



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

(adapted from a recent blog post)

As "Chuck the Repairman" was recently replacing a broken torsion spring on our garage door, I commented to him that, while we had a couple of springs to break during the 12 years in our home in Texas, this was our first garage door repair since moving to Oklahoma. Chuck said, "Yeah, they've got a lifespan of about 8,000 openings and closings." Really? Who knew? I certainly didn't. I guess I assumed if you kept the door and the opener properly adjusted and maintained that the spring would just last forever. Apparently not. Garage door springs have a finite lifespan. Only so many twists and compressions and they're done.

On January 23, fitness guru Jack LaLanne passed away at the age of 96. LaLanne is considered to be a "father of fitness" in America through his tireless promotion of regular exercise, weight training, and healthy eating habits. He definitely practiced what he preached. LaLanne maintained his youthful physique and continued to perform remarkable feats of strength, stamina, and dexterity long after most people his age had settled into a very sedentary existence in their golden years. He famously joked in 2006, "I can't afford to die. It would wreck my image."

No matter the strength of the steel in the torsion spring, it will eventually break. Regardless of how much time, attention, and energy we devote to physical fitness, the human body only has so many years of existence in it. A "lifestyle of wellness" will certainly contribute to a much happier and healthier journey through life, but the journey will come to an end nonetheless.

"As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years. Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; for soon it is gone and we fly away... So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:10,12). Thankfully, "we" don't end when our physical body ultimately succumbs to weakness, frailty, and mortality. A heart of wisdom leads us to utilize our time in this life in preparation for the next, the journey of our spirit back to our Creator, and a coming day in which we will be graciously re-clothed with a glorious body that is fitted for eternity.

"Oh what a day, Glorious day, that will be!"

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

How Majestic Is Your Name - 42

Holy, Holy, Holy - 47

Highest Place - 155

Shepherd's Prayer – Charles Emerson

Beautiful Lamb of God

Communion Thoughts

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Great Are You Lord

Scripture - Ephesians 3:1-13

BIBLE HOUR - The Transfiguration

"What Is Your Relationship to the Church?"

Speaker - Wayne Burger

My Jesus, I Love Thee - 701

A Common Love - 705

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

"I Am the Resurrection"

Speaker - Mike Baskett

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION!

Today the congregation has a chance to help raise \$700 toward airfare for Bobby Deason to fly to Cambodia and teach at the Cambodia Bible Institute. He will be teaching on the book of Acts in place of Tawn Lark, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in December. Please give your checks to one of the shepherds or one of the members of the Mission Committee

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
- Summary of Ministers & Shepherds meeting 2-16-11
 - ≈ Round table discussion of Shepherding groups & prayer offered
 - ≈ Discussed attending Affirming the Faith conference in Oklahoma City
- LTC practice is in full swing, support this leadership training

Future View

- Shepherd contact for February - Gerry Lynn
- Next Minister/Shepherds Meeting - March 7 & 23
- Affirming the Faith seminar in OKC February 25 & 26

In Mike's Basket

Since you're reading this, answer me a couple of questions: Do you invest in stocks? Do you have a professional do the investing or do you do it yourself? Even though Karen's brother is a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch, I like to do most of my investing on my own. I've learned enough to know that fundamentals, management, product, and future growth should play considerably into your research. I also know, however, that some stocks just go up and up and up for no reason! Momentum and popularity can cause a stock to skyrocket even if the fundamentals don't look so good. People chase a fad or what's popular without ever paying attention to true investment research. Yes, you can make money buying and selling these stocks, but the opposite is true as well! Guess which stocks get hammered the most when there's a crisis or economic failure? That's right, those without good fundamentals! The "tech bubble" of 2001 taught us that! But some people just don't seem to learn...

Isn't that really the same as life? People chasing after fads... momentum... popularity... and a multitude of other "in the moment" scenarios... but totally lose sight of that which has fundamentals! In the Christian world, we don't usually say "fundamentals," we use words like security or solidity or foundational. What are we daily "investing" in - - that which is temporary and popular - - or that which is rock-solid and eternal!?! Paul wrote: *"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* (2 Corinthians 4:18) Let's make sure we don't lose sight of the truly important! Have a great week!

Request: If you're willing to host a Middle School devotional in your home, or sponsor one at the building, we need someone for March 6th!! Please let Reece or Holly Parker know if you can help!

CURRENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 20 Big Night Out Meeting
MS/HS Area Wide-HERE
- 22 Ladies Bible Class Workday
- 23 Take-A-City #4
- 25-26 Bible Bowl @ Duncan
- 26 Clothing Room Opening
- 27 Nequette/Olivarez Wedding Shower

FUTURE:

- Mar 1 Ladies Bible Class Lunch
GoldenAgers Social
- Mar 1 & 2 Kids Kare Art Show
- Apr 22-23 LTC
- June 5-11 Burnt Cabin Camp
- July 24-27 V.B.S.

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Feb 20 MS/HS Area Wide-HERE
- Mar 4 Applications Due for OCWA Scholarships**
- Mar 7 Applications Due for LTC Scholarships**
- Mar 12-17 Spring Break Mission Trip

Great Southwest Bible Bowl

Duncan, Oklahoma

Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26

Bus leaves the building at 4:04 pm

Bring a sleeping bag, an overnight bag, and money for two meals, dinner Friday & Saturday evening. Saturday return between 7:00 & 8:00. Plan to wear your "Are You Connected" youth group t-shirt on Saturday. If you need a shirt, see Mike. No charge to Bible Bowlers.

BIG NIGHT OUT 2011

There will be a brief Big Night Out planning and informational meeting immediately after this morning services. If you are a Junior or Senior in High School, a parent of a Junior or Senior, or just interested in helping with Big Night Out, please meet in the southeast corner of the auditorium.

Brian Street

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

February 27, 2011

Lesson 19 - The Sinful Woman

Teach H Martin
Monitor I Lee

March 6, 2011

Lesson 20 - The Good Samaritan

Teach I Lee
Monitor J Saffell

March 13, 2011

Spring Break
No Bible Hour

March 20, 2011

Spring Break
No Bible Hour

The Value of Women According to the Bible (continued from February 13)

Wisdom as the Portrait of a Woman

The book of Proverbs, written primarily by King Solomon, is a literary genre known as Wisdom literature. The main theme of the book is the concept of wisdom. The writer stated: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom" (4:7). To further stress the importance and value of wisdom, he penned: "For wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her" (8:11). Building on the idea of the immeasurable value of wisdom, the writer of the book of Job stated: "But where can wisdom be found? It cannot be purchased for gold, nor can silver be weighed for its price. It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire...for the price of wisdom is above rubies.... Nor can it be valued in pure gold" (28:12-19). It is clear that the Bible writers viewed wisdom as a personality trait of inestimable value.

What picture, then, was used to personify this trait of such value? Throughout the book of Proverbs, the idea of wisdom is personified by a woman. The text reads: "Wisdom has built her house" (9:1); "Does not wisdom cry out, and understanding lift up her voice? She takes her stand on the top of the high hill" (8:1-2). The most illustrative picture of the virtue of wisdom that the Proverbs writer could conjure was that of a woman. How then can the Bible writers be so misrepresented as to suggest that they did not value women, when wisdom, which is "the principle thing" according to Proverbs, is portrayed as a woman? Additionally, the Proverbs writer stated, "A gracious woman retains honor" (11:16). The inspired writer also included a lengthy section (31:10-31) in which he extolled the worth of a virtuous woman who is clothed in "strength and honor," who "opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household." Needless to say, you do not hear these passages about wisdom personified as a woman and the value of virtuous women in the jaded rants of the modern skeptic.

(adapted from an article by Kyle Butt at <http://www.apologeticspress.org>)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM,
February 27: *"Will Jesus Return in May"*

Congregational News

Big Night Out Planning and Informational Meeting IMMEDIATELY after this morning services. If you are a Junior or Senior in High School, a parent of a Junior or Senior, or just interested in helping with Big Night Out, please meet in the southeast corner of the auditorium.

Ladies Bible Class Workday has been moved to this Tuesday, the 22nd. Please bring a sack lunch and join us following class on Tuesday morning.

Take-A-City #4 will meet Wednesday, February 23, at 5:30 in OC room 3.

Clothing Room Opening: The Clothing Room opening has been rescheduled for this Saturday 9:00 -11:00. Help will be needed. Please sign-up in the foyer. If you've already signed up but are unavailable on the 26th, please remove your name from the sign-up sheet.

Wedding Shower for Jessica Olivarez & Brian Nequette will be Sunday, February 27, at 3:00 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Volunteer Opportunity: Rhoades Elementary "Minute to Win It" Family Night has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 3, in the OC, weather permitting. Time keepers & game demonstrators are needed. See Colleen Detherage.

