



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Lyle Lovett sings “Church,” a song about a church service during which the preacher keeps on preaching to an increasingly hungry congregation. The moral of the story is in the last verse:

*And the moral of this story
Children it is plain but true
God knows if a preacher
preaches long enough
Even he'll get hungry too
And he'll sing*

*To the Lord let praises be
It's time for dinner now let's go eat
We've got some beans and
some good cornbread
Now listen to what the preacher said
He said to the Lord let praised be
It's time for dinner now let's go eat*

Some preachers preach through lunch time, others preach into the nighttime. That's what Paul did in one of the funniest stories Luke records in his Acts of the Apostles.

I say it's a funny story. It might not be if Eutychus, the man who fell asleep and then fell to his death, had stayed dead. Luke says that Paul went “on and on,” and that Eutychus fell sound asleep. It is important not to sit in a window sill during a long sermon. Interestingly, after the man fell, died, and was brought back to life, Paul ate and then talked with them some more until daybreak. Even the dead man stayed

around for the additional conversation.

These people in Troas really wanted to hear a word from God through Paul. Knowing that he was about to leave, they wanted to take in all they could. When you've been without food, you get so hungry so that you can't get enough when you finally get some. When you know that food is about to be scarce, you take in all you can, like a squirrel before winter.

I come across a lot of people who don't eat what they have set in abundance before them. In the natural world, I understand that. If I go to an all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant, I get full the minute I walk in the door. Just the realization that when I finish one plate, I'm no closer to being without food than I was when I started, makes my stomach shrink in a hurry. Do you suppose that the availability of the Word keeps you from being hungry for it? Could it be that since you can listen to the word on the television and radio; you can hear it Sundays and Wednesdays; and you can read it any day from any number of versions that you feel full though you are receiving limited nourishment?

Do you feel that hunger pain for a Word from God? That's Life at Work!

Richard

Calendar

Today

LTC Practice

Monday

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Senior Citizen's Birthday Party
at Dale Robertson Center

Saturday

KFC Food Drive

Next Week

Sunday (28)

LTC Practice

E/D/P Meeting

SNL

Monday (29)

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday (31)

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (1)

Sonshine Stickers

Prayer Requests

Laura Ethridge is home on Hospice.

Donna Fitzgerald will not have anymore chemo. She is at home on Hospice care.

Stefanie Grantello has completed her radiation treatments and is waiting on reports.

Eric Bejcek, the husband of Cheryl, is having out-patient hip surgery, Thursday, January 25th, at 7:00-7:30 at the NW Surgical Center.

Chuck Bledsoe is having swelling at the top of the his shunt. He goes back to the doctor Monday.

Merv Deason had surgery on his right shoulder (rotator cuff). His shoulder was worse than they expected and he will not be able to lift anything for at least 2 months. He is home recuperating.

Alisha Hanes, the daughter of Mel and Debbie Warden, has breast cancer. She will have surgery on Friday, February 2nd in New Mexico. Her husband Jeff is now back from Iraq.

Nick Peltier, a friend and co/worker of Dennis Hudson, lost his home to a fire last week in Bethal Acres. He and his wife have 4 boys, ages 4-16 years and are members at one of the churches of Christ in Shawnee.

Coy Wallace, Joe's mother, was hospitalize last week requiring 2 units of blood and had tests run.

Mel Warden had total knee replacement surgery and is home recuperating. He is doing better now.

Please continue to pray for: **Jeff Brazell** (Troy and Brenda's son, he is doing better and is starting a new job soon), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother~waiting on tests), **Sharron Davidson**, **Bobbie Day** (Nina Moates sister), **Wanelda Folks**, **Benjamin Gatewood** (baby of friends of Louis and Mary Daughterity~birth defect), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass, Yukon OK 73099), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry** (back problems), **Mike Ritchie**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Debbie Warden**, **Pansy Wilson**, **Obed Wooldridge** (Tom's dad~had a stroke).

