



TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

Today, rather than sharing words of my own, I want to share God's words; truths from Scripture that have been extremely important to me over the last couple of weeks as my family has dealt with the death of my mother and the critical illness of my father.

"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

"For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord - for we walk by faith and not by sight - we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to him." (II Corinthians 5:1, 6-9).

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake." (Philippians 1:21-23)

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18)

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." (II Timothy 4:6-8)

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Kyle Thomas

Blue Skies and Rainbows

Thank You, Lord - 474

Shepherd's Prayer – Ron Baxter

I Am Mine No More - 683

Communion Thoughts

Years I Spent in Vanity - 381

Lord's Supper

Contribution

We Will Glorify - 578

We Bow Down - 577

Scripture - John 1:1-4

BIBLE HOUR - The Baptism & Temptation of Jesus

"Jesus Gives You Life - Part 1"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

I Come to the Garden Alone - 595

Victory in Jesus - 470

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

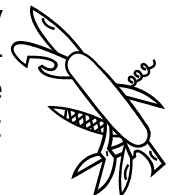
Song Leader – Archer Honea

"Jesus Gives You Life - Part 2"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Fall Break Campout October 17-23

20 spaces have been reserved in Sequoyah State Park, Cherokee Camping Area, Wagoner. Please let the camp host know you are with the BACOC Camp group upon arrival. There will NOT be an organized potluck/fish fry on Friday this year. Visitors are encouraged to bring snacks and come anytime for fun & games. Questions: Contact Dick Ray-486-2850.



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
- Pray for Andrew Lemus and family as they transition back to California
- Continue your prayers for the ill and grieving
- Choose to be involved in LTC! Contact Beth Astor
- Serve our youth by being part of a youth team. Contact Mike Baskett

Future View

- Shepherd contact for October - Richard Davis
- Next Shepherds/Ministers Meeting - October 4 & 20
- Shane Belanger, Bear Valley student, to teach class - October 17
- Mission Forum - Oct 24-31. Plan your giving

In Mike's Basket

Last week I asked the question: "Have you ever meditated?" Madame Guyan, the lady imprisoned for almost 25 years, passes on some wisdom to us. I hope and pray that each of us will take the time to TRULY meditate. We'll definitely be blessed!

She writes: "I would like to address you as though you were a beginner in Christ, one seeking to know Him. Let me suggest two ways for you to come to the Lord. I will call the first way, "praying the scripture," and the second way, "beholding the Lord."

"Praying the scripture" is a unique way of dealing with the scripture; it involves both reading and prayer. Open God's Word; choose some passage that is simple and fairly practical (from the gospels). Next, come to the Lord quietly and humbly. There, before Him, read a small portion of the passage of scripture you have opened to. Be careful as you read. Take in fully, gently, and carefully what you are reading. **Taste it and digest it** as you read. In the past, it may have been your habit to read quickly, to move from one verse of scripture to another until you've read the whole passage. Perhaps you were seeking to find the main point of the passage.

But in coming to the Lord by means of "praying the scripture," you do not read quickly; you read very slowly. You do not move from one passage to another, not until you have **sensed the very heart** of what you have read. You may then want to take that portion of scripture that has touched you and turn it into prayer. Only after you've sensed something from the passage – and prayed – do you move on. Very slowly, gently, and in a calm manner begin to read more. **Find the deeper sense** – take the time to taste! You'll be surprised to find that when your time with the Lord has ended, you'll have read very little – but gained so much."

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned two examples in reading – a newspaper and a letter from someone you care about. Reminder: The Bible brings much more than INformation – it's about FORMation. The Bible provides both... but how do we approach our daily reading of scripture? Is it always for information? Is it to simply read through a program? Or is it to improve our relationship? Hopefully the article above will help you in your reading of God's precious Word. Have a great week! *Mike*

