



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

(Adapted from a recent post on my blog, www.timpyles.com)

A few weeks ago as I was driving to the church office, I saw a man walking down 71st St. pulling a cross that was laid across his shoulder. I don't know what this man's intended statement and message was, but, regardless of his intent, he succeeded in communicating two powerful messages to me.

He reminded me of Jesus' call to discipleship. "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me," (Matt. 16:24). The road traveled by those seeking to follow in the steps of Jesus is not one of ease and comfort, but one of self-denial, sacrifice, and endurance. The Lord was ready to challenge and rebuke anyone, including Peter, who suggested that it would be any other way (Matt. 16:21-23).

Leon Morris offers the following comments on Jesus' sobering call to follow Him. "There is nothing self-indulgent about being a Christian. The disciples had probably seen a man *take up his cross*, and they knew what it meant. When a man from one of their villages took up a cross and went off with a little band of Roman soldiers, he was on a one-way journey. He would not be back. Taking up the cross meant the utmost in self-denial."

Also, the man pulling the cross through Broken Arrow reminded me of the burdens that people bear in their lives: long-term illnesses, financial hardship, fractured relationships, mental illness, addictions, guilt, bitterness, shattered dreams, etc. What if the loads that are being shouldered by those around us were as visible as this man's wooden cross? Would we be a little more understanding? Would we speak more kindly and be less quick to judge?

It's not a matter of *if* we and others around us are bearing burdens, just a matter of what kind and how many. Attached to the base of this man's cross were two small wheels. They bore a significant share of the load and contributed greatly to his ability to move forward. Only very rarely, if ever, will we be able to completely remove someone else's burden, but we can certainly lighten the load and assist in the ease of their journey.

"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ," (Galatians 6:2).

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – David Maynard

He Has Made Me Glad - 103

Shepherd's Prayer – Tim Walton

Blest Be the Tie That Binds - 711

Communion Thoughts

We Saw Thee Not - 342

Lord's Supper

Contribution

Humble Thyself - 745

Scripture - Philippians 2:1-11

BIBLE HOUR - Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant

"It's Hard to Be Humble"

Everyday Ethics Series

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Kneel at the Cross - 945

Bind Us Together - 704

Prayer

LIFE GROUPS TODAY

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Conducted by

Life Groups

Lyle/Rampey & Turner/Dent

WEDNESDAY NITE DINNERS

RESUME THIS WEEK!

Please note: With Bible study beginning at 7 pm
the serving line will close at 6:30 to give those
serving time to clean-up and get to class.

If you plan to attend **be sure to mark your attendance card!!**

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
- Life Group Sunday is TODAY
- LTC practice to start next Sunday. Coaches still needed, see Beth Astor to volunteer and make a difference in a young persons life
- Summary of Ministers/Shepherds meeting 1-3-11
 1. Ministry Updates
 - ≈ Protecting & Feeding: India report 1-16-11, Cambodia update
 - ≈ Leading & Governing: Budget to be presented 1-16-11, Corporate Meeting 1-17-11 at 7:00 pm, Minister semi-annual reviews in process
 - ≈ Practical Needs: Front Porch training 1-15-11
 2. Prayer request made and prayer offered

Future View

- Shepherd contact for January - Glen Lyle
- Next Shepherds/Ministers Meeting - January 17 after Corporate Meeting
- Annual Corporate Meeting - Monday, January 17 at 7:00
- 5th Sunday Fellowship and Price farewell - January 30

In Mike's Basket

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? Most enjoy this time of year because of the freshness of it... the "do-over" mentality that comes with January 1st... and the proven fact it's possible to accomplish a goal that you actually have stated or written down! Maybe one of your resolutions was to get more involved! Awesome! *Have I got a deal for you!*

LTC is here! We need coordinators to help with different aspects of LTC. Please let Beth Astor or myself know if you'd like to help with puppets, or chorus, or Bible reading, or speech, or even drama. It's a great time to get to know some of our young people in a totally new way!

