



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

About a month ago, I read a report regarding the percentage of smokers who hide their habit from their physicians. According to a recent study by Legacy (an organization devoted to the prevention of teen smoking and helping smokers quit), 1 in 10 smokers in the U.S. do not disclose to their doctors that they are lighting up. 42% identified their reason for concealment as being a sense of shame because of increased social stigma about smoking, and 66% did not want to be lectured by their health care provider. The result is that about 6 million U.S. smokers are excluding themselves from beneficial information that their doctors could provide them, along with access to resources which could help them break their unhealthy addiction.

My article today isn't about smoking, although I agree with a preacher friend in Australia who used to say, "I can't point to a Scripture that explicitly says smoking is sinful, but I can provide you with a mountain of undeniable evidence which proves that it is incredibly stupid." I'm grateful that it is largely a thing of the past when the transition between Bible classes and worship in many churches served as a "smoking break" on the front steps, and one could clearly read the Marlboro label on the pack of cigarettes in the song leader's shirt pocket. I don't miss those days at all, so kudos to all of you who have kicked this nasty, unhealthy, malodorous habit.

However, this study caused me to consider the foolishness and spiritual counter-productivity of seeking to conceal information about our lives from the Great Physician. "There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4:13). Jesus wants us to acknowledge and confess our sins, failings, struggles, and shortcomings not so that He can lecture us, but so that He can heal and forgive us (1 John 1:8-10). It is for our own spiritual good that we maintain confessional hearts before the Lord and openly and honestly share our struggles with fellow Christians. "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

A Wonderful Savior - 508

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O Come, All Ye Faithful - 997

"Good News of Great Joy"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Do You Know My Jesus? - 943

He Lives - 346

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

"Mercy Matters"

Study of the Beatitudes - Matthew 5

Speaker - Tim Pyles



Bible Class

When you are not in class a piece of the puzzle is missing.

Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."
Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

One Year Ago Today

by Brandon Price on February 1, 2012

Today we woke up to a wind chill temperature of -27°F . All of Europe is experiencing severe cold weather right now, and the schools in Kharkov have been closed to keep the kids out of the elements. Today I saw a man dunking himself in this -27° weather! Crazyness!

It was one year ago today—February 1, 2011—that Katie and I arrived in Kharkov. It was one year ago today when we officially joined the work here and began making this foreign city our home. We knew no one besides our teammates, and this city of a million and a half people felt massive.

To those of you who have helped make this happen, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To those of you who lift us up with your constant prayers, emails, texts, paychecks, cards, phone calls, and packages, thank you. You've been the team we've needed, and we absolutely love you for that.

In Mike's Basket

Do you need some "quick conversation" starters? You can find them everywhere! Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help? This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.' Why do we have "piggy banks?" Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on... DID YOU KNOW? The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched." Barbie's measurements if she were life size: 39-23-33. The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before! 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled. And on and on we go! Fun and interesting facts... but sometimes silly and useless information...

Do you realize that this generation of young people know more facts, more information, and more "stuff" than any generation? One writer said: *"Our young people have knowledge a mile wide, but an inch deep!"* TONS of information and knowledge... but very little depth. Young and old alike know just enough about religion, the Bible, and God to be dangerous; however, they do not truly dig deep for answers. The teens often want the answer, but seldom wish to research FOR the answer. Mike, "Just tell me the answer!" Mike, "Can you just tell me quickly?" It's the **text version** – short and easy!

How about you? Scan the headlines... read the scrolling news updates... daily verses to read but seldom **study** the Bible... rely on sermons for your "meat" each week... If we want to be deeply rooted in our faith, we should take these words to heart: **Colossians 2:6,7** – *"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."* Let's create some depth!! Have a great week! Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 5 Medical Mission Meeting
Ukraine Mission Meeting
MIP-Mothers in Prayer Meeting
HS Devo & Super Bowl Party
GoldenAgers Committee Meeting
- 7 Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
GoldenAgers Social
- 11 Cory Giles Wedding Shower
- 12 GoldenAgers Potluck Luncheon
MS Devo
Teen Connection
- 17 Christian Business Breakfast
Ladies Craft Night
- 18 SMORG**
- 19 LIFE GROUP SUNDAY
- 21 Ladies Bible Class Workday
- 24-25 Affirming the Faith Seminar
Duncan Bible Bowl
- 26 JUMPSTART
HS Devo

