



FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

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As we begin this new year of 2024, I am reminded of a thought I shared with you on March 19, 2017. I've decided to revisit this article as the most beneficial of New Year's resolutions, to renew and deepen our communication and relationship with our Father, Lord, and God.

We all struggle sometimes to feel connected to God. At one time or another, most of us have probably wondered, "Why is it so difficult to hear the voice of God?"

First, a word on encouragement, Don't Worry! God is constantly communicating to us even when it feels like we can't hear him. This is not just feel-good talk. God doesn't abandon His kids. He is speaking.

Then why does it sometimes feel like we can't hear Him? Maybe it is because we forget or overlook how God speaks to us . . . what His voice sounds like.

Psalms 119:105 NLT says, "*Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*" When the writer is talking about God's Word here, he is talking about the Scriptures, the Bible, God's Holy Word. Scripture is the way by which God talks to each of us. So, if you are feeling lost—like God's not speaking to you—go to the Bible. He is speaking to you right now in those pages. And what if just for one day, we called the Bible "God's Voice" instead of "God's Word" just as a vivid reminder that the Bible is where God speaks to us every day!

Of course, the Bible can be an intimidating book. Where should we start? Well, try the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). The story of Jesus' physical life on earth is found in these four books. Check out reading plans online or talk to one of the elders, deacons, ministers, or your Christian mentor. There are lots of ways to dive into God's Word.

Dive into His Word and then speak with Him personally (we call it prayer). So much has happened for us to be able to have access to God the Father through Jesus Christ. Make use of the blessing of prayer. Ask Him your difficult questions. Tell Him your fears and frustrations. He can handle it. And then go back to Scripture. Read. Meditate on the words. Pray.

When asked, "Why is it so difficult to hear God's voice?" The answer may be as simple as this: because everything else around us is just too loud! Meaning: our lives are filled with lots of noise and distractions. Social media updates, incoming texts, TV shows, video games, extra-curricular school/work events, sporting events, etc. Though staying entertained and busy are not necessarily bad things, we can often lose our focus on God's voice in our lives.

I realize that not every verse in the Bible is going to hit you as a powerful Word from God for you today. So, when I am struggling with a certain issue, there are Bible verses that I may not read . . . like some in the books of Numbers or Leviticus. But, there are plenty of Scriptures that are right on and address my struggle. Go to these portions of Scripture and hear God speaking to you. In this way you fulfill Jesus' command to "*Remain in me, as I also remain in you.*" John 15:4.

MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader - Nathan Lee

Welcome

Shepherd's Prayer - Gerry Lynn

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Be Still and Know

Agnus Dei

Only a Holy God

Children's Bible Hour

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Romans 8:28-39 - Kaden King

Message -

"A God Greater Than Circumstances"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

I Will Rise

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Isaiah 53:1-12; I Cor. 11:23-26 -

Bill Detherage

When My Love for Christ Grows Weak

The Bread - Lee Turner

The Cup - Justin Talbert

Who You Say I Am

Closing Prayer - Clayton Francis

EVENING WORSHIP

Worship Leader - Kevin Teakell

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

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

James Stephens will have ablation to treat his heart arrhythmia on Friday, Jan. 12.

A number of our members are battling flu viruses at this time. Those we are aware of who are suffering from COVID are **Imelda Noblett, Courtlyn Cole, Danny and Tammie Solomon**, Mac and Marie McCarthy's son **Joseph** and daughter **Heather**, **Richard and Sherry Holleyman**; Sherry also has shingles.

Former member, **Charlene Bean**, is now on Hospice in Oklahoma City.

Former member, **Gayle Langston**, passed on New Year's Day. Services are pending.

In the morning, O Lord, You will hear my voice;

In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

Psalm 5:3

ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

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

SHUT-IN PRAYER NEEDS

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER NEEDS

Cindy Acord	Johnny Hardesty	Jo Gwen Philips
Justin Adams	Teiah Zeringue Hillman	Glenda Plemons
Bob Aden	Richard Holleyman	Charlie Powell
Jack & Joyce Ball	Renee Humphrey	John Rampey
Tom Blakemore	LeRoy Jones	Virgil Romine
Chris Brown	Cloye Kaiser	Patsy Romine
DC Brown	Brian Karguth	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
Justin Grubbs	Steve Parker	

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	

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁶As it is written:

"For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-39

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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 December 31, 2023

Bible Class	275
AM Worship	478
PM Worship	<i>No Service</i>
Wednesday	293
MTD	14,946
MTD Budget	19,975
Over/Under	-5,029
YTD	
YTD Budget	
Over/Under	

Missions

Goal	120,000
Collected	111,481

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.

HOOR OF PRAYER

Sunday Morning - 9:00
Gerry Lynn - 918-344-4657
Richard Davis - 918-606-1035

PRAYER CHAIN

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

6	Men's Prayer Breakfast
7	BRIDGE Devo
7	LTC Training
9	Ladies Bible Study
9	HS Girls Bible Study
10	BAY Mission Fundraiser Meal
12	Ladies Craft Night
14	Teen Connection
15	HS Boys Bible Study
16	Ladies Bible Study
20	BRIDGE Trip to Discovery Center
21	Life Group Sunday
21	CDL Info Meeting
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

February

3	Men's Prayer Breakfast
6	Golden Agers Game Night

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	