



FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

SETTING BOUNDARIES

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People say a lot of things, and often times when I hear “they say” I roll my eyes and wonder who “they” are. One thing I have heard a lot of people say is that kids actually thrive when they have rules and that without them, they are insecure, fearful, and confused. So while I, probably along with a lot of you, have heard this said, I thought it would be a good idea to go do my own research to see what the Bible says about this topic.

Rules Expose Sin. Like Adam and Eve in the Garden, we are created in the image of God without spot or blemish, and unfortunately, like them, we eventually choose to violate God’s will. While in the perfect world we would feel the sting of sin as it violates the conscience we have been blessed with, repent, and plead for forgiveness and reconciliation with God. Sadly, we often repeat the action, further separate ourselves from God, and grow callous to the sinful practices we have grown accustomed to (1John 1:6). Paul writes to Timothy that the law wasn’t given to those who are good, pure, and holy, but to the lawless, disobedient, ungodly, unholy, profane, and sinners (1Tim. 1:8-10). Where the will of God is proclaimed, it exposes the listeners to their state and condition. Hopefully this recognition motivates repentance and reconciliation with God. Why the law then? It shows us where we are making mistakes and reveals our need for a redeemer.

How can this help with children? Sadly, our children follow in our footsteps as well as every human that has come before us minus one. The law can show them their faults, errors, and inappropriate actions which hopefully will bring about a heart of remorse, repentance, and redemption. You probably are not going to like what I am about to say, but lovingly teach (Eph. 4:17-15; 1Cor. 13:4-8) your children the law so that they can see vividly how sinful, guilty, and lost they are, with the goal and hope that they will seek counsel, guidance, instruction, forgiveness, and redemption from their God (Romans 3:9-31).

Rules Bring Life. It is within the boundaries of God’s reign that we as human beings can flourish, grow, and be transformed into the vessel that God has created us to be (2Tim. 3:16-17). We have been created for a purpose and it is to live in harmony with God, experience God, and glorify God for eternity. Like the branch connected to the vine, with the vine dresser pruning for growth, so it is with us as we abide within the boundaries, reign, and kingdom of God (John 15:1-10). It is within God’s boundaries and rule that we find life, peace, growth, and joy (Ezekiel 47:1-12).

How can this help with children? You can actually see it on their faces, in their steps, and in their smiles. The peace, joy, and life manifested by a child residing within the boundaries of God’s kingdom are evident. Is your child a life giver? Ok, before you go do something crazy because you have kids that are in an age of transformation, please understand that the responsibility given to us parents to raise our children in the admonition of the Lord is something we are all struggling with as parents (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). It’s hard! That being said, we shouldn’t let the sacrifice, service, instruction, longsuffering, patience, persevere...ok, you got the picture, stop you from serving your purpose under God’s reign as a parent. When we establish our children within the will of God it does and will bring about success, joy, and contentment in life.

What “they” say is true biblically. Setting boundaries, rules, and laws around your children not only protects them from the hardships, challenges, pain, and suffering ungodly behavior brings, but it can bring about a recognition of their sin problem, reconciliation to their God, and the life He provides to those that abide in His kingdom. I get it, keeping the boundaries of God in place in our households can be challenging, and disciplining our kids for violating them even more, but the life that will be gained by their obedience to the Father will be well worth it in the end.

MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader - Chris Freeze

Welcome

Shepherd’s Prayer - Brian Street

Thank You, Lord

Listen to Our Hearts

Hide Me, O My Savior

Children’s Bible Hour

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-15 – Seth Worley

Message -

“He Hears Me When I Call”

Speaker – Tim Pyles

I Need Thee Every Hour

He Still Came

Communion Scripture

Mark 15:6-39 – Jeremy Worley

On Bended Knee

The Bread - Reece Parker

The Cup - Jake Parker

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

My God Most High

Closing Prayer - Kevin Scarsdale

EVENING WORSHIP

Worship Leader - Clayton Francis

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Ladies Craft Night - Ladies, High School and up, are invited to come and craft together the second Friday of every month from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Bring a craft project, a drink, and a snack to share. For questions, contact Becky Sisson.

Annual Corporate Meeting - will be held on Monday, Jan. 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

CDL Information Meeting - We are in need of more bus drivers to help transport our youth to and from their activities. If you are willing to help, please attend this informational meeting, Sunday, January 21, after morning worship.

Food Pantry Ministry is looking for volunteers willing to give one Thursday a month to help provide food assistance to our community. For more information see Terri Larson or Stephanie Freeze.

The Clothing Room is in need of male volunteers to help with some of the heavy lifting. If you are able to help, please see Andrea Suffridge.

YOUTH AND FAMILY

HS Girls Bible Study - Monday, Jan. 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Wendy Lee's house.