FUTURE:

- Mar 2 Ladies Retreat
- Mar 9-11 Church Retreat
- June 2 GoldenAgers Picnic

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Feb 5 **HS Devo & Super Bowl Party**
- Feb 12 **MS Devo**
Teen Connection
- Feb 18 **SMORG**
- Feb 26 **HS Devo**
30-Hour Famine
Diamond Searching Road Trip

HIGH SCHOOL DEVO & SUPER BOWL PARTY @ the Baskett's

5 PM Bring a snack or drink.
Find your own ride!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

It is time to apply for the **O.C.W.A. scholarships to Oklahoma Christian University**. This year's scholarships will be awarded in April in varied amounts. Applications and requirements can be found at the Youth Connection in the foyer or on the OCWA website at:

oc.edu/advancement/ocwa

For more information call Dewayna Petre at 918-455-9470.

See Mike for LTC Scholarship Info!

**CHILDREN'S
BIBLE HOUR**

For 3 year olds thru
1st grade

February 12, 2012

Lesson 17 - *Jesus Walks on Water*

Teach F Lynn
Monitor G Maynard

February 19, 2012

Lesson 18 - *The Transfiguration*

Teach G Maynard
Monitor H Martin

February 26, 2012

Lesson 19 - *The Sinful Woman*

Teach H Martin
Monitor I Lee

March 4, 2012

Lesson 20 - *The Good Samaritan*

Teach I Lee
Monitor J Saffell

HIS PRIDE DID NOT STOP HIM

Nicodemus (Greek for "conqueror of the people") who made a visit to Jesus in John 3, possessed three outstanding characteristics that made him one of the most impressively religious men alive.

"A man of the Pharisees" (vs 1). The term Pharisee most likely means "separated one." Many trace the roots of the Pharisees to Daniel and his three friends, who refused to partake of their captor's food (Dan. 1) or to worship the king as a god (Dan. 3) while in exile in Babylon. Having been taken from the Promised Land and cut off from their temple they clung to the law of Moses as a means of preserving their identity. But after more than six hundred years, this admirable loyalty to nationalism and devotion to the law had taken on a life of its own.

The Pharisees had become a tight-knit brotherhood, a political and religious party that had earned the respect of their fellow Jews. They were meticulous expositors of Scripture and worked tirelessly to apply the general principles of the law to everyday life. The law stated, for example, that every Israelite was to set aside the seventh day of the week for resting the body and refreshing the soul (EX. 20). So that everyone would know how to apply the law and to "rest" as they should, the Pharisaic rabbis added a long list of prohibitions. Later, this oral tradition of the Pharisees was preserved in a document called the Mishnah, which contains no less than 24 chapters just on how to keep the Sabbath. No one rivaled the Pharisees in being religious.

"A ruler of the Jews" (vs 1). Before the Jews were exiled to Babylon, a king ruled the nation. After their return, they were subjected to governors placed in authority by foreign countries and so turned to the high priest for leadership. By the first century, under Roman rule, the high priest presided over a council of 70 experienced statesmen and notable religious figures. This ruling class of elders, called the Sanhedrin, served as Israel's Congress and Supreme Court. (Continued on insert)

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, February 12, 2012: "Faith Alone?"

Congregational News

LTC Registration \$\$\$ is due now! Please get your \$35.00 to Mike or Beth Astor as soon as you can!

Medical Mission 2012: There will be a quick "Who's Interested" Meeting, TODAY in 103 N immediately after morning worship. Please plan to attend if you are interested. Financial help is available through the Bill Davis Medical Mission Scholarship Fund. If interested but won't be present, please contact Aaron Laney.

MIP-Mothers In Prayer will meet TODAY in 101 N at 4 pm.

Ukraine Mission Meeting: TODAY at 4 pm in 103 N.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class & Valentine Luncheon: Tuesday, February 7. Class at 10 am with the luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring pink or red salads &/or desserts.



Wedding Shower for Cory Giles & fiancée, Rachel Swindler will be Saturday, February 11, at 10:30 am in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Ladies Night Out-Craft Night: Friday, February 17 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a craft you would like to complete OR bring fabric (at least 12x12 in size) to make a magnet-ic board for pictures, recipes, etc. Bring a snack/drinks to share.