LTC Participants: Registration money, \$35, is due. Give your checks made payable to Broken Arrow Church of Christ to Beth Astor.

Secret Sisters: Don't forget your Secret Sister. Current Sisters will remain through May. Please try to stay in touch until then. There will be information about the revealing as time draws near.

Spring Break Mission Trip: If you are interested in a Mission Trip to Midland, TX, over Spring Break, please sign-up at the Youth Booth.

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
Every Sunday**



**Puppets 2 pm
Drama 3 pm
Chorus 4 pm**

Affirming the Faith Seminar

Friday & Saturday, February 25-26, 2011

Hosted by:

Oklahoma City Area Churches of Christ

Held at:

North MacArthur Church of Christ

9300 N MacArthur Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK

405-621-5962

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: Santa Fe Soup

Serving from 5:30 to 6:30 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:

*Shampoo &
Conditioner*



February 27, 2011 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Jim Hoffmeister

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Dave Larson

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Kevin Guillette
2. George Gwinn
3. Jack Hale
4. Jared Hale
5. Virgil Hale
6. Bill Hancock
7. Ethan Hancock
8. Lee Heffner
9. Tom Henderson
10. Jim Hoffmeister
11. Richard Holleyman
12. Archer Honea
13. Bruce Johns
14. Keith Kashwer
15. Scott Keele

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - John Wells
For Cup - Paul West

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Jim Wiginton

SCRIPTURE READING

Dave Brockway

CLOSING PRAYER

Ray Wilburn

February 27, 2011 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Jeanne Mason	Nancy McWherter
Elaine Maynard	Eden Michael

DOORGREETERS

1. John & Linda Wells
2. Matt & Abbey Wilks
3. Walt & Terry Willson
4. Bill & Joan Wilson
5. Brent & Holly Worden
6. Paris & Rose York

USHERS

2. Walt Willson
3. Bill Wilson
4. Brent Worden
5. Ken Allen

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gene & Mary Lynch
PM Hosts - Nora Fairless & June Scott

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Victor & Teresa York
Glen & Edwina Lyle

PM Hosts - Brent & Barbara Saffell
Bill & Jean Murdock

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Becky Kilmer
AM Worship - Sheila Haddock
PM Worship - Emily Kilmer

February 27, 2011 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Archer Honea

EVENING PRAYERS

Matt Wilks
Walt Willson

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
JoAnn Mitchell	Pam Mitchell
Ruby Mitchell	Shelby Mitchell

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Kevin Lawrence
Marty Legg

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

WEDNESDAY - March 2, 2011

INFORMATION CENTER

Gary & Gail Southern

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Gene & Mary Lynch
Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
February 13, 2011

Bible Class.....	421
AM Worship.....	648
PM Worship.....	437
Wednesday.....	392
Contribution	\$38,177
Budget	\$21,173
Contribution YTD	\$133,501
Budget YTD	\$148,211
Over/(Under).....	(\$14,710)

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:

Ellen Dowdy will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday the 22nd at St. John BA.

Lawana Duwe had her second cataract surgery on Wednesday.

Ray Duwe is in St. Francis, room 4125, with complications from pneumonia.

Caityln Easley requests prayers for her family.

Camille and Cliff Fitzgerald have both been moved to Forrest Hills room 419.

Little Brody Kuykendall has a cast on a broken leg.

Family of Susan Barker, co-worker of Tracey Michael & Angie Dubois. Susan passed away on Sunday.

Brian Chandler, son-in-law or the Reeders, has returned to civilian life after serving in the military.

Mary Ellen Castillo, friend of Mike & Sharon Legg.

Verna Hall, friend of Sharon & Mike Legg.

Jordan Harper, grandson of Karen & Bruce Burnette, had surgery on Thursday.

Willard Pyles has returned home to Alabama.

Family of Fred Rawson, friends of the Reeders. Fred passed away last week.

George Willson, son of Walt & Terry, had eye surgery on Wednesday.

Geames Wooten, former member here, is in ICU at Inverness Baptist Hospital in OK City awaiting a liver transplant.

