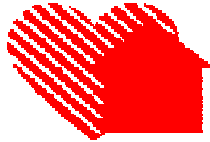


Hearts Turning Home — Touching the Hearts of our Community...



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Recently, I have been doing more reading than I ever have before on the subject of spiritual formation, the process of becoming the person that God wills me to be as His child and as a disciple of His Son, Jesus Christ. I recently shared some quotes from *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer, a book that I found to be very challenging and helpful. Also on my reading list was *The Radical Disciple* by John Stott. Stott's first chapter is on the subject of what he describes as "nonconformity to the surrounding culture. It is a call to develop a Christian counterculture, a call to engagement without compromise. So what are the contemporary trends which threaten to swallow us up, and which we must resist? We will consider four."

The first cultural challenge that Stott identifies is that of "pluralism." He writes:

"Pluralism affirms that every "ism" has its own independent validity and an equal right to our respect. It therefore rejects Christian claims to finality and uniqueness, and condemns as sheer arrogance the attempt to convert anyone (let alone everybody) to what it sees as merely our opinions."

"How should I respond to the spirit of pluralism? With great humility, I hope, and with no hint of personal superiority. But we must continue to affirm the uniqueness and finality of Jesus Christ. For he is unique in his incarnation (the one and only God-man), unique in his atonement (only he has died for the sins of the world), and unique in his resurrection (only he has conquered death). And since in no other person but Jesus of Nazareth did God first become human (in his birth), then bear our sins (in his death), and then triumph over death (in his resurrection), he is uniquely competent to save sinners. Nobody else possesses his qualifications."

"So we may talk about Alexander the Great, Charles the Great and Napoleon the Great, but not Jesus the Great. He is not the Great - he is the Only. There is nobody like him. He has no rival and no successor."

Jesus the Only!!! I like it! He alone is Lord, Christ, Master, Savior, Redeemer, and Friend!

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Lee Turner

Shepherd's Prayer – Gerry Lynn

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NO BIBLE HOUR

"Overcoming Temptation"

Everyday Ethics Series

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary - 912

Don't You Want to Go to That Land? - 969

Prayer

LIFE GROUP SUNDAY

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Conducted by

Life Groups

Walton/Norris & Wilburn/Stephens



Life Groups meet TODAY

If you are not part of a group, find one to visit.

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 Today
- Summary of Minister/Shepherds meeting 3-7-11

1. Ministry Updates

≈ **Protecting & Feeding:** Life Groups discussed, 50 days of Food & Fun discussed, Broken Arrow Bible Institute review by Sunset anticipated this week, Conifer update (another baptism), India work lost third of support, Reese Parker & John Wells to participate in New England campaign with Belanger's, Richard Mosby & Charles Emerson gone to Ukraine to assist with strengthening the church & summer campaign preparations

≈ **Leading & Governing:** Lease regarding east parking lot nearing completion, Minister/Shepherd planning meeting to be arranged, discussed possible ways to make up budget shortfall due to cancelled service during bad weather

≈ **Practical needs:** Friends Speak discussed, food pantry discussed

2. Prayer request given & prayer offered

Future View

- Shepherd contact for March - David Maynard
- Next Minister/Shepherds Meeting - March 23

In Mike's Basket

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. They pitched their tent under the stars and then went to sleep. In the middle of the night, Holmes awakened and exclaimed, "Watson, look up and tell me what you deduce." Watson opened up his eyes, and said, "I see billions and billions of stars. It's likely that some of these stars have planetary systems. Furthermore, I deduce that there is an incredible designer of this amazing system. Is that what you observe?" Holmes replied, "No, you fool! Somebody stole our tent!"

Every once in a while, it's possible to miss the obvious! We have loads of activities coming up for our young people and that usually means – "We need help!"

1/ Big Night Out is coming up on April 16th. This is our prom alternative for our juniors and seniors - it's an all-nighter that starts around 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and ends on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. Envelopes will be passed around for a couple of Sundays for help with some of the costs of this night. If you can help give to this event, it would be wonderful.

2/ Also, we need some adult volunteers for the whole night of Big Night Out – you can pick times by using the sign-up sheet on the youth booth. Thanks so much!

3/ Summer calendars are on the youth booth – if you see an event you'd like to be a part of, please let Mike know so he can write your name down!