Pictorial Directory: Last Call!!!! If you were unable to have your picture taken for the new directory, please contact the church office. Olan Mills is making it possible to schedule appointments with a local area church in late February.

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LTC

PRACTICE

TODAY!!

Practice will continue EVERY week until convention.

Puppets 3 pm

Drama 4 pm



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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"Hey You Guys"

Plan for the Spring Church Retreat

March 9-11

All Ages

Robbers Cave State Park

\$30 - adults, \$15 - 18 & younger

Group lodge and dorms

Buses will be available

Activities available

- Rappelling and rock climbing (quantity and age limits – instruction required)
- Badminton, volleyball, horseshoes, kickball, table games
- Hiking
- Exploring the cave and rock formations
- Fishing – bring your own gear and license
- Enjoying the outdoors
- Campfire fellowship, singing and devo

Sunday morning worship in a rustic lodge

Sign-up sheet in the foyer

If you have questions or would like to help plan see Richard Davis

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.



Canned Peaches, Pears & Apricots (15 oz. size)

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



Hope Harbor Needs:

*33 Gallon
Trash Bags*



February 12, 2012 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Dave Larson

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Mike Davis
2. Christian Dorman
3. Robert Dowdy
4. David DuBois
5. Patrick Edison
6. Charles Emerson
7. Brenan Fulkerson
8. James Garrett
9. Rocky Giles
10. Scott Goodrich
11. Jerry Griffin
12. Kevin Guillette
13. George Gwinn
14. Jack Hale
15. Virgil Hale

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Ron Cummins
For Cup - Ryan Dent

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Richard Davis

SCRIPTURE READING

Bruce Binkley

CLOSING PRAYER

Hunter Baskett

February 12, 2012 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Ashley Blackstock Dylan Blackstock
Fran Garrett Tama Davis

DOORGREETERS

1. Robert & Marie Stow
2. Sam Walton & Russell Ward
3. Keith & Cynthia Walvoord
4. Erma Watson & Wanda Wilburn
5. Clif & Kelli Warren
6. John & Linda Wells

USHERS

2. Dwayne Canton
3. John Cash
4. Thomas Coleman
5. Darrel Davidson

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Tim & Linnea Plowman
PM Hosts - Steve & Jackie McDonald

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jim & Darla Coghill
 Bruce & Wanda Johns
PM Hosts - Kyle & Shelly Thomas
 Bill & Charlotte Thraillkill

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Loretta Turner
AM Worship - Erma Wiginton
PM Worship - Abbey Wilks

February 12, 2012 - TO SERVE

EVENING SONG LEADER

Joel Pence

EVENING PRAYERS

Bill Detherage
Dylan Blackstock

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Ashley Dent Beverly Cummins
Sue Doss Jamie Edison

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Trevor Blevins
Duane Bresee

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

LORD'S TABLE

Dwayne Canton 281-9171
Brad Jones 528-6442

PRAYERS

Jerry Lundy 357-5728

DOOR GREETERS

Gary Southern 355-3131

USHERS

Jerry Lundy 357-5728

WEDNESDAY - February 15, 2012

INFORMATION CENTER

Jim & Sue Walton

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Lonnie & Joni Miller
Bill & Charlotte Thraillkill

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
January 29, 2012

Bible Class	397
AM Worship	620
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	377
Contribution	\$18,460
Budget	\$20,500
Contribution YTD	\$105,697
Budget YTD	\$102,500
Over/(Under)	\$3,197

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

Jennifer Bradley will have surgery Wednesday at St. John Medical Center.

Gage Dixon has been moved to room 319 in St. Francis Children's Hospital.

Margarete Mosley is in St. Johns-BA, room 411, undergoing tests.

Barbara Poteet will have surgery tomorrow at St. Frances-Tulsa.

Lillian Wilson is home following a fall that resulted in a broken arm.

Members of our church family who are looking for work.

Amy Askew (daughter of Alicia Askew) will have surgery on Wednesday.

Bob Durham (father of Shane Blackstock) is experiencing severe pain as he battles cancer.

Ali Rae McElroy (granddaughter of Gary & Gail Southern) was severely injured in a bicycle accident at OCU.

The mother of Robert Michael's brother-in-law has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Ken Price (father of Nick) is at home following the removal of a kidney last week.

Laura Shepherd (friend of Cody Blackstock) is home following heart surgery last week.

