



## FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

**Sunday Live Streaming: Bible Class at 9:00 am Worship at 10:00 am  
on the Broken Arrow Church of Christ YouTube channel.**

**TIM PYLES**

**DECEMBER 27, 2020**

Occasionally, you'll see something advertised as being "the perfect gift for the man or woman who has everything." Over the course of several decades of Christmas shopping, I've never been faced with that particular challenge or dilemma. Thankfully, Jeff Bezos (net worth of \$179 billion), Bill Gates (\$111 billion), Mark Zuckerberg (\$85 billion), and Warren Buffet (\$73 billion) have never been on my Christmas list. It might be really fun to show up on their list, though. But, what would you give to someone with that incomprehensible level of wealth? You certainly couldn't give them anything of a material nature that they needed, because all of their needs are supplied many times over, and exponentially so.

What you would give to a God who has everything? "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it," (Psalm 24:1). "The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours; the world and all it contains," (Psalm 89:11). "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird of the mountains, and everything that moves in the field is mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine and all it contains," (Psalm 50:10-12).

So, we can't give God anything that he needs, because an infinite Deity *needs* nothing. If only there was a way to know if there was something that He *wants*. Ah! That's where Scripture helps us out tremendously.

To speak of what God *wants* is another way of expressing what God wills, what he longs for, desires, and seeks. Now we're within the sphere of being able to offer him something as a gift. What God *wants* is *you!* And He wants *all* of you, heart, mind, soul, and strength. He desires our salvation.

Why didn't the world end last night on December 28, 2020? Why didn't Jesus return last year or 1,500 years ago? Because God hasn't gotten everything that He wants yet! "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance," (II Peter 3:9). "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth," (I Timothy 2:3-4).

He wants *us*, not anything that we can give Him, but *us*, as living, holy sacrifices (Romans 12:1-2). How badly does God want us? Enough to allow His Son to die for us! What God *wants* has been made a reality in His Son Jesus Christ. That's why we believe in *him*. That's why we confess *him*. That's why we turn from sin toward *him*. That's why we are baptized in *his* name, united with *him* in baptism, and washed from our sins by the power of *his* blood. That's why we follow in *his* steps.

There is nothing that God wants more than you. There is nothing that you need more than him.

### MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader - Lee Turner

*He Has Made Me Glad*

Shepherd's Prayer - Dave Larson

*Step By Step*

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*

*To God Be the Glory*

Romans 15:1-13 - Andrew  
Bessaho

Message - "Past and Future:  
Held Together in Hope"

Speaker - Tim Pyles

*Nothing But the Blood*

Communion Thoughts - Rett  
Parker

The Bread - Fred Suffridge

The Cup - John Bonwell

*He Paid A Debt*

*I'll Live in Glory*

Closing Prayer - Matt Russell

*Thy Word*

### WELCOME GUESTS!

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. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. 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 ministry staff would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**In-Person Wednesday Bible Classes:** Because of the upturn in Covid-19 cases in Broken Arrow, leadership will continue to suspend in-person classes through January.

**Ladies Bible Study:** The Ladies Bible study *Holy God, Holy People* will be on hiatus until February 2.

**Power For Today:** January - March copies of *Power for Today* are available in the entry area of the church office. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office.

**Food Pantry:** A reminder that when the Broken Arrow Public Schools are closed for a virtual school day due to inclement weather, the Food Pantry will also be closed.

**Guyana TV Fund:** Take-A-City group 6 is helping support the TV ministry produced by Feroze Baksh. Funding pays for air time for a 30-minute weekly and an hour-long monthly call-in question and answer program. The programs provide valuable outreach to the Guyanese people and helps encourage the 100 local congregations. Most of the congregations are small and do not have a preacher. Please help us keep the programs on air by donating to the Guyana TV Fund. Donations can be sent to the church marked *Guyana TV Fund*.

## SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy is extended to David and Elaine Maynard and family on the death of David's father, Jack Maynard who passed away on Monday morning. There will be a private, family, graveside service. A public memorial service will be held at the BA church on Thursday, December 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Condolences are expressed to Shawn and Karla Battles and family on the death of Karla's Aunt Ruth last week. Ruth lost a battle with Alzheimer's.