Have a great week! Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

MARCH

- 12-17 Spring Break Mission Trip
- 13 Life Group Sunday
GoldenAgers Luncheon
- 13-19 Spring Camp Out
- 22 Ladies Bible Class Workday
- 26 HS-SMORG**
- 27 Beau Burton Wedding Shower
MS/HS Combine Devo

FUTURE:

- Apr 1 Nequette Wedding Reception
- Apr 1-3 COPE Retreat
- Apr 2 OC Bible Bowl
- Apr 3 Paige Layman Bailey Baby Shower
- Apr 9 Wes Hudkins & Brook Dickey Wedding Shower
- Apr 22-23 LTC
- Apr 23 Ministry Leaders' Breakfast
- May 8 Day of Rest
- May 22 Senior Honor Night**
- June 5-11 Burnt Cabin Camp
- July 24-27 V.B.S.

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Mar 6 MS Devo**
- Mar 7 Applications Due for LTC Scholarships**
- Mar 12-17 Spring Break Mission Trip
- Mar 26 HS-SMORG**
- Mar 27 MS/HS Combine Devo**
- Apr 16 Big Night Out**
- May 22 Senior Honor Night**

Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

Living by Faith

April 7-10, 2011

Speaker: Eddie Cloer

Hosted by;

Church of Christ at 29th & Yale
918-744-0356

For more information see the bulletin boards in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

March 20, 2011

Spring Break
No Bible Hour

March 27, 2011

*Lesson 21 - The Good
Shepherd*

Teach J Saffell
Monitor K Larson

April 3, 2011

*Lesson 22 - The Lord's
Prayer*

Teach K Larson
Monitor A Keele

April 10, 2011

*Lesson 23 - The Parable
of the 10 virgins*

Teach A Keele
Monitor B Street

KILLER CLICHES ABOUT LOSS Part 1

We have all been educated on how to acquire things. We have been taught how to get an education, get a job, buy a house, etc. There are colleges, universities, trade schools, and technical schools. You can take courses in virtually anything that might interest you.

What education do we receive about dealing with loss? What school do you go to learn to deal with conflicting feelings caused by significant emotional loss? Loss is so much more predictable and inevitable than gain, and yet we are woefully ill-prepared to deal with loss.

One of the most damaging killer clichés about loss is "time heals all wounds." When we present open lectures on the subject of Grief Recovery, we often ask if anyone is still feeling pain, isolation, or loneliness as the result of the death of a loved one 20 or more years ago. There are always several hands raised in response to that question. Then we gently ask, "If time is going to heal, then 20 years still isn't enough?"

While recovery from loss does take some time, it need not take as much time as you have been led to believe. Recovery is totally individual; there is no absolute time frame. Sometimes in an attempt to conform to other people's time frames, we do ourselves great harm. This idea leads us to another of the killer clichés, "you should be over it by now." It is bad enough that well-meaning, well intentioned friends attack us with killer clichés, but then we start picking on ourselves. We start believing that we are defective or somehow deficient because we haven't recovered yet.

If we take just the two killer clichés we've mentioned so far, we can see that they have something in common. They both imply that a non-action will have some therapeutic or recovery value. That by waiting, and letting some time pass, we will heal. Let's add a third cliché to the batch, "You have to keep busy." Many griever's follow this incorrect advice and work two or three jobs. They fill their time with endless tasks and chores. At the end of any given day, asked how they feel, invariably they report that their heart still feels broken; that all they accomplished by staying busy was to get exhausted.

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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, March 20: *"Why Do we Suffer?"*

Born Again: We rejoice with **Doug Wakefield** on his decision to become a Child of God through baptism on Sunday, March 6.

Restoration: Charissa Cozort Wakefield

2505 W Broadway St, BA, 74012 ph Doug: 918-605-5302 Charissa: 918-237-5997

Placed Membership: David & Sharon Temme, 3509 W. Richmond St., BA, 74012, 918-252-4606

Congregational News



Spring Break Campout, March 13 – 19. Spaces are reserved in Sequoyah State Park, Cherokee Camping Area, Wagoner, OK. Please, let the camp host know you are with the BACOC Camp Group upon arrival. Worship: Wednesday, March 16 @ 7:00 & Sunday, March 20 @ 10:00. Questions see Dick Ray.

March Madness Retreat: March 25 in the OC, 5:30-Midnight. Dinner, NCAA Tournament, 3 on 3, 5 on 5 & Bracket Contest. \$5.00 for dinner. Sign-up in the foyer.



Wedding Shower for Beau Burton & fiancée, Kelsey Manning: Sunday, March 27, 3 pm in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillard's and Target.

