



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Lost Boys of Sudan follows the lives of young African refugees who start life fresh in America having been crushed by the civil war in Sudan. These young men, most of whom are under 18 years old, struggled to survive in Africa where they faced lions and local militia—and they continue to struggle in America where they face loneliness and learning an entirely new way of life.

The documentary focuses on a group of boys who are relocated by the U.S. Government into an apartment in Houston. After job training, several of the boys head into the workforce, trying to become self-supporting.

In one scene, Peter Kon Dut goes out to lunch with two coworkers from his factory job. Peter talks openly with them about his struggles in America. Over the lunch, Peter unveils deep and piercing insights into American culture—which are all the more fresh since he’s only lived in America for one month. Over his first-ever hamburger, Peter says, “I see different things. Everybody is busy. You can’t get friends. Time is money—but in Africa, there is no ‘time is money.’ Everybody is busy here. How am I going to find friends here? I feel like going back and saying, ‘There are no friends here.’” (Edited summary of Bill White, Paramount, CA for *Preaching Today*)

Notice the similarity of these passages early in Acts:

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone

as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:44-47).

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. (Acts 4:32-34).

The church of Jerusalem made a concerted effort to live in unity and with a mutual concern. Though they would experience some problems later when the Hellenistic widows were being neglected, even then the problems were recognized and resolved in a wonderful fashion bringing about incredible results (Acts 6:1-7).

We should follow their example so that no one should ever come crushed by the world and say about their church experience, “I feel like going back and saying, ‘There are no friends here.’”

The truth is, it happens. What will we do, what will you do, to ensure that no one will say that when they have been among us.

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.

Attention: All Coaches and Students


All prepaid convention events are to be postmarked by February 20, 2007. If you need address information, please see Sherri Marcotte or Vonda Stephens.

LTC Money is Due

Please give your money to Kelly or Cristi Killian.

Service Challenge - Certification sheets are due TODAY! Please give to Jennie Lockhart or put in tray in the foyer.

Calendar



Today
LTC

KFC Valentine Banquet

Monday
Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday
Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday
Funtimers Mtg.

Saturday
Men’s Breakfast

NEXT WEEK

Sunday (18)
No LTC

Goodman/Norwood Wedding Shower

Monday (19)
Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday (20)
Ladies’ Bible Study

Wednesday (21)
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (22)
Beshears Baby Shower

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!

Prayer Requests

David Berry, brother of Susan Engle, is now home and doing well.

Teresa Harris had an ultrasound and is waiting on results. She is having an MRI monday.

Gavin Kuykendall, infant son of Adam and Faith who are friends of Cindi Stump, had heart surgery. Please pray for his recovery.

Jim Linam is going through some testing.

Helen Marcotte, mother of Rick, had knee surgery. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Sharla Marcum, sister in law of Keith and Carol, had surgery and had complications. She is recovering at home now but is still on oxygen for fluid in her lungs. Her and Kent and their son James are missionaries in Ecuador.

JR and Kristi McComas, cousins of Keith and Kathy Kuhlman, had twins last week. The little girl weighed 2 pounds and the boy weighed 3 pounds. The little boy has developed an infection and Kristi now has the flu. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Donna Nance, the wife of John Nance, former elder at Cherokee Hills, is in the Hospital in Houston. Doctors believe she has Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a condition of the nerves that causes severe pain and paralysis. She was placed on a respirator on Saturday for life support. The doctors think she will recover, but it may take years.

Jo Pugh, sister of Janie Eades, suffered a light stroke and is in the hospital in Edmond. Another sister, **Modell Whitely** is taking chemo.

Rick Riebe will have shoulder surgery, Wednesday at 8:30am at the North Ambulatory Surgery Center (6205 N. Santa Fe).

Savannah Salas, infant daughter of Cutberto and Rhonda, is in Baptist hospital room 1015 after having a seizure.

Elaine Smith fell and bruised her knees up pretty bad.

Barney and Jo Sneed (former members) have a new granddaughter and she is in ICU at Deaconess with developmental problems. Her name is **Danielle**.

Coy Wallace, Joe's mother, is back in the hospital in Elk City.

