



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Life in A Monastery?

“What would happen to your life if you lived in close geographical community and relationship with other people; if you lived in submission to authority; if you practiced silence and simplicity and discipline; if you regularly read the Bible and prayed and meditated on what you read; if you made study part of your life; and if you worked hard in some daily occupation, seeing your labor as full of dignity and offering it to God?”

That’s a great question! Kevin Miller asked that question on a blog hosted by *Christianity Today* in July 2006 (“Out of Ur”). Where would you experience a life like that? The most obvious answer that question is, “In a monastery.” The monastic life is the 24/7 experience of the life Miller pictures in his enquiry. But is a 24/7 experience of that kind of life what God wants from me? From us?

The first believers in Jesus knew what it was to live close to other believers, geographically and in relationship. They understood the importance of holding to the apostles teaching. They had a disciplined lifestyle and simple ways of living with each

other. They listened to the scriptures regularly, and their prayers revealed their meditation on the spiritual. They saw their lives, even in the fear of a persecution-driven scattering, as living sacrifices to God. They submitted happily to his will.

They did all that, and they impacted their community powerfully. They didn’t grow because they neglected removed themselves from the culture. They took time for a monastic experience, and then they lived in faith among their peers. They turned the world upside down.

Personal growth can certainly be accomplished behind closed doors with others. Personal growth, however, is just part of what we are about. We are supposed to “be prepared for works of service.” Are you unbalanced? Do you neglect study for the sake of service? Have you studied so much, you are of no earthly good? Get strong and go change the world. That’s Life at Work!

Richard

Dear Church Family: Our words of thanks is small for the kindness and caring each has shown in cards, calls, visits and most of all PRAYERS.....so muchly needed as we struggle with our trials for my dad, Tom Heldreth, and my newly found health problems. As I struggle to regain my health, please keep praying for us. We have wonderful friends in all of you. We appreciate all of your thoughtfulness. Teresa Harris

Thank you all for the prayers, concerns, and the generous gift. They are all very much appreciated. In the face of such loss, we have truly been blessed by seeing how the Lord provides in His loving and caring ways. Again, thank you for reaching out to our family and helping us during this time. It is great to see God’s hand extended through each of yours. In Christian Love, The Peltier Family (lost home in fire)

My last treatment of this second series was given on Monday, February 5. This is the last to be taken before being totally reevaluated by multiple scans, and other testing procedures, which will be about March 18 to March 20, in order to evaluate just how successful the treatments have been in controlling the pancreas cancer. This evaluation will occur in four more weeks, which seems like an eternity; however, patience is a virtue and some things just can not be rushed. The past five weeks have been rather tough on my system, but your fine prayers have pulled me through the entire ordeal and I might add, bolstered my desire to fight on the best that I can. Each and every prayer for me and or others is truly a definite blessing, and I beg of you to continue as in the past praying for all of us with physical problems. When all the tests are completed, I shall certainly give you all the news that I can, concerning my progress. In Christian love, Dan and Georgia Reiter (David’s parents)

Today
Ladies Unity Group Meeting
LTC
E/D/P Meeting

Monday
Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday
Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday
Sonshine Stitches

Friday
Junior Senior Lunch

Saturday
Couple’s Retreat Reunion

Address Change - Jaman and Vanessa Martin, 718 N. Ludy Way, Mustang, OK 73064, 250-6536.

Congratulations to Joe and Joy Wallace on the birth of a new granddaughter. Kate Olivia was born last Sunday to Brad and Wendy and weighed 5 pounds, 3 ozs.

Sympathy to Leroy and Virginia Battles on the passing of their brother in law, Vivian Baer. Services were in Wichita, KS

Sympathy to Don Hoggatt on the passing of his aunt Rosemary Little. He has lost two aunts in the last week.

Prayer Requests



Tim Eades is still having trouble with irregular heart beats and hasn't been able to go back to work yet.

Alicia Hanes, daughter of Mel and Debbie Warden, received her test results and there was no cancer.

Teresa Harris had successful surgery. They did not find cancer. She is out of the hospital and staying at her mother's house.

Hershell Heath, the father of Lorie Mulkey, is doing better and has been placed on Hospice care.

Alfred McClenon, friend of Jim Terrell, requests prayers of the church. He is very ill and unable to work at this time.

