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From Tim Pyles

Currently in the Wednesday evening auditorium class we are involved in a study entitled "Journey to the Promised Land" in which we are examining archaeological sites that are vitally connected to the texts of the Old and New Testaments. While the history and geography of the Bible may not be the most transformational and inspirational aspects of the study of Scripture, the field of Biblical archaeology is nonetheless extremely important in providing "third party" validation and verification of the historical details within the sacred text.

This past Wednesday, our "visual journey" took us to the northern borders of Israel to the archaeological sites at Hazor, Dan, and Caesarea Philippi. It was at Tel Dan in 1993 and 1994 that fragments of a stele (a stone monument) were found bearing the name of David. King David figures prominently into the narrative of I & II Samuel; he authored at least 73 Psalms; and he was a physical ancestor of the King of Kings, the Messiah, the "son of David." Yet, prior to 1993, no extra-Biblical inscription or artifact had been discovered that bore his name. This led critics and skeptics of the Bible to charge that David, rather than being an actual historical person, was just a popular, mythological king who existed only in the cultural and religious traditions and lore of the Jews. David was merely the "King Arthur" of ancient Israel, the critics claimed. However, the discovery of the Dan Stele significantly took the wind out of the skeptics' sails.

The Dan Stele is a victory stele raised in honor of an Aramean king of Damascus, probably Hazael or Ben-hadad. The inscription, written in Aramaic, records the king's defeat in battle of Jehoram, king of Israel, and Ahaziah "of the house of David." Rather than identifying Ahaziah as the "king of Judah," which would have naturally corresponded to "king of Israel," he is synonymously identified as being of the "house of David," i.e., of David's family, lineage, dynasty, etc. To the Aramean chronicler who created this monument, David was just as real and historical as were Ahaziah, Jehoram, Hazael, and Ben-hadad.

Our faith is not built upon inanimate rocks or clay tablets, but on the living Stone, Jesus Christ, the son of God. Still, archaeology serves a vital role in validating the reliability and historicity of the Biblical record.

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

I Love You, Lord - 779

Day by Day

Listen to Our Hearts - 810

Shepherd's Prayer - Steve Copeland

Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing - 8

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Communion Thoughts

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Contribution

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts? - 432

NO BIBLE HOUR

Scripture - I Corinthians 6:9-20

Everyday Ethics Series

"Sex and the City of God"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet - 501

Now unto the King Eternal - 447

Prayer

5:00 PM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Joel Pence

"Comfort for Our Sorrow" - Matthew 5:4; II Corinthians 1:3-7

Study of the Beatitudes

Speaker - Tim Pyles

Next Sunday/Fifth Sunday Food & Fellowship in the OC

Please bring soup, sandwiches &/or dessert for your family and one more. Be sure everything is ready to serve. Plan to stay for early afternoon worship in song. 40's class hosting!!

There will be no 5 pm service.



Shepherds' Corner

"through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..."

Growing, Strengthening, and Involving the church

Present Action

- The church of Christ at Broken Arrow WELCOMES you
- Pray with a shepherd during Bible Class time in the Conference Room. Let your prayer needs be known
- Summary of Minister/Shepherd meeting 10-19-11
 1. Round table discussion of Shepherding groups
 2. Outreach and Involvement ministry needs presented
 3. Prayer offered focusing on needs discussed
- Prayer focus for the week: Wayne Burger and the work at Conifer, CO

Future View

- Shepherd contact for October: Dave Larson
- Parenting Workshop: November 4 & 5
- Next Ministers/Shepherds Meeting: November 7 & 16

In Mike's Basket

The early church had a stormy relationship with the Roman government. There were many persecutions, however, there were occasional times of peace. Roman officials, ignorant of the actual teachings of true Christians, often acted out of bigotry, fear, superstition, or ignorance. The royal court assumed that the growing Christian church operated along the same lines of their greedy religions.

The emperor, coveting the wealth these Christians *must surely possess*, summoned their head bishop to the royal court and ordered him to produce the "treasures of the church." The frustrated bishop protested that the church had no gold, jewels, or other valuables (which was very true at this point in history.) The emperor didn't believe him! He demanded that the riches of the church be brought to him in the morning. The bishop left the emperor quietly.

The next day the bishop appeared at the palace doorway with empty hands... "I told you to bring the treasures of the church!" the emperor raged.

The bishop then invited the emperor to look out at the palace steps. Gathered together, peering sheepishly at the great doors of the palace, was a mass of ragged beggars, cripples, slaves, and outcasts. "These," said the bishop, "are the treasures of the church."

