

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



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

“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...” (Hebrews 12:1-2a)

Two phrases from this passage provide a rationale and overview for our Sunday morning sermons in 2012: “fixing our eyes on Jesus” and “cloud of witnesses.”

To help keep our eyes and hearts focused on Jesus so that we can effectively and faithfully follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21), we are beginning a study of the gospel of Luke this morning. According to the author himself, what is provided in Luke is a carefully researched record “about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when He was taken up to heaven” so that we “may know the exact truth about the things we have been taught” (Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-3).

It is in the Gospels that we see God in the flesh. This is where we hear the voice of the Son of God as He shared a transformational message of spiritual light and life. It is where we see the Son of Man demonstrating compassion and mercy and challenging sin, hypocrisy, and self-righteousness. While Luke is considered to be among the Synoptic (“same view”) Gospels along with Matthew and Mark, Luke provides a very unique perspective as a Gentile, a physician, and a second-generation, non-eyewitness disciple of Jesus Christ. This series of lessons will likely take us through the entirety of the year, and possibly into the first part of next year. Please try to read through the Gospel of Luke several times throughout the year, preferably in a variety of translations.

On Life Group Sundays this year we will share a series of lessons entitled “Cloud of Witnesses,” focusing on great people of faith, both Old Testament and New, who have gone before us. I was finding it difficult to predict which texts from Luke would fall on Life Group Sundays and how easily some of them might translate into small group discussions, so I have elected to go a different direction on the third Sunday of each month. I look forward to sharing, learning, and growing together with you in 2012.

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BIBLE HOUR - *Jesus Heals the Centurion’s Servant*

Scripture - Luke 1:5-17

“Great Expectations”

Speaker - Tim Pyles

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Prayer

5:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

“A Gentle Spirit” - Matthew 5:5

A Study of the Beatitudes

Speaker - Tim Pyles



Life Groups meet next Sunday. If you are a visitor or new member ask

others in the congregation where they attend. Several meet at the building immediately after worship while others meet in homes. Contact Patrick Edison, Jim Hoffmeister, or Tim Pyles if you have questions.

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
- LTC Practice begins Next Sunday, January 15
- Prayer focus for the week: Trust in the power of God's will

Future View

- Shepherd contact for January: David Maynard
- Next Ministers/Shepherds Meeting: January 9 & 25
- Life Group Sunday: January 15
- Annual Corporation Meeting: January 23

In Mike's Basket

Thomas Edison is a classic example of how attitude relates to work. While being questioned by a young reporter about an invention he'd been working on for a long time, he revealed one of the secrets of his greatness. The young reporter asked, "Mr. Edison, how does it feel to have failed 10,000 times in your present venture?" Edison replied, "Young man, since you are just getting started in life, I will give you a thought that should benefit you in the future. I have not failed anything 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work." Edison estimated that he actually performed over 14,000 experiments in the process of inventing and perfecting the incandescent light. He successfully found a lot of ways that wouldn't work, but he kept at it until he found one way that would!!

One young man was involved in an oil venture early in his life... but he ran out of money. He sold his interest to his partners who stuck with it. After much time and effort, they got their break and hit a gusher! The company later became Cities Service, and we know it today as CITGO. This same young man later got involved in the clothing business and fared even worse than he had in the oil business. As a matter of fact, he went broke! Still... he wasn't discouraged! Later on he got into politics. Harry S. Truman, the two-time failure who kept trying became President of the United States.

Why mention these stories? Because it's the time of year to be bold! Be courageous! Make some goals and have a vision for success! Let's make the Broken Arrow church of Christ a beacon of light for this community to see – shining brightly!! Paul wrote: **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** We've been created in Christ Jesus to do good works... let's do them in His name. Have a great week! *Mike*

CURRENT EVENTS

JANUARY

- 8 GoldenAgers Luncheon
MS Devo
Teen Connection
- 10 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
- 15 Life Group Sunday
LTC Forms DUE
- 20 Christian Business Breakfast
- 22 HS Devo**
- 23 Corporate Meeting @ 6 pm
- 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

Teen Connection

High School meet at the building @ 4:04 pm to go to Muskogee for teen connection. No money needed...just your Bible!