Our hearts go out to Loran and Holly King on the death of Holly's uncle, Martin Orr on Monday.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

Austin Gott has been deployed to Japan. He is the grandson of Berniece Rumsey. Due to the Coronavirus he was unable to come home before shipping out.

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## WELCOME HOME

Blaise Chronister returned home from a three month deployment on Saturday. Welcome home Blaise!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY NEWS

**Family New Year's Eve Party and Game Night:** Thursday, December 31 beginning at 7:00 pm in the OC. Please let Emily Gillin know if you will be attending.

**Superbook Academy:** Links are available on BACOC Members Facebook page.

## KIEV, UKRAINE



We love you all very much, miss you and thank you for your continued support. Happy Holidays to you all!

All our love, Brandon, Katie & Justus

## THANK YOU

Thank You Emily Gillin, the 5th Grade girls and anyone else who selected the Blake family to adopt for Christmas. The Blake family could not believe you chose them! The children felt so special!! My Heart is Full with Gratitude and Love for your kindness. I Love Our Church Family! Hugs, Beth Whisenhunt

Church Family, I appreciate the very nice Thanksgiving basket. Everything is so useful and helps a lot. God bless all who helped make this possible. Blessings, Phylis McWherter

Church of Christ, thank you for your support in providing a great Christmas for our kids in need. I wish you all a Merry Christmas. Debra Wheeler, Rhoades Counselor

Many Thanks for Your Thoughtfulness. Thank you sweet ladies for the beautiful lap quilt and for your thoughtfulness in remembering me in your prayers. I will cherish the quilt and think of you every time I use it. Your sister in Christ, Marcia Burnett.

Thank You Tuesday Ladies Bible Class. My husband, Jimmy Johnson received a quilt you made while receiving chemo at the Saint Francis Cancer Center. I just want to thank you all so much. It made a bad day better with your caring thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Carla P.S. It's beautiful!

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Leah Marshall**, daughter of Lynn, continues to need prayer for healing. She remains in the hospital.

**Keith Street**, father of Brian Street, continues to be in the care of hospice.

**Katherine Mowry** is home following a second hospital stay. She continues to be very ill.

**Karla Palmer** was released from the hospital on Monday. She is recovering from COVID pneumonia at home.

**Shultz and Battles families** are recovering from COVID-19.

**Chad Noblett** is recovering from COVID-19. Imelda is still extremely ill with the virus.

**Du Dong, Allison and Matthew** have tested positive for COVID-19. Du is showing improvement.

**Steven Arledge**, son of Bob is recovering from COVID-19.

**Kilby**, cousin of Jennifer Cowles, and family **Mike, Levi and Colby** have all tested positive for COVID-19.

**Lorene Coffman**, mother of Teresa has returned to her care facility to continue to recover from a broken hip.

**Joan Wilson** is still very ill with COVID-19.

**Carla Bare** continues to be ill with COVID-19. Greg is experiencing several symptoms.

**Courtney**, friend of Abbey Chronister and mother of two small boys lost her husband in a car accident on Christmas Eve.

## MILITARY

Garrison Bare  
Austin Battles  
Lance Bradley  
Zack Buckmaster  
Blaise Chronister  
Tyler Clausing  
Stevens Copeland  
Michael Eisenlohr  
Austin Gott  
TJ Harrington  
Brooks Jones  
Ben Lapp  
Cathy Lovelace

David McIntosh  
Matt McDonald  
Brandon McLain  
Cody Oliver  
Daniel Pearson  
Derrick Randolph  
Travis Roberts  
Zachary Robinson  
Justin Talbert  
Sedric Thomas  
Donny Wilson  
Ethan Wilson

## SHUT-IN

Sandra Baker  
Martha Byczynski  
Sacia Coleman  
Louise Fitzgerald  
Edna Griffin  
Mary Harper  
Verna Harrison  
Nancy Johnson  
Dorothy Kuykendall  
Emma Lou Lamar

Roger Matthews  
Barbara McGowen  
Lois McNeal  
Phylis McWherter  
Eve Miller  
Mary Read  
June Smith  
Dianna Wetzel  
Jerial Williamson

## ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Eddy Adair	Cathy Lovelace	Denise Stacy
Sandra Baker	Edwina Lyle	Jon Stacy
Pam Battenfield	Glen Lyle	Sonny Steele
Karla Battles	Gene Lynch	Bob & Ida Stover
John Bonwell	Lynn Marshall	Marie Stow
Pam Bonwell	Darlene Mathis	Carson Swaim
Duane Bresee	Amy McLain	Gloria Taft
Sue Brewer	JoAnn Mitchell	Kristin Talbert
Scotty Buntin	Margarete Mosley	David Updike
Marcia Burnett	Jessica Nequette	Jim Walton
Shelia Byers	Junior Nipps	Dearl Watson
Betty Cole	Ermalee Ort	Erma Watson
Sacia Coleman	Dan Pearce	Sandra Watts
Ray Duwe	Mary Etta Platt	Ray Wilburn
Doc Garrett	Coleman Pyles	Wanda Wilburn
Frances Gillin	Kim Pyles	Joan Wilson
Judy Goodnight	Charles Qualls	Walt Willson
Mary Harper	Arlene Reed	Jackie Wrobleski
Verna Harrison	Bill Reeder	Jim Wrobleski
Martha Helm	BernieceRumsey	Diane Zonko
Tabitha Henninger	Jerry Sampson	
Del Huntsman	Mary Sampson	
Bill Kimrey	Carrie Schultz	
Betty Kirkland	Blinda Selim	
Mignon Lee	June Smith	
Marie Leniger	Gail Southern	

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRAYER NEEDS

Jack & Joyce Ball	Ann Mullins
Mary Belz	Vi Nail
Barbara Benton	Lemuel Overton
Cody Carson	Sandra Robertson
Brian Chandler	Stan Rutherford
Lorene Coffman	Ken Sasser
Patrick Coleman	Jackie Schwenke
Jessica Dickey	Charlie Schroeder
Amy Emerson	Dale Schultz
Everett Goodrich	Florence Siegenthaler
Gabriel Harris	Julie Smith
Scott & Lisa Harris	Gregory Stevenson
Helen Keller	Rick Stickney
Barbara Kennedy	Keith Street
Elisa Key	Carol Stringer
Dottie & Roger Kidney	Pat Torrance
Bonita Knighten	Jamie Uribe
Gayle Langston	Doug Wakefield
Mike Maddox	Mary Ann Watson
Margie Maletich	Velda Watson
Leah Marshall	Delise Williams
Yvette McClain	Sandra & George Williams
Dana Morgan	Stacy Woodruff
Laura Mountjoy	

**BROKEN ARROW CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**505 E KENOSHA STREET**  
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**BY THE NUMBERS**

Week of December 27, 2020

Bible Class	NA
AM Worship (in person)	203
PM Worship	NA
Wednesday	NA
December MTD	NA
December MTD Budget	NA
MTD Over/Under	NA
YTD	NA
YTD Budget	NA
Over/Under	NA

Mission Forum 2021

Goal	120,000
Collected	86,955

**COMMUNITY FOOD NEEDS**

Canned soup, mixed vegetables,  
 beets, spinach  
 Bacon bits  
 Medium salsa  
 Disinfecting cleaners

*Food items may be brought to the  
 entry area of the church office.*

**ELDERS VIRTUAL PRAYER ROOM**

Elders are available for prayer from  
 9:00-9:45 on Sunday morning.

Gerry Lynn (918) 344-4657  
 Steve Copeland (918) 606-2648

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

9:00 am Adult Class: *Remembering  
 God in the 21st Century* -  
 YouTube  
 Jerry Lundy  
 10:00 am Worship-YouTube & Building  
 5:00 pm Adult Class: *Reconciliation* -  
 YouTube  
 Gary Jones

**Wednesday**

7:00 pm Adult: *Cloud of Witnesses* -  
 YouTube  
 Tim Pyles

**MINISTERS**

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 Scott Keele 918-810-4977  
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 Kevin Knight 907-347-3302  
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**PRAYER CHAIN**

**8am to 5pm**  
 Andrea Suffridge (918) 640-4094  
**After 5pm**  
 Joan Wilson (918) 357-3730  
 Cynthia Walvoord (918) 855-6876

**DECEMBER**

31 Family New Year's Eve Party