CURRENT EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3 Worlds of Fun Money DUE
MUD
MS Devo** Bring \$3
- 5 Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
GoldenAgers Social Nite
- 8-9 30 Hour Fast**
- 10 GoldenAgers Luncheon
Life Groups
- 12 Harding Reception at
the Binkleys-7 pm
- 14 Friends of Oklahoma Christian
- 15 Christian Business Breakfast
- 16-17 MS Worlds of Fun**
- 17 Teen Area Wide Devo**
- 19 Ladies Bible Class Workday
- 22 2nd Grade Fall Party
Ladies Nite Out
- 23 GoldenAgers Hobo Stew
- 24 HS Devo** Bring \$3
- 31 Mission Forum Sunday
Good Guy Carnival

FUTURE

- Nov 7 Chase & Deanna Layman
Baby Shower
- Nov 12-14 GoldenAgers to
Branson

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Oct 8-9 30 Hour Fast**
- Oct 16-17 MS Worlds of Fun**
- Oct 17 Teen Area Wide Devo**
- Oct 24 HS Devo**
- Oct 29 MS/HS Fall Party**
- Nov 14 Teen Area Wide Devo**
- Nov 19-21 MS/HS Fall Retreat**
- Dec 12 Teen Area Wide Devo**

30 Hour Fast

Friday - Saturday, October 8-9

@ the home of
Clif & Kelli Warren.

Fast begins at 1 pm on Friday & ends at 7 pm on Saturday.

Building may begin at the Warrens' as early as 4 pm Friday afternoon.

Fasters will be raising money for Hope Harbor.

Adults, look for an opportunity to support these dedicated kids.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

October 10, 2010

*Lesson 5 – Jesus Calls
the Twelve Apostles*

Teach E Emerson

Monitor F Lynn

October 17, 2010

*Lesson 6 – Jesus Turns
Water into Wine*

Teach F Lynn

Monitor G Murdock

October 24, 2010

NO BIBLE HOUR

October 31, 2010

NO BIBLE HOUR

November 7, 2010

*Lesson 7– Jesus & Nico-
demus*

Teach G Murdock

Monitor H Martin

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD

Wow, with a beginning statement like that, I could go anywhere with this article. Bum Phillips, a former coach of the Houston Oilers and Tennessee Titans once said, "There are two types of coaches in the NFL: them that have been fired, and them that are gonna be fired." For my purpose today, this statement applies to the topic of grief. There are two types of people in this world: those who grieve and those who will grieve. We can't escape it; therefore, we should prepare for it.

It is normal and acceptable to express grief. Some well-meaning people tell us that we should not grieve; however, tears are not shameful. Christians are not immune from grief just because they do not sorrow as those that "have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). While we all want to avoid being a public spectacle, grieving in an appropriate manner is expected.

The Bible acknowledges that we will grieve. It is silly to suggest that we should not. The great saints of the Bible knew grief.

Jacob "mourned for his son many days" (Genesis 37:34).

Abraham mourned the passing of Sarah (Genesis 23:2).

Isaac was still grieving three years after his mother's death (Genesis 24:67).

David wept when his friend Jonathan died (2 Samuel 1:12).

Job rent his robe and shaved his head at the loss of his children (Job 1:20).

Scripture describes Jesus as "a man of sorrows," (Isaiah 53:3) who wept at the grave of Lazarus (John 11:35).

Grief is a natural response; it is the way God made us. The Creator put eternity in our hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Creatures that care, naturally hurt when they lose the object of their love. In fact, researchers from the Medical College of Virginia concluded that the death of a close relative is the single biggest contributor to depression. Risk of depression is increased by: serious illness - 330%; divorce/breakup - 1,130%; serious marital problem and assault - 1,400%; the death of a close relative - 1,500%.

Grief is natural. Great people of the Bible experienced it. Jesus experienced it. We will experience it (if we haven't already). Let's be prepared together.

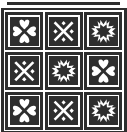
In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, October 10: *"The Nature of Worship"*

New Address: LLOYD & ALTA LAMIRAND, Grace Living, 711 N 5th St, Jenks, 74037
Ph # 918-528-6860

Congregational News

High School Bible Bowl practice will begin TODAY during evening worship. We will be upstairs in the north wing. If you need a copy of Revelation, please see Colleen Detherage. There will be two styles to choose from this year.

MUD (Mothers Under Duress) first monthly meeting will be at 3:45 pm TODAY in 103 N. This is an opportunity for mothers of college & military age men & women to pray, support our kids and exchange goodies, encouragement notes, etc. to mail to them. Contact Terra Street (254-0307 or 671-7378) for more information.



Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Luncheon will be this Tuesday. Please join us for class at 10 am followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring salads & desserts and come join us. We will be presenting over 200 lap quilts to guests representing several breast cancer organizations for patient use during treatment.

Christian Business Breakfast will be Friday, October 15, at 7 am in the Outreach Center. Jim Roberts, Business Coach for Henderson Consulting will be the speaker. Both men & women are welcome.

Attention Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Parents: **Harding University** will have a **reception** at the home of Bruce and Kim Binkley (216 S. Forest Ridge Blvd., BA) on Tuesday, October 12 at 7 pm. Mark Pruitt, Asst. Director of Admissions will be present to discuss scholarships, Financial Aid, and Why It's Great to be at Harding! So come on out and win the **\$1,000 scholarship** that will be given away! Please RSVP by contacting Mark Pruitt at 800-477-4407 or mpruitt1@harding.edu by October 8.

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 -- 7:15 p.m.

•Mike Baskett (357-2144)•Scott Keele (286-6403)

•Tim Pyles (991-8457)•Rich Kilmer (806-6742)

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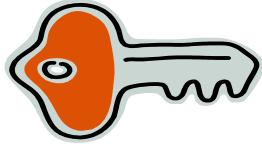
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IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN BUILDING

Beginning this weekend you may find that your keys to the building no longer work.

All the outside doors and many of the classrooms will have new locks. We are in the process of creating zones within the building.

If you find your key no longer works and feel you need access to an area when the office is closed, please provide Rich Kilmer with a written request giving the reason for needing access to a specific area.



MS WORLDS OF FUN

Money due TODAY

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAMS

We are still looking for adults to serve for one quarter on a team to help with events for the youth. Please sign-up in the foyer.

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: Salisbury Steak with Grilled Onions

Serving from 5:30 to 6:45 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:

100% Juice



October 10, 2010 - TO SERVE
SONG LEADER

Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS

Glen Lyle

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Brandon Price
2. Nick Price
3. Tim Plowman
4. Mike Rampey
5. Dick Ray
6. Jeffrey Roberts
7. Brent Saffell
8. Tom Scism
9. Jim Schroeder
10. Chris Slaton
11. Brock Snitker
12. Gary Southern
13. James Stephens
14. Trent Stephens
15. Gary Tate

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - James Parker
For Cup - Jim Parker

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Reece Parker

SCRIPTURE READING

Eric Norris

CLOSING PRAYER

Brandon Price

October 10, 2010 - TO SERVE
MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Audra Sisson	Martin Sisson
Shelly Thomas	Tonya Stephens

DOORGREETERS

1. Ed & Karen Mainprize
2. Colette McCullin & Lois McNeal
3. Steve & Jackie McDonald
4. Nancy McWherter & Dru Middleton
5. Robert & Tracey Michael
6. Lonnie & Joni Miller

USHERS

2. Kevin Lee
3. Marty Legg
4. Jerry Lundy
5. Glen Lyle

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - June Scott & Mary Lynch
PM Hosts - NA

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Jack & Gloria Hale
David & Abby Mainprize
PM Hosts - NA

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Darla Lynn
AM Worship - Karen Mainprize
PM Worship - NA

October 10, 2010 Evening Worship

Conducted by Life Groups 4 & 19



If you will not be available to serve in the area listed, please contact:

LORD'S TABLE

Dwayne Canton..... 281-9171

PRAYERS

Jerry Lundy 357-5728

DOOR GREETERS

Gary Southern..... 355-3131

USHERS

Jerry Lundy 357-5728

WEDNESDAY - October 13, 2010
INFORMATION CENTER

Ray & Wanda Wilburn

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Keith & Frances Kashwer
Robert & Tracey Michael

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
September 26, 2010

Bible Class	424
AM Worship	598
PM Worship.....	350
Wednesday	413
Contribution	\$26,393
Budget.....	\$21,018
Contribution YTD.....	\$822,082
Budget YTD.....	\$819,702
Over/(Under)	\$2,380

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:

Riley Astor is struggling with controlling his blood sugar

Carla Bare is awaiting test results.

