



FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

Broken Arrow Church of Christ

ANGELS... ARK... ATONEMENT

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All four Gospels state that the women who visited the empty tomb early on the morning of Jesus' resurrection encountered angels. It's interesting to me that when Peter and John ran to the tomb after receiving the report from Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-10; Luke 24:1-12), they indeed found it empty (except for the burial linens), but nothing is said about them seeing or conversing with angels. When Mary returned to the tomb after the departure of Peter and John, she looked into the tomb and saw "two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot," (John 20:11-12). Did the angels leave the tomb and then return? Were they there the entire time, but just didn't make themselves visible to Peter and John? Were these women who followed Jesus deemed to be more attuned and receptive to the angels' message? Alas, another topic for another day! Now, back to where I'm going with all of this...

I wonder if the two angels that Mary saw were facing one another, gazing across the space in between them where the body of Jesus had been. If so, did that visual image create any connections in Mary's mind? Does it connect any dots for us?

You recall that the lid of the ark of the covenant was made of pure gold and featured the golden images of two cherubim, celestial angelic beings, one at each end. The cherubim faced each other with their wings outstretched upward and outward over the lid, which was called the "mercy seat" (KJV, ESV), "atoning cover" (NASB), "atonement cover" (NIV), and "the place of atonement" (NLT). The LORD said to Moses, "There, above the cover, between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant, I will meet with you," (Exodus 25:22). It was upon the mercy seat or atonement cover that the high priest would sprinkle the blood of a bull and the blood of a goat on the annual Day of Atonement as an offering for his own sins, the sins of the priesthood, and the sins of the people of Israel. The mercy seat was the sacred place where God met man and offered the forgiveness of sins!

In the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the word *hilasterion* is used as the word for "mercy seat," just as it is in the Greek New Testament in passages that mention the atonement cover of the ark of the covenant, like Hebrews 9:5. Why do I bring this up? Why does this even matter? Because the exact same word is used in Romans 3:25 to describe what Jesus has done for us. "God presented Christ as a *hilasterion* ("sacrifice of atonement" NIV; "propitiation" KJV, NASB, ESV) through the shedding of his blood." A different form of this word appears in I John 2:1-2, "... But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father- Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice (*hilasmos*) for our sins..."

Jesus is our mercy seat!! He is the sacred place of atonement. It is in him that God meets mankind and offers us forgiveness. It was through the sacrifice of his body that mercy was granted and atonement was made for sin.

How appropriate and poignant, then, that Mary saw an angel at each end of where the sacrificial body of Jesus had lain. Did they stand there like silent sentinels throughout the entire time that Jesus' body had been sealed in the tomb? The author of the hymn "Lead Me to Calvary" thought so. "Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept. Angels in robes of white arrayed, guarded thee whilst thou slept."

From the hymn entitled, "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows," by Hugh Stowell, come these lines: "There is a place where Jesus sheds the oil of gladness on our heads; a place than all beside more sweet, it is the blood-bought mercy seat."

MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Leader – Nathan Lee

Welcome

Shepherd's Prayer – Ron Lee

How Majestic Is Your Name

Come Let Us Sing for Joy

Come Let Us Worship

Be Still and Know

Children's Bible Hour

As the Deer Thirsts

Thy Word

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Bill Duwe

Message –

"What Love Looks Like"

Tim Pyles

Had It Not Been the Lord

Communion Scripture –

Erik Smithe

1 John 4:7-21

Romans 5:1-11

Matthew 26:26-29

I Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-26

Beautiful Lamb of God

The Bread – Chad Noblett

The Cup – Justin Norwood

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Closing Prayer – Rich Kilmer

EVENING WORSHIP

No Evening Worship Service

ADULT AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Ladies Craft Night - Friday, May 10, 7:00-10:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Bring a craft project to work on and a finger food to share.

Young Adult Girls Group 2 Bible Study - Thursday, May 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Talbert's.

Young Adult Guys Bible Study - Thursday, May 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the OC.

Ladies' Quilting for Cancer Patients - Tuesday, May 28, 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Brown bag lunch at noon.

Young Adult Combined Devotional - Thursday, May 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the OC



YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

BAY Burnt Cabin Workday - Jump on the bus! Saturday, May 11. Bus leaves at 8:00 a.m., will arrive back at 4:00 p.m. Come help get camp ready for the BACOC Summer Camp Season! Lunch is provided, and childcare will be available at Burnt Cabin for all workers.

High School Boys Bible Study - Monday, May 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Nathan Lee's house.

BAY 5th Grade Promotion Party - Friday, May 17

High School Girls Bible Study - Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Wendy Lee's house.

High School Boys Bible Study - Monday, May 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Nathan Lee's house.

BAY Summer Kickoff - Wednesday, May 29, in the OC.

Burnt Cabin Christian Camp - Sunday, June 2, thru Saturday, June 8. Register [HERE](#). Contact Andrew Lemus or Janet Davis for more info.

High School Amusement Park Trip - Six Flags Over Texas, June 13-16, \$95 per person.



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.

Part-Time Summer Administrative Assistant

There is an immediate opening for a part-time Summer Administrative Assistant to work in the church office alongside the ministry staff and administrative staff for 10 weeks, starting Tuesday, May 28.