Please continue to pray for: **David Arrington** (Judy Scroggins friends father~leukemia), **Chuck Bledsoe**, **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**, **Debbie Gaston** (Janie Eades daughter~hit by car), **Benjamin Gatewood** (baby of friends of Louis and Mary Daugherty~birth defect), **David Goff** (b-i-l of Perry's~stroke), **Alisha Hanes** (Warden's daughter), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry** (back surgery March 13th), **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), **Josh Sisson**, (nephew of Emma Logsdon, is going to Iraq the end of March. 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.)

SYMPATHY to Don Hoggatt and family on the passing of his aunt, Ina Faye Ellis. Services were in Ada.



“He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five” (1 Kings 4:32). Solomon was quite the composer. Do you wonder what his best song was? The lyrics are close to you, yet you’ve probably never sung quite the way he composed. Solomon’s best song, his finest song, his Song of Songs is the Song of Solomon. It isn’t a praise song, as we typically think of praise. It is a love song, and it is in scripture. “Solomon’s song of songs” (Song of Solomon 1:1).

Songs move the heart. Where people need to move closer to God, songs can play a crucial role; so they should be employed. When people need to move closer to each other, songs can play a crucial role. We think they should be employed. In fact, when we mentor couples, we ask them to make a list of songs that remind them of their relationship. A few of our songs are: “Let’s Give ‘Em Something to Talk About,” “Nobody Loves Me Like You Do,” and “Somewhere Out There.”

This Valentine’s Day, separately make a list of songs that positively remind each of you of your relationship. Guys, you might even want to burn a CD of the songs for a Valentine gift. Then take some time to share what songs you chose and why. It is a great communication exercise, and can put some positive energy into your marriage.

Spend some time reading the Song of Solomon, too. When you get to 5:16, you’ll find a song verse that reminds us of our relationship. In fact, it is the verse engraved on our wedding bands. The verse says something that we bet you’ll be able to sing about each other if you’ll spend time doing what we are encouraging you to do. You’ll introduce your spouse to your friends with the words, “My beloved, My friend.”

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Why does love tantalize our senses? This one short word can conjure up emotions from anger to elation. Wars are started and ended by love; lives

can be crushed or created. How is it that this one human concept is so varied, so controversial, so wonderful? I have no idea, and if you're looking for answers to questions like this stop reading now because I'm not going to answer them. But there is one question about love that I would like to explore. Why does Paul say love is the greatest? In 1 Corinthians 13, he ends by saying out of faith, hope, and love, the greatest of the three is love. Why? And don't say "because Paul said so." I'm not buying that explanation. It may have worked with my mom but not Paul. Let's look at it this way: faith is belief in and having confidence in something we can't see, right? (Heb. 11.1) I have faith that there is blood in my body and that the blood carries nutrients to different parts of my body even though I can't see it. But I can prove my faith in my blood by seeing it work. Doctors have filmed blood working in the body and so my faith has been proven. In the same way my faith in God will be proven when I see him in heaven. There are even songs about "when our faith shall

be sight". What about hope? When I was nearing the end of college, I hoped for a sweet job where I could do something I love and love what I was doing. I no longer have to hope for that. It is reality. I also hope one day that Jesus will come and take us all to heaven. That too will come true. But why is love the greatest? Because we will never have a reason to stop loving. In verse four of chapter thirteen Paul says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast..." The point is, in verse eight, "love never fails." It will always be patient and kind. It will never envy, or be self-seeking. Even when faith becomes sight and hope becomes reality we will still have reason to love. So go love on someone, it's the week of Valentine's Day for love's sake. Happy Valentine's Day.

Josh

Announcements

OC vs. SNU tomorrow – bus leaves at 5:27pm. Bring your game face.

Sunday, Feb. 25 – SNL @ Watson's

Are You Conformed-Reformed-OR-Transformed?

(Part 1 of 3)

We are all on a journey. Like it or not, this journey involves our hearts, souls, minds, and strengths. We reveal our place in the journey in at least three ways. We are either CONFORMED-REFORMED-OR-TRANSFORMED.

