

# TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

(The following article, written by Dalton Key, recently appeared in 10th & Rockford's weekly bulletin. I found it very much "on target" and wanted to share it with you.)

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!" (Matthew 23:23-24)

Our Lord's rebuke is but a small portion of His scathing condemnation of the religious leaders of that day for their obvious, yet unchecked, hypocrisy. The scribes and Pharisees acted the part of piety by emphasizing and insisting upon religious performance in the smallest of matters, all the while neglecting completely what Jesus categorized as "weightier matters of the law."

These self-righteous blind leaders of the blind were playing a dangerous game of purposed misdirection. Like a forest ranger distracting visitors with the intricacies of local flora while the forest itself, set ablaze, is all around burning to the ground, these scribes and Pharisees sought to hide the important with a frenzied obsession with the lesser important.

While God desires our hands, He first and foremost longs for **us**, for the whole of our hearts. He wills that we love Him completely, with all we have to offer, inside and out (Mark 12:30). Our worship is not only to be performed "in truth," but "in spirit" as well (John 4:24). And like the liberal Macedonians who, in giving to the Lord, first "gave themselves," we too must make sure the first sacrifice we offer the Lord is the sacrifice of self (II Corinthians 8:5; Romans 12:1-2).

Anything less, anything else, is too little.

What does this mean? Note a few examples: Attending worship services is good; actually worshipping once we arrive is better (Psalm 29:2). Sing out (and on-key?) is good; singing with spirit and understanding is better (I Corinthians 14:15). Increasing our Bible knowledge is good;

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

**All Things Praise Thee - 43**

Sanctuary

**Jesus Is All the World to Me - 590**

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Communion Thoughts

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Contribution

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BIBLE HOUR - Jesus Before Pilate

Scripture - Psalm 46:1-11

*"Learn to Be Still"*

Faith Basics Series

Speaker - Tim Pyles

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**Redeemed - 514**

Prayer

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

Speaker - Trent Dobbs

FIFTH SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP TODAY

**No 5 pm service**

growing in genuine love for God's Word is better still (Psalm 119:97). And the list could continue on and on.

We must never neglect the internals of faith due to a myopic focus upon the more obvious and measurable aspects of faith's externals. "These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

May we never find ourselves, like the hypocrites of Jesus' day, straining gnats while swallowing camels.

## 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 during Bible class time in the Conference Room
- Great job with VBS! Thanks for EVERYONE'S help
- Fifth Sunday Fellowship & Devo: TODAY
- Summer Series Wednesday night with Charlie Kymes
- Prayer focus for the week: Rain

### Future View

- Shepherd contact for August: Richard Davis
- Next Ministers/Shepherds meetings: August 1 & 17
- Addison Keele to preach: August 7



JOSEPH'S STOREHOUSE  
BA FOOD DRIVE  
1377 CANS OF FOOD

### In Mike's Basket

A Word from Trent Dobbs

Good Morning! I have been honored to work with this church for the summer. I want to thank the elders for giving me the opportunity to work with your young people this summer; it has been such a blessing!

First off Camp: WOW! I have been to and helped at a lot of camps, this is by far my best camp experience! Also, enjoyed being able to teach the Timothy class and to watch middle schoolers learn how to be leaders now instead of later.

Not only have I enjoyed getting to know your children, but I have been blessed to get to know you parents as well. I want to thank you all for making my time here a summer that I will never forget! I want to encourage you if you are a member of this church and have not gotten to know the young people here you are missing out. They are a wonderful group of people!

