



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Welcome to 2012! Here are some things that I know about the year that lies ahead of us:

- If the pages keep turning on this year's calendar, it is because (and only because) God's patience continues to be extended to mankind and He has delayed the return of His Son. That makes each and every day an intentional, purposeful gift from the Father. History does not keep marching forward by accident. Therefore, I will seek to gratefully accept God's gift of each day as a special, unique blessing, I will not allow it to be a mere mechanical carbon copy of the one before, and I will do my best to use it for the purposes of His honor, glory, and will.
- Events will happen on a local, national, and global scale that are totally beyond my control. Illnesses will be diagnosed. Friends and loved ones will depart to be with the Lord. Flood waters will rise. Tornadoes will ravage the interior of the land and hurricanes will batter the coast. Terrorists will strike. The stock market will plunge, then rise, then plunge again. Wars and conflicts will rage. Since I have no control over any of these events, I will not waste precious time living in fear, worry, or anxiety. However, my reaction to the events that unfold around me is definitely within my control, as are my attitudes, my actions, and my words. Experience has taught me that I have quite a handful just trying to manage those things on a daily basis.
- My spirituality and relationship with Christ will not remain the same this year. There is no neutral position, hover mode, or pause button that will allow me to just stay where I am. I will either draw closer to God or move further away from Him. I will either be more devoted in prayer and study of His word or I will lose ground by filling my heart and mind with more of this world's transient and trivial pursuits. I will either come to know Jesus more intimately or He will become more of a stranger to me. God will allow me to decide on a daily basis whether I will follow in the steps of Jesus or seek a path of my own making.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

We Praise Thee, O God - 2

We Will Glorify - 578

On Zion's Glorious Summit - 227

Shepherd's Prayer - Tim Walton

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee - 186

Communion Thoughts

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Lord's Supper

Contribution

When He Comes in Glory - 854

NO BIBLE HOUR

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

"New Things Have Come"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

There Is Power in the Blood - 903

Victory Chant - 278

Prayer

NO EVENING WORSHIP

**Happy
New Year
2012**

Shepherds' Corner

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

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- Let your prayer needs be known. Pray with a shepherd during Bible Class time in the Conference Room
- WELCOME to the church of Christ at Broken Arrow
- Summary of Minister/Shepherd meeting 12-21-11
 1. Roundtable discussion & pray for shepherding groups
 2. Brother V's medical needs discussed
 3. Annual Corporation meeting discussed
- Prayer focus for the week: New Beginnings

Future View

- Shepherd contact for January: David Maynard
- Next Ministers/Shepherds Meeting: January 9 & 25
- Annual Corporation Meeting: January 23
- LTC Practice begins: January 15

In Mike's Basket

William James, the father of American psychology, stated that the most important discovery of our time is that *we can alter our lives by altering our attitudes!* In layman's terms: "We're not stuck with the attitude we have." Whether it's good or bad or indifferent... it can and will be changed.

One of the many facets to having a great attitude concerns optimism. *An optimist, as you probably know, is a person who, when he wears out his shoes just figures he's back on his feet.* Robert Schuller differentiates between the optimist and the pessimist. The pessimist says: "I'll believe it when I see it." The optimist says, "I'll see it when I believe it." The optimist takes action... the pessimist takes a seat.

The classic argument for the pessimist/optimist is the ½ empty or ½ full argument! The pessimist looks at a half glass of water and says it's half empty. The optimist looks at the very same half glass of water and says it's half full! The reason is simple. The optimist is putting water in the glass. The pessimist is taking water out of the glass. It's almost a universal truth that the person who is **taking** is usually pessimistic... the person who is **giving** is usually optimistic. Where would you put yourself? Are you optimistically looking at 2012 as a year that this church makes a difference in the world? If so, what steps will you take this year to make that happen!?! The optimist takes action...

David was an optimist!! King Saul and his army looked at Goliath and compared **their** size to his... and that made 9-ft. Goliath pretty big. David, however, compared Goliath's size to God... and that obviously made Goliath pretty small! Let's open our eyes to the power of God this year!! Have a great week! *Mike*
(Excerpts from Zig Ziglar's book, See You at the Top.)