Youth ministry teams still need an infusion of people power! This month's youth ministry team leaders are Kyle/Shelly Thomas and James/Tonya Stevens. Call them or talk to them to see if they need some help! If you're busy this time of the year, call me and ask for the coordinators for the time you'd like to help... we'll take you anytime of the year!

See Reece Parker or Paul West if you have interests in other areas! They will help steer you in the right direction by finding a ministry area that you'd like to be involved in. Let 2011 be a year that brings great blessing for you and those you serve! Have a great week!

ALSO: I guess this is a P.S. – for the teens... I know this is Life Group Sunday, but if your group meets for lunch or the early afternoon, and have late afternoon free, Karen and I will take a bus to Chandler Road church of Christ for the Teen Connections youth night. Come for some good fellowship and great singing! A meal is provided. Meet at the building:

4:01.

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

JANUARY

- 9 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Life Group Sunday
- 15 Front Porch Training
- 16 Liliya McCoy Baby Shower
India Mission Presentation
MS/HS Area Wide Skate Nite*
- 17 Annual Corporate Meeting
- 21 Christian Business
Breakfast
- 22 Ministry Leaders Breakfast
Meeting
HS SMORG
- 23 HS Devo****
- 30 5th Sunday Fellowship &
Good Bye to Brandon &
Katie Price

FUTURE:

- Feb 4-6 COPE Retreat-Young
Families
- Apr 22-23 LTC
- June 5-11 Burnt Cabin Camp
- July 24-27 V.B.S.

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Jan 16 MS/HS Area Wide Skate Nite***
- Jan 23 HS Devo****
- Feb 6 Super Bowl Party**
- Feb 19 HS Road Trip**
- Mar 12-17 Spring Break Mission Trip**
- Apr 16 Big Night Out**

January 16 - MS/HS Area Wide Skate Nite*

@ BA Roller Sports 7-9
Bring \$5 for snacks
NO BUS!!



LTC Practice Begins January 16



Puppets 2 pm
Drama 3 pm
Chorus 4 pm

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

For 3 year olds thru 1st grade

January 16, 2011

Lesson 13 - The Widow's Son

Teach B Street
Monitor C Hoffmeister

January 23, 2011

Lesson 14 - Jesus Calms the Storm

Teach C Hoffmeister
Monitor D Ward

January 30, 2011

Lesson 15 - Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

Teach D Ward
Monitor E Emerson

February 6, 2011

Lesson 16 - Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Teach E Emerson
Monitor F Lynn

WE BELONG TO HIM

Leadership magazine (Fall 2001) gives the following example of a "show and tell" we can use with our children to help point out what amazing value they are in God's eyes.

Set Up: Woody, a toy cowboy, has some bad news for his friend, Buzz Lightyear. Buzz, an astronaut, is only a toy.

Synopsis of the scene: Early in the movie, Woody shouts, "You're not a space ranger! You're an action figure--a child's plaything."

Only after failing to fly, Buzz realizes the truth of Woody's statement. Grief-stricken and disillusioned, Buzz hangs his head in resignation, declaring, "I'm just a stupid, little, insignificant toy."

Woody seeks to comfort his friend by underscoring the love of the boy who owns them both. "You must not be thinking clearly. Look, over in that house, there's a kid who thinks you're the greatest, and it's not because you're a space ranger; it's because you're his."

As Buzz lifts his foot, he sees a label affixed to the bottom of his boot. There in black permanent ink is the name of the little boy to whom he belongs. Seeing the mark of his owner, Buzz breaks into a smile and takes on a new determination.

Concluding Statement: We are not our own, Scripture tells us. We are bought with a price, bought by Jesus. We are His. The value of our lives is not determined by us but by the One who has marked us--with His own blood--as His own.

In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, January 16: *"The Heart of Jesus"*

BORN AGAIN: We rejoice with **Gracie Winger** on the decision to become a Child of God through baptism on Wednesday evening, January 5, 2011.

