

# TOGETHER

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From Tim Pyles

The ministry of John the Baptist continues to fascinate, intrigue, and inspire me. He played such a pivotal and vital role in the unfolding of God's plan to redeem mankind from sin. John was the Forerunner who prepared the way and announced the arrival of the Messiah. Even though he wasn't "the Light" (John 1:7), John was definitely "a light." Jesus said of him, "He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light" (John 5:35). He was a lamp in the same way that we are to be "lights" in this world (Matt. 5:14-16) who reflect Jesus, "the Light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46).

Because of the way the Gospels summarize John's preaching, it is tempting to get the impression that all John did was walk around repeatedly saying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"; sort of like the modern-day-urban-prophet-wanna-be who stands on the street corner holding a sign which reads, "The end is near!" John got specific about repentance and what it meant for various individuals. He was a practical preacher, a relevant revealer, not just some theologian spouting propositional platitudes.

Luke 3:10-14 provides a beautiful account of how John explained to various groups of his hearers the implications of repentance and how letting God's kingdom rule in their hearts would affect their lives and change their behavior. "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." Some tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to." Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages." It was the spiritual specificity of his message of repentance that got John into so much trouble with Herod and Herodias.

John didn't *make* the message applicable to people's lives, he simply drew their attention to just how powerfully relevant it already was. As Haddon Robinson wrote, "We don't 'make the Bible relevant,' we show its relevance!"

## 10:00 AM WORSHIP

Song Leader – Scott Keele

**He Has Made Me Glad - 103**

**I Will Call upon the Lord - 63**

**On Zion's Glorious Summit - 227**

Shepherd's Prayer – Steve Copeland

**In Christ Alone**

Communion Thoughts

Lord's Supper

Contribution

**In Christ Alone**

**Faithful Love**

Scripture - Hebrews 11:1-13

BIBLE HOUR - The Birth of Jesus

*"How Big is Your Faith"*

Speaker - Brandon Price

**I Am Resolved - 948**

**Every Time**

Prayer

## AFTERNOON WORSHIP

Song Leader – Erich Anderson

Speaker - Mike Baskett

**Parents,**

**With all the construction equipment around the building please be aware of where your children are playing.**

**The church cannot be responsible for accidents related to the construction.**



## 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
- Third Sunday Fellowship TODAY
- Men's Retreat - September 24 & 25
- Choose to be involved in LTC! Contact Beth Astor
- Serve our youth by being part of a youth team. Contact Mike Basket
- Summary of Ministers/Shepherds meeting, 9-15-10
- Round table discussion and prayer for Shepherding groups
- Fellowship meeting with Shepherds from 29th & Yale church planned for October 4
- Prayer for specific requests

### Future View

- Shepherd contact for September - Steve Copeland
- Next Shepherds/Ministers Meeting - October 4
- Mission Forum - Oct 24-31. Plan your giving

## In Mike's Basket

I was in a restaurant this past week and saw a newspaper on the counter so I glanced down, read some headlines, glanced at some captions, and browsed the page... while standing up... while looking around waiting for the hostess to come back. It was about information for me... not much more.

Now switch gears with me... imagine for a moment you've received a letter from a dear friend who lives far away and from whom you haven't heard in a long while. Maybe go back to the boyfriend/girlfriend days or even a letter from a spouse while on an extended trip. How would you read it? Would you quickly glance at it or relish the words? Where would you be when you read it? I know when I've got an important "reading" I usually kick my feet up and settle in to a comfortable place - hoping that I don't get disturbed!

These two examples may help us realize that we've got different ways to read... it depends on what we expect to receive! In the case of the letter, words are enhancing a personal relationship. In the case of the newspaper, words are a vehicle of information. One is relational while the latter is functional.

So how do you read the Bible? Is it for information or relation? Spiritual reading has much more in common with the letter style than the newspaper style! It's my opinion that spiritual reading is supposed to be reflective and prayerful. It's not about speed and glancing... it's about depth and presence. The Bible brings much more than INFORMATION - it's about FORMATION. Listen to *Psalm 19:7, 10* - *"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; more to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb."* Think about how you read your Bible... could tell you something about how you view God's precious Word! Have a great week! *Mike*

## CURRENT EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 19 3rd Sunday Fellowship  
Last day to sign-up for  
Worlds of Fun\*\*  
Teen Area Wide Devo\*\*
- 21 Ladies Quilting Workday
- 23 Feed Union Football Team
- 24 Ladies Night Out-Game Nite
- 24 & 25 Men's Retreat
- 25 Clothing Room Opening
- 26 Clint Davison will speak in AM  
LTC Pre-Convention Events  
begin meeting  
Life Group Leaders Meeting  
HS Devo\*\*
- 29 Take-A-City #4 meets in OC3