I want to leave you with my favorite verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight"*

## CURRENT EVENTS

### JULY/AUGUST

- 31 5TH SUNDAY LUNCH & DEVO
- 2 Ladies Quilting Workday  
GoldenAgers Social
- 3 MS Out of Eden & Timothy  
Class Party
- 5 Ms Movie Night
- 7 GoldenAgers Com. Mtg.  
MS Devo
- 9 HS Guys Cliff Party
- 10 MS/HS Road Trip
- 12-13 HS Lock-In
- 14 GoldenAgers Luncheon  
LIFE GROUP SUNDAY
- 16 Ladies Quilting Workday
- 20 GoldenAgers Watermelon  
Social  
SMORG - HS
- 21 HS Movie Night
- 22 UNION FIRST SCHOOL DAY
- 25 BA FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 27 Guys Football
- 28 HS Devo
- 30 Ladies Quilting Workday

### FUTURE:

- Sep 4 GoldenAgers Com. Mtg.
- Sep 5 OFFICE CLOSED-  
HOLIDAY
- Sep 6 GoldenAgers Social
- Sep 11 GoldenAgers Luncheon
- Sep 18 LIFE GROUP SUNDAY

### FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- 3 MS Out of Eden & Timothy  
Class Party
- 5 MS Movie Night
- 7 MS Devo
- 9 HS Guys Cliff Party
- 10 MS/HS Road Trip
- 12-13 HS Lock-In
- 20 SMORG - HS
- 21 HS Movie Night
- 27 Guys Football
- 28 HS Devo

Middle School Movie Nite  
Friday, August 5

In the Youth  
Room

Bring \$3.00 for  
food



**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR**

*For 3 year olds thru 1st grade*

**August 7, 2011**

Lesson 35 - *Choosing of Mathias*

Teach B Street  
Monitor C Hoffmeister

**August 14, 2011**

Lesson 36 - *Day of Pentecost*

Teach C Hoffmeister  
Monitor D Ward

**August 21, 2011**

Lesson 37 - *Peter, John & the Lame Man*

Teach D Ward  
Monitor E Emerson

**August 28, 2011**

Lesson 38 - *Ananias & Sapphira*

Teach E Emerson  
Monitor F Lynn

**A Very Special Day**

Just whose day is it anyway?

Sunday should be more than another busy, pleasure-filled weekend play day. It ought to be more than another excuse for sleeping late and lounging about the house. It must be seen as more than another opportunity to water the grass or wash the family car.

Sunday, the first day of the week, is special. It is the Lord's day--a day of worship.

The apostle Paul tarried seven days in Troas, until "the first day of the week," when he met with the saints of that city in worship (Acts 30:6-7). John wrote, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" (Revelation 1:10). And is it any wonder why? Our Lord arose from the dead on the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1-6). The church was established on Pentecost Day, the first day of the week (Acts 2). This day, the Lord's Day, is more than ordinary. It is special.

Justin Martyr, one of the recognized historians of the early church, wrote near the beginning of the second century. "On Sunday a meeting is held of all who live in the cities and villages... They rise together and send up prayers."

Early disciples faced terrible persecution in gathering together for worship on the Lord's Day, yet they assembled and worshipped in spite of their adversities. According to John Fox, in his Book of Martyrs, many early Christians were burnt alive, others were dragged by their feet through the streets naked until they expired; many were stoned, and a great number had their brains beaten out with clubs. Nero is said to have dressed Christians in shirts made stiff with wax, fixed them to axle-trees, and then set them on fire to light up his gardens at night.

And what of us? We have great difficulty convincing more modern saints, with no fear of physical oppression, to drive the new car down a four-lane, paved highway to a comfortable, climate-controlled building. By the way, what will you be doing next Sunday?

--by Dalton Key

**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, August 7: "Raising Faithful Children"

**Congregational News**

**Ladies Quilting Workday:** Tuesday, August 2, from 9 am –3 pm. Please bring a sack lunch and help us assemble quilts for cancer patients. Come for the full day or just a few hours. No quilting knowledge needed.

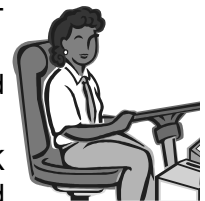
**GoldenAgers Social:** Tuesday night at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. Bring finger food and join us for fun & fellowship.

**GoldenAgers Committee Meeting:** Sunday, August 7, in 101 N following evening service. All GoldenAgers are invited to participate.

**GoldenAgers Monthly Potluck Luncheon** will be Sunday, August 14, in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Please bring a dish and join us.

**Interested in the Bus Ministry?** If you have your CDL (or are interested in getting one) and would like to coordinate the maintenance on our buses please contact Mike Baskett or Scott Keele.

**"Take A City" ministry:** We have the opportunity to help out the Afton Church of Christ, Afton OK through our "Take A City" ministry. They have asked for assistance with preaching, teaching, and VBS etc. Their acting preacher has ties to this congregation. Anyone interested please contact Lonnie Miller or the church office.



**MISSING!!! 4 foot wooden step ladder used during VBS. If you know where to find it please contact Rich Kilmer.**

**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)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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On Wednesday Evenings the OC will be open before class (6:00-6:45pm) if you would like to bring your own dinner, eat & fellowship together. The Middle School Out of Eden & Timothy Classes will serve drinks and help with clean-up.



There will be no prepared dinners until further notice.

Note: Time Change!!  
(6:00-6:45pm)

**WEDNESDAY SUMMER SERIES  
THIS WEEK**

**THE HEART OF HOPE**

**CHARLIE KYMES**

**CROSSTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**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](mailto: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.*



**NO  
Wednesday Night Dinner  
This Summer!  
See above!**



**Hope Harbor Needs:**

*Corn Oil*



**August 7, 2011 - TO SERVE**

**SONG LEADER**

Jim Hoffmeister

**SHEPHERD'S PRAYER**

David Maynard

**LORD'S SUPPER A.M.**

1. Rocky Giles
2. Scott Goodrich
3. Jerry Griffin
4. Kevin Guillette
5. George Gwinn
6. Jack Hale
7. Jared Hale
8. Virgil Hale
9. Bill Hancock
10. Ethan Hancock
11. Lee Heffner
12. Tom Henderson
13. Jim Hoffmeister
14. Richard Holleyman
15. Archer Honea

**PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER**

For Bread - Rich Kilmer  
For Cup - Keith Kashwer

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

Doug Hudkins

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Evan Maynard

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Bruce Johns

**August 7 2011 - TO SERVE**

**MORNING NURSERY HELPERS 9-10**

100S	111S
Hannah Pyles	Martin Sisson
Audra Sisson	Tara Ryan

**DOORGREETERS**

1. Mike & Narissa Rampey
2. Dick & Sharon Ray
3. Arlene Reed & Linda Reeder
4. Jeffrey & Terri Roberts
5. Berniece Rumsey & Tammy Scott
6. Brent & Barbara Saffell

**USHERS**

2. Kevin Lawrence
3. Kevin Lee
4. Marty Legg
5. Jerry Lundy

**INFORMATION CENTER**

AM Hosts - Bill & Charlotte Thrailkill  
PM Hosts - Alicia Askew & Lynnda Brown

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

AM Hosts - Sherman & Alice Boley  
                  Jack & Gloria Hale

PM Hosts - Gerry & Darla Lynn  
                  Rich & Becky Kilmer

**THE CARING CORNER HELPER**

Class - Becky Sisson  
AM Worship - Elaine Maynard  
PM Worship - Terra Street

**August 7, 2011- TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER**

Archer Honea

**EVENING PRAYERS**

Scott Keele  
Jim Hoffmeister

**EVENING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S	111S
Barbara Saffell	Kyndal Slaton
Becky Sisson	Sharon Ray

**LORD'S SUPPER P.M.**

Bruce Johns  
Keith Kashwer

**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

### Hospital/Tests:

**Bruce Johns** had laparoscopic surgery Friday.  
**Sharon Myers** is in SouthCrest, room 410, following surgery on Wednesday.  
**Marsha Scott** had tests run on Monday at St. Francis.  
**June Smith** has returned home following as short stay in the hospital for tests due to a fall.  
**Hannah Sosa** is home and improving rapidly following surgery.

**Ada Church** (aunt of Sherrie Slaton) is dealing with kidney problems.  
**Willie Mouser** (member of the Guthrie church) fell and is in critical condition.  
**Willard Pyles** (father of Tim) is home after a brief hospital stay following a fall last Sunday.  
**Mary Louise Schroeder** (mother of Jim), hospice has been called in.

**Members:** *Keith Askew, Riley Astor, Duane Bresee, Jim Bryan, Geraldine Carpenter, Gage Dixon, Lisa Dorman, Irene Elliot, Camille & Cliff Fitzgerald, Alice Jackson, Connie Kimrey, Alta Lamirand, Sharon Legg, Allison Lynn, Betty Martin, Everett Martin, Lauren McCullin, Belinda Mitchell, Terry Osburn, Barbara Poteet, Bill Rhodes, Winnie Rowland, Robert Stow, Darrell Vest, Chris Wadsworth*

**Friends & Family:** Junior Allen (brother of Emma Mosby), Ed Ames (father of a friend of Holly King), Frank Barganier (father of Celia Rosser),  
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**WEDNESDAY - August 10, 2011**

**INFORMATION CENTER**

Gary & Gail Southern

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

Keith & Frances Kashwer  
Lonnie & Joni Miller

**THE CARING CORNER HELPER**

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Week of  
July 24, 2011

Bible Class.....	456
AM Worship.....	660
PM Worship.....	578
Wednesday.....	601
Contribution .....	\$18,393
Budget .....	\$21,173
Contribution YTD .....	\$602,550
Budget YTD .....	\$635,190
Over/(Under).....	(\$32,640)

**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

**Friends & Family:** *Caiden Call* (nephew of *Colleen Detherage*), EveLee Dykes (mother of David Temme), Sharon Fitzpatrick (Holly Parker's mother), The Alexa Lambillotte family, Kat McKissick (sister of Kim Binkley), Nelda McWherter (sister-in-law of Phylis), Morgan Mitchell (16 yr old friend of Autumn Johnson), *Annette Overton* (mother of *Rhonda Blackstock*), Alene Panell (mother of C.J. Most), Bob Petre (former member), Glenda Plemons (former co-worker of Emma Mosby), Dwayne Richey (cousin of Sherri Slaton), *James Rowland* (husband of *Winnie*), Bessie Steele (mother of Sonny), Perry Tackett (friend of Phylis McWherter), Jamie Uribe & family (niece of Pat White), Tracey Walvoord (sister-in-law of Keith), Frankie Weir (mother of Dana Turner), *Kaz Zonko* (step-father of Beth Whisenhunt)

**Military:** Shawn Boggs, Travis Cardinal, Stevens Copeland, Will Courtney, Blake Davis, Randall Dolan, Mike Dorman, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Riley Killam, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Cathy Lovelace, Michael McCready, Shannon Scott McDonald, Matt McGuire, Braelyn Mitchem, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Kevin Poteet, Mike Pyle, Derrick Randolph, Conner Stombaugh, Chris Wadsworth

## SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Patrick, Jamie, Avery & Ragan Edison** on the death of Patrick's father, Bill Edison, on Monday, July 25.

## THANK YOU

**Thanks to all of those that have been involved in VBS this week.** It has taken hundreds of volunteer hours to make VBS possible. In Oklahoma the average worth of a volunteer is \$17.05 an hour. That makes VBS a high-priced production Thanks for helping to create such a great experience for our kids, their friends & family and the neighborhood kids.

## HOLY LAND TOUR

MARCH 19-31, 2012

HOSTED BY PARK PLAZA

Mitch Wilburn & Ryan Pope will be hosting a tour to Israel in March. Cost is \$3,150 plus air. \$100.00 deposit is due by August 9, 2011. You can find brochures at the Information Center if you are interested.



## OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

QUEST LECTURESHIP

OCTOBER 2-4, 2011



Some of the speakers are: Dr. Howard Norton, Dr. David Duncan, Dr. Curt Niccum, Dr. Terry Johnson & Lynn Jones

For more information check the bulletin board in the North Foyer or go to [www.oc.edu/quest](http://www.oc.edu/quest)

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