Flossie Norwood, the mother of Carolan Bledsoe, has a cancerous tumor in her stomach. The doctors give her several weeks to live.

Jean Orr, the mother of Staci Bond, is home from the hospital in Lawton. She had suffered with seizures and pneumonia.

Esther Smith, the sister in law of Loy and Elaine, had a stroke and is in St. Anthony hospital and will start rehab soon.

Jack Womack had a normal CT Scan but other tests show cancer. More testing is needed to determine the location of the cancer.

Please continue to pray for: **David Arrington** (Judy Scroggins' father~leukemia), **Juanita Bennett** (Dorine Watson's daughter~amputated leg), **Chuck Bledsoe**, **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Sharron Davidson**, **Bobbie Day** (Nina Moate's sister), **Merv Deason**, **Wanelda Folks**, **Debbie Gaston** (Janie Eades' daughter~hit by car), **Benjamin Gatewood** (baby of friends of Daugherty's~birth defect), **David Goff** (b-i-l of Perry's~stroke), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Jake McCathern** (Stump's grandson~heart defect), **JR and Kristi McComas and twins** (born premature ~ Keith & Kathy Kuhlman's cousins), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Donna Nance** (friend of the Wooldridge's~nerve disease), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry** (back surgery March 13th), **Jo Pugh** (sister of Janie Eades~stroke), **Rick Riebe**, **Mike Ritchie**, **Savannah Salas**, **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** (Bruce & Betty's son), **Dean Hill**, **Jim Linam** (undergoing chemo), **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), **Modell Whitely** (Janie Eade's sister)

Our Shut-ins: **Loree Sturgess**, **Gene and Neta Swinney**, **Audrey Gray**, **Dora Wood**, **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~going end of March)

Special Need ~ Tina Addington has a student named Jacob McWhirter who lost his home to a fire. If you can assist this family with clothing or items for their home, please call them personally at: Zach and Erin Deal ~ 706-0912

Jacob-6 years, Ashley-4 years and Erin is expecting in April. If you would like to help financially, please make your check out to the church and give to David Reiter or Rick Willingham.

Not So Funny

A husband and wife came for counseling after 15 years of marriage. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a passionate, painful tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the 15 years they had been married. She went on and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of un-met needs she had endured over the course of their marriage. Finally, after allowing this to go on for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking the wife to stand, embraced and kissed her passionately. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do this?" The husband thought for a moment and replied, "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish."

When we read this email, we both laughed at the lesson of miscommunication. There is nothing funny about it, though, when you've been the victim of infidelity in your marriage. Are there some people who would give away their spouses so easily? Recently we were enlightened through an AACC Marriage Works course we are studying about the profusion of marriages damaged by infidelity. David Carder reports in his video *The Affair: Getting Beyond Marital Betrayal* that **40% of Christian marriages** report a sexual infidelity in the first 20 years. He adds that the actual occurrences are considered to be somewhat higher. How sad that Satan has such success even in Christian homes.

NBC's *Today Show* had a three day series concerning the state of marriage in our country. If the rest of the world is ready to step back to take a good look at the state of marriage, don't you think it is time for the church to take an even greater stand

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In college I was involved in a social service club. Part of our motto was "Strength through Unity..." signifying our mutual trust and

dependence on one another and even now as an alumnus of the club I know I can rely on any of the alumni for any need I may have. This unity or commonality we share comes from going to the same school, knowing some of the same people, participating in the same activities, and so on. We share some of the same aspirations, ideals, and morals, goals, all of which help us to be like-minded and unified even though we maintained our individuality. It is the same in the church. We are all related through Christ, we share the same distinguishing factors such as ideals of faithful living, aspirations of heaven and seeing Jesus some day all the while remaining unique and individual as God created us. If any of us stand alone we are easily overtaken or may even break under the pressure that surrounds us. "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4.12) So

throw each other a rope, stand together and have strength through unity.

Josh
Announcements

SNL today @ Watson's - 6:30

Guys bring chips/pretzels; Girls bring brownies/cookies (or other sweets)

Next Sunday (March 4) AWTG in Shawnee. Bus leaves @ 4:07 PM

Not So Funny (continued from page two)

on marriage! We need to be proactive "Marriage Keepers," focusing first on our own marriages and then influencing others positively! What will you do this week to insure that you are guarding your marriage? How are you going to encourage those around you to do the same?