### FUTURE

- Oct 12 Harding Reception at  
the Binkleys-7 pm
- Oct 14 Friends of Oklahoma  
Christian
- Oct 23 GoldenAgers Hobo Stew
- Oct 31 Mission Forum Sunday

### FUTURE: MS &/or HS ONLY

- Sep 19 Teen Area Wide Devo\*\*
- Sep 26 HS Devo\*\*
- Oct 16-17 MS Worlds of Fun\*\*
- Oct 17 Teen Area Wide Devo\*\*
- Nov 14 Teen Area Wide Devo\*\*
- Nov 19-21 MS/HS Fall  
Retreat\*\*
- Dec 12 Teen Area Wide Devo\*\*

**TODAY!!!**

**Last Day to sign-up for  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
WORLDS OF FUN**



**CHILDREN'S  
BIBLE HOUR**

For 3 year olds thru  
1st grade

**September 26, 2010**

Lesson 3 – *The Boy Jesus*  
Teach C Hoffmeister  
Monitor D Ward

**October 3, 2010**

Lesson 4 – *The Baptism &  
Temptation of Jesus*  
Teach D Ward  
Monitor E Emerson

**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

**IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST**

A snail crossing the road was run over by a turtle. Regaining consciousness in the emergency room, he was asked what cause the accident. "I really can't remember," the snail answered. "You see, it all happened so fast."

We laugh because turtles and snails aren't known for their speed. However, speed is rather relative. To a snail, a turtle is probably like a gazelle.

How fast is your life moving? Doesn't it seem like it is moving at breakneck speed? Just yesterday, it seems, we were graduating, getting married, or expecting a baby. Today, we are at the half-way point of our careers, we have been married 20+ years, and our children are teens. If we are not careful, we will look back one day and wonder what happened.

We need to slow down and take stock of what is really important. I believe that this is especially true when it comes to our children and grandchildren. I have known parents who looked back and wondered what happened to their children. For sure, there are no guarantees in raising children. Once children reach adulthood, they make their own choices, and they may not make the right choices, no matter how they have been taught. However, it is easy in our fast-paced world to let the years roll by without giving our children and grandchildren what they really need.

We need to redeem the time, because the days are evil (Eph. 5:16). We need to walk wisely, not run foolishly (Col. 4:5). There is more to raising children and grandchildren than putting a roof over their heads, clothes on their backs, and food in their bellies. There is more to parenting than getting them fed and in bed. They need time and teaching (Deut. 6:9-6), discipline and direction (Pr. 19:18; Eph. 6:1-4), affection and affirmation (Titus 2:4).

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**In Search of the Lord's Way:** TV 47/Cable 7 Sunday, 7:30AM, September 26: *"The Future"*

**BORN AGAIN:** We rejoice with Jessica Olivarez on her decision to become a Child of God through baptism on Saturday, September 11.

**NEW MEMBER:** Jessica Olivarez, 4101 S Juniper, BA, 74011 ph 918-269-7456

**Congregational News**

**Ladies Night Out-Game Night:** Friday, September 24, from 7 to whenever in the OC. Bring your favorite game, a dessert & recipe.



**Clothing Room Opens:** Saturday, September 25, from 9 am to 11 am. Winter clothing will be available. We could use several more volunteers to help on that day. As of Friday only one person had signed up.

**Life Group Leaders Meeting:** Sunday, September 26, at 3:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Leadership Training for Christ - LTC Pre-Convention events:** Web Site Design, Power Point, Children's Book, Bulletin Board, Radio Minute Message and Scripture Challenge begin meeting September 26 at 4pm at the building to prepare for early deadline. All those interested in participating in any of these events please sign-up at the table near the Youth Booth or contact Beth Astor.

**Take-A-City #4, Kenyenta, AZ** will meet on Wednesday, September 29, at 5:30 pm in OC room 3.

**High School Bible Bowl** practice will begin on Sunday, October 3, 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.



### 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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### IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST (continued)

One day, how much time we spent at the office will not matter nearly as much as how much time we spent with our children and grandchildren. Nor, for that matter, will compensate us as well. I have never heard a single person say, "I wish I had spent more time at the office." I have heard many say, "I wish I had spent more time at home."

Taken from Wade Webster, Southaven, MS and Charles McManis - "Laughter, the Best Medicine", Reader's Digest, 1997

### VISITORS PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Today following morning worship we will have a lunch of salads, sandwiches, chips, and desserts in our Outreach Center.

An afternoon devotional will immediately follow lunch in the Outreach Center.



There will be no 5 pm service.