C.O.P.E. Retreat: The COPE Retreat for all ages has been rescheduled for April 1-3 at Azalea Falls Lodge in Arkansas. There is still room for anyone that can fit the new date into their schedule. See Richard Davis.

Baby Shower for Paige Layman Bailey: Sunday, April 3, 3:30 pm in the Parlor. She & Jacob are expecting a boy and are registered at Babies-R-Us & Target.



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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New Directory:

The office staff will be printing an updated data directory this month. If you have address, phone or email changes that need to be made, please contact the church office or write changes on your Sunday attendance card.

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
During Spring Break**

**Hope Harbor
Needs:**

Paper Napkins



March 20, 2011 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Scott Keele

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

David Maynard

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Kevin Lawrence
2. Marty Legg
3. Robert Legg
4. Jim Lee
5. Kevin Lee
6. Mark Lee
7. Nathan Lee
8. Glen Lyle
9. Gene Lynch
10. Josh Mahaffey
11. Ed Mainprize
12. David Mainprize
13. Mike Martin
14. David Maynard
15. Steve McDonald

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Mike Baskett
For Cup - Jim Coghill

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Steve Copeland

SCRIPTURE READING

Bryan Davis

CLOSING PRAYER

Richard Davis

March 20, 2011 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Hannah Sosa Janice Sosa
Christina Snitker Martin Sisson

DOORGREETERS

1. Laura Copeland & Janna Davis
2. Bryan & Tama Davis
3. Richard & Janet Davis
4. Kristina & Georgiana Dixon
5. Jesse & Jenny Eyer
6. James & Frances Garrett

USHERS

2. Bruce Binkley
3. Duane Bresee
4. Bruce Burnette
5. Beau Burton

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Bob & Carol Arledge
PM Hosts - Alicia Askew & Lynnda Brown

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Bruce & Wanda Johns
 Nathan & Wendy Lee

PM Hosts - Kyle & Shelly Thomas
 Rich & Becky Kilmer

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lois Powers
AM Worship - Elaine Maynard
PM Worship - Becky Sisson

March 20, 2011 - TO SERVE

SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER

Kyle Thomas

EVENING PRAYERS

Bill Detherage
Ryan Dent

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S 111S
Andrea Suffridge Tonya Stephens
Carolyn Vest Beth Whisenhunt

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Wayne Mitchell
Bobby Morrow

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

WEDNESDAY - March 23, 2011

INFORMATION CENTER

Bryan & Tama Davis

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Terry & Dawn Walker
Robert & Tracey Michael

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
March 6, 2011

Bible Class.....	427
AM Worship.....	688
PM Worship.....	288
Wednesday.....	419
Contribution	\$24,053
Budget	\$21,173
Contribution YTD	\$200,403
Budget YTD	\$211,730
Over/(Under).....	(\$11,327)

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

Hospital/Tests:

Marge Curnutt is home following cataract surgery on Thursday.

Jennifer Bradley is undergoing tests for intestinal issues.

Brian Street will have dental surgery on Monday.

Teresa York had surgery on Monday & is now home recuperating.

GOOD NEWS from Carla Bare "CT scan of lungs is all clear and we are very appreciative of all the prayers and words of support."

John Burdine (Jennifer Bradley's father) is having severe back problems stemming from spine spurs & possible ruptures.

Kristin Fulton (sister of Jennifer Bradley) has a mass on her thyroid.

Sally Jones (Jennifer Bradley's aunt) is awaiting a bone marrow transfusion.

Caden Story (4 yr. old grandson of friends of Herman & Nancy Johnson) is very seriously ill.

Alice Tobey (sister-in-law of Ken & Pat) has a tumor on her pancreas.

Felicia Windham (niece of Rosie Steele) is in a hospital in New York City with cancer of the liver.

Randall Dolan reports for basic training Tuesday.