Cancer: **Gary Brawner** (Patrick's dad), **Jennifer Clark** (Rosie Hinkle's granddaughter in law), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Laura Ethridge**, **Larry Fiscus** (friend of the Killian's), **Stefanie Grantello** (sbsyukon@sbcglobal.net), **Tony Hall** (tests came back clear), **Alicia Hanes** (Mel and Debbie Warden's daughter), **Dean Hill**, **Dan Reiter** (David's dad), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of Alan and Linda Bratcher), **Earline Shriver** (Gary's mom), **Coy Wallace** (Joe's mother, 418 N. Otis, Elk City, OK 73644)

Our Shut-ins: **Loree Sturgess**, **Gene and Neta Swinney**, **Audrey Gray**, **Dora Wood** (Kindred Hospital room 215, inside of St. Anthony South, 2129 SW 59th St.), **Buck Buchanan** (a former elder at Memorial Road, is at Gran Gran's room 5. Would appreciate men coming and reading scripture and praying with him).

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

Expectant Mothers: **Becky Schrock**, **Teri Lanier**, **Amy Kantsperger**, **Tonni Payne** (Emma Logsdon's niece, expecting twins, has been having premature labor~on bed rest).

Activated Military Personnel: **Larry Wyatt, II** (father of a patient of Stuart Stephens), **Stanley Sharp** (grandson of Bette Sharp)



Marriage Built on God

Studies have shown that couples who build their marriage on a foundation of spiritual intimacy (oneness) seldom get divorced. Only 1 out of 1,152 couples that pray together or read the Bible together **daily** will ever divorce. That's less than one-tenth of 1 percent! If you are reading Scripture, or reading a devotional **regularly**, and praying **together regularly as a couple** ~ not just at meals ~ you are building your marriage relationship on a spiritual foundation. A marriage built on this foundation is rock-solid, even in the tough times (*Ten Minutes Together With God* by Jan & David Stoop).

Continue in confidence if you are building your marriage on God's foundation! If you are trying, but struggling, encourage each other in a positive way! If you are not yet reading and praying together, **as a couple**, start today by asking God to help you move in the right direction and begin creating a habit of study and prayer. A couple who meditates on the word of God is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

Whatever it does prospers (Psalm 1:3).

We care about your marriage! We care about your family, and we care about our church family here at South Yukon. Please let us help in any way! Remember...No Marriage is Hopeless (Phil. 4:13)

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There comes a time when you just need to get out of the house and see some people. For me that

time has come, and been denied me several times already. I'm talking of course of "cabin fever". I know most of you have probably experienced this syndrome already last weekend. For some it began with the other extreme – seeing too many people. Last Thursday right before the storm hit I made a bonehead decision to go to Wal-Mart. There I fought the crowds just to get a few items I thought I couldn't live without (it turned out that I could've survived even without that Chris Paul bobble-head). Anyway, Friday and Saturday were good days to rest, and rest I did. By Saturday night though I was ready to see everyone on Sunday morning – but I was denied. Monday and Tuesday was a little better since I was with people from the church office and

had lunch with friends but I was really ready to see everyone on Wednesday night – but I was denied again. Family time is precious to me and I for one begin to crave it when too much time passes between worshipping with my family. What can I say? I miss you guys. Plus my dog Jake doesn't sing or lead prayers very well. I just wanted to encourage you to enjoy the time we get to spend together. I love it and can't wait until we get to Heaven where quality time is all the time.

Josh

Announcements

Jan. 28 – SNL @ the Community Center – 6:30pm Pizza will be provided, guys bring drinks, girls bring dessert.



A Bag of Oranges

I bought a bag of oranges a few weeks ago, while Christmas shopping. I had a flashback to my youth. Every year I got an apple and an orange for Christmas.

The reason I got the fruit at Christmas was because my parents always got apples and oranges for Christmas when they were young. They grew up in a much less affluent time. Fresh fruit was a huge treat for them.

When my parents bought gifts for their kids, they included apples and oranges because it brought back happy memories of special treats. So, when I saw the oranges, I suddenly had a craving for the "old days" even though, fresh fruit is prevalent and not quite the treat of long ago.