Jerome Summerville (nephew of Rosie Steele) of Alabama has been dealing for sometime with cancer and recently had a stroke.

Anya Wells (daughter-in-law of John & Linda) received some nerve damage to her leg during the birth of her daughter. She is slowly improving.

Local Church Family: Riley Astor, Scotty Buntin, *Kim Clark, Gage Dixon, Irene Elliot, Cliff Fitzgerald, JoElla Gotcher*, Lucas Heffner, *Alice Jackson, Debbie Keller, Donald Kinsey, Virginia Lee*, Family members of *Colette McCullin, Steve McDonald, Dru Middleton, Jessica Nequette, Terry Osburn, Bill Rhodes, June Smith, Christina Stevenson, Carson Swaim, Darrell Vest, Sr., Jim Wiginton, Dennis Wolfenbarger, Rachel York*

HIS PRIDE DID NOT STOP HIM (continued)

Not only was Nicodemus a devoutly religious man, he was a leader of religious men. He is even called "*the teacher of Israel*" (vs 10).

With all of this important status and influence on the people... with all the wisdom and potential vanity that comes from a position of leadership, Nicodemus... the conqueror of people doesn't allow his pride to keep him from coming to Jesus. Nicodemus came with acknowledgement of the obvious, Jesus must be from God, and began his encounter with the Savior of the world.

PRAYER LIST

Extended Family & Friends: Madison Arledge (granddaughter of Bob & Carol), Bill Baskett (father of Mike), Edna Blair (grandmother of former member Kent Haird), *Caiden Call* (nephew of *Colleen Detherage*), Mary Cousett (sister of Sonny Steele), *Alleen Detherage* (mother of Bill), Robert Durham (grandfather of Shane Blackstock), Helen Eastwood (sister of Lois McNeal), Terri May Jones (grandmother of Jennifer Bradley), Joellen Koehler (friend of former member Gina Mahaffey), Steven Overton (brother of Rhonda Blackstock), Ray Provence (father of former member Parilyn Haird), Duane Richey (cousin of Sherrie Slaton), *James Rowland* (husband of *Winnie*), Denise Simmons (friend of Rosie Steele), Carol Simms (mother of Lisa Legg), Courtney Swart (brother of Ashley), Family of Elizabeth Teal of Verdigris, Frank Thompson (father of Darla Coghill), Kelly VanCamp of CA (a relative of the Arledges), John Ware (brother of Phyllis McWherter), James & Michael Westley (sons of Patty Sellers)

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, Sol Pittman, Zane Pittman, Kevin Poteet, Mike Pyle, Derrick Randolph, Conner Stombaugh, Chris Wadsworth

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **John & Linda Wells** on the birth of a new granddaughter, Nika Maria Wells, born January 19, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and is 20 inches long. Proud parents are Kevin & Anya Wells.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy is expressed to **Charlene Bean & family** on the passing of **Mitchell** on Friday, February 3. Services are pending.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **David, Kelly, Grant & Griffin Parrott** on the death of David's brother-in-law, Joe Cook, on Friday, January 20, in Oak Harbor, Washington. His wife passed away in June of 2009. He leaves behind 2 young daughters.

THANK YOU

Dear GoldenAgers, You are a special group and so thoughtful for thinking of us at this time. We really enjoyed the fruit. Thank you all. With Love, **Dorothy & Belton Kuykendall**

TIES THAT BIND --- CUTTING THE APRON STRINGS

Ladies' Retreat --- March 2, 2012 --- 6:00pm

Indian Springs Country Club

Speaker --- Dana McCall, Marriage and Family Therapist, Sister in Christ

Subject --- Ties That Bind ---
Cutting the Apron Strings

Cost --- \$18.00 --- Buffet Dinner

Sign up in Foyer --- February 5 - 22

Dinner --- Encouragement ---
Fellowship --- Fun and Games



It's Book Club Time: Ladies are you ready to share a good book and fellowship with friends? This is your chance! Information and sign-ups are on the WINGS easels in the foyer.

GOLDENAGERS

Committee Meeting: TONIGHT in room 101N following evening worship. All GoldenAgers are welcome.

Social: Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Bring finger food and your cards, board games or dominoes and join us. Lets have some fun and get to know each other better.

Monthly Potluck Luncheon: Sunday, February 12, in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship.