



FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

HITTING YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE WALL

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My youngest child Asher can feed himself. He can pick up a spoon or fork, grab some food with it, and shovel it into his cute little mouth. Another thing he can do now is go to the potty by himself. Sure, he needs a little help when, well you know, but he lets us know when it's time to use the restroom and gets on that toilet all by himself. I can remember how just a few years ago the little guy just sat there and cried when he was hungry, not knowing how to get food into that little mouth of his. I remember how less than a year ago, he was still wearing diapers, and we were enjoying all the fun that goes along with that.

It wasn't overnight that he learned. It took us helping him to hold the spoon, coaching him on how to pick up the food and bring it to his mouth, and learning how to eat over his plate (still working on that one). It took potty parties, many accidents, putting him on the toilet, and showing him how to go like a big boy. It took days, weeks, months, and years of repetition to train him how to do these activities we all do without thinking as adults.

When I was about 25 years old, I visited my aunt and uncle and thanked them for all the effort they put into raising me. Even though I lived with them from when I was about 13 until I was 18, and a few times after that, I never quite understood (and still don't completely) the amount of time, effort, sacrifice, patience, long-suffering, humility, and every other precious word that describes the love that they invested into me. They took in a 13 year old that was in many ways living without boundaries and rules. Not only that, but a young man that was permitted and encouraged by some parental figures to indulge in the pleasures of the flesh. I was unrestrained coming into an environment of rules, principles, and appropriate conduct. I can only imagine how exhausted they must have felt as they consistently put a standard in front of me only to be dismissed, fought against, lied to, and rebelled against so many times.

As a youth minister and father of two teenagers I am getting a small dose of what they encountered when they took in that 13 year old boy. Working with and raising teens that have the physical capacity and ability to choose what is pure, right, and holy, but so often step in the wrong direction due to their ignorance, inexperience, and misconceptions is challenging. We teach them only to see them stumble once again in the wrong direction. It sometimes feels like I am hitting my head against the wall. I am sure all those that have or are raising children can empathize.

A came across a quote recently by a Family Therapist and Parenting Coach, Jennifer Kolari. She made this encouraging statement, "What I always say to parents is that you're not a parent, you're a substitute frontal lobe, that's what you are. And guess what your job is? Inhibit, organize, prioritize, and motivate, that's what you're doing. And that's why when parents say to me why do I have to say the same thing fifty thousand times? Because that's the brain function you are providing."

This reality reflects the importance of obeying the timeless and inspired teachings of Moses, that we should teach God's commandments consistently, wherever we are, and with perseverance (Deuteronomy 6:7-9). He might as well have said "staple the rules to their foreheads!" or "say the same thing fifty thousand times!". It reflects the words of our Lord when He taught us to consistently teach all the commandments of Jesus as we live our lives, day to day, and moment to moment (Matthew 28:18-20). I don't know how long it will take for our teenagers to have their frontal lobes transformed, but the charge is that we persevere until they do.

Maturation takes time. Raising the next generation can be exhausting, but we do it with the hope that the time and effort we pour into these souls will not come back void. So I want to encourage everyone that is working to build up this next generation of precious souls, to keep at it, because you might just get that 23 year old returning back to you thanking you for the time you invested into them.

MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader – Nathan Lee

Welcome

Shepherd's Prayer – Steve Copeland

Holy, Holy, Holy

What Can I Do?

That's Why We Praise Him

Children's Bible Hour

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone

Scripture – II Corinthians 5:11-21

Dan Milliman

Message – "Compelled by Love"

Tim Pyles

And Can It Be

We Saw Thee Not

Communion Thoughts – Doug Cluck

Nailed to the Cross

The Bread – Jake Parker

The Cup – Justin Talbert

The Greatest Commands

Closing Prayer – David Maynard

EVENING WORSHIP

Worship Leader – Tony Lightsey

He Lives

When All of God's Singers Get Home

Blessed Hour of Prayer

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion

Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

Sermon

Burdens are Lifted at Calvary

Anywhere with Jesus

ADULT AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Ladies' Craft Night - Friday, Apr. 12, 7:00-10:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Bring a craft project, a drink, and a snack to share. Contact Becky Sisson for more info.