For his unappreciated but accurate insight, the good bishop was promptly killed.

Hope you realize this morning that WE are the treasure of the church! The church is not the building – it's not a doctrine – it's not a cleverly devised organization of man... it is US! We are the church, the very body of Christ (Read *I Corinthians 12*). God sent Jesus to die for our sins – to redeem us. What a price... we are truly treasured! Have a great week!

Mike

CURRENT EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 23 GoldenAgers Last Day to sign-up for Branson trip
HS Devo
30 Fifth Sunday Lunch & Devo
FALL FESTIVAL

FUTURE:

- Nov 1 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class Luncheon & Piggy Bank Shower
GoldenAgers Social
Nov 4-5 Parenting Seminar
Nov 6 Lauren Giles Wedding Shower
Nov 11-13 GoldenAgers to Branson
Nov 12 Father/Son Football Game
Nov 13 JUMP START—Teacher Training for Primary & Junior Teachers

FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Oct 23 HS Devo**
Oct 30 Fall Festival
Nov 13 Teen Connection
Nov 18-20 Fall Retreat
Nov 27 Combined Devo
Dec 4 MS Devo
Dec 9 Rhoades Christmas Party



As an outreach to the local community the church has a food pantry. It provides food for approximately 3-5 families from the community per week. VBS during the summer brought in a very large number of canned goods. At this time we are in need of **Cereal & Peanut Butter**.

You may place these items in the black bucket on the south side of the foyer.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR

*For 3 year olds thru
1st grade*

October 30, 2011

Lesson 6 - *Jesus Turns
Water into Wine*

Teach F Lynn
Monitor G Murdock

November 6, 2011

Lesson 7 - *Jesus and
Nicodemus*

Teach G Murdock
Monitor H Martin

November 13, 2011

Lesson 8 - *Jesus Cleanses
the Temple*

Teach H Martin
Monitor I Lee

November 20, 2011

Lesson 9 - *The Samaritan
Woman at the Well*

Teach I Lee
Monitor J Saffell

Your Hand in His

by Dr. Tim Clinton of the American Association of Christian Counselors

"Don't trust to hold God's hand; let Him hold yours. Let Him do the holding, and you the trusting." Hammer William Webb-Peploe

When my son Zach was small, he loved for me to hold his hand. Often it would simply be out of the sheer joy of having his dad close to him. He would wrap his little chubby hand around my finger, and away we would go. Other times, when I sensed that I needed to hold on to him, I would wrap my hand all the way around his hand and wrist, and squeeze tight. Love... joy... security... safety -- all wrapped up in his hand in mine.

I love the picture illustrated by Isaiah 45:1 "Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus (insert your name here), whose right hand I have grasped" (ESV).

The Hebrew word for grasped, "chazaq" literally means "to be bound fast, both in the significance of adhesion and strength" (Strong's Concordance). God was saying that when your hand is in His, a strong, fast bond is formed between the two.

As our children grow into those teen years, things change. Our kids become increasingly independent, and socially they might be a little embarrassed to be seen walking hand-in-hand with dad. Sadly, we often become so independent in our Christian journey, that for any number of reasons, we don't let our Heavenly Father hold our hand. More often than not, I believe it is a part of what John was talking about in Revelation 2:4 when he writes to the church in Ephesus, "...you have abandoned the love that you had at first." This church had been "enduring patiently... bearing up for His name... not growing weary" (vs 3) but even after all of those "good works", God was more interested in whether or not they loved Him--whether
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In Search of the Lord's Way: TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, October 30: "How Jesus Changes Lives"

New Address: Gayla Alexander, 301 S Sweet Gum PI, BA 74012

Congregational News

Fifth Sunday Fellowship & Early Song Service in the OC: Sunday, October 30, following morning worship. Please bring soup, sandwiches &/or dessert for your family and one more. Be sure everything is ready to serve. Plan to stay for early afternoon worship in song. 40's class hosting!!



Fall Festival: Sunday, October 30, from 5 pm - 7 pm in the OC parking lot. Help is needed from youth & adults. There will be games and treats. Please bring individually wrapped candy and place in the candy box. Pick up invitations for your friends at the table.

Westview Boy's Home-Tuesday Ladies Bible Class 17th Annual Piggy Bank Shower: Tuesday, November 1. The goal is to collect enough money to sponsor 5 boys and their pigs, \$2500. Everyone is welcome to participate in this endeavor.