CURRENT EVENTS

JANUARY

- 3 GoldenAgers Social
- 7 York Choir
- 8 GoldenAgers Luncheon
MS Devo
Teen Connection
- 10 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
- 15 Life Group Sunday
- 20 Christian Business Breakfast
- 22 HS Devo**
- 24 Ladies Bible Class Workday
- 27-29 AKOUO**
- 29 Fifth Sunday Lunch & Devo

FUTURE:

Feb 4 Clothing Room Opening

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

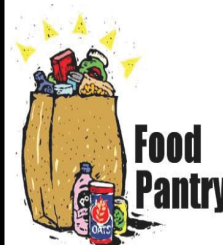
Jan 8 MS Devo

Teen Connection

Jan 22 HS Devo

Jan 27-29 AKOUO

30-Hour Famine



Canned
Chicken

64 oz. Fruit
Juice

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



Pictorial Directory:

It's not too late! If you were unable to sign-up to have your directory photo taken, sign-ups are still available at 1-800-866-2263 or online at www.signup.olanmills.com. Pictures will be taken backstage in the OC. A chair lift is available for anyone unable to climb stairs. Appointments can also be changed online. <https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=64490>

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

January 8, 2012

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

January 15, 2012

Lesson 13 - *The Widow's Son*
Teach B Street
Monitor C Hoffmeister

January 22, 2012

Lesson 14 - *Jesus Calms the Storm*
Teach C Hoffmeister
Monitor D Ward

January 29, 2012

Lesson 15 - *Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter*
Teach D Ward
Monitor E Emerson

"Nevertheless"

"In my alarm I said, 'I am cut off from your sight!' Yet you heard my cry for mercy —" (v. 22)

Psalm 31:19-24

When the psalmist finally reached the place of utter abandonment before God there came into his heart an instant reassurance: "Yet I am always with you" (Psa. 73:23). Some translations put it like this: "Nevertheless I am continually with you." Personally I prefer the word "nevertheless" as it conjures up to my mind a movement in the soul of the psalmist that was vital to his spiritual recovery. He did not stop at the point of self-examination and turn in upon himself - he looked into the face of his heavenly Father and realized that he was accepted and loved. If we end at the point of self-examination and don't remember the next words, "Nevertheless I am continually with you," then we will stay locked into the negative feelings of guilt and self-condemnation. This is a good reason why self-examination should be undertaken in the presence of God. Many have spent time examining themselves, and because they have judged themselves to be worthless and useless, they have committed senseless acts (including suicide).

If you know someone like that today, encourage them to put their foot on the next rung of the ladder and realize that although they may be feeling useless and worthless nevertheless they are still in the presence of God. He still permits them to come into His presence, even though they may have forgotten His promises and misunderstood His ways. God does not cast one away.

Let the wonder of this break afresh upon you today. Whatever has gone wrong in your life, confess it to Him and look into His face and say: "Nevertheless I am continually with you."

Father, how can I sufficiently thank You for never giving up on me, for being with me continually.

I need your words today more than ever. Your words are a lifeline. As I hold on to them, let them bind me closer to You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, January 8, 2012: "Speaking Truth"

New Member: Ron Cummins, husband of Beverly

Congregational News

GoldenAgers Monthly Social will be Tuesday, January 3, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Please bring finger foods and come join the fun.

GoldenAgers January Potluck Luncheon will be Sunday, January 8, following morning worship. Please bring a dish and join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon will be Tuesday, January 10. Bring a dish that makes you feel warm & comfy.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: **Involvement Profiles** were filled out on Sunday, December 4. If you were unable to fill one out at that time we ask you to please take a YELLOW one from the tables in the back of the auditorium and mark ALL the places you would like to be involved or are already involved. Please fill out all the information.

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.

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.

Military Loved Ones: Olan Mills has an offering of military pages available for the new directory. If you have a spouse, child or grandchild in the military, please feel free to submit a photo with appropriate information to the church office for publication in our upcoming directory. Pictures may be electronic.