Congregational News

GoldenAgers January Potluck Luncheon is TODAY following morning worship. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Nite Meals resumes this week. Please note time change for the serving line to close: 6:30 pm. Remember if you plan to eat **please, please**, mark your attendance card. If you are absent on a Sunday & are not able to sign-up please call the office if you wish to eat that week. It is hard to plan and prepare for an unknown number. We hate to run out of food!

Clothing Room Volunteers: The Clothing Room will be open for restocking on Wednesdays & Thursdays for an additional winter opening. This is the 5th year of operation for the Clothing Room.

If anyone needs a **receipt for income tax** purposes for donation to the Clothing Room, they may pick up one at the Information Center.

A Baby Shower for Liliya & Alexandra McCoy will be held on Sunday, January 16, at 3:30 pm in the Parlor.

Annual Corporate Meeting: Monday, January 17, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study: *"Breaking Free"* by Beth Moore, begins January 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the home of Karen Burnette, 7 Spring Creek Lane. Workbooks are \$15.00.

New Sign-up Tables: Please note the tables along the wall on the south side of the foyer. Please confine sign-ups to these tables to help with congestion in 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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**Fifth Sunday Fellowship,
Song Service & Goodbye
to Bandon & Katie
in the OC
Sunday,
January 30**



There will be no 5 pm service.

**Remember! Wednesday
Night Time Change**

Bible Class

begins at 7:00 pm



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: Mexican Stack-Up

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:

*Canned
Mixed Fruit*



January 16, 2011 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Jim Hoffmeister

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

David Maynard

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Darrell Davidson
2. Bryan Davis
3. Richard Davis
4. Ryan Dent
5. Bill Detherage
6. Christian Dorman
7. Robert Dowdy
8. David DuBois
9. Patrick Edison
10. Charles Emerson
11. Cliff Fitzgerald
12. Doc Garrett
13. Rocky Giles
14. James Gilpin
15. Jerry Griffin

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Ron Lee

For Cup - Marty Legg

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Glen Lyle

SCRIPTURE READING

Erich Anderson

CLOSING PRAYER

David Mainprize

January 16, 2011 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 100S | 111S |
| Kelli Warren | Peggy Alexander |
| Gail West | Joy Anderson |

DOORGREETERS

1. Steve & Jackie McDonald
2. Nancy McWherter & Dru Middleton
3. Robert & Tracey Michael
4. Wayne & Pam Mitchell
5. Eve Miller & Jesse Mitchell
6. Lonnie & Joni Miller

USHERS

2. Brian Street
3. Brandon Tener
4. David Updike
5. Russell Ward

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bob & Carol Arledge
PM Hosts - Jeff & Deanna Watson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Victor & Teresa York
Gary & Gail Southern

PM Hosts - Alicia Askew & Angie DuBois
Brent & Barbara Saffell

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lori Walton
AM Worship - Loretta Turner
PM Worship - Deanna Watson

January 16, 2011 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Lee Turner

EVENING PRAYERS

Robert Michael
Bobby Morrow

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

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| 100S | 111S |
| Rachel York | Tammy Allen |
| Teresa York | Kim Binkley |

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Bill Hancock
Ethan Hancock

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

PRAYER LIST

Hospital/Tests:

Hannah Sosa

Gage Dixon & family will be traveling to Columbus, OH on Tuesday for testing & surgery. If test results are favorable he will be receiving a stomach pacer. They plan to be home in early February.

Janie Fox is home following a short stay in the hospital.

Carla Bare received good news that the original cancer site is clear, however, a little spot showed up on her right lung and the doctor will be keeping an eye on it. She will have another CT scan in 2 months. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

Mabel Butts (104 yr. old mother of Don Butts) has been re-admitted to the hospital in Tahlequah.

John Clark (father-in-law of Kim Clark) is in St. Francis ICU with double pneumonia.

Chad Gwinn (grandson of George & Phyllis) had ear surgery on Wednesday to remove a cyst. If all goes well he will have reconstructive surgery in 2-5 months to improve his hearing.

Calvin Hogan (friend of Doc Garrett) from Coweta is in Hillcrest Burn Center.