Wedding Shower for Lauren Giles: Sunday, November 6, at 3 pm in the Parlor. Lauren and her fiancé, Tony Hammontree, are registered at Target.

GoldenAgers Branson Trip: November 11-13. TODAY is the last day to sign-up.

Father/Son Football Game: 3rd annual father-son football game will be Saturday, November 12. Game starts at 10am at the field at North Intermediate (same place as last year). Pizza and drinks will be provided after the game.



JUMPSTART Teacher Training: November 13 at 3:00 pm for all teachers of 1st thru 5th grade, currently teaching or in rotation, New Heights volunteers, potential New Heights employees or anyone interested in this age group. This is a two-part training. The second half of training will be in February. Mark your calendars now!

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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Your Hand in His

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they were still dependent on Him. Perhaps they simply needed to slow down and let God take them by the hand.

When life is good, that's a great time to wrap your hand around your Heavenly Father's finger and enjoy the journey. When life is tough... when the wheels are coming off... that's the time to reflect on these verses, and let His strong, mighty hand grasp your hand:

"For they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand..." 1 Kings 8:42 ESV

"they are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and your strong hand." Nehemiah 1:10 ESV

"You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand..." Psalm 89:13 ESV

Don't let the cares of the world rob you of your dependence on Him, or your strength in Him. In the good times... hold His hand. In the hard times... let Him grasp your hand.

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 Dinner

Menu: Pancakes & Sausage

Hosted by Boy Scouts

Serving from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$4.00

Children 6-11 \$3.00

Please remember to mark the attendance card just below your names, indicating the number of adults and children that plan to attend.

Hope Harbor Needs:

Freezer Bags



October 30, 2011 - TO SERVE

SONG LEADER

Lee Turner

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

Keith Walvoord

LORD'S SUPPER A.M.

1. Robby Mosley
2. Bill Murdock
3. Tim Murdock
4. Chad Noblett
5. Eric Norris
6. James Parker
7. Jim Parker
8. Reece Parker
9. Rett Parker
10. David Parrott
11. Andrew Patterson
12. Joel Pence
13. Nick Price
14. Tim Plowman
15. Mike Rampey

PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER

For Bread - Robert Dowdy

For Cup - Bryan Davis

PRAYER FOR OFFERING

Richard Davis

SCRIPTURE READING

Rick Ward

CLOSING PRAYER

Bill Detherage

October 30, 2011 - TO SERVE

MORNING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Martin Sisson	Becky Sisson
Janice Sosa	Audra Sisson

DOORGREETERS

1. Joel & Kathleen Pence
2. Tim & Linnea Plowman
3. Mike & Narissa Rampey
4. Dick & Sharon Ray
5. Linda Reeder & Tara Ryan
6. Jeffery & Terri Roberts

USHERS

2. Gene Lynch
3. Brent Saffell
4. Jim Schroeder
5. Brian Street

INFORMATION CENTER

AM Hosts - Gerri Henderson & Terry Willson

PM Hosts - NA

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

AM Hosts - Glen & Edwina Lyle

David & Abby Mainprize

PM Hosts - NA

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

Class - Lori Walton

AM Worship - Loretta Turner

PM Worship - NA

October 30, 2011- TO SERVE

SUNDAY AFTERNOONSONG LEADER

Singing Evening

EVENING PRAYERS

Steve Copeland

Christian Dorman

EVENING NURSERY HELPERS

100S	111S
Andrea Suffridge	Beth Whisenhunt
Carolyn Vest	Shelly Thomas

LORD'S SUPPER P.M.

Chris Slaton

Brock Snitker

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

Cody Blackstock is home following back surgery Thursday.

Jim Bryan is now recuperating at home.

Kim Clark returned home on Thursday following surgery on Monday.

Gage & Kristina Dixon returned home Wednesday.

Mike Fox is home following emergency surgery on Wednesday for an aneurysm.

Kelly Owen has been released from the hospital and is rehabbing at his brother's home in Muskogee.

Bill Kimrey is home following surgery on Monday.

Kyndal Slaton is recuperating at home following out patient ACL surgery on Wednesday.

Sharon Temme is home following knee replacement surgery on Monday.

Richard Church (Sherrie Slaton's cousin) is home following multiple heart attacks.

Jean Mitchell (former member) is in a hospital in Tyler, TX with a bacterial intestinal problem.

Family of Kiley Stogsdill (friend of Shane Blackstock) Kiley was killed past weekend & leaves behind 3 young children.