Members: Keith Askew, Clyde Barnes, Dan Beisiegel, Mary Bonds, Bill Davis, Gage Dixon, Irene Elliot, Nora Fairless, Mary Harper, Alice Jackson, Frances Kashwer, Phylis McWherter, Jessica Olivarez, Mary Nell Packard, Barbara Poteet, Bill Rhodes, June Smith, Hannah Sosa, Mary Steger, Robert Stow, Darrell Vest

PRAYER LIST

Friends & Family: Jeff Alderson (neighbor of the Basketts), Glenda Buchanan (sister of Barbara Saffell), *Caiden Call* (nephew of *Colleen Detherage*), Autumn Carson (granddaughter of David & Sharon Temme), Sharon Clark (mother of Terry Walker), Betty Cole (daughter of Lois McNeal), Frank Deffenbaugh (grandfather of Monica Hale), Linda Dobbs (friend of Becky Kilmer), Michelle DuBois (sister-in-law of David DuBois), Randy Hess (brother of Roxanna Honea), Veronica King (widow of Tracey Michael's cousin Jeremy), *Maddison Marino* (1 lb. 6 oz. premature infant), *Russ May of Cassville, MO*, Graycin McIntee (newborn relative of Tracey Michael), Annette Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's mother), *Lee Peters* (former minister at BA), *Willard Pyles* (father of Tim), Shirley Reed (friend of Barbara Poteet), *James Rowland* (husband of Winnie), Emma Spears (friend of Abby Parette), Janice Tulley (friend of Barbara Poteet), *Ed Whitworth of Red Oak* (former member), Felicia Windam (niece of Rosie Steele), Families from India that lost everything in a fire

Military: Shawn Boggs, Chance Callison, Travis Cardinal, Stevens Copeland, Will Courtney, Blake Davis, Mike Dorman, 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, Braelyn Mitchem, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Mike Pyle, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth

Mission Work-Tom & Helen Norris and Sheila & Michelle Tandy (parents & relatives of Eric Norris)

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, Lisa Hancock, Roxanna Honea, Jack Hudkins, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Gavin Kuykendall, Lloyd & Alta Lamirand, John A. Lee, Lisa Legg, Betty Martin, James & Belinda Mitchell, Barbara Poteet, Coleman Pyles, Sonny Steele, Erma Wiginton, Walt Willson, Paris York

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family: I want to tell you about the Lord. He taught me Psalm 23 & is now teaching me Ephesians 4: 31-32. Thank you for all the love & prayers during my illness. **Mary Bonds**

Dear Church Family: God has blessed me richly by my brothers and sisters in Christ. It has been a long difficult road to travel and God "only" knows how it will end. Thank you so much for all the care so many of you have given me for the past four years. I do so appreciate the hugs and prayers that "keep me going". Thank you and please continue to pray for my strength, courage and wisdom and for Pete's peace, contentment and comfort. A special "thank you" to Greg Bare, Patrick and Jamie Edison & Mike & Narissa Rampey for helping me get through the blizzard of 2011. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you". Phil 1:3 **Del Huntsman**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Nicole & Matt Allison** on the birth of a daughter, Serenity Nicole, Wednesday, February 16. Great-grandparents are **Wanda & Ray Wilburn**. Great-aunts, great-uncle, & second cousins are **Janice, Hannah & Olivia Sosa & Mike, Dana, Caleb & Abigail Martin**.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **Kim & Shannon Clark, Brandon, Taylor, Rylee, Jordyn & Kennedy** on the death of Shannon's father, John Clark, on Thursday, February 17. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 11 am at Kennedy-Amis-Kennard Funeral Home.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to **Naomi Hall & Jo Ella Gotcher and families** on the death of Dee Hall on Thursday, February 17. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Our sympathy is extended to **Mitch & Amy Gonzalez and family** on the death of her uncle, Robert Villerreal on Friday, February 11. The funeral was Wednesday at Kennedy-Amis-Kennard Funeral Home.

RETREATS & CAMPING

C.O.P.E. Retreat: The COPE Retreat for all ages has been rescheduled for April 1-3 at Azalea Falls Lodge in Arkansas. There is still room for anyone that can fit the new date into their schedule. See Richard Davis

Singles Retreat: What Matters? 2011 Regional Singles Retreat, March 4-6 @ Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp. Speaker: Ben Glover. Cost is \$25.00 if paid by February or \$30.00 after that date. terry.fischer@mrcc.org Register online www.tinyurl.com/2011singles or at 405.478.0166

Spring Break Campout: March 13 – 19 We have reserved spaces in Sequoyah State Park, Cherokee Camping Area, Wagoner, OK. Please, let the camp host know you are with the BACOC Camp Group upon arrival. See Dick Ray

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