If we can help, please contact us. We are here for you, because we care!

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



Are You Conformed, Reformed, Or Transformed? (3 of 3)

Moses is a great example of three developmental stages. While in Egypt, Moses lived a life of conformity. He was raised to be royalty and knew the power of Egypt. He even misused his power to kill an Egyptian overseer.

Next, he spent forty years reforming. He lived in the wilderness, tending his father-in-law's sheep. No longer the powerful one, he learned meekness and did new things.

Then, he received his call from God. He challenged Moses to lead his people out of their Egyptian nightmare. Moses was now transformed into something greater than he ever had imagined himself to be. He had encountered God - on God's terms and it completely changed his life.

What about us? Conformity is the easy way. It requires no dreaming, no thinking, no effort, just "status quo." Reformation requires more. It is changing outward behavior. It requires some effort and thought. There is, a more excellent way.

Transformation occurs when we come into the presence of God and allow him to change who we are, not just what we do. When we are transformed we are different inside-out. Is God transforming us by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12.1-2)?

Perry Greene

Ministry Spotlight

Adult Education

As a church, we spend a great deal of time and energy focusing on our children at their various developmental stages. This is right and good. However, it is also important that adults continue their spiritual development as well.

Have you ever thought about how Jesus prioritized his time? He spent the majority of it with adults. Surely from time to time he played games and laughed with the children. It seems though that he focused on adults in his teaching.

While it may be necessary to sacrifice for children, we must not forget about adults. Our Adult Education Ministry is tasked with assisting adults in their spiritual development. Part of that comes through having quality classes and study opportunities.

Glen Davis is the Deacon in charge of the Adult Education Ministry. Barry Stump is his supporting Elder. These men, as well as all of the adult teachers, have a great responsibility to ensure quality scriptural teaching for adult spiritual development.

The What God Has Joined (WGHJ) class for the Spring quarter is especially for couples who have been married for 5 years or less. We will focus in a positive way on the issues couples face in these first formative years of marriage. Space is limited, but there is still room. See Richard or JeannaLynn or call the office to reserve your spot!



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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: 326
A.M. Worship: 540
P.M. Worship: 228
Wednesday: 249
Daily Bible Readers: 82
Present Membership: 604

Contribution

Last Week: \$13,613
Budget Requires: \$15,000
Over Budget: \$5,292

Family Matters



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.

Spring Family Campout

Great Salt Plains State Park
June 1-3, 2007

There will be a **Spring Family Campout Meeting this morning after services in the Parlor**. All campers need to attend this meeting. We would like to reserve the entire campsite, so we need a headcount/trailer site count for reservations. If you have any questions, please see Tracy or Diane Watson.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found and dishes. There are many items to be picked up. We will be cleaning it out after Sunday, March 11th.

Christian Services of Oklahoma

We need volunteers to sign up on the Ladies Bulletin board to provide the following for CSO. Spaghetti and Meatballs, Poppysseed Chicken Casserole, Angel Food Cake with white icing and White Chocolate Macadamia Cookies. Items need to be to the building by Tuesday, March 13th.

The Pantry Item for the Spring quarter is Toilet Tissue. Please place in basket in foyer.

Couples Retreat

The 2006 Couple's Retreat Reunion Dinner is Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP and turn in money to Jeanna Lynn today.

Junior Senior Lunches

Yea! Junior Senior Lunches
begin March 2nd!

The following donations are needed:
Coke, Dr. Pepper, Velveeta Mac & Cheese.

If you would like to donate money to defray the added cost, please see Karla Stockton.

URGENT

Teachers and Assistants are needed for the following classes that begin Sunday, March 4th.....

Sunday	Wednesday
2 year olds	3 year olds
4 year olds	3rd Grade
1st Grade	

If you can help in PreSchool classes, please see Cindi Stump and if you can help in 1st-6th Grade, please see Kevin Pershall today.

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

LTC News

LTC Money is Due ~ \$25 per person (make checks out to the church)

Please give your money to Kelly or Cristi Killian. **They will be in the foyer after services.**

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