Local Church Family: *Geraldine Carpenter, Kim Clark, Beverly Dunn, Irene Elliot, Camille & Cliff Fitzgerald, Alice Jackson, Kierstin Legg, Betty & Everett Martin, Sharon Myers, Carma Osburn, Tammy Osburn, Terry Osburn, Barbara Poteet, Bill Rhodes, June Smith, Hannah Sosa, Carson Swaim, Darrell Vest, Sr., Jim Wiginton, Tabitha Willson*

Extended Family & Friends: Barbara, Carol, Donna, Liz & families (relatives of Sandra Butler), Caleb (4 year old boy is Monica Hale's Pre-K class), Jane Broach (sister-in-law of Lynnnda Brown), *Caiden Call (nephew of Colleen Detherage)*, Christi Carson (daughter of David & Sharon Temme), (Continued on back of insert)

WEDNESDAY - November 2, 2011

INFORMATION CENTER

Erma Wiginton & Julie Parette

WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

Robert & Tracey Michaels

James & Tonya Stephens

THE CARING CORNER HELPER

STATISTICAL REPORT

Week of
October 16, 2011

Bible Class	438
AM Worship	601
PM Worship.....(Life Groups).....	391
Wednesday	376
Contribution	\$17,950
Budget	\$21,173
Contribution YTD	\$843,083
Budget YTD	\$889,266
Over/(Under).....	(\$46,183)

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: Mary Cousett (sister of Sonny Steele), Frank Deffenbaugh (grandfather of Monica Hale), Robert Durham (grandfather of Shane Blackstock), Dixie Fletcher (Kim Keele's aunt), Les Ferguson (minister of Garden Grove Church of Christ in Gulfport, MS) & family, Kristen Hager (daughter-in-law of Terry & Dawn Walker), Sallie Jones (aunt of Jennifer Bradley), Chuck Johnson (brother of Barbara Byers), Chris Lee (brother of Jessica Nequette), Goldie Lee (mother of Ron), Salvador Olivarez (uncle of Jessica Nequette), Charles Parton (brother of Paul West), *James Rowland (husband of Winnie)*, *Bessie Steele* (mother of Sonny), Leora Whitecrow (friend of Matt & Abbey Wilks)

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

Happenings Around the Area & Beyond

"What We Believe"

Gospel Meeting

Speaker: Dan Fredman

November 2-6, 2011

Sponsor: Wagoner Church of Christ
Wagoner, OK

OCWA Harvest Dinner

November 17, 2011

Location: Memorial Drive Church of Christ
Tulsa, OK

For more information on the above see the bulletin board in the north foyer

SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Shane, Rhonda, Cody, Ashley, Amber & Dylan Blackstock** on the death of Rhonda's mother, Annette Overton, on Thursday. Her service is today in Tillar, AR.

THANK YOU

*Dear Broken Arrow friends,
Thank you for hosting the area Preachers/Elders dinner Monday evening. It was meaningful you would allow us to be with you. In my 34 years in Tulsa, I think the meal you all served was the best ever! I loved it!* **Terry Rush**

*Dear Brethren,
We want to thank you for hosting the elders and preachers gathering last evening. It was a great time of fellowship, edification and love. We always look forward to the occasion and we certainly were not disappointed. The tables were lovely and the food was delicious, but the very best part was the singing. Keith is a gifted song leader. Of course we appreciated Mitch's remarks-he was a good choice for speaker. May God bless us with many more such times.* **Ken & Gayle Yates**

*I want to thank everyone for the calls, cards and prayers since my brother's death. They made my sorrow more bearable.
In Christian Love, **Mary Byrd***

Free Parenting Workshop

November 4 & 5 in the Fellowship Hall
Friday (4th), 6-9 pm Saturday(5th), 9 am-12 noon

Sponsored by: Hope Harbor Family Ministries

Presenter: James Baumgarder, Licensed Professional Counselor & Family Life Educator through the National Council on Family Relations

Format: Active Parenting Now, the acclaimed program by parenting expert and author Dr. Michael Popkin.

To Register:

Jim@HopeHarborInc.org or
918-341-4425

Childcare will be provided



Service Opportunity

The Parenting Seminar on Nov 4-5 is being offered to not only our families, by also to the families of Kids Kare, Rhoades Elementary and Haskell Middle School. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, snacks & childcare. Hopefully there will be lots of New Heights kids there. Please sign-up to help at the table along the wall in the south hall leading to the nursery.

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