



Meeting the Challenges!

I want to tell you how proud I am of you for your faithful response to our budget challenge for 2007. The potential for us to really change our community is high; and you, in your giving and in countless other ways, will fight the fight for the kingdom. You've shown that in your pledges!

Paul had seen some great things from the Corinthians, and he called them to greatness in their giving. Can we turn that around? You've pledged greatness in your giving. Where else can we strive for excellency? Paul wrote:

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping

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with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving (2 Cor 8:1-7).

Each of us has been given so much more than money! Everyday we have time, energy, and opportunity to use our ability for the glory of God! So what service will you provide for someone else, not for wealth, but for God's glory? To whom will you tell the story about how you became a Christian, and how happy you are that you made that decision? Who will see your good deeds and glorify God because of what they see in you?

Give as much as you are able and beyond! Plead with God for opportunities for service, and he will bring to completion what he wants to do through you! That's Life at Work!

Richard

Kids for Christ Food Drive

Kids for Christ (KFC) Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, January 27 at 9:00a.m. The kids will be driven to participant's homes to pick up food donations. This activity will count as a service project for LTC participants. Kids should sign up on the KFC bulletin board. We will need some adults to help drive as well. Contact David Reiter if you are able to help. **If you would like to have pantry items picked up, please note it on the back of your attendance card in the next few weeks or call the office.**

Communion Preparation Ministry

The Communion Preparation Ministry is looking for individuals or families to prepare, for a month at a time, the communion trays for our worship services. If you or your family would like to serve in this way, please sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

Men's Bible Study

We will be starting back the Men's Monday Morning Bible study tomorrow morning at 6:45 to 7:15.

Calendar

Today

LTC Luncheon

LTC Practice

Monday

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Foster Parents Support Group

Next Week

Sunday (14)

Areawide at Seminole

Monday (15)

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday (17)

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (18)

Youth Bible Study

Funtimers Meeting

LTC News

LTC Practice

Sundays, January 7th, 21st, 28th, February 11th, 25th, March 4th and 11th. We will perform for the congregation on April 1st and go to LTC on Saturday, April 6th.

LTC Luncheon

Today following services in the Fellowship Hall. Bring enough sandwiches for your family plus one. Also bring a 2 litre pop and cookies.

Prayer Requests

Evalena Ballard was hospitalized last week with a viral infection.

Frank Bingham the husband of Keith's cousin and children that were run down by a drunk driver at Thanksgiving. He moved to a new house last week and is having a very hard time. His new address is 1954 South Lafayette, Denver Colorado 80210.

Jennifer Clark, the granddaughter in law of Rosie Hinkle, had a mastectomy and will start chemo.

Louis and Mary Daugherity would like for us to pray for the family of Kent and Merle Gatewood, their very close friends. Their grandbaby is in critical condition in a Tulsa hospital with birth defects. The baby's parents are Whit and Adrienne Gatewood.

Tim Eades had bypass surgery and is home doing well.

Kelly Killian had an emergency appendectomy while out of town. He is back home and doing well.

Emma Logsdon is asking for prayers for her great niece. She is expecting twins and she is only at 30 weeks and is having premature labor. They are hoping they can get to at least 34 weeks. She is in the hospital at Okanogan WA. Her name is Tonni Payne. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Irene Stewart who were former members here.

Lloyd Stephens had surgery and it went well. He is in Deaconess Hospital.

Earline Shriver, Gary's mother, saw an oncologist Friday to determine if she is well enough for radiation.

Mel Warden will have total knee replacement surgery Tuesday at 2:00 at SW Medical Center.

Dora Wood is dehydrated and in room 205 at the Yukon Hospital.

Please continue to pray for: Virginia Battles, Gary Brawner (Patrick's dad), Jeff Brazell (Troy and Brenda's son), George Bryan (Joy Wallace's dad), Ron Clemmens (Brian's dad), Virginia Cox (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), Sharron Davidson, Bobbie Day (Nina Moates sister), Larry Duff (Patty Clement's brother), Laura Ethridge, Larry Fiscus (friend of Killian's), Donna Fitzgerald, Wanelda Folks, Stefanie Grantello (sbsyukon@sbcglobal.net), Tony Hall (c/o Oasis of Healing, 210 North Center St. #102, Mesa, AZ 85201), Alicia Hanes, Dean Hill, Brad Hudson (bhudson16@cox.net), Tim Mize (108 Snowmass, Yukon OK 73099), Virginia Nicolas (GayLyn Byrd's mother), Roy Nusbaum, Jon Perry, Dan Reiter (David's dad), Mike Ritchie, Sandra Schoolcraft, Gene and Neta Swinney, Coy Wallace (Joe's mother, 418 N. Otis, Elk City, OK 73644), Debbie Warden, Pansy Wilson, Dora Wood, Obed Wooldridge (Tom's dad).

Our Shut-ins: Loree Sturgess, Audrey Gray.

On Hospice Care: Don and Veda Morris, Tom Heldreth, Jayne Hardy.