MS DEVO

@ Gayla Alexander's home. Bring \$3 for food. Bus leaves right after evening worship!



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 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

February 5, 2012

Lesson 16 - *Jesus Feeds the 5,000*

Teach E Emerson
Monitor F Lynn

SAINTS LIKE ME

Charles Swindoll, in his book entitled *INSIGHTS ON JOHN*, makes a few observations about our feelings of inadequacy when we compare ourselves to the saints in the Bible. Giving myself some literary freedom, I would like to share with you some of his thoughts with my few changes to speak better to us here (in my opinion). It seems that the disciples have been presented to us throughout history as saints, creating a certain holier-than-us image that can leave us feeling inferior. How can we ever measure up to that?

Charles writes, "When I was a child, our family attended a church at the end of our street named for Saint Andrew. It featured a statue that represented exactly what you would think of a saint. The man wore sandals and long, flowing robes. His hands were folded and he bore the face of a determined, yet gentle leader. I couldn't resist touching the statue and, in my little mind, thinking, 'Wow! Saint Andrew!' He seemed larger than life."

Charles continues by saying, "As I matured, I learned that the biblical account of Andrew does not portray anyone particularly remarkable. In fact, if you were hiring someone to lead your company, you probably would not hire Andrew. He was timid. Unimpressive. A follower. A man standing in the shadow of his more charismatic brother, Simon. Andrew, like all of the disciples, was anything but heroic, and certainly not saintly. They were far from the flawless specimens of perfection we tend to imagine. Instead, they were like us. Confused, called to fulfill roles far beyond their abilities, weighed down by all sorts of flaws, and hindered by individual quirks. Candidly, they were saints just like you and me."

I think I understand what Charles is trying to say. Given time and opportunity, the disciples (just like we can) became great men of God. The Lord chose them and they became transformed into the very fragrance of Christ. They were equipped and trained and then empowered to make disciples of all nations. All they did was trust and obey. Even I can do that!

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, January 15, 2012: "God's Inspired Word"

Congregational News

GoldenAgers January Potluck Luncheon is TODAY following morning worship. Please 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.

Annual Corporate Meeting: Monday, January 23, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

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.



**Canned Chicken
64 oz. Fruit Juice**

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

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:

Real Bacon Bits



January 15, 2012 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Bruce Binkley

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 - Clif Warren
For Cup - John Wells

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Paul West

SCRIPTURE READING

Bob Arledge

CLOSING PRAYER

Jim Wiginton

January 15, 2012 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Audra Sisson	Becky Sisson
Christina Snitker	Martin Sisson

DOORGREETERS

1. Ed & Karen Mainprize
2. Eve Miller & Sharon Myers
3. Jess Mitchell & Bobby Morrow
4. Richard & Emma Mosby
5. Chad & Imelda Noblet
6. Andrew & Emily Patterson

USHERS

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

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill
PM Hosts - NA

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Glen & Edwina Lyle
David & Abby Mainprize
PM Hosts - NA

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lois Powers
AM Worship - Rosie Steele
PM Worship - NA

January 15, 2012- TO SERVE

NO EVENING WORSHIP

Conducted by

Life Groups

Walton/Norris

& Morrow/Kilmer



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

Jennifer Bradley continues to undergo tests.

Vonda Buntin is having problems with her back.

JoElla Gotcher is resting at home following an accident at work.

John Lee is home after a short trip to the emergency room following a fall last week.

Belinda Long is home following surgery the week before Christmas.

Steve McDonald has a follow-up appointment at Cancer Treatment Center tomorrow.

Holly Parker had surgery Thursday, December 27.

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

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

Robert Stow has been moved to Montereau Skilled Nursing, room C208

Alleen Detherage (mother of Bill) had heart surgery in Rogers, AR on Wednesday.

Joe Galbreath (husband of a co-worker of Terry Willson) is in St. John's following a stroke before Thanksgiving.

David Overton (father of Rhonda Blackstock) is struggling with depression since the recent death of his wife.

