



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

We all eat something. We all experience hunger pains that pull us like magnets toward the tables of satisfaction. Some seek satisfaction and believe they find it in drugs and alcohol, pornography or illicit sexual behavior, gambling, risky activities, friendships or other relationships. Others believe they really “get their fill” from the job experience, traveling, children, hobbies, or entertainment tables. Obviously, as Paul wrote to the Galatians, some of these tables are taboo for the person walking with the Spirit (Gal 5:19). However, even the legitimate meals for the Christian in that list are not ultimately satisfying. Jesus calls us to greater satisfaction at a table most never approach.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matt 5:6).

In Matthew the person pursuing righteousness wants to be right by doing right, as “right” has been revealed by Jesus. You can’t be right if you follow the Pharisees, they don’t know what’s right. You can be right if you hear Jesus and do what he says. That’s Matthew’s point, and that is Jesus’ point in the Sermon on the Mount.

Most of us know that following Jesus is the right thing. For different reasons perhaps, I believe we end up at other tables too often to eat what he has prepared for us, and the “filling” we get from those tables makes us think we are

sufficiently nourished. When we believe we are nourished, our hunger pains are not as noticeable, and we pass by righteousness like we drive by Cracker Barrel because we just ate at IHOP.

Perhaps your time at the table of righteousness has not been satisfying for you. That could be, and you’ll need to evaluate it, because you’ve enjoyed the food from other tables so much, you never really gave the table of righteousness a chance. Tables of sin can deceitfully cover hunger pains for righteousness. That lack of satisfaction could also be that those of us who helped set up the table for Jesus, put something on your plate that we felt like was important; but wasn’t really all that Jesus has prepared for you. We do that sometimes. Sorry. Really.

Jesus said, “But I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men to myself” (John 12:32). In the context of the table of righteousness, Jesus means that if we sit at his table because we are hungry and thirst for what he has prepared, we will be satisfied.

Time for a hunger check. That’s Life at Work!

Richard

LTC News

LTC Practice

Sundays, January 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 - Please bring 2 ltr. pop, cookies and chips for snacks. Place in basket in foyer.

3rd-6th Grade Large Chorus - Practice will be tonight after evening services. Please pick up your children by 7:15. Bring \$3 for pizza.

Service Challenge - Certification sheets are due Sunday, February 11. Please give to Jennie Lockhart or put in box in the foyer.

Service Challenge Activity - Today from 1:00 - 4:00. Make Valentine cards for Gran Gran’s in the fellowship hall. See Bobbie Watts for more info.

Calendar

Today

LTC Practice

E/D/P Meeting

SNL

Monday

Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Sunshine Stickers

Saturday

Highway Clean-up (Youth)

Next Week

Sunday (4)

Area Wide in Norman

Rogers/ Menifee

Wedding Shower

Monday (5)

Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday (6)

Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday (7)

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (8)

Foster Parents Mtg.

Saturday (10)

Teen Valentine Party

Prayer Requests

David Arrington, Judy Scroggins co/workers father, has leukemia.

Eric Bejcek, the husband of Cheryl, had hip surgery. The surgery was more extensive than they expected. He is home but will be down for a while.

Chuck Bledsoe is having swelling at the top of the his shunt. He goes back to see the surgeon's resident Monday.

Anne Drew, a friend of Betty Fleharty, was in a serious accident . She is doing better but will have a long recovery.

David Goff, the brother in law of Jon and Linda Perry, had another stroke. He is in ICU at Mercy. His speech is not good. He is a Baptist minister of a small church and has no insurance.

Stefanie Grantello will have a CT scan the 3rd week in February and then both doctors will see her 2 days later to make an assessment of what's next. They may want to remove the dead tumor or just leave it alone and she will have 2 more chemo treatments just to be safe. She said she is feeling great.

Alisha Hanes, the daughter of Mel and Debbie Warden, has breast cancer. She will have surgery on Friday, February 2nd in New Mexico.

Cecil Littrell, Jennifer Nichols father, had a heart attack. They put a stint in one artery, in six weeks they will make a decision as to treatment for the other artery. He lives in Illinois.

Nick Peltier, a friend and co/worker of Dennis Hudson, lost his home to a fire 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. **If you would like to make a donation to help this family out, please give to David Reiter or Rick Willingham.**

Bill Walker will have tests on his heart Monday at 9:00am at the Oklahoma Imaging Center.

Please continue to pray for: **Jeff Brazell** (Troy and Brenda's son), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother~waiting on tests), **Sharron Davidson**, **Bobbie Day** (Nina Moate's sister), **Merv Deason**, **Wanelda Folks**, **Benjamin Gatewood** (baby of friends of Louis and Mary Daugherty~birth defect), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass, Yukon OK 73099), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry** (back surgery in 6 to 8 weeks), **Mike Ritchie**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Mel & 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), **Larry Fiscus** (friend of the Killian's), **Stefanie Grantello** (sbsyukon@sbcglobal.net), **Tony Hall** (tests came back clear), **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: **Laura Ethridge** (c/o Susan Payne, 610 W. 17th, Pueblo, CO 81003), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **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)



Some of the most recent statistics regarding adults and pornography:

- Men admitting to accessing pornography at work: 20%
- Women admitting to accessing pornography at work: 13%
- US adults who regularly visit Internet pornography websites: 40 million
- Promise Keeper men who viewed pornography in last week: 53%
- Christians who said pornography is a major problem in the home: 47%
- Adults admitting to Internet sexual addiction: 10%
- Breakdown of male/female visitors to pornography sites: 72% male - 28% female

Internet pornography is a plague in our homes, and we must work to rid ourselves of it's influence. Steven Arterburn and Fred Stoeker recommend getting a "shield" in *Every Man's Battle*:

"Your shield – a protective verse that you can reflect on and draw strength from even when you aren't in the direct heat of battle – may be even more important than your sword, because it places temptation out of earshot.

We suggest selecting this verse as you shield: 'Flee from sexual immorality.... You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body'" (1 Cor 6:18-20).

The recommendation is that you memorize this verse and repeat it often; so often that when opportunity to see something you shouldn't is present, you know that you have no right to look at it or even think about it. "You haven't the authority" (*Every Man's Battle*, p. 142).

Men, and women who fall to the lure of pornography, you must stop now. You must stop today!

Richard & Jeanna Lynn

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This week a friend of mine decided to write a blog. Doesn't sound so special right? Probably a million blogs are written a day but this one, this week struck me more than the rest of the 999,999. My friend is going through a rough time in his life right now, and we've been able to hang out and talk about it quite a bit but for some reason this week it started bugging him again. For relief he turned to myspace and wrote a blog venting some of his frustration. Now he didn't use any bad language or name any one to blame them but the word 'why' and the phrase 'why me' came up a lot. After reading the entry I felt a little depressed, not because of the content (I had heard it before) but because I wasn't there for support. My friend is hurting and he had to let some of the pressure off but as a friend and brother in Christ, I wasn't there to field the venting. Now his blog entry lashes out and what could have been a healthy vent (we

all need to from time to time) it is an unhealthy representation of what he is going through. Here's the point: be there for someone. It doesn't matter who it is – say hi to someone you haven't talked to in a long time, listen to your friend when he/she has a bad day and wants to tell you about it. When it seems like one of your parents yells at you for something small, ask about their day and then listen. And it also helps to pray with a friend or someone you love when they are having a bad day. And, if you need to vent go to someone you can trust, someone that will listen – it's always good to relieve a pressure build-up.

Josh

Matt. 18.20
Prov. 27.17
Heb. 3.13

P.S. If you don't read these scriptures I'll be very disappointed – they go along with the article.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SNL – tonight 6:30 @ the Community Center. Fellas bring drinks – Pink Flamingos bring sweets

Sat. Feb. 3 Service Challenge – Highway Clean up. Meet at the building at 10:30 lunch will be on Josh after we're done.

Sun. Feb. 4 AWTG – Norman. Lunch will be at the building after morning services then we will head to the Lloyd Noble Center at 11:55.

Sat. Feb. 10 Valentine Banquet 6:45pm – Romantic details to follow

Perry's Scope

For the Record

American churches are enamored with numbers. More is always better. As long as our count equals or exceeds the previous one, we are "successful."

It is true that Luke records some numbers in the book of Acts. That seems to be something that a Physician/Historian would do. Certain numbers, like weight and temperature, can tell us things about the health of a patient (or a church body).

Think about the flipside. David took a census in Israel after he was told not to. He was punished for his disobedience. There was a danger in counting the people that the nation would look at their own strength of numbers instead of looking to God as their strength.

What if (I always like to think in terms of what could be) we stopped counting attendance? Would we stop feeling so secure in our numbers? Would we shift our attention to people? Would we check on absentees? Would we be better motivated to fill empty seats with new people? Would our source of security be our God?

How large was the church in Corinth? Ephesus? Philippi? Jesus gave some criticisms regarding the "Seven Churches of Asia." Not once did he criticize them for low numbers — there are bigger issues.

My challenge is for us to see past numbers. See *people*. Look to our *God*. We are not just about, "How many?" We are about, "Who?"

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight

Outreach is looking for coordinators and helpers for the following ministries:

- **Welcome Wagon** - A program is designed and ready to implement that will identify and greet newcomers to the community. Main task of coordinator will be to organize a calling tree to contact our members when someone new moves into their neighborhood or area, and help promote this program within the congregation.
- **Tracts** - Review for suitability and soundness several tracts that have been ordered to supplement those that are already in use. Maintain Tract inventory once selections of tracts have been finalized.
- **Gran-Gran's Devotional.** We host a brief devotional on the first Sunday of each month. Need a coordinator to recruit and organize one devotional leader for each month.
- **Divorce Care** – Divorce Care is looking for a few couples that would be willing to train to become facilitators for the Divorce Care program.
- **Community Events** – Need a helper to stay tuned into the community and look for opportunities to meet and greet the public at activities such as the Czech Festival, July 4th Freedom Celebration, Relay For Life, Yukon School Breakfast, etc. Would also help recruit members for these activities.
- **Seminars** – Help search for seminars that would serve to reach out to and serve the community and our congregation.
- **Quarterly Outreach Event** – Help create and organize events each quarter that serve as a community outreach.

If your would like to help in any of these areas, please meet with Rick Marcotte in the conference room immediately following AM services, Feb 4th.



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Missionaries

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Adventures in Missions
 Pat & Malissa Sheaffer

South Africa Bible School
 Al & Donna Horne

St. Louis, MO
 Matt & Melanie Chandler

New Zealand
 Leon & Jennifer O'Flynn

Thailand
 Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Germany
 Clint & April Everhart

Ecuador
 Julio Perez, Marco Poma and Luis
 Andrango

Statistics

Attendance
 Bible Classes: 292
 A.M. Worship: 442
 P.M. Worship: 270
 Wednesday: 0
 Daily Bible Readers: 73
 Present Membership: 601

Contribution
 Last Week: \$28,869
 Budget Requires: \$15,000
 Over Budget: \$883

**Family
Matters**



Thank You

There are no words to adequately express our gratitude for all of the generous acts of love and kindness bestowed upon our family this past holiday season. We are thrilled that our special kids are learning what it means to be a part of such a loving church family. They will no doubt always remember. Please pray that God will be with and guide those making the decisions about their future, and with us as we try our best to prepare them for those changes.

*In Christian Love,
Mike and Cathy Morris*

I would like to thank you so much for the cards, calls, visits and thoughts and prayers of everyone of you.

Love, Donna Fitzgerald

To Our Church Family, As many times that I have written to you about the acts of kindness, telephone calls, visits and cards sent to us, it should be easy to do it again. It is not. Each illness that has happened to us, the more difficult it becomes to express our deep appreciation. In the past 15 months I have had five surgeries. In the same period of time Betty has had two surgeries with a bout with pneumonia in between. Yet you are always there for us. Don Taylor and Ken Davidson cleaned the ice off the car and had it warmed up, when I was ready to come home from the hospital in the ice storm. Dorothy helped Betty get things ready to put in the car. It was a quick trip home as we were escorted by them. Ice removal has been a problem but it quickly was remedied, and even milk was delivered to the house. We do appreciate each and every one that helped us. Maybe, just maybe, our problems are over and with the Grace of God we will be able to help other later on. We still have some recuperating to do.

*Thank you very much,
Jack and Betty Womack*

Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers for us in the loss of my sister.

*In Christian Love,
The Jesse Clemmons Family*

PRAYER REQUEST Jim Terrell asked for prayers to be a better, stronger person and Christian example. Sympathy

SYMPATHY Our sympathy to Kline Addington and family on the passing of his brother Harland. Services were last Friday.

ADDRESS CHANGE Jerrod and Courtney Dean, 6320 N. Sooner Road, Edmond, OK 73034, 341-6919

CONGRATULATIONS To Kyle and Patricia Helms on the birth of a baby boy. Keith Chandler was born January 22nd and weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. Also congratulations to the proud grandparents Randy and Sharon Helms.

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 so books can be ordered.

Wedding Showers
 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.

Valentine Cabaret at OC
 Join us for Dinner and a Show at Oklahoma Christian on Tuesday, February 13.

"Love Changes Everything" is the after dinner musical. On Tuesday, February 13, a group from South Yukon is going to this Valentine Celebration together. The cost is \$14/person (\$28/couple). The dinner and show is offered several other nights, too, but we would love for you to come with us. The tickets go on sale soon, so reserver your spot today through Richard and JeannaLynn (we'll need your payment), and we'll buy the tickets at one time and get tables close together.

Family Campout
 There will be a meeting for everyone interested in the family campout, today in the parlor, after morning services. Any questions see Tracy Watson.

41st Christian Women's Workshop

Southwest church of Christ
 3031 SW 104, OKC
 Tuesday, February 6, 2007
 9:00am - 1:00pm
 "Here am I; send me."

A salad luncheon will be provided for all who attend. Please give a week's notice if you need child care. Call 378-3939

Details available on the bulletin board.

If you would like to go to this, meet at the building at 8:30am and we can car pool.

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 28, 2007

Song Leader - Tim Holt

682 To God Be the Glory

Welcome and Call to Worship

Joel 2:28-29

829 Mansion over the Hilltop

S 33 Jesus Is Lord

Opening Prayer - Jason Engle

511 Oft We Come Together

Communion Prayers - Kim Beshears

The Lord's Supper

844 Be Still and Know

Contribution Prayer - Rick Marcotte

481 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Scripture - Troy Brazell

Philippians 4:8-9

Sermon: "A Christian College Education -- Good for Life"

Speaker: John deSteiguer

788 Wonderful Word of Life

Shepherd's Prayer - Walt McGaugh

983 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Announcements - Joe Wallace

891 This is the Day that the Lord Hath Made

Closing Prayer - Tom Rackley

Sunday P.M.

Scripture - Exodus 40:34-38

Sermon - The Glory of the Lord

Nursery Attendants

Communion to the Shut-ins
Rick Willingham

Worship AM

Gay Lyn Byrd
Sue Minatra

Tammy Clemmens

Visitation Group #1 will meet today.

Worship PM

Sara Clark
Verlane Cole

Peak of the Month
February 7