Expectant Mothers: Tammy Beshears, Becky Schrock and Teri Lanier

Activated Military Personnel: Jeff Hanes (Warden's son in law), Larry Wyatt, II (father of a patient of Stuart Stephens), Stanley Sharp (grandson of Bette Sharp)



A Marriage after God's Own Heart Unconditional Acceptance

"Accept one another," Paul wrote to the Romans (Romans 15:7). The basis of this acceptance is the mutual acceptance of Christ. If Christ has accepted us despite our differences, shouldn't we accept each other? And shouldn't we practice this in our homes, within our marriages, first?

Just as Jesus looks beyond what we do to see our need, so we should look beyond what the other does to continue the relationship and make it stronger! As this decision by Christ was inconvenient and difficult, so it will be for us at times.

"It may mean being the first to say, 'Honey, I love you.' It may mean not waiting until he changes to tell him how glad I am to be his wife," Teresa Ferguson comments.

"Unconditionally accepting my spouse means looking beyond differences, disagreements, and disputes. It means looking beyond irritations, personality flaws, and idiosyncrasies. It even means looking beyond wrongs and sins committed – not to excuse these things, but to see his worth in spite of them." (*Devotions for Couples*, Jan. 1 by David & Teresa Ferguson).

Does your marriage reflect your relationship with God in regard to unconditional acceptance? If it does, praise God! If it doesn't, what do *you* need to change? If you're not sure what that means, we want to help you discover what your marriage relationship can be like in Christ! Let us help, because we care!

Richard & Jeanna Lynn

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Just the other day I went to lunch with a friend, (we'll call her Torie to protect the innocent) and be-

ing the frugal person that I am, allowed my friend to drive so that I would save on gas. But that's not the point of this story – although it would perhaps make a good one. No, the point of this story is the mini disco ball Torie had hanging from her rear-view mirror. I happen to notice this ball of mirrors as a reflection of sunlight caught my eye. I noticed that though the sun was in front of me and logically the small, silver ornament would cast a shadow on me, it in fact reflected light towards me. Sometimes I am amazed at just the simplest of things – I guess that's how it goes with someone with a simple mind. But as it is, the geometry of the miniature disco ball allows light from just about any direction to be reflected in an assortment of directions. The entire surface area of the object is multifaceted with tiny, but effective reflecting plates (which I like to call mir-

rors) that take the available light only to broadcast it in places the light source doesn't reach. Can't we be disco balls, especially to our friends, and why not? They reflect light, especially where there isn't much or any, they reflect light for a really cool effect and they're fun. Disco balls are usually synonymous with a good time and who doesn't want to associate with parties and good times? Try that out sometime. Reflect some of God's light to your friends and people you meet. Lessons from a disco ball – and you thought you had heard of everything.

Josh

Announcements

LTC practice today

Next Sunday – Jan 14. Area Wide in Seminole at 6. We'll meet at the building at 4:43pm.

Jan. 28 – SNL (details to follow)



A Place to Belong . . . A Place to Become

Welcome to 2007! We have already had some significant events and the year is barely a week old! We have buried our thirty-eighth President. We have witnessed some surprising (and disappointing) Bowl games. We have watched people dig out of a monster snow storm. What other significant things will be coming?

2007 can be a milestone year for South Yukon. As the year unfolds, we anticipate some great things. God will send us new people. We will develop new ideas and initiate new areas of service.

One of the hats I wear is equipping the Involvement Ministry for a serious task. This important Ministry will help assimilate our new members into the church. It will also assist all of our members in finding a place to be involved in the life and work of the congregation.

Lynn Groves is the Deacon over the Involvement Ministry. He and I have already been working on plans to build up this Ministry. Our goal for this Ministry is really two-fold. It is to help each of us have a place to "Belong" and to have a place to "Become" what Jesus wants us to be.

Someone has observed that we are "Human Beings" not "Human Doings." While what we do is important, what we become is even more so. Involvement is more than Activity Directing. It is helping our members find a meaningful relationship with God and one another.

During the next year, we will have classes and a Ministry Fair to help us find our place of service. We will initiate new Ministries to help us find a place to belong.

I hope you will make a resolution to belong and become in 2007.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene

Ministry Spotlight

Advertising and Publications

The Ministry Spotlight is a periodic description of a Ministry at South Yukon. This week we will focus on the **Advertising and Publications Ministry**. The Deacon leading this Ministry is **Glen Davis**. **Marvin Keele** is the Elder supporting it.

The intention of this Ministry is to promote the church in the community and keep the congregation informed. This simple statement plays out in a number of activities. In addition to advertising congregational events in the community, this Ministry is involved in the Weekly Bulletin; Quarterly Newsletter of events; and the Daily Careline. It takes on the enormous task of providing us with Church Directories and a Business Directory. The Ministry also publishes brochures and a New Member packet.

As you can see this is a busy Ministry. It is crucial in supporting both the "Outreach" and "In-reach" activities of the congregation.



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Thailand

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Germany

Clint & April Everhart

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Marco Poma and Luis
Andrango

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 331
A.M. Worship: 486
P.M. Worship: 196
Wednesday: NC
Daily Bible Readers: 52
Present Membership: 606

Contribution

Last Week: \$24,404
Budget Requires: \$14,453
Under Budget: \$4,170

Family Matters



Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family, We want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and flowers you have given to us on the loss of our dad and grandpa. We also want to thank those who came all the way to Healdton for the service. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving congregation.