### 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).*

### Wednesday Night Dinner

**Menu: Mexican Stack-Up**

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:**

*Spaghetti Sauce*



**September 26, 2010 - TO SERVE**

**SONG LEADER**

David Maynard

**SHEPHERD'S PRAYERS**

Charles Emerson

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

1. David Mainprize
2. Mike Martin
3. David Maynard
4. Steve McDonald
5. Lonnie Miller
6. Jesse Mitchell
7. Wayne Mitchell
8. Bobby Morrow
9. Richard Mosby
10. Robby Mosley
11. Bill Murdock
12. Tim Murdock
13. Eric Norris
14. James Parker
15. Jim Parker

**PRAYERS FOR LORD'S SUPPER**

For Bread - Kevin Lee

For Cup - Mark Lee

**PRAYER FOR OFFERING**

Nathan Lee

**SCRIPTURE READING**

James Stephens

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Ron Lee

**September 26, 2010 - TO SERVE**

**MORNING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S	111S
Pam Mitchell	Shelby Mitchell
JoAnn Mitchell	Ruby Mitchell

**DOORGREETERS**

1. Richard & Helen Holleyman
2. Bruce & Wanda Johns
3. Keith & Francis Kashwer
4. Emily Kilmer & Emma Lamar
5. Rich & Becky Kilmer
6. Bill & Connie Kimrey

**USHERS**

2. David DuBois
3. Archer Honea
4. Bruce Johns
5. Kevin Lawrence

**INFORMATION CENTER**

AM Hosts - Abbey Wilks & Georgiana Dixon  
 PM Hosts - Jeff & Deanna Watson

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**

AM Hosts - Victor & Teresa York  
Jim & Darla Coghill

PM Hosts - Gerry & Darla Lynn

Alicia Askew & Angie DuBois

**THE CARING CORNER HELPER**

Class - Kristi Foreman & Kyndal Slaton  
 AM Worship - Monna Gilpin  
 PM Worship - Sheila Haddock

**September 26, 2010 - TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY P.M. SONG LEADER**

Lee Turner

**EVENING PRAYERS**

Marty Legg  
Glen Lyle

**EVENING NURSERY HELPERS**

100S	111S
April Price	Holly Parker
Kathleen Pence	Candice Morrow

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

Andrew Patterson  
Joel Pence

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

**LORD'S TABLE**

(South) Larry Brewer..... 357-1433  
 (North) Dwayne Canton .. 281-9171

**PRAYERS**

Jerry Lundy ..... 357-5728

**DOOR GREETERS**

Gary Southern ..... 355-3131

**USHERS**

Jerry Lundy ..... 357-5728

**WEDNESDAY - September 29, 2010**  
**INFORMATION CENTER**  
 Julie Parette & Erma Wiginton

**WELCOME VOLUNTEERS**  
 James & Tonya Stephens  
 Jeff & Deanna Watson

**THE CARING CORNER HELPER**

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

Week of  
September 12, 2010

Bible Class .....	479
AM Worship .....	667
PM Worship.....(Life Groups) ....	452
Wednesday .....	443
Contribution .....	\$22,687
Budget .....	\$21,018
Contribution YTD .....	\$779,047
Budget YTD .....	\$777,666
Over/(Under) .....	\$1,381

**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:**

**Larry Brewer**, St. Frances, room 5412, has been diagnosed with leukemia. NO VISITORS!

**JoElla Gotcher** is home recuperating from sinus surgery on Friday.

**Morgan Blair** is home following surgery on Thursday.

**Mary Sampson** is home following a few days in the hospital concerning blood pressure problems.

**Warren Vaughan** is in St John's room 921.

**Carolyn Vest** will have gall bladder surgery at St. Francis South on Wednesday, September 22.

**Glen Brashears** (husband of Jo) is at home with a mass on the right side of the brain. He has elected to not undergo treatment.

**J.D. Coffman** (father of Teresa) is in St. Francis with congestive heart failure & has been taken off life support.

**Kaydn Guess** (daughter of Vernon & Kanna of Whispering Hills) will have surgery on Wednesday.

**Betty Hallford** (sister of Mary Harper) is in rehab in Houston following back surgery.

**Courtney Howland & baby** (fiancée of Mike Dorman)

**Willard Pyles** (Tim's father) had a heart attack on Thursday and is in the hospital.

**Billy Reed** (Dawn Walker's father) had 4 by-passes on Thursday at OSU Med Center.

**James Rowland** (husband of Winnie) is at home following a mini-stroke.

**Mary Steger** (mother of Charlotte Thraikill) had surgery for a broken hip on Wednesday in California.

**Charissa Cozort Wakefield** (daughter of Mary Harper) will require extended recovery time and rehab.

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## PRAYER LIST (continued)

