



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

In 1818, when Ignaz Phillip Semmelweis was born, the finest hospitals lost one out of six young mothers to the scourge of “Childbed fever.” A doctor’s daily routine began in the dissecting room where he performed autopsies. As the doctor left that room to move to the rooms of his patients, including expectant mothers, he never stopped at a sink to wash his hands. Dr. Semmelweis was the first man in history to make the connection between unwashed hands and the infection that led to death from “Childbed Fever.” Semmelweis did begin to wash his hands with a chlorine solution, and after eleven years and the delivery of 8,537 babies, he lost only 184 mothers - about one in fifty. He spent much of his time and energy debating with his colleagues. Once he argued, “Puerperal fever is caused by decomposed material conveyed to a wound...I have shown how it can be prevented. I have proved all that I have said. But while we talk, talk, talk, gentlemen, women are dying. I am not asking anything world shaking. I am asking you only to wash....For God’s sake, wash your hands.” Bruce Mouton vividly described the response of his Semmelweis’ contemporaries and the consequence: “Virtually no one believed him. Doctors and midwives had been delivering babies for thousands of years without washing, and no outspoken Hungarian was going to change them now! Semmelweis died insane at the age of 47, his wash basins discarded, his colleagues laughing in his face, and the death rattle of a thousand women ringing in his ears.”

When David realized the wickedness that had been a major part of his life ever since he saw Bathsheba on her rooftop, he wept as he wrote, “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:2). “Purge

me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (vs. 7). Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” (vs. 10) “Wash me!” was the anguished prayer of King David.

In the New Testament, being washed clean of sin is a wonderful theme. Paul moved the Corinthians to refuse to return to sinful living by reminding them of their spiritual past: “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:11). He wrote to Titus about the kindness of God:

“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior...” (Titus 3:3-6).

Without being washed clean, in a much worse way than the women who died by the touch of unclean hands, we all die from the contamination of sin. Paul was in the same filthy condition as David - and us - when he heard the words, “What are you waiting for? Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” What are you waiting for? For God’s sake, wash! That’s Life at Work!

*Richard*

## LTC News

**LTC Practice** - Sundays, February 11th, 25th, March 4th and 11th. We will perform for the congregation on April 1st and go to LTC on Saturday, April 6th.

## NO LTC PRACTICE TODAY

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

## Valentine Banquet

KFC will be hosting a Valentine’s Banquet for those that are Young at Heart on February 11 after evening services. If you are over 50 and would like to attend, please sign the list by the office. If you have any questions, please see Chris and Tammy Beshears.

**ATTN KFC** - Please sign up to help out with the Valentine’s Banquet on February 11th on the youth board. If you have any questions please see Chris and Tammy Beshears.

## Calendar

### Today

NO LTC Practice

Area Wide in Norman

Rogers/Meniffee Wedding Shower

### Monday

Men’s Bible Study

### Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study

Autism Support Group Meeting

Funtimers Meeting

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday

Foster Parent Meeting

### Saturday

Teen Valentine Banquet

## Next Week

### Sunday (11)

LTC

KFC Valentine Banquet

### Monday (12)

Men’s Bible Study

### Tuesday (13)

Ladies’ Bible Study

### Wednesday (14)

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

### Friday (16)

Funtimers Meeting

### Saturday (17)

Men’s Breakfast

# Prayer Requests

**Eric Bejcek**, recuperating from hip surgery.

**David Berry**, brother of Susan Engle, is having open heart surgery today at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital.

**Chuck Bledsoe** is having swelling at the top of the his shunt. The doctor thinks the swelling is only scar tissue. He goes back for another checkup in 2 months.

**Michael Conway**, brother of Richard Conway and son of Sue Minatra, had gallbladder surgery Friday.

**Chad Field**, the son of a friend of Emma Logsdon, was shot in the head, while in Falujah in the Army. His mother asks that we pray he will not have brain damage and that he will be restored and healed by the blood of Jesus, and the grace of God.

**Debbie Gaston**, the daughter of Janie Eades, was hit by a car in the Walmart parking lot in CA. She has a broken leg, facial lacerations, and her arm and back are in a brace. She is in the hospital in Anaheim.

**James Goolsby**, Andy Dean's brother in law, had bypass surgery last Friday.

**Alisha Hanes**, the daughter of Mel and Debbie Warden, had surgery for breast cancer last Friday in New Mexico.

**Tom Heldreth** is still aware of some things going on around him, but each day he is growing weaker. He is on liquids, not eating much and has lost a lot of weight. Please keep Norma, Teresa and Bill Harris in your prayers as they care for Thomas.

**Madison Meacham**, 8 year old granddaughter of one of Linda Perry's co-workers, had facial cancer surgery Friday in Ft. Worth.

**Sharla Marcum**, sister in law of Keith and Carol, had surgery and has been experiencing some complications. Her and Kent and their son James are missionaries in Ecuador.

**Tonni Payne**, the niece of Emma Logsdon delivered her twin boys. Ryan James weighs 4 pounds, 13 ounces and Kyle Matthew weighs 5 pounds, 2 ounces. Mom and babies are doing fine.

**Shelly Stevenson-Vang**, Laura Ethridge's daughter, is home recuperating from sinus surgery. (1208 Kings Way, Yukon, 73099)

**Bill Walker** had tests on his heart with good results.

**Please continue to pray for:** **David Arrington** (Judy Scroggins friends father~leukemia), **Jeff Brazell** (Troy and Brenda's son), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Sharron Davidson**, **Bobbie Day** (Nina Moate's sister), **Merv Deason**, **Anne Drew** (friend of Betty Fleharty, car accident), **Wanelda Folks**, **Benjamin Gatewood** (baby of friends of Louis and Mary Daugherty~birth defect), **David Goff** (b-i-l of Perry's~stroke), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **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 ~ tests showed no cancer in the bladder~recheck in 3 months), **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** (staying with Mel and Doris), **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**, **Sara Clark**

**Activated Military Personnel:** **Larry Wyatt, II** (father of a patient of Stuart Stephens), **Stanley Sharp** (grandson of Bette Sharp), **Josh Sisson**, (nephew of Emma Logsdon, is going to Iraq this month. He is an Army Ranger, so they know that he will be in a lot of danger. Not only that, his wife is expecting a baby the first part of March so this is going to be a very difficult time for that family.)



## Being "Nice" just isn't Enough

We pray that the WGHJ articles are an encouragement for you. The books and articles about marriage that we read help us grow. It is a blessing for us to share the benefit of what we read with you each week.

Recently our "couple time" devotional contained several "gold nuggets." David & Teresa Ferguson write in *Never Alone* for August 17 and October 8:

"For twenty-plus years of marriage, Joan and Allen had gone through the right motions. They greeted each other with hugs and verbalized their love. They regularly went on dinner dates and each did special little things for the other....They were committed to each other and committed to show kindness to one another, but there was little emotional involvement....Joan and Allen thought that this was as good as marriage gets....Without adequate emotional skills or purposeful development, couples can drift apart into their separate worlds. He can get absorbed in his career or hobbies, and she can escape into the world of the children, career, or just endless activity....**It's not enough just to be "nice" in marriage.** A marriage isn't successful and intimate just because there are few conflicts. Many couples assume that because they don't fight, their marriage is strong....If you aren't purposefully working on increasing your emotional closeness, you will drift apart. Kindness and pleasantries must be accompanied by determined emotional closeness."

In order to "guard what has been entrusted to us" in the context of our marriages (2 Tim. 1:14), consider these suggestions to preserve the gift of love given to you: First, verbalize. Let your spouse know that you miss them, need them, care about them, and appreciate them. Second, empathize with one another. Reaffirm your love and concern for each other and your commitment to come along side and share one another's burdens. Third, never lose sight of the impact small gestures can make in a marriage."

**"What steps will you take today to begin protecting the love you and your spouse share?"**

If we can encourage or help in any way, please let us know, because we care!