The Beshears family

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the care basket. Everything was delicious. The Christmas Carolers brightened my day. Thanks too, for the cards, calls, and prayers. It is such a blessing to be part of the family at South Yukon.

In Christian love,

Audrey Gray

Dear KFC and Church Family, Thank you so much for the Christmas Goodie Bag with the corn sock. The picture and card are precious.

Love, Cheryl Mitchell

We want to thank everyone for the cards, calls and to the ladies who prepared food for us. We hope and pray to be back in church before long. Thanks everyone.

In Christian Love,

Roy and Edna Nusbaum

I would like to thank you so much for the basket of goodies, your prayers and cards. Everyone has been so good to me and I appreciate it very much.

Love, Laura Ethridge

(she still asks for no calls, but I know cards would be welcomed)

Church Family, I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits. Also for the Christmas basket. I don't have words to express my love for you. May God bless you.

Virginia Battles

South Yukon church family, The Christmas goodie basket was a delight. Special thanks to KFC kids for the corn sock.

Velma Lemons

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Verlane Cole and family on the passing of her husband, Ed. Services were last Wednesday in Lone Wolf, OK. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations made to Westview Boys Home.

Pies, Pies, Pies

The South Yukon ladies will be hosting the Dale Robertson's Senior Citizen Birthday Party, Thursday, January 25th @ 10:30am. We need 23 - 9" pies; 2 angel food cakes, and 5 servers. If you can help, please sign the list on the "Women's Bulletin Board" by Sunday, January 21st.

Greeting Ministry

If you enjoy welcoming your brothers and sisters as they come together to worship the Lord; we have a ministry for you. Sign up on the bulletin board, for a month at a time, to greet and welcome in 2007.

2007 Christian College Choral Festival

A massed chorus totaling more than 500 university singers will highlight the 2007 Christian College Choral Festival, an event celebrated since 1966 among colleges and universities affiliated with the Churches of Christ. This season's program will be held on the OC campus January 12 and 13, 2007, with choirs from nine colleges and universities participating. The final concert is at 7:00pm on Saturday January 13th at the Memorial Road church of Christ, 2221 E. Memorial Road, Edmond. There is no admission charge for the concert. For further info call 425-5530.

Attention Funtimers

It is time for our annual election of officers. We will meet on Thursday, January 18th @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall for a pot luck dinner and business meeting. Please make plans to attend.

Wedding Shower

There will be a Wedding Shower for Autumn Goodman and Philip Norwood on Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Dillards.

Welcome Guests!

We're glad you've joined us at the Church of Christ - South Yukon today. We are excited that you're here and hope your time with us will be meaningful as we worship God together.

For Your Children—

Training Rooms - If you need them, training rooms are available at the rear corners of the auditorium and are accessed by going through the exit door next to each room and making a U-turn into the training room. These rooms have full viewing glass and audio, pews and songbooks so you can participate in worship.

Nursery – A staffed nursery is provided for babies up to 18 months old in Room 10, located at the East hallway, North end. We also have a cradle roll class for 1 year old and under, as well as classes for each year age 2 through 5.

Youth Groups – We have youth groups for kids from Kindergarten up through High School. Our goal is to provide fellowship and activities that help our kids grow closer to each other, their parents, and God; activities that will create a desire in our youth to be involved with each other, this congregation, and our community.

Bible Classes -Numerous Sunday AM and Wednesday PM Bible classes for all ages!

- °Bible classes for ages 2 through adult.
- °College & Singles Sunday AM Class
- °Classes and groups for Young Married, Young Families, Empty Nesters and everyone in between!
- °Fun Timers Group (50 yrs and over)

We have lots of other exciting things going on here for the Lord.

Please take time to read through this bulletin; it'll help you get to know us. And let *us* get to know *you* and grow together to build a bright future!

Please check your cell phones and pagers to ensure they are turned off during the assembly.

Assembly for January 7, 2007

Song Leader - Jerrod Dean

S 25 Hosanna

Welcome and Call to Worship

Joel 2:28-29

676 There's within My Heart

436 Nearer, Still Nearer

Opening Prayer - Dennis Hudson

359 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion Prayers - Walt McGaugh

The Lord's Supper

S 28 My Eyes Are Dry

Contribution Prayer - Tim Hartman

564 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Scripture - Tommy Middleton

Acts 1:1-8

Sermon: Take It to the Limit

Speaker: Richard May

197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Shepherd's Prayer - Marvin Keele

860 He Is My Everthing

Announcements - Ron Unruh

663 There Is Sunshine in My Soul

Closing Prayer - Matt Bonnette

Sunday P.M.

Scripture - Exodus 25:8-9

Sermon - Portable Temples (Tents and Tabernacles)

Nursery Attendants

Communion to the Shut-ins

Keith Marcum

Worship AM

Ronda Vanover

Paula Walker

Diane Watson

Visitation Group #2 will

meet today.

Worship PM

Julie Watson

Melissa Willingham

Peak of the Month

February 7