Local Church Family: Alicia Askew, Etta Champlain & family, *Kim Clark, Gage Dixon, Irene Elliot, Cliff Fitzgerald, Alice Jackson, Debbie Keller, Quinton Koeninger, Betty & Everett Martin, Dru Middleton, Carma Osburn, Tammy Osburn, Terry Osburn, Barbara Poteet, Bill Rampey, Bill Rhodes, June Smith, Hannah Sosa, Christina Stevenson, Scott Street, Carson Swaim, Darrell Vest, Sr., Jaxon Ward, Jim Wiginton, Rachel York*

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WEDNESDAY - January 18, 2012

INFORMATION CENTER

Jim & Sue Walton

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Dick & Sharon Myers
Gene & Mary Lynch

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
January 1, 2012

Bible Class	NA
AM Worship	562
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	408
Contribution	\$28,527
Budget	\$20,500
Contribution YTD	\$28,527
Budget YTD	\$20,500
Over/(Under)	\$8,027

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, Joyce Bartholomew (aunt of Cynthia Walvoord), *Caiden Call* (nephew of Colleen Detherage), *Debbie Chovan* (sister of Darlene Mathis), Hial Church (father of Sherrie Slaton), Stacey Elem (friend of the Grays), Parthena Legg (mother of Mike Legg), Bob Plunkett (father of Lisa Hancock), *James Rowland* (husband of Winnie), Sabrina (niece of Christina Stevenson), *Bob & Ida Stover* (parents of Cindy Nequette), The family of Jodie Swaringim (co-worker of Becky Kilmer), 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 McCreedy, 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 **Jim Parker, Jim and Hannah Hoffmeister & family, and Reece and Holly Parker & family** on the death of **Roberta Parker** on Sunday, January 1, 2012. Her service was at the church building on Saturday, January 7, 2012.
- * Warmest condolences are expressed to **Brent, Barbara & Emily Saffell** and **Scott & Kayla Goodrich** on the passing of Brent's father, **Tom D. Saffell** on Sunday, January 1, 2011. Services were held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in Bartlesville.
- * Sincere sympathy is expressed to **the family of Starr Cassady**, former member. Starr passed away on December 24, 2011. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 10:00 am at Floral Haven. Family visitation will be from 4-6 pm on Friday evening.
- * Condolences are sent to **Wendell & Marsha Scott** on the death of **Marsha's mother**, Dimple Honeycutt. She passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2012 in Bristow. Services are pending.

CONGRATULATIONS



Kyle Binkley graduated in from Harding Christian University in December 2011 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

Lucas Heffner graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management Information Systems in December 2011 from Harding Christian University.

IT'S A GIRL! Congratulations to **Kevin & Mignon Lee** on the birth of a new granddaughter, **Morgan Noelle Lee**. She was born January 3 to Rob and Lydia Lee and Weighed 9 lbs. 3 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Proud great grandparents are **John & Mignon Harris**.



THANK YOU

* Thanks church family for all the prayers, visits, cards and words of encouragement during my recent surgery.
Love, **Steve McDonald**

* ***1 Thessalonians 1:1-3** Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you constantly mentioning you in our prayers remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

With much prayer and consideration, Karen and I would like you to know that January 8th will be our last day of membership with the church at Broken Arrow. We feel the distance and drive time from where we live is making it too difficult for us to get involved with the church's works as Karen and I really want to be but most importantly as God wants. In addition to that, my dad has returned back to church in Sand Springs after the passing of my ill mother last year, and it would make it easier to keep an eye on him with that extra day because of his increased health issues. This church has helped us to grow spiritually in so many ways and we feel that the leadership here at Broken Arrow is awe-inspiring and very in tune with our heavenly Father's wishes--how blessed you are for that! We also have been blessed by all the friendships we have made with our Christian brothers and sisters in Broken Arrow and only feel a gain, not loss, of those in the faith. If anyone ever rides out west to Sand Springs and needs a place to visit, you will always be welcomed with open arms. The encouragement you gave our children and things you did for our family have not gone unnoticed and we thank you once again for your Christian love and friendship. We miss you already! **Tom & Karen Scism**