Clyde Barnes has several cuts & bruises following a fall on Wednesday.

Scotty Buntin is home after a brief stay in the hospital. Medications are being adjusted.

Gage Dixon is in St. Francis Children's for complications with his colonoscopy.

Dee Hall is in St. Francis South, room 210, following a fall. Tests show he is anemic.

Belinda Mitchell entered St John's, #106, on Thursday. Tests are being run to determine the problem.

Jesse Mitchell is in St John's, room 920, with intestinal problems possibly related to his Crohn's disease.

Joshua Bellanger (infant son of our student missionaries at Bear Valley) is home & doing well following eye surgery on Wednesday.

Rhonda Mathis (niece of Gene & Beverly Dunn) had surgery due to a fall resulting in a crushed wrist .

Bob Minard (cousin of Rosie Steele) has re-occurring pancreatic cancer.

Bartley Osborne (father of a friend of Tracey Michael) had surgery on Monday for cancer.

Willard Pyles (Tim's father) has been upgraded to a regular room.

Frankie Weir (Dana Turner's mother) is in Hillcrest following a fall at home.

Suzette Stevens (co-worker of Karen Burnette) has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

PRAYER LIST (continued)

Members: Carl Alexander, *Carla Bare*, Morgan Blair, *Marge Curnutt*, *Fran Garrett*, *Jo Ella Gotcher*, *Gavin Kuykendall*, Alta Lamirand, Mike Nequette, *Barbara Poteet*, Janice Pratt, *Coleman Pyles*, Mike Rampey, *Loren Rumsey*, Mary Sampson, Hannah Sosa, Warren Vaughan, Carolyn Vest, Orvind White

Friends & Family: *Joe Bagby* (minister in Sweetwater, TX), *Pauli Baxt* (mother of Paul West), Chip Bloecher (friend of Steven Arledge), Glen Brashears (husband of Jo), J.D. Coffman (father of Teresa), Kaydn Guess (daughter of Vernon & Kanna of Whispering Hills), Ron Gwinn (son of George & Phyllis), Betty Hallford (sister of Mary Harper), Dennis Jones (local Christian), Dakota Mitchell (grandson of Jesse & Ruby), Billy Reed (father of Dawn Walker), James Rowland (husband of Winnie), Mary Steger (mother of Charlotte Thraikill), Charissa Cozort Wakefield (daughter of Mary Harper)

Military: Shawn Boggs, Chance Callison, Travis Cardinal, Brian Chandler, Stevens Copeland, Blake Davis, Justin Garrison, Josh Holcomb, David Honea, Colby Jacobson, Brant Jacobson, Zac Leka, Rob Lee, Eric Lewis, Cathy Lovelace, Tray & Hope Mamula, Michael McCready, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Mike Pyle, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Keith & Alicia Askew and family** on the death of Alicia's mother, Edith Young, on Saturday, September 25. Her service was on Tuesday at the Adams Boulevard Church of Christ in Bartlesville.

Condolences are expressed to **Bernard & Carol Anderson & family** on the death of Bernard's aunt, Wyona Zachow, from Aberdeen, SD. She passed away on Monday, September 20 and a memorial service was held yesterday in Akron, SD.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and visits. You are such a loving caring church. You mean so much to Darrell and me. Thank you Doc & Fran and Bill Davis for sitting with the family during my surgery. I love you all, **Carolyn Vest**



The Belanger family, from Bear Valley, will be here on Sunday, October 17. Shane will teach a combined adult class in the auditorium during Bible study.

GOLDENAGERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Social will be this Tuesday night at 6:30 in the Parlor. Bring finger foods and join us for a fun time.

Monthly Potluck Luncheon will be Sunday, October 10, in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Anyone 55 years of age and older is welcome to attend. Please bring a dish and come get to know us better.



Hobo Stew Party will be held on Saturday, October 23, at Gerry & Darla Lynn's place on Fort Gibson lake. Bring your favorite can of veggies to add to the pot. Also bring crackers, bottled drinks and lawn chairs. The bus will leave the building at 3 pm. Don't miss the fun & games. Please sign up at the information center by Wednesday, October 20.