James Baumgardner, Offsite Counselor for Hope Harbor Family Ministries, will now be providing therapy services at Broken Arrow Church of Christ every Thursday beginning January 12. Hope Harbor is dedicated to offering quality, affordable Christian counseling to children, adolescents, couples, and families. Fees are set on a sliding scale determined by annual household gross income. Please call (918) 341-4425 to schedule an appointment or to get more information.

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.

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS:

The clothing room really needs clothing for small children. Children grow quickly and the closet is bare!



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.



**Wednesday Night Dinners!
CANCELLED!!**

Due to a lack of volunteers to help Terry, Laura & Judy on a regular basis, Wednesday Night Dinners have been suspended.

Hope Harbor Needs:

Splenda



January 8, 2012 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

David Maynard

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Keith Walvoord

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. John Bonwell
2. Duane Bresee
3. Chad Brewer
4. Beau Burton
5. James Butler
6. John Cash
7. Jim Coghill
8. Thomas Coleman
9. Steve Copeland
10. Andy Crawford
11. Darrell Davidson
12. Bryan Davis
13. Richard Davis
14. Ryan Dent
15. Bill Detherage

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Terry Walker

For Cup - Jim Walton

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Tim Walton

SCRIPTURE READING

Corey Wilson

CLOSING PRAYER

Rick Ward

January 8, 2012 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 100S | 111S |
| Holly Parker | Emily Patterson |
| Kathleen Pence | April Price |

DOORGREETERS

1. Gene & Mary Lynch
2. Darla Lynn & Colette McCullin
3. David & Abby Mainprize
4. Lois McNeal & Nancy McWherter
5. Robert & Tracey Michael
6. Lonnie & Joni Miller

USHERS

2. Brent Worden
3. Ken Allen
4. Bruce Burnette
5. Brandon Butler

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - June Scott & Gerri Henderson

PM Hosts - Dave & Terri Larson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jim & Darla Coghill

Bruce & Wanda Johns

PM Hosts - Brent & Barbara Saffell

Bill & Charlotte Thraikill

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lois McNeal

AM Worship - Elaine Maynard

PM Worship - Candice Morrow

January 8, 2012 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY EVENING SONG LEADER

Joel Pence

EVENING PRAYERS

Josh Wann

Steve Wann

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

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|------------|-----------------|
| 100S | 111S |
| Sharon Ray | Terri Roberts |
| Tara Ryan | Barbara Saffell |

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Ken Allen

Bob Arledge

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

PRAYER LIST

Alicia Askew was in the hospital with vertigo earlier in the week.

Jennifer Bradley is under going tests.

Kim Clark began radiation and chemotherapy this week.

Gage Dixon is finally at home recuperating.

Debbie Keller is recuperating at the home of her mother, JoAnn Mitchell.

Robert Parker has been moved to Broken Arrow Nursing Home, room 39.

Ernest Perry has been moved to Forest Hills Health Care Center.

Gretta Simms is in Claremore Regional Hospital Senior Care, visit code 6042.

Robert Stow is in St. Francis, room 5124.

Scott Street had ear surgery this week.

Joyce Bartholomew (aunt of Cynthia Walvoord) in Crocker, MO has pneumonia and is in ICU on a ventilator

Debbie Choven's (sister of Darlene Mathis) of Science Hill, KY, cancer is not improving.

Stacey Elem (friend of the Grays) has stage 3 Thyroid Cancer.

Bob Plunkett (father of Lisa Hancock) is in St. Francis with kidney and heart issues.

Sabrina (niece of Christina Stevenson)

The family of Jodie Swaringim (co-worker of Becky Kilmer). Jodie lost the battle with breast cancer last week.

