



FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

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As far as I am aware, there are no English translations of the Bible that include the nouns “priority or priorities” or the verb “prioritize.” That may seem somewhat surprising, given the fact that we regularly utilize Scripture for the purpose of keeping our thinking, our actions, and our faith properly oriented and ordered according to the will and the word of God. However, even though these specific words don’t appear in our English Bibles, the concept of prioritization is abundantly apparent throughout Scripture.

Rather than fretfully and anxiously stressing over our basic physical needs, Jesus taught us to “seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness,” trusting that our loving, generous Father will supply all of our needs (Matt. 6:33). When asked about the “highest priority commandment,” Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments,” (Matt. 22:34-40; Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18).

The apostle Paul wrote that we are to “honor others above ourselves” (Rom. 12:10) and “value others above ourselves” (Phil. 2:3). Such attitudes and actions toward others indicate our priorities. As the children’s song states so simply, “J.O.Y., J.O.Y., this is what it means. Jesus first, yourself last, and others in between.”

I was taught a lasting lesson about priorities long before I ever used the word in a sentence. It was 47 ½ years ago in the fall of 1976. Lawrence Bailey, a teacher and coach at Clark-Moores Middle School in Richmond, Kentucky, was addressing our newly formed basketball squad. Just making the team had been a challenge. Seven elementary schools fed into Clark-Moores, which was solely dedicated to 8th Grade due to the number of students in the district. Tryouts had lasted a couple of weeks since nearly 100 young men were vying for one of the 15 spots on the team.

Coach Bailey told us in no uncertain terms that the most important thing in his life was his relationship with God. Profanity would not be tolerated in games, practices, or the locker room. After his faith in Jesus Christ came his relationship with his wife. I honestly can’t remember if they had children, but his family came after his faith. Third in the pecking order was his concern for our academic success, how we fared in the classroom, and the seriousness with which we took our education. Then, and only then, was he concerned with our conditioning, the development of our basketball skills, and how we performed on the court. After nearly 50 years, I am still influenced by and deeply appreciative of Coach Bailey’s convictions and commitment as a Christian, a coach, and a teacher.

After my sabbatical and silent retreat in Kentucky two years ago, I met up with Terry Day, a classmate and teammate from Daniel Boone Elementary and Clark-Moores Middle School. Among the many things we covered in catching up on 45 years of life, I shared with Terry the lasting impression that Coach Bailey had made on me and that I had emailed him several years ago to thank him. I received a text message from Terry in January of this year stating that he had seen Coach Bailey that day at a funeral. Terry shared my comments with Coach Bailey, and Coach mentioned the email that I had sent him. The coolest (and totally unsurprising) thing that Terry shared in our text exchange was how long it took him to get to talk with Coach Bailey after the service. He was completely surrounded by former students and athletes whom he had guided and influenced during his 30 years at Clark-Moores as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal.

Let us boldly proclaim and confidently live out our priorities each day. Others will see. Others will know. Others will remember. Even 50 years from now.

MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader – Chris Freeze

Welcome

Shepherd’s Prayer – Richard Davis

Come Into His Presence

You Are Holy

The Joy of the Lord

The Great Redeemer

Children’s Bible Hour

Love Lifted Me

Faithful Love

Scripture – II Corinthians 5:11-21

Jaxson Humphrey

Message –

“Compelled by Love” (Part Two)

Tim Pyles

Restore My Soul

Blessed Jesus

Communion Thoughts –

Dave Brockway

By Christ Redeemed

The Bread – Matt Robinson

The Cup – Joe Przczerwski

Jesus, Flow Like a River

Closing Prayer – Steve White

EVENING WORSHIP

Life Groups

Bible Class in the Parlor at 5:00 p.m.

ADULT AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Young Adult Guys - Men & Meat with Matt Archer, Saturday, April 20, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the Talbert's.

Life Groups - meet this Sunday, April 21.

Ladies' Quilting for Cancer Patients - Tuesday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. (following 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study), in the Fellowship Hall. Brown bag lunch at noon.

Young Adult Girls Group 1 - Bible Study Thursday, April 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Talbert's

Clothing Room - will be open Saturday, April 27.

Ladies Lunch - Sunday, April 28, immediately following morning worship, in the Fellowship Hall, we will celebrate another great year of Women's Ministry! You can register at the events table in the foyer, or click [HERE](#), or see Ladies Lunch Sign Up on our BACOC Women Facebook Page; bring your own lunch, or order a McAlister's boxed lunch when you register.