Members: *Keith Askew, Clyde Barnes, Dan Beisiegel, Dale Bennett, Bill Davis, Lawana Duwe, Gage Dixon, Ellen Dowdy, Ray Duwe, Easley family, Irene Elliot, Camille and Cliff Fitzgerald, Jacob & Jessica Haddock, Jack Hudkins, Alice Jackson, Phylis McWherter, Jessica Olivarez, Madolene Page, Barbara Poteet, June Smith, Hannah Sosa, Mary Steger*

Friends & Family: Jeff Alderson (neighbor of the Basketts), Frank Barganier (father of Celia Rosser), Susan Barker family (co-worker of Tracey Michael & Angie Dubois), Tim Belford (friend of Liz & Larry York), *Caiden Call (nephew of Colleen Detherage),*
(Continued on back of insert)

PRAYER LIST

Friends & Family: Autumn Carson (granddaughter of David & Sharon Temme), Kara Dorman (daughter of the Bonwell's), Michelle DuBois (sister-in-law of David DuBois), Verna Hall (friend of Sharon & Mike Legg), Jordan Harper (grandson of Karen & Bruce Burnette), Randy Hess (brother of Roxanna Honea), Veronica King (widow of Tracey Michael's cousin Jeremy), *Maddison Marino, premature infant, Russ May of Cassville, MO*, Annette Overton (Rhonda Blackstock's mother), *Lee Peters (former minister at BA), Willard Pyles (father of Tim)*, Fred Rawson family (friends of the Reeders), *James Rowland (husband of Winnie)*, Jerry Taber (neighbor of Josh & Gina Mahaffey), Yvonne White, secretary at Rhoades, *Ed Whitworth of Red Oak (former member)*, George Willson (son of Walt & Terry), Families from India that lost everything in a fire

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Vonda & Scotty Buntin** on the birth of a grandson, Bradyn Dax Gibson, born Monday, March 7 to Amberlea Buntin. Bradyn weighed 8 lbs & 8 ozs. Proud uncle is **Jameson Buntin**.

SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy is expressed to **Del Huntsman & family** on the death of Pete on Monday, March 7. His service was at the building on Wednesday.

THANK-YOU

- Thank you all for your prayers & thoughts during Cathy's deployment in Afghanistan. **William & Cathy Lovelace**
- Thank you church for your prayers for my grandson, Chance Callison, while he was in Afghanistan. **Lillian Wilson**
- Our family would like to thank all of our "Christian family" for all you did for us during our recent loss. Thanks to those who attended Dee's service. We appreciate the cards and your words of comfort. A special thank you for those who prepared for and those who served the meal. God's family is a true blessing. In Christian Love, **Naomi Hall, JoElla, Deborah & family**
- Family & friends at Church of Christ in Broken Arrow, Thank you so very much for your love, prayers, & support during and after George's surgery. We are truly blessed to have so many people who love and care for us. **George, Tasha, London, Miranda & Vivian Willson**
- Dear Church Family, Words cannot express my gratitude for all the prayers, concerns & visits while both my parents were in the hospital. It has been a long couple of months but they are both home now & working on getting stronger & better. My father has a long road to recovery but is eating better & hopefully getting stronger. Right now his recovery is hinging on eating a lot of calories & putting some weight back on so his bones can start to heal. Please continue to pray that he stays focused & keeps a good attitude during this time of healing. What can I say about my mom, she is the strongest person I know. I truly believe in the power of prayer & its healing power. I feel in my heart, prayer & her faith is the only reason she is still alive. I want to give a special thanks to Dana Turner & Shelia Haddock for organizing meals for my parents after they came home. They have taken such a burden off me & allowed me to focus on other needs for my parents. They have been such a blessing. Again, thank you so much for the prayers & support. Please continue to pray for both my parents & know how much they (and I) love all of you & appreciate everything you do. Sincerely, **Mechell Reeder** (daughter of Cliff & Camille Fitzgerald)
- Thanks so much for your kind words, thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent stay in the hospital and for our strength as we deal with my grandfather's passing. **Teresa, Victor, Taylor, Rachel and Rebekah York**
- Thank you for all the concern shown me during my accident. The cards, phone calls & inquires were so appreciated. Thanks to those that provided food, even when they had to cut it up for me. Many thanks to those who took me to doctors appointments & the hospital. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Terri Larson for substituting for me in the office, she did an excellent job. I'm now in a brace & working on my therapy. What would I ever do without my wonderful church family. In Christian Love, **Nora Fairless**

Congregational News

Missing Table Cloths: Three white rectangular table cloths are missing from the cabinets in the office hall. Please return them to the cabinet & notify the office that they have been returned. Thanks so much!

Dishes, Dishes, Dishes! There are numerous dishes that need to be claimed by their owners on the table at the back of the Fellowship hall. Please go by & see if something belongs to you.

Food Pantry



Looking for interested volunteers. A food pantry is in the planning stage. It will serve not only members of the community but also the needs of the congregation. If you are interested in any phase of this new work, please contact Terri Larson, 918-346-7292 or terri.larson1@gmail.com

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