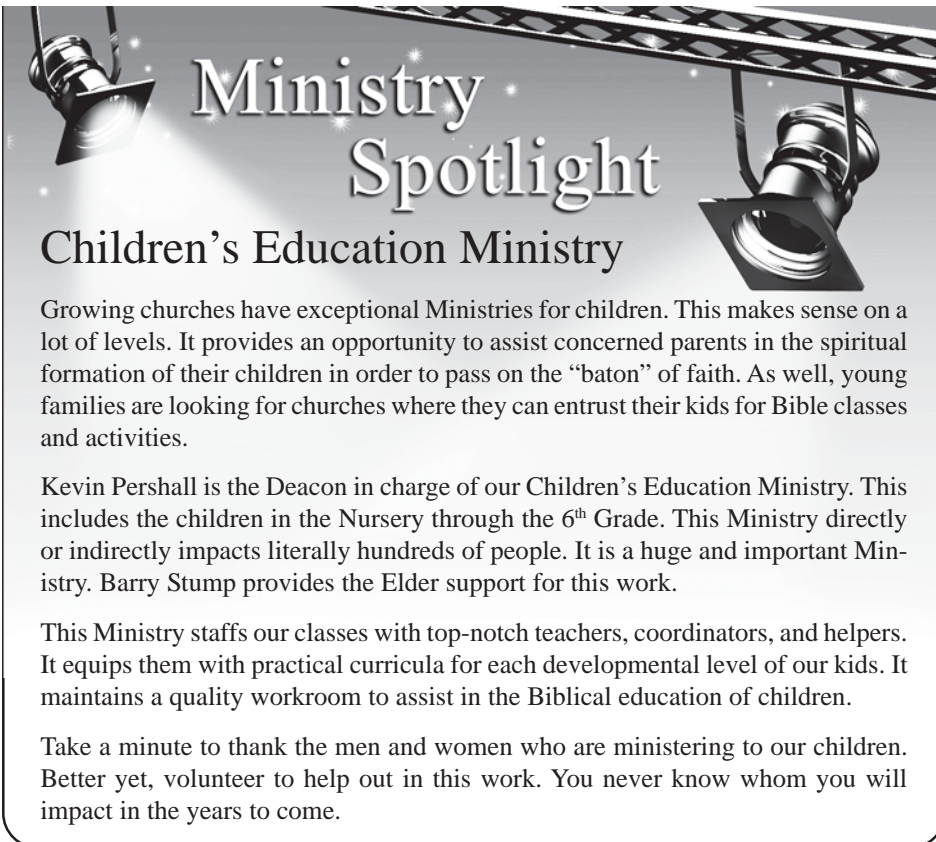
Paul alludes to these in Romans 12.1-2, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Nearly everyone winds up in the conformity camp — at least for a while. Because we live in the world, we adapt and adjust to it or die. Years ago some pre-school children were asked how many of them were artists and could draw beautiful pictures. Nearly every hand in the room went up. A few years later the group was posed the same question. Fewer hands were raised. Still later, when the group was asked, hardly any of the group believed they were artists.

Conformity to the world is a form of "status quo." Here we do not have to be challenged. We do not have to think. We do not have to grow. Today is the same as yesterday and tomorrow will be the same as today. We experience no real difference in our lives and our lives make no real difference.

Stay tuned for Part 2 — Hope is coming!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight

Children's Education Ministry

Growing churches have exceptional Ministries for children. This makes sense on a lot of levels. It provides an opportunity to assist concerned parents in the spiritual formation of their children in order to pass on the "baton" of faith. As well, young families are looking for churches where they can entrust their kids for Bible classes and activities.

Kevin Pershall is the Deacon in charge of our Children's Education Ministry. This includes the children in the Nursery through the 6th Grade. This Ministry directly or indirectly impacts literally hundreds of people. It is a huge and important Ministry. Barry Stump provides the Elder support for this work.

This Ministry staffs our classes with top-notch teachers, coordinators, and helpers. It equips them with practical curricula for each developmental level of our kids. It maintains a quality workroom to assist in the Biblical education of children.