Richard (Richard@cocsy.org) & JeannaLynn (JeannaLynn@cocsy.org)



Black ice is mean. You're driving down an unsuspecting road and then wham-o, you're still going the same direction but now you're facing the

opposite way. Then in another instant blam-o, you've hit a telephone pole and caused a big scene. The news crews have swarmed you and plastered your little mishap all over the news, OG&E have brought out the big trucks with the huge robotic arm and several other small trucks just to see the spectacle that you've made. All the while the black ice that tripped you up a hundred yards behind is laughing its slick, icy head off, waiting for another victim. Man black ice is mean! You know who else is mean? Satan. It's the same story – you're going down the "straight and narrow" and all of the sudden wham-o...and you know the rest. But there is one thing we can do to minimize this risk. The Bible talks about it directly: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin" I John 1.7. Living our lives according to the example that Jesus set for us can help us avoid those slick sin traps. And if we do slip we'll still be

swarmed but not by news crew and others who want to laugh at us but by other Christians (aka our family) who will help and encourage us. So next time you're driving down a wintry road, follow a sand truck and drive in the sand, as the snow plow is in the sand, and the melting properties of the sand and salt, will cleanse the road of slick spots.

*Josh*

## Announcements:

AWTG in Norman this afternoon – If you signed up to go with us to Norman for the basketball game, make sure you give \$4(ticket price) to Josh before we leave at 11:55pm after eating pizza in the fellowship hall.

Valentine Banquet – Saturday February 10 @ 6:45. Ladies and gentlemen, this will be a formal/semi formal evening. Gentlemen, you will look dashing in coat and tie, Ladies will look ever so elegant in your evening or formal dresses. Bring a friend who you can have a great time with during dinner and activities.



## Almost Home

I am a huge Civil War student. I do not know a lot about the War, but I am fascinated by it. It is the major event which shaped our nation.


The Battle of Franklin, Tennessee was one of the most horrific battles of the War. It has been referred to as "the Gettysburg of the West." A combined total of over 9000 American casualties were reported when the battle was over. One of the saddest stories was that of Tod Carter.

During the five hours of fighting, the Carter Family took refuge in their basement. 23 men, women and children (many under the age of 12) were safely protected while the horrible cries of war rang out above them. The head of the family, Fountain Branch Carter, a 67-year old widower, had seen 3 of his sons fight for the Confederacy. One son, Theodrick (Tod), was serving as an aid for General T.B. Smith on the battlefield and saw his home for the first time in 3 years. Crying out, "Follow me boys, I'm almost home," Captain Tod Carter was mortally wounded and died 2 days later at the Carter House in his bed.

As I imagine the cross and all of the events surrounding it, think about what Jesus was doing. First, Jesus fought the greatest battle ever, that of God. vs. evil. In that battle, secondly, he was dying to fulfill the will of the Father. In so doing, he provided the means to our salvation – the shedding of his blood for the forgiveness of sins.

While on the cross he spoke seven significant sayings that give us insight into his character. Among those sayings, he forgave, cared for his mother, and spoke of his return to his Father. It is almost like he said to us, "Follow me, I am almost home!"

*Perry Greene*



## Ministry Spotlight

### Building and Grounds

Don't you enjoy coming to Bible Class and Worship, being warm in the winter and cool in the summer? Don't you enjoy having a clean, attractive facility to use as a base for Ministry? Many hours go into the upkeep of our facilities.

Tom Rackley and Garry Harrison are the Deacons who have been charged with the unending task of caring for our building and property. They ensure the cleanliness of the building for each service (Thanks, Travis!). They keep the building and equipment in "like new" condition both inside and out. They make sure the landscaping is well-groomed all year, as well as the maintenance of the parking lot.

Their mission is not an end in itself. It is to give us a facility that will serve as a base for all of our Ministries. It is a special luxury that we may easily take for granted.

Please take a minute to thank these Deacons as well as Ken Davidson, the contact Shepherd for their work.

## Spring Sing at OC

Tickets for OC's Spring Sing will go on sale to the public on February 12th. Box office hours will be 10:00-5:00. Price is \$12 for all tickets. Show times: Friday - 8pm; Saturday - 2pm, 8pm. Spring Sing ticket order number is 425-5545.