Schedule: 4 days per week; 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; 30 hours per week

Qualifications: High school graduate; familiarity with MS Office applications; creative design skills, experience in using social media and management software; a positive attitude and ability to work with a team; detail-oriented with an ability to multi-task and follow instructions.

A job description has been posted on Realm.

Submit resumes to tpyles@bacoc.org by Sunday, May 19.

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

Carla Bare, 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.

Carla Bare had her final chemo treatment on Tuesday, May 7. She will now undergo a round of radiation treatments.

Pam Bonwell will have multiple biopsies this Friday, May 10.

The latest MRI indicated that Kim Pyles' brain tumor has not grown significantly since the last scan 6 months ago. No surgery is planned and periodic imaging and monitoring will continue.

Kaydn Guess, 15 year-old daughter of Kanna Guess and granddaughter of David and Karen Foster, will undergo surgery on May 21, at St Francis hospital.

Wes Speights, friend of Bill and Charlotte Thrailkill who is undergoing cancer treatment was been hospitalized with pneumonia, but was discharged Monday and is home recuperating.

David Young, family member of Bill and Charlotte Thrailkill, was injured in a motorcycle accident Friday, May 3, and is recovering at home.

Crystal Milliman requests our prayers for Kenneth Mosher who has been diagnosed with Stage 3 cancer. Kenneth is the father of one of Crystal's employees.

Richard Mosby's sister, Juanita Brackett, has transferred to Mercy Hospital in Edmond where she is improving and undergoing physical therapy.

Mac and Marie McCarthy request our prayers for themselves, as well as their children, Joseph and Heather. All four of them have been dealing with serious health issues.



We extend our love and sympathy to Mark and Dana Ester in the passing of Dana's 22-year-old cousin, Ariel Culbertson, who was killed in a UTV accident on May 3. A funeral service was held in Humansville, MO, on Wednesday, May 8.

ONGOING FAMILY PRAYER NEEDS

Carla Bare	Jim & Carolyn Lee	Jan Spink
Carolyn Billingsley	Glen & Edwina Lyle	Sonny Steele
Sherman & Alice Boley	Darlene Mathis	Marie Stow
John & Pam Bonwell	Mac & Marie McCarthy	Fred Suffridge
Bob & Mary Jane 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
Nathan Forrest	Arlene Reed	John & Linda Wells
Edna Griffin	Linda Reeder	Walt Willson
Sheryl Griffin	Sandra Robinson	Jim & Jackie Wroblecki
Kaydn Guess	Russ Rowland	Jeanie York
Helen Holleyman	Mary Sampson	
Christina Hardeman	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	Johnny Hardesty	Charlie Powell
Justin Adams	Micah Hoeshel	John Rampey
Bob Aden	Renee Humphrey	Virgil & Patsy Romine
Jack & Joyce Ball	LeRoy Jones	Mickiya Roseborough
Mike Baskett	Cloye Kaiser	Claudia Scott
Austin & Karla Battles	Brian Karguth	David, Trena, & Jay Slate
Tom Blakemore	Heidi Keesey	Mark Smith
Chris Brown	Alan & Loretta Keller	Rita Spence
DC Brown	Dottie Kidney	Wes Speights
Carly Campbell	RC Lee	Jack Steele
Joni Carmack	Susan Lewis	Rhonda Stewart
Terry Casey	Gary Long	Sue Street
Craig Chronister	Marie Mahaffey	Nancy Strickland
Glenda Cole	Marjorie Maletich	Jenelle Stromberg
James Cole	Michelle McArthur	Barbara Swanson
Tucker Coleman	Heather McCarthy	Laura Townsley
Jacob Detherage	Joan Miller	Nick Tucker
July Dotson	David Jay Motley	Ethan Vess
Marty Ester	Caden Neal	Cindy Walker
Wilson Forrest	Tom Norwood	Jim & Joyce Ward
Chris Duncan	Laura Nuzum	Velda Watson
John Garner	Sam Orr	Anya Wells
Phyllis Godsoe	Ermalee Ort	Nathan West
Brailee Green	Jo Gwen Philips	Cleo Wyatt
Carole Ann Griffin	Glenda Plemons	

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

64 oz fruit juices Capri Sun
Mayonnaise Canned frosting

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by the family of Mary Alice Thompson-Lynch

Thank You

Thank you for your kindness and attention.
Kim Guthery

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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 May 5, 2024

Bible Class	265
AM Worship	456
PM Worship	232
Wednesday	271
MTD	23,417
MTD Budget	20,115
Over/Under	3,302
YTD	359,605
YTD Budget	382,185
Over/Under	-22,580
Missions	
Goal	120,000
Collected	138,678

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
Jerry Lundy - 918-633-6098
Gerry Lynn - 918-344-4657

PRAYER CHAIN

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

10	Ladies Crafting Night
11	BAY Burnt Cabin Work Day
12	Day of Worship and Rest
13	HS Boys Bible Study
16	YA Girls Group 2 Bible Study
16	YA Guys Bible Study
19	Life Groups
19	Praise & Harmony
21	HS Girls Bible Study
23	YA Girls Group 1 Bible Study
25	Clothing Room Open
27	HS Boys Bible Study
29	BAY Summer Kickoff
30	YA Combined Devo/Worship

June

1	Men's Prayer Breakfast
2-8	Burnt Cabin Camp
4	Golden Agers Game Night
14	Ladies Craft Night
13-15	HS Amusement Park Trip
15	Demand Project Workday

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