We can do similar things in the church. Do we ever look back to the "good ol' days" with fond memories? Don't we want to recreate those things because those memories make us happy and secure today?

There is nothing wrong with buying a bag of oranges for Christmas. There is nothing wrong with many of the things churches have done in the past. Our challenge is to be more effective in reaching and serving people – without compromising the gospel.

David had a group of men from Issachar who had, "understanding of the times" (1 Chronicles 12.32). What are the contemporary times teaching us? What can we do to make sure South Yukon is a "Place to Belong and a Place to Become"?

Perry Greene

Ministry Spotlight

Benevolence

Benevolence is one of the most gratifying and challenging Ministries one can be involved in. It is a challenge to get the right resources to the right people. When you do, good is accomplished and you experience a deep sense of satisfaction.

David Reiter and Rick Willingham are the Deacons charged with leading this Ministry. Kim Beshears is their contact Elder. The primary function of this Ministry is to provide immediate assistance to members and local non-members to alleviate undue hardship and suffering. This can be done through the Food Pantry and limited financial considerations.

This Ministry has literally helped hundreds of people over the years. Not only have we helped the local community through this Ministry, we also provide funding and food for Children's Homes.



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Andrango

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: NC

A.M. Worship: NC

P.M. Worship: NC

Wednesday: 322

Daily Bible Readers: NC

Present Membership: 606

Contribution

Last Week: \$0

Budget Requires: \$15,000

Under Budget: \$12,976

Family Matters



Congratulations

Our congratulations to Chris and Tammy Beshears on the birth of a son. Gavyn Luke was born Wednesday and weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches long. Also, congratulations to Kim and Doris Beshears, the proud grandparents.

Pies, Pies, Pies

The South Yukon ladies will be hosting the Dale Robertson's Senior Citizen Birthday Party, Thursday, January 25th @ 10:30am. We are still in need of 5 - 9" pies; 1 angel food cake, and 1 server. If you can help, please sign the list on the "Women's Bulletin Board" by today. The Pies need to be at the building by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning by 10:00 am.

Tuesday Evening

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class (*Our Father in Heaven, Teach Us to Pray*) will resume Tuesday, February 6, at 6:30 -8:00 pm for 6 weeks. If you would like to be a part of this class and have not been previously, please contact Vicky Sterling @ 354-0966 by Wednesday, January 24, so books can be ordered.

Young Married!

Marriage Seminar

February 24th, 2007

Southwest Church of Christ

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Speaker: Alan Martin, Ph.D.

More info on bulletin board.

LTC News

LTC Practice

Sundays, January 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.

Wedding Showers

The Wedding Shower for Autumn Goodman and Philip Norwood has been postponed until Sunday, February 18th.

There will be a Wedding Shower for David and Emily (Rogers) Menifee on Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are registered at Walmart and Target, under Emily Rogers.

LADIES UNITY TEAM

The Ladies Unity Team Meeting has been cancelled for today and will meet next month.

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 or call the office.**

Song Leader Meeting

There will be a Song Leader Meeting today at 4:00 in the conference room. For questions, see Jonathan Wooldridge.

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 21, 2007

Song Leader - Glen Davis

986 Worthy, You are Worthy

Welcome and Call to Worship

Joel 2:28-29

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234 Higher Ground

Opening Prayer - Don Kilmer

557 Rock of Ages

Communion Prayers - Stuart Stephens

The Lord's Supper

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873 Love, Love

Scripture - Barry Fisher

Acts 2:22-24

Sermon: The Greatest Gospel Sermon

Speaker: Richard May

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Closing Prayer - Jim Linam

Sunday P.M.

Scripture - Acts 12:1-5

Sermon - "The Power Struggle" - Perry Greene

Nursery Attendants

Communion to the Shut-ins

Keith Dace

Worship AM

Tina Addington

Doris Beshears

Visitation Group #4 will

meet today.

Worship PM

Janae Bartodej

Vicky Bonny

Peak of the Month

February 7