**Members:** Carl Alexander, *Carla Bare, Marge Curnutt, Gage Dixon, Fran Garrett, Jo Ella Gotcher, Gavin Kuykendall, Alta Lamirand, Josh Laney, Lisa Legg, Edwina Lyle, Mary Lynch, Jesse Mitchell, Barbara Poteet, Janice Pratt, Coleman Pyles, Loren Rumsey, Hannah Sosa, Orvind White*

**Friends & Family:** *Joe Bagby* (minister in Sweetwater, TX), *Pauli Baxt* (mother of Paul West), *Bonnie Dyer* (sister of Wanda Blair), *Ron Gwinn* (son of George & Phyllis), *Rick Jackson* (brother-in-law of Bill Hancock), *Dennis Jones* (local Christian), *Doris Miller* (Scott Keele's grandmother), *Dakota Mitchell* (grandson of Jesse & Ruby), *Bob Simmons* (Lisa Legg's father), *Ed Whitworth* (a former member)

**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 McCreedy, Matt McGuire, Brett Moore, Joel Newton, Wyatt Paschal, Mike Pyle, Derrick Roberts, John Stephens, Chris Wadsworth, Christopher Young*

**Shut-ins:** *Nina Birge, Helen Broadhurst, Pauline Brown, Sacia Coleman, Neal Dobbins, Clifford & Robbie Gilliland, Vanelle Helm, Pete Huntsman, Belton & Dorothy Kuykendall, Lonita Nutt, Bill Powers, Dorothy Stutz, Pat Tobey*

**Long-term illness:** *Carl Alexander, Ha-leigh Baker, Mitchell Bean, Pam Bonwell, Pat Boulter, Jim & Frances Bryan, Gage Dixon, Ray Duwe, Irene & Michael Elliott, Camille Fitzgerald, L.H. Gassaway, Dee Hall, Lisa Hancock, Roxanna Honea, Herman Johnson, Marjorie Jones, Gavin Kuykendall, Lloyd & Alta Lamirand, John A. Lee, Sharon Love, Betty Martin, James & Belinda Mitchell, Sonny Steele, Erma Wiginton, Walt Willson, Paris York*

## Congratulations

**Ethan Henry Wann** has arrived!! Congratulations to **Josh and Jaclyn Wann** on the birth of a son. Ethan arrived early Monday, September 13. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 19 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Steve & Kelly Wann**.

Congratulations to **Ron & Elaine Lee and Colette McCullin** on the birth of a grandson, Devin Bradley Lee. Devin was born Tuesday, September 14 and weighted 7 lb. 1 oz. Proud parents are Erin & David Lee. Aunts & uncle are Lauren McCullin and Wendy & Nathan Lee.

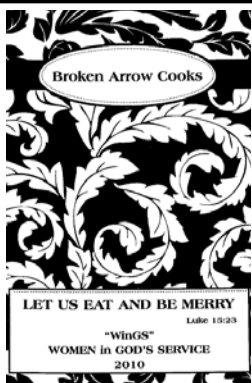
## Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to **Tim, Kim, Hannah & Coleman Pyles and family** on the death of Tim's mother, Shelby Pyles of Cullman AL. She passed away on Thursday, September 16. Her service was on Saturday.

Sincere sympathy is sent to **Josh and Jaclyn Wann** on the death of Jaclyn's grandmother, Lue Davis, on Thursday.

## Cookbooks

If you ordered a cookbook and have not yet picked yours up, please do so as soon as possible. There will be someone at a table in the foyer. Please don't take your book without someone checking you off the list. For those of you who are interested in purchasing a cookbook, there are some extras and you can purchase them in the foyer.



## Lost & Found

There are four cases of unclaimed raw chicken in the OC freezer. All four boxes are leg pieces. Please contact the office if you have any information about these boxes.

A pair of men's brown Ariat Cowboy Boots, size 10 1/2, were left in the church building. If you are missing a pair please contact the church office.



## Directory Changes

### New Address

Bryan Nequette, 912 W El Paso, 74012

### New Phone Number

Mitch & Amy Gonzalez, 918-694-0730

## Youth Ministry Teams

If you're interested in serving our youth for a quarter out of the year, please see the sign-up on the table by the youth booth in the foyer.



## FEEDING UNION FOOTBALL TEAM

If you are interested in helping serve dinner to the Union football team on Thursday, September 23, from approximately 3 - 6 pm at the Union Multipurpose Activity Center (UMAC) at 71st and Mingo, and/or would like to help by bringing a dessert, please sign up at the youth booth. Questions? Contact: Terra Street @ 671-7378