Local Church Family: Etta Champlain & family, *Kim Clark, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Irene Elliot, Cliff Fitzgerald, Alice Jackson, Quinton Koeninger, Nathan Lee, Betty & Everett Martin, Steve McDonald, Dru Middleton, Josh Okerstrom, Carma Osburn, Tammy Osburn, Terry Osburn, Barbara Poteet, Bill Rampey, Bill Rhodes, June Smith, Hannah Sosa, Christina Stevenson, Carson Swaim, Darrell Vest, Sr., Jaxon Ward, Jim Wiginton, Rachel York*

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WEDNESDAY - January 11, 2012

INFORMATION CENTER

Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Robert & Tracey Michael

Lonnie & Joni Miller

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of

December 25, 2011

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Bible Class | NA |
| AM Worship | 611 |
| PM Worship | NA |
| Wednesday | 285 |
| Contribution | \$16,118 |
| Budget | \$21,173 |
| Contribution YTD | \$1,030,977 |
| Budget YTD | \$1,100,996 |
| Over/(Under) | (\$70,019) |

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

Extended Family & Friends: Lori Allen of Broken Arrow, *Caiden Call* (nephew of Colleen Detherage), Debbie Chovan (sister of Darlene Mathis), Hial Church (father of Sherrie Slaton), Judy Frisbie (mother-in-law of Becky Sisson), Parthena Legg (mother of Mike Legg), Shelby McCarty (grandmother of Jessica), Robert Paxton (brother of Tina Gray), *James Rowland* (husband of Winnie), Tom Saffell (father of Brent), Bob & Ida Stover (parents of Cindy Nequette), Erma Tackett (friend of Phylis McWherter), Frank Thompson (father of Darla Coghill), Abby Vine (daughter of Tracey Michael's cousin), James & Michael Westley (sons of Patty Sellers), Nancy Wilson (friend of Matt & Abbey Wilks)

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

SYMPATHY

- * Deepest sympathy is sent to **Bill Helm & family** on the death of our dear Christian sister, Vanelle Helm, on Friday, December 16. Her service was Tuesday, December 20, at the building.
- * Sincere sympathy is extended to **Cliff Fitzgerald & family** on the death of his beloved wife, Camille Fitzgerald, on Sunday, December 18. Her service was Friday, December 23, at the building.
- * Condolences are sent to **Ann Childress** on the death of her sister, Elizabeth George, of Pryor on Friday, December 16. Her service was on Wednesday, December 21, at Pryor Church of Christ.
- * Sincere sympathy is expressed to **the family of Starr Cassady**, former member. Starr passed away on December 24 in her sleep. Funeral services will be sometime in January when her daughter, Angela Williamson, who suffered a heart attack after her mother's death, is able to travel.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulation to **Joshua Morava**. He graduated in December 2011 from University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

THANK YOU

- Dear Church Family, Thank-you for all the acts of kindness and service shown to our family during our mother's illness and funeral service. The plant is lovely. The singers were beautiful. The family meal was delicious. Scott did a wonderful job with the service. Most of all thank you for your prayers and kind words, cards and encouragement. A special thanks for 3 1/2 years of DVDs of the church services. It kept us connected. You are an amazing church family. **The Bill Helm Family**
- To A Loving and Caring Congregation: I want to thank the entire congregation for your prayers, love, support and assistance in many ways. This year, 2011, has been especially rough, but the Lord, through your help, has blessed me abundantly. I pray that we will continue to help each other. May God continue to bless His people. Pray for our fine elders. Love in Him through Christ, **Bill Rhodes**
- Thank you for the many prayers and cards during the recent illness and passing of my brother-in-law. **Evelyn Graham**
- Dear Church Family, Where do I began! You have been praying for my mother many years. She loved her church family and she appreciated all you did for her and my father during these difficult years. Thank you to all who helped with her service and the wonderful lunch for the family afterward. We are so blessed to be loved and prayed for by so many. Words can not express our gratitude. God Bless, **Scott & Mechell Reeder & The Fitzgerald Family**
- Thank you so much for the prayers and food basket. We appreciate all you do. Sincerely, **Etta Champlain & kids**

Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

Mark your calendar!

Affirming the Faith Seminar

Friday & Saturday

February 24-25, 2012

"A Reason to Hope"

See bulletin boards for more info.

York College Concert Choir

Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 7 pm

Host families are still needed to provide a place to sleep, breakfast on Sunday, January 8, transportation to worship service and a sack lunch for the students to take with them on their trip. Contact Archer Honea at 918-455-2600 if you need further details.

If you would be willing to help prepare and serve a meal to the choir prior to their performance, please contact Laura Copeland.