Gracyne McIntee (newborn daughter of Tracey Michael's cousin) has been transferred to Children's Hospital in Toronto & is much improved.

Vera Pollard (daughter of the Wigintons) was in the hospital last week in Little Rock.

Dale Smith (son of Montez Smith) of Colorado has cancer.

Emma Spears (friend of Abby Parette) is out of the hospital and waiting to be released to travel back to the US.

Felicia Windam (niece of Rosie Steele) has liver cancer. (continued on back)

WEDNESDAY - January 19, 2011

INFORMATION CENTER

Dave & Terri Larson

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Dick & Sharon Myers

Jeff & Deanna Watson

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
January 2, 2011

Bible Class	393
AM Worship.....	550
PM Worship.....	320
Wednesday	NA
Contribution.....	\$21,106
Budget.....	\$21,173
Contribution YTD.....	\$21,106
Budget YTD.....	\$21,173
Over/(Under)	(\$167)

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

Members: Keith Askew, Clyde Barnes, Charlcie Been, Bill Davis, Ray Duwe, Camille Fitzgerald, Sheila Haddock, Alice Jackson, Frances Kashwer, Norma McGuire, Phylis McWherter, Jessica Olivarez, Terry Osburn, Barbara Poteet, Loren Rumsey, June Smith, Mary Steger, Darrell Vest

Friends & Family: Sammy Bonner (cousin of Rosie Steele), Caiden Call (nephew of Colleen Detherage), Pat Hough (Sherrie Slaton's friend's mom), Russ May of Cassville, MO, Lee Peters (former minister at BA), Willard Pyles (father of Tim), James Rowland (husband of Winnie), Emma Tackett (friend of Phylis McWherter), Ed Whitworth of Red Oak (former member), Valesha Windham (niece of Rosie Steele)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Chance Callison, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Stevens Copeland, Will Courtney, 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

Deepest sympathy is expressed to **Tim & Kim Pyles** on the death of Kim's aunt, Sue Hammock, of Mississippi on Tuesday, December 28.

Our deepest sympathy is given to **Jim & Erma Wiginton** on the death of Erma's uncle, Ralph Williams, on Sunday, January 2, in Springfield, MO.

Thoughts and prayers are extended to the **Mitch & Amy Gonzalez family** on the death of Amy's grandfather, John Villareal, on Monday, January 3. His service was Friday.

Condolences are expressed to **George & Phyllis Gwinn** on the death of George's brother-in-law, Bob Fulligim of Matador, TX. His service was held in Matador on Friday.

Sympathy goes out to the **family of Natasha Tsvyashchenko**, a Ukrainian interpreter, who passed away Monday night. Natasha translated in Broken Arrow several times & was currently employed at Eastern European Missions. She leaves behind, **Nicoli**, her husband of four years.

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C.O.P.E. Retreat

20 - 30^{ish}

Feb. 4th - Feb. 6th

Azalea Falls Lodge

Arkansas

Gage Dixon Support Fund:

AVB/Attn: Downtown Branch
P. O. Box 130
Broken Arrow, OK 74013-9924

Thank You

Thank you for the fruit basket. We have really enjoyed that and all the prayers and visits. **Everett & Betty Martin**

I really do thank you for the holiday fruit. It was great and very enjoyable. **Nina Birge**

The fruit delivered to Michael and me was greatly appreciated. Thanks also for the prayers offered on my behalf during this time of illness. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. In Christian Love, **Irene Elliott**

An Opportunity to Make a

Difference: Jeremy King, cousin of Tracey Michael, was killed in a hunting accident in November. He left behind Veronica, his young expectant wife & two small children. "Pennies On A Platter" is a blog site that has agreed to contribute all blog profits for the month of January to this family. Veronica will be paid by advertisers each time someone visits the site. Please take time to view the blog & help this young family. There is no cost to you. penniesonaplatter.com

India Presentation Sunday night, January 16



Keith Walvoord & Nick Price will be sharing experiences from their recent mission trip to India and giving a report on how Broken Arrow is involved in the work.