individually packaged
Snack Items:
(Granola bars, breakfast bars,
Little Debbie's, nuts, etc.)
(NO SANDWICH CRACKERS)*

December 12, 2010 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Kyle Thomas

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Charles Emerson

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 - Christian Dorman

For Cup - Robert Dowdy

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Bryan Davis

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeff Watson

CLOSING PRAYER

Richard Davis

December 12, 2010 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S

111S

Terri Larson

Elaine Maynard

Gina Mahaffey

Eden Michael

DOORGREETERS

1. Dwayne & Pam Canton
2. John & Jimmie Cash
3. Laura Copeland & Janna Davis
4. Bryan & Tama Davis
5. Darrel Davidson & Cliff Fitzgerald
6. Jess & Jenny Eyer

USHERS

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

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bruce & Karen Burnette

PM Hosts - NA

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Glen & Edwina Lyle

Gary & Gail Southern

PM Hosts - NA

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - JoElla Gotcher

AM Worship - Sheila Haddock

PM Worship - NA

December 12, 2010

Evening Worship

Conducted by

Life Groups

**Larson/Michael &
Price/Plowman**



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

LORD'S TABLE

Dwayne Canton..... 281-9171

PRAYERS

Jerry Lundy..... 357-5728

DOOR GREETERS

Gary Southern 355-3131

USHERS

Jerry Lundy..... 357-5728

WEDNESDAY - December 15, 2010

INFORMATION CENTER

Gail Baxter & Sherrie Slaton

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Dick & Sharon Myers

Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of

November 28, 2010

Bible Class	428
AM Worship	595
PM Worship	298
Wednesday	438
Contribution	\$18,726
Budget	\$21,018
Contribution YTD	\$995,715
Budget YTD	\$1,008,864
Over/(Under)	(\$13,149)

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

Hospital/Tests:

Jim Bryan is in SouthCrest, room 425, with a very serious infection.

Ray Duwe has been moved to room 4128 in St. Francis.

Sheila Haddock had outpatient surgery on Friday.

Alice Jackson is in St Francis, room 5311, following surgery on Wednesday.

Terry Osburn had a brief stay in the hospital early last week.

Linda Reeder is home following a short stay in the hospital.

Bill Rhodes will have cataract surgery on Tuesday.

Hannah Sosa

Ray Wilburn will have cataract surgery on Wednesday.

TJ Finnley (minister at Branson, MO) had heart surgery on Friday in Branson.

Adam Lee (son of Mark Lee) would appreciate your prayers.

Rich Pietrucha of Ft. Worth (son-in-law of Warren & June Smith) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Eleanor Thompson (mother of Darla Coghill) is in CVICU with respiratory issues.

John Villarreal (grandfather of Amy Gonzalez) is in St. Francis ICU.

Ed Whitworth of Red Oak (former member) is not doing very well.

Members: Keith Askew, *Bill Davis*, *Clyde Barnes*, Charlcie Been, Heather Blevins, Jennifer Bradley, Frances Bryan, *Bill Davis*, *Camille Fitzgerald*, *Frances Kashwer*, Norma McGuire, Phylis McWherter, *Jessica Olivarez*, *Barbara Poteet*, *Loren Rumsey*, *June Smith*, Janice Sosa, Scott Street, Beth Whisenhunt (continued on back on insert)

PRAYER LIST

Friends & Family: Jim Arledge (brother of Bob), Janeesa Batchelor (friend of Amy Gonzalez), *Caden Call* (nephew of *Colleen Detherage*), David Kimrey & family (son of Bill & Connie), Tim Larson (nephew of Dave Larson), Kari Long (daughter of Belinda Mitchell), *Russ May of Cassville, MO*, Willa Morrison, Cody Oliver (son of Debbie Keller), Annette Overton (mother of Rhonda Blackstock), *Lee Peters* (former minister at BA), *Willard Pyles* (father of Tim), James Richie (uncle of Sherrie Slaton), *James Rowland* (husband of Winnie), Jayne Sarnoskie (niece of Darrell Simpson), Alexis Saravia (friend of Marty & Lisa Kierstyn), Rick Schnake (cousin of Edna Griffin), Joe Smith (friend of Gene & Beverly Dunn), *Mary Steger* (mother of *Charlotte Thrailkill*)

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

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Terry Osburn & family** on the death of her daughter, Cari Brawley on Friday, November 27. Graveside services were Thursday afternoon.

Condolences go out to **Jack & Helen Walling** (former members) on the death of their son, Wade Walling, on Saturday. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, December 1, in Haskell, OK.

Deepest sympathy is sent to **Frances Payne and Cyndi Bell & families** on the death of Frances's brother, Bob Ess. He passed away on Thursday, December 2.

Thank You

Dear Brothers & Sisters, A big thank you for the cards, prayers and calls when Bernard's Aunt Wyona passed away. It is a blessing to be in such a loving Christian church family. **Bernard & Carol Anderson**

Thank you so much for all the prayers for my family and me during these months of illness. My daughter, Kari Long, is back at work and I am getting some help with pain control. **Belinda Mitchell**

Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

Owasso School of Biblical Studies

Spring Semester begins January 8

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

Broken Arrow Bible Institute

Bible History I - Old Testament

6 month course

Begins Tuesday, December 7

at 8:00 pm

in OC #3



Help for Clyde Barnes

Clyde is at home with bone cancer. He is taking radiation treatment for pain control. His niece is currently staying with him however she has prior commitments for this coming week, December 6-10. Clyde is in need of people to sit with him Monday - Friday in four hour shifts from 8 AM to Noon & Noon to 4 PM.

Several times are still open. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday morning and Friday afternoon.

If you can help please sign-up at the Information Center.

Congregational News (continued)

Holiday Cookie Exchange / Homeless Ministry - Come share a cup of cheer and some cookies as we celebrate the holidays while collecting and packing bags for the Homeless Ministry at the home of Kim Pyles on Thursday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies (homemade or store bought). One dozen will be enjoyed during our time together; the other dozen will be sorted in bags to take home. Also, bring items listed below based on the first letter of your last name:

A-D Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors

E-K Soap, washcloths, deodorant, shampoo

L-Q Hand sanitizer, wipes, combs or brushes

R-Z Towel, granola bars, individually wrapped snacks



Christmas Follies: Friday evening, December 17. If you are interested in participating sign-up at the table near the Youth Booth. If you can provide cookies there is a place for you to sign-up at the table, also. Questions? Contact Abbey Wilks at 918-277-9624 or akilmer83@gmail.com.