AREAWIDE EVENTS

Worship with the Ladies EVOKAL - Spring Session: *Leaning into God's Embrace*, Jackie Halstead, PhD, featured speaker, Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Registration fee includes breakfast. Register online at theparkchurchtulsa.org/women.

Oklahoma Bible Lectureship - *Building on a Solid Foundation*, May 5-8, at Whispering Hills. For details go to cocwh.org or call 918-455-2800.

Celebrate Recovery - Crosstown church hosts a meeting every Thursday evening: Dinner, 6:00, Large Group, 7:00, Small Groups, 8:00, Connect Café, 9:00.



YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

Wednesday Night Fundraiser Meals - come support Burnt Cabin & BAY Summer Programs, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

BAY Weekend of Rest - Friday thru Sunday, April 19-21.

BOB - Sunday, April 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m., in the OC.

High School Girls Bible Study - Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Wendy Lee's house.

BAY Wilderness Trek - Mark your calendar! Saturday, April 27. More info to come.

High School Devo - Join the gang Sunday, April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for hamburgers, hotdogs, fun, fellowship, and worship at the Talbert's.

High School Boys Bible Study - Monday, Apr. 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Nathan Lee's house.

Senior Honor Night - Sunday, May 5, 5:00-8:00 p.m. will be a time for us to honor and congratulate our graduating high school seniors: Heaven Lee Angel Armenta, Faith Denton, Ethan Hilton, Kaitlyn Ogle, Brynlee Smith, Grayson Swaim, and Brady Tener.

High School Girls Bible Study - Tuesday, May. 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Wendy Lee's house.

BAY Mission Fundraiser Meal - Wednesday, May 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



HOW SWEET IT IS ...

LADIES LUNCHEON

April 28, 2024
after morning services
in the fellowship hall

Last week to register!
Box lunches are \$10 or bring your own.

Ways to Register:
In the Foyer
On BACOC Women FB
Click [HERE](#) or go to
<https://forms.gle/VMvenFojKkn5pboY8>


Class of 2024
Senior Honor Night
May 5th | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Heaven Lee Angel Armenta	Brynlee Smith
Faith Denton	Grayson Swaim
Ethan Hilton	Brady Tener
Kaitlyn Ogle	



PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

Carla Bare, Bryan Davis, Bill Duwe, Darlene Mathis, and Mary Sampson are currently undergoing cancer treatment. Please keep them in your prayers for effectiveness of the treatments and for minimal side effects.

Rosie Steele requests our prayers for her and Sonny's nineteen year-old great granddaughter, Mickiya Roseborough, who was in a car accident Friday night, April 12.

Mary Lynch remains in hospice care at Clarehouse. Janet Kelley is sitting with her and reports that Mary is now unresponsive, but earlier had requested no visitors during her last days please.

Nathan Forrest is in Hillcrest South following a stroke this past weekend. He is also in extreme neck and nerve pain from severe stenosis and bone spurs. He and Melissa ask for prayers for pain relief, no ill effects from the stroke and wisdom for the medical team in determining the best course of treatment. Melissa also injured her rotator cuff in a fall over the weekend. No visitors at this time please.

Sandra Robertson spent much of last week in Ft. Francis South following a fall and blood sugar issues. She was scheduled to be released to skilled nursing on Monday.

Former member Cleo Wyatt has undergone surgery in Mountain Home, AR, following a hip fracture.

Sue Rae has been admitted to Ascension St John, room #905.

Nathan West, grandson of Paul and Gail West, suffered a head injury in a soccer game on Tuesday, April 16, and is in St Francis Children's Hospital. He was moved out of ICU last night, and is doing well enough to possibly be discharged this afternoon (Thursday).

Born
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again
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17

We rejoice with Jake and Seth Worley and with the Worley family as Jake and Seth confessed their faith in Jesus and were united with Christ in baptism on Saturday, April 13. Please share your joy with Jake and Seth over their salvation in Christ, and pray for them and encourage them in their new walk of discipleship in following Jesus.

ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Carla Bare	Glen & Edwina Lyle	Jan Spink
Carolyn Billingsley	Mary Lynch	Sonny Steele
Sherman & Alice Boley	Darlene Mathis	Marie Stow
John & Pam Bonwell	Mac & Marie McCarthy	Fred Suffridge
Bob & MaryJane Carriger	Richard Mosby	Carson Swaim
Chris Carter	Dick Myers	Gloria Taft
Ann Childress	Cindy Nequette	Kristin Talbert
Janis Cooper	Jessica Nequette	David Temme
Joel Couch	Janice Pratt	Darrell Vest
Bryan Davis	Kim Pyles	Sue Walton
Bill & Lawana Duwe	Charles Qualls	Jerry Warren
Karen Foster	Sue Rae	Erma Watson
Edna Griffin	Arlene Reed	John & Linda Wells
Sheryl Griffin	Linda Reeder	Walt Willson
Richard & Helen	Sandra Robinson	Jim & Jackie Wroblecki
Holleyman	Russ Rowland	Jeanie York
Christina Hardeman	Mary Sampson	
Jim & Carolyn Lee	Jim Schroeder	

SHUT-IN PRAYER NEEDS

Sandra Baker	Mary Harper	Blinda Selim
Wanda Blair	Marilyn Hillenburg	June Smith
Betty Cole	Betty Kirkland	Marie Stow
Beverly Cummins	Lois Powers	Jerial Williamson
Edna Griffin	Mary Sampson	Diane Zonko

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER NEEDS

Cindy Acord	Carole Ann Griffin	Jo Gwen Philips
Justin Adams	Johnny Hardesty	Glenda Plemons
Bob Aden	Micah Hoeshel	Charlie Powell
Jack & Joyce Ball	Renee Humphrey	John Rampey
Mike Baskett	LeRoy Jones	Virgil & Patsy Romine
Austin & Karla Battles	Cloye Kaiser	Claudia Scott
Tom Blakemore	Brian Karguth	David, Trena, & Jay Slate
Chris Brown	Heidi Keeseey	Mark Smith
DC Brown	Alan & Loretta Keller	Rita Spence
Carly Campbell	Dottie Kidney	Wes Speights
Joni Carmack	RC Lee	Jack Steele
Terry Casey	Susan Lewis	Rhonda Stewart
Craig Chronister	Gary Long	Sue Street
Glenda Cole	Marie Mahaffey	Nancy Strickland
James Cole	Marjorie Maletich	Jenelle Stromberg
Tucker Coleman	Michelle McArthur	Barbara Swanson
Jacob Detherage	Heather McCarthy	Laura Townsley
July Dotson	Joan Miller	Nick Tucker
Marty Ester	David Jay Motley	Ethan Vess
Wilson Forrest	Caden Neal	Cindy Walker
Chris Duncan	Tom Norwood	Jim & Joyce Ward
John Garner	Laura Nuzum	Velda Watson
Phyllis Godsoe	Sam Orr	Anya Wells
Braille Green	Ermalee Ort	

Demand Project Girls
Ukraine

Women's Prison Ministry

MILITARY PRAYER NEEDS

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



COMMUNITY NEEDS

FOOD

Pantry

Canned carrots
Canned spinach
Canned peas
64 oz fruit juices
Pickles

DAY OF WORSHIP AND REST

MAY 12

On Mother's Day, May 12, we will have our regular Bible Classes and morning worship assembly. However, there will be no evening worship assembly at 5:00. No other congregational ministry activities or meetings will be planned. Please use the balance of the day for the glory of God, time with family, and needful rest.

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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 April 14, 2024

Bible Class	311
AM Worship	489
PM Worship	121
Wednesday	280
MTD	41,944
MTD Budget	40,230
Over/Under	+1,714
YTD	304,883
YTD Budget	321,840
Over/Under	-16,957
Missions	
Goal	120,000
Collected	136,855

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
Richard Davis - 918-606-1035
Keith Walvoord - 918-855-6875

PRAYER CHAIN

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

19-21	BAY Weekend of Rest
20	YA Men & Meat with Matt Archer
21	Life Groups
21	BOB
23	Ladies Quilting for Cancer Patients
23	HS Girls Bible Study
24	BAY Fundraiser Meal
25	YA Girls Group 1 Bible Study
27	Clothing Room Open
27	BAY Wilderness Trek
28	Women's Ministry Lunch
28	HS Devo
29	HS Boys Bible Study

May

2	YA Girl's Group 2 Bible Study
2	YA Guys Bible Study
3	MS Girls & Moms Candle Making
4	Men's Prayer Breakfast
5	Senior Honor Night
7	Golden Agers Game Night
7	HS Girls Bible Study
8	BAY Mission Fundraiser Meal
9	YA Girls Group 1 Bible Study

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
Dave Larson	Lee Turner
Ron Lee	Keith Walvoord
Jerry Lundy	Jeff Watson