Burnt Cabin Christian Camp Special Contribution - Sunday, Apr. 14, is a time to show our support for the much beloved camp that has provided so many happy memories with a special contribution to help pay for upkeep and expenses.

Checks or Cash can be deposited in the jars labeled for Burnt Cabin and located on the Events tables in the foyer.

Young Adult Girls Group 2 Bible Study - Thursday, April 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Talbert's.

Young Adult Guys Bible Study - Thursday, April 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the OC.

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

Life Groups - meet next 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.

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.

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

"A Night to Remember" - Apr.12-13! Put on your fancy clothes and enjoy a special night to honor our 11th and 12th Graders! Friday evening 'til the wee hours of Saturday morning.

Parent/Guardian Meeting - with Scott, Tim, and Andrew Sunday, Apr. 14, BAY parents/guardians please meet after morning worship in the OC Youth Room.

Teen Squad - Green Country youth groups are gathering Sunday, Apr. 14, at Tahlequah. Busses will leave the building at 3:30 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m.

High School Boys Bible Study - Monday, Apr. 15 and 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Nathan Lee's house.

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

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

High School Devo - Sunday, April 28, at the Talbert's.

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.



BURNT CABIN CHRISTIAN CAMP
Ignite the Fire
Help Support Burnt Cabin Christian Camp

Special Financial Contribution
Sunday | April 14



BAY Proudly Present
'A Night To Remember'
FORMAL Banquet
JUNIORS AND SENIORS
APRIL 12-13, 2024
DRESS CODE: GLAM



Baby Shower
for Nicole and Justin Garner
Sunday | April 14
3:00 pm
in the Parlor
Nicole and Justin are registered at Target and Amazon



**Sunday
April 14**
After am worship
Meet in the
OC Youth Room
with
Scott, Tim, & Andrew

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

Carla Bare and Bill Duwe are currently undergoing cancer treatments. Please keep them in your prayers for effectiveness of the treatments and for minimal side effects.

We extend our love and sympathy to Berniece Rumsey and family in the passing her daughter **Dianna Wetzel**, on Friday, April 5. Dianna was a long time shut-in member of our church family. No memorial service is planned.

We extend our love and sympathy to Ronda and Rich Dolan and family in the loss of Ronda's father, **Loren Hollingsworth**, on Sunday, April 7.

**Born
again**

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 **Atticus Brown** and with the Brown and Scarsdale family as Atticus confessed his faith in Jesus and was united with Christ in baptism on Sunday, April 7. Please share your joy with Atticus over his salvation in Christ, and pray for him and encourage him in his new walk of discipleship in following Jesus.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome gifts and many beautiful cards I have received. Your thoughtfulness has made me feel right at home.

Shawna James

Thank you

Hello! My Name is

Bentley James Stickney

I was born Friday, April 5th

I weighed 10 lbs, 15 oz. and I was 22 1/4" tall

My parents are Pryce and Madison Stickney

Also celebrating my birth are my Grandparents Richard and Starr Stickney and my Great Grandmother Alicia Stickney



ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Carla Bare
Carolyn Billingsley
Sherman & Alice Boley
John & Pam Bonwell
Sheila Camacho
Bob & Mary Jane Carriger
Chris Carter
Ann Childress
Thomas Coleman
Janis Cooper
Mike Corman
Joel Couch
Bryan Davis
Beverly Dunn
Bill & Lawana Duwe
Karen Foster
Edna Griffin
Sheryl Griffin
Richard & Helen
Holleyman

Sharon Hamilton
Christina Hardeman
Khyera Keifer
Jim & Carolyn Lee
Glen & Edwina Lyle
Mary Lynch
Darlene Mathis
Mac & Marie McCarthy
Richard Mosby
Dick Myers
Cindy Nequette
Jessica Nequette
Holly Parker
Janice Pratt
Kim Pyles
Charles Qualls
Sue Rae
Arlene Reed
Linda Reeder
Sandra Robinson