BRIDGE Trip to Discovery Lab - Parents, grab your K-5th Graders and the rest of your crew and join us at the church building on Saturday, Jan. 20, at noon to head out to Discovery Lab! Cost is \$10 per person, and includes lunch and admission fee; no charge for kids 2 years and under and adults with teacher ID. Register on Realm. For more information contact Emily Patterson, Scott Keele, or Andrew Lemus.

Band of Brothers Rebooted! - High School boys reconnoiter, Sunday, Jan. 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the OC. Contact Brady, Ethan, or Grayson for more info.

HS Boys Bible Study - Monday, Jan. 22, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Nathan Lee's house.

LTC Bible Bowl Studies - 3rd through 12th graders, Sunday evenings during worship service, room 101N. No studies on Life Group Sundays. Contact Wendy Lee or Gayla Alexander for more info.

LTC Puppets Practice - 3rd through 12th graders, Sunday, Jan. 28, 3:00-4:00 p.m., in the Foyer. Contact Reece Parker for more info.

LTC Drama Practice - 3rd through 12th graders, Sunday, Jan. 28, 4:00-5:00 p.m., in the Foyer. Contact Holly Parker for more info.

LTC Girls Choir Practice - 3rd through 12th graders, Sunday, Jan. 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Aimee Lemus for more info.

BAY Mission Fundraiser Meals - to help fund our 2024 Baja Mission Trip, the BAY will host a fundraiser meal in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Feb 14, Mar. 13 and May 8. Contact Ryan or Tara Kime for more info.

Stay Plugged In: More events on the [Bridge Calendar](#), [BAY Calendar](#), [BAY Instagram](#), and [BAY Facebook Page](#).



ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING						
MONDAY / JANUARY 15						
7:00 PM						
JANUARY FELLOWSHIP HALL 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15 Corporate Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND



PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

John and Linda Wells' son-in-law, **Brian Karguth**, will have colon surgery January 26, in Van Alstyne, TX. If surrounding lymph node biopsies come back clear, he will not need further treatment.

John and Linda Wells' daughter-in-law, **Anya**, underwent an 8 hr dental surgery on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Seattle, WA. The surgery went well. She is scheduled for another 4 hr surgery in March.

James Stephens is scheduled for a heart ablation on Friday, Jan. 12.

Jim Schroeder met with the transplant team this morning (Thursday). This is the first step toward a liver transplant for him.

Ken Palmer had a possible skin cancer removed Wednesday, Jan. 10, and is awaiting results from the biopsy.

Blaise and Leith Chronister's father had emergency surgery on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

On Tuesday of this week, Elaine Maynard requested prayers for a 20 month old baby who has been diagnosed with streptococcus pneumoniae meningitis. His parents are members at Connect church. Elaine was pleased to report as of Wednesday, he had improved enough to wean off of seizure meds and intubation.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER NEEDS

Cindy Acord	Justin Grubbs	Steve Parker
Justin Adams	Johnny Hardesty	Jo Gwen Philips
Bob Aden	Teiah Zeringue Hillman	Glenda Plemmons
Jack & Joyce Ball	Richard Holleyman	Charlie Powell
Charlene Bean	Renee Humphrey	John Rampey
Tom Blakemore	LeRoy Jones	Virgil Romine
Chris Brown	Cloye Kaiser	Patsy Romine
DC Brown	Brian Kargutch	Claudia Scott
Carly Campbell	Heidi Keesey	Crystal Smith
Joni Carmack	Alan & Loretta Keller	Rita Spence
Terry Casey	Dottie Kidney	Wes Speights
Glenda Cole	RC Lee	Rhonda Stewart
James Cole	Susan Lewis	Sue Street
Tucker Coleman	Gary Long	Nancy Strickland
Charissa Cozort	Marie Mahaffey	Jenelle Stromberg
Jacob Detherage	Marjorie Maletich	Barbara Swanson
Jessica Dickey	Michelle McArthur	Laura Townsley
Sherry Dodson	Heather McCarthy	Nick Tucker
July Dotson	Joan Miller	Ukraine
Teal Esmeyer	David Jay Motley	Ethan Vess
Wilson Forrest	Caden Neal	Cindy Walker
Chris Duncan	Tom Norwood	Tim Walton
John Garner	Laura Nuzum	Jim Ward
Phyllis Godsoe	Sam Orr	Joyce Ward
Brailee Green	Ermalee Ort	Velda Watson

Women's Prison Ministry

Demand Project Girls

MILITARY PRAYER NEEDS

Austin Battles	TJ Harrington	Macaiah Russell
Blaise Chronister	Ben Lapp	Justin Talbert
Stevens Copeland	Matt McDonald	Sedric Thomas
Michael Eisenlohr	Cody Oliver	Jakob West
Austin Gott	Zachary Robinson	

ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Carla Bare	Bruce & Wanda Johns	Jim Schroeder
Carolyn Billingsley	Khyera Keifer	Blinda Selim
Alice Boley	Jim & Carolyn Lee	Jan Spink
Sherman Boley	Glen & Edwina Lyle	Linda Stearns
John & Pam Bonwell	Mary Lynch	Sonny & Rosie Steele
Chuck Brown	Shirley Maddox	Marie Stow
Sheila Camacho	Darlene Mathis	James Stephens
Bob Carriger	Mac McCarthy	Fred Suffridge
Mary Jane Carriger	Marie McCarthy	Carson Swaim
Chris Carter	Richard Mosby	Gloria Taft
Ann Childress	Dick Myers	Kristin Talbert
Thomas Coleman	Cindy Nequette	David & Sharon Temme
Janis Cooper	Jessica Nequette	Charlie Mae Thornton
Mike Corman	Holly Parker	Darrell Vest
Joel Couch	Janice Pratt	Jim Walton
Bryan Davis	John Purdy	Sue Walton
Beverly Dunn	Kim Pyles	Jerry Warren
Bill Duwe	Charles Qualls	Erma Watson
Lawana Duwe	Arlene Reed	John & Linda Wells
Karen Foster	Linda Reeder	Wanda Wilburn
Edna Griffin	Sandra Robinson	Walt Willson
Sheryl Griffin	Russ Rowland	Jackie Wroblewski
Helen Holleyman	Berniece Rumsey	Jim Wroblewski
Sharon Hamilton	Mary Sampson	

SHUT-IN PRAYER NEEDS

Sandra Baker	Mary Harper	June Smith
Wanda Blair	Marilyn Hillenburg	Marie Stow
Betty Cole	Betty Kirkland	Dianna Wetzel
Beverly Cummins	Mary Etta Platt	Jeriah Williamson
Edna Griffin	Lois Powers	Diane Zonko

We extend our sympathy to Paul Hanna and family in the passing of Paul's wife, **Dolores**, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in Columbia, TN. Paul is the brother of Mary Harper and uncle of Elaine Lee. A private family memorial service is planned for Saturday, Jan. 13, in Columbia. For those who wish to express condolences, Paul's contact information is posted on Realm.

Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by my enemy? My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

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Psalm 42:5-11

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Broken Arrow Church of Christ is a place for Faith, Family, and Friends. We invite you to join us on our journey of faith as we seek to glorify God, follow the teaching and example of Jesus, and live in step with the Spirit through worship and praise, the study of Scripture, fellowship, daily discipleship, and service to our community. If you would like to learn more about the Broken Arrow church or just have questions about the Bible and what it means to truly follow Jesus, the shepherds and ministers would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

BY THE NUMBERS

Week of January 7, 2023

Bible Class	306
AM Worship	478
PM Worship	141
Wednesday	270
MTD	36,393
MTD Budget	37,250
Over/Under	-857
YTD	
YTD Budget	
Over/Under	

Missions

Goal	120,000
Collected	112,361

MEETING TIMES

Sunday Class	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Class	3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

HOUR OF PRAYER

Sunday Morning - 9:00
Brian Street - 918-671-7348
Ron Lee - 918-859-6145

PRAYER CHAIN

8:00-5:00
Andrea Suffridge (918) 640-4094
After 5:00
Cynthia Walvoord (918) 855-6876

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

12	Ladies Craft Night
16	Ladies Bible Study
16	HS Girls Bible Study
20	BRIDGE Trip to Discovery Center
21	Life Group Sunday
21	CDL Info Meeting
22	HS Boys Bible Study
23	Ladies Bible Study
23	Ladies Quilting
23	HS Girls Bible Study
27	Clothing Room Open
28	LTC Group Training
28	BAY Devo
30	Ladies Bible Study
30	HS Girls Bible Study

February

3	Men's Prayer Breakfast
5	HS Boys Bible Study
6	Ladies Bible Study
6	Golden Agers Game Night
13	Ladies Bible Study
13	HS Girls Bible Study
18	Life Group Sunday

MINISTERS AND OFFICE STAFF

Tim Pyles - Preaching Minister
Scott Keele - Associate Minister
Andrew Lemus - Youth & Family Minister
Jose Lozano - Hispanic Minister
Chad Noblett - Office Administrator
Colleen Detherage - Admin. Assistant
Marcia Burnett - Admin. Assistant

SHEPHERDS

Steve Copeland	Gerry Lynn
Richard Davis	Brian Street
Charles Emerson	Lee Turner
Dave Larson	Keith Walvoord
Ron Lee	Jeff Watson
Jerry Lundy	