Take a minute to thank the men and women who are ministering to our children. Better yet, volunteer to help out in this work. You never know whom you will impact in the years to come.



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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: NC

A.M. Worship: 567

P.M. Worship: 222

Wednesday: NC

Daily Bible Readers: 86

Present Membership: 603

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,336

Budget Requires: \$15,000

Over Budget: \$6,387

Family Matters



Congratulations to Don and Joy McCombs for 50 years of marriage on February 9th, and to Rex and Linda Swaim for 40 years on January 28th. What an inspiration for us all!

Congratulations to David and Cindi Stump on the birth of a new granddaughter. Londyn Noelle Robb was born to Shane and Lacey. Also congrats to the proud uncle, Brenden.

Thank You

Thanks to all who are praying for my daughter, Debbie. Please continue as she has a long recovery period. Also, please pray for my sisters, Jo Pugh who has a light stroke and Modell Whiteley, who is taking chemo.

Thanks, Janie Eades

Thank you to all who have prayed for my dad, Gary Brawler. The last scope showed no cancer and the next trip to Houston is scheduled for 6 months. My family wishes to give a heartfelt thanks for all the prayers on his behalf. My dad is proof that God answers prayers. Please pray that his results continue to come back clear.

In Christ, Patrick Brawler

Thank you so much for the wedding shower. We were all overwhelmed and want you to know how much we appreciate your love and support. Your care and thoughtfulness for our family are deeply appreciated.

Kathy Rogers, David and Emily Menifee

Thank you so much for the donation to Westview Boys' Home in memory of Ed. You are truly amazing! I love all of you and I thank God that He led me to such a wonderful family.

In Christ, Verlane Cole

We want to thank the Anonymous Givers for the two gifts we have recently been given. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

Perry and Linda Greene

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.

Valentine Banquet

KFC will be hosting a Valentine's Banquet for those that are Young at Heart TONIGHT 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.

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class (*Our Father in Heaven, Teach Us to Pray*) will be studying Lesson 9 on Tuesday, February 13, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Vicky Sterling's home. (1424 Springcreek Drive)

Wedding Showers

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

Baby Shower

There will be a Diaper/Wipes "come & go" baby shower, honoring Gavyne Beshears, son of Chris & Tammy on February 22nd, 6:30-8:00 pm in the home of Julie Watson (1129 Moose Street). Pampers are preferred due to skin sensitivity.

Reception

All are invited to a "Come & Go" reception honoring Ben and Meredith (Keele) Baker's marriage on Sunday, March 4th, 2:00 - 4:00 in the parlor. If you would like to contribute to a money tree, please give to Shirley Kelly, Billie Linam, or Yvonne McGaugh. Cards are welcome.

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

Valentine Dinner and Show

If you signed up to go to the Valentine Dinner and Show at OC. We will be leaving the church building Tuesday evening at 5:15. If you will not be riding the bus, please let Richard or JeannaLynn know.

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.

Funtimer Meeting

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

Spring Sing March 9 & 10 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: Fridy(9) - 8pm; Saturday(10) - 2pm, 8pm. Spring Sing ticket order number is 425-5545.

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 February 11, 2007

Song Leader - Jonathan Wooldridge

20(S) Faithful Love

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-2

19 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

419 Lord We Come Before Thee Now

Opening Prayer - Don Hoggatt

39(S) How Deep The Father's Love

Communion Prayers - Richard Nix

The Lord's Supper

(23) Lord Take Control

Contribution Prayer - Wade Readnour

937 I Stand In Awe

Scripture - Fred Broach

Acts 4:32-34

Sermon: All the Believers

Speaker: Richard May

263 I Am Coming Lord

Shepherd's Prayer - Mel Schaefer

28(S) My Eyes Are Dry

Announcements - Gene Newberry

738 We Will Glorify The King of Kings

Closing Prayer - Danny Davis

Sunday P.M.

8th Sunday Singing

Nursery Attendants

Communion to the Shut-ins

Bill Graham

Worship AM

Amy Kantsperger

Shelly Hudson

Donna Johnson

Visitation Group #3 meets

today

Worship PM

Lisa Hudson

Shirley Kelly

PEAK

March 7th