Russ Rowland
Jim Schroeder
Jan Spink
Sonny Steele
Marie Stow
James Stephens
Fred Suffridge
Carson Swaim
Gloria Taft
Kristin Talbert
David & Sharon Temme
Darrell Vest
Sue Walton
Jerry Warren
Erma Watson
John & Linda Wells
Walt Willson
Jim & Jackie Wroblecki
Jeanie York

SHUT-IN PRAYER NEEDS

Sandra Baker
Wanda Blair
Betty Cole
Beverly Cummins
Edna Griffin

Mary Harper
Marilyn Hillenburg
Betty Kirkland
Lois Powers
Mary Sampson

Blinda Selim
June Smith
Marie Stow
Jerial Williamson
Diane Zonko

FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER NEEDS

Cindy Acord
Justin Adams
Bob Aden
Jack & Joyce Ball
Mike Baskett
Austin & Karla Battles
Tom Blakemore
Chris Brown
DC Brown
Carly Campbell
Joni Carmack
Terry Casey
Craig Chronister
Glenda Cole
James Cole
Tucker Coleman
Jacob Detherage
Jessica Dickey
Judy Dotson
Teal Esmeyer
Marty Ester
Wilson Forrest
Chris Duncan
John Garner
Phyllis Godsoe
Brailee Green

Carole Ann Griffin
Justin Grubbs
Johnny Hardesty
Teiah Zeringue Hillman
Micah Hoeshel
Richard Holleyman
Renee Humphrey
LeRoy Jones
Cloye Kaiser
Brian Karguth
Heidi Keesey
Alan & Loretta Keller
Dottie Kidney
RC Lee
Susan Lewis
Gary Long
Marie Mahaffey
Marjorie Maletich
Michelle McArthur
Heather McCarthy
Joan Miller
David Jay Motley
Caden Neal
Tom Norwood
Laura Nuzum
Sam Orr

Ermalee Ort
Jo Gwen Philips
Glenda Plemmons
Charlie Powell
John Rampy
Virgil & Patsy Romine
Claudia Scott
David, Trena, & Jay Slate
Mark Smith
Rita Spence
Wes Speights
Jack Steele
Rhonda Stewart
Sue Street
Nancy Strickland
Jenelle Stromberg
Barbara Swanson
Laura Townsley
Nick Tucker
Ethan Vess
Russ Wadsworth
Cindy Walker
Jim & Joyce Ward
Velda Watson
Anya Wells

Demand Project Girls
Ukraine

Women's Prison Ministry

MILITARY PRAYER NEEDS

Blaise Chronister
Stevens Copeland
Michael Eisenlohr
Austin Gott
TJ Harrington

Ben Lapp
Matt McDonald
Cody Oliver
Zachary Robinson
Macaiah Russell

Justin Talbert
Sedric Thomas
Jakob West

Hello! My Name is **Hannah Kay Smith**

I was born Sunday, April 7 at 8:44 a.m.

I weighed 8 lb 7 oz and I was 22" tall

My parents are

Hailey and Gib Smith,
and we live in Houston, Texas

Also celebrating my birth are my
Grandparents Scott and Kim Keele



COMMUNITY NEEDS

FOOD

Pantry

Canned carrots
Canned spinach
Canned peas
64 oz fruit juices
Pickles

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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 7, 2024

Bible Class	287
AM Worship	468
PM Worship	140
Wednesday	278
MTD	21,387
MTD Budget	20,115
Over/Under	+1,272
YTD	284,326
YTD Budget	301,725
Over/Under	-17,399
Missions	
Goal	120,000
Collected	135,997

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
Steve Copeland - 918-606-2648
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

12	Ladies Craft Night
12	A Night to Remember
14	Teen Squad
14	Parent/Guardian Meeting
15	HS Boys Bible Study
17	BAY Fundraiser Meal
18	YA Girls Group 2 Bible Study
18	YA Guys Bible Study
19-21	BAY Weekend of Rest
20	YA Men & Meat with Matt Archer
21	Life Groups
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

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