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### Missionaries

#### Fishers of Men

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#### SEARCH TV

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#### Adventures in Missions

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#### South Africa Bible School

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#### 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: ..... 408  
A.M. Worship: ..... 562  
P.M. Worship: ..... 333  
Wednesday: ..... NC  
Daily Bible Readers: ..... 74  
Present Membership: ..... 601

#### Contribution

Last Week: ..... \$18,168  
Budget Requires: ..... \$15,000  
Over Budget: ..... \$4,051

# Family Matters



## Thank You

It is hard to express the thanks I feel for all the prayers, cards, visits, food and work done on my house. I love you all. God bless you. I am doing well here.

*Laura Ethridge*

Tim is recovering very well at home. His doctors have released him. He will be able to go back to work this next week. We are so thankful for all the get well cards, the pretty cup of flowers, the phone calls and the dinner. We want to thank the ones who stayed with us through the hours of surgery and the wonderful visits at the hospital. Most of all we want to thank you all for all the heart felt prayers. We had a Christian prayer line from here to Salt Lake City and in between. It was so amazing to see the power of God, through the prayers of righteous people. Thank you all for your love and kindness and your thoughts and prayers.

In Christian Love,

*Tim and Marlene Eades and All our Families  
Thank you too.*

To our church family: Thank you for everything you have done for us on the birth of Gavyn. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much. Thank you for thinking of us during this time. We appreciate everything so much.

*Chris and Tammy Beshears and family*

## Identified

Cletis and Michelle Viers, 3417 Nottingham Place, Yukon, OK 73099, 354-2967.

## Prayer Request

Cody Nichols asked for prayers to be a better Christian for God and family.

## Congratulations

To Patty and A.J. Clements on the arrival of their new granddaughter, Abby Kate. Her parents are Mike and Tricia Roark.

To Barry and Marie Stump on the birth of a new grandson, Jake Butler. His parents are Ty and Amy McCathren.

## 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.

## Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast starting at 7:30am on Saturday, February 17th. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

## Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class (*Our Father in Heaven, Teach Us to Pray*) will resume with Lesson 8 on Tuesday, February 6, from 6:30 -8:00 pm for 6 weeks at Vicky Sterling's home. (1424 Springcreek Drive)

## Wedding Showers

There will be a Wedding Shower for David and Emily (Rogers) Menifee today at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are registered at Wal-Mart and Target, under Emily Rogers.

There will be a Wedding Shower for Autumn Goodman and Philip Norwood on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 in the parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Dillard's.

## 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. Reserve your spot today through Richard and JeannaLynn.

## Couples Retreat Reunion

The 2006 Couple's Retreat Reunion Dinner is March 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Watch your mailbox for more details!

## 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.**

## Funtimer Meetings

Tuesday at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.

Friday, January 16th - Election of officers and a potluck dinner at 6:30pm in the Fellowship hall.

## **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 or 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 February 4, 2007**

**Song Leader** - Josh Sloan  
940 I Sing Praises  
**Welcome and Call to Worship**  
Psalm 98:1-2  
**19** All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
**50** Are You Washed in the Blood?  
**Opening Prayer** - Rod Sheaffer  
**916** Come Share the Lord  
**Communion Prayers** - Cody Nichols  
**The Lord's Supper**  
**916** Come Share the Lord  
**Contribution Prayer** - Rick Marcotte  
**612** Take My Life, and Let it Be  
**Scripture** - Mike Brewer  
Acts 2:36-39  
**Sermon:** Repent and Be Baptized!  
**Speaker:** Richard May  
**29** All to Jesus  
**Shepherd's Prayer** - Rick Riebe  
**Announcements** - Joe Wallace  
**138** Farther Along  
**Closing Prayer** - Brad Tipton

### **Sunday P.M.**

**Scripture:** Acts 15:1-5  
**Sermon:** "Can I also be Included?"  
**Speaker:** Perry Greene

**Nursery Attendants**

**Communion to the Shut-ins**  
Gary Baumwart

#### **Worship AM**

Mary Daugherty  
Kristi Finefrock  
Tammy Hinton

**Visitation Group #2 will meet today.**

#### **Worship PM**

Holly Gooch  
DeeAnne Holt

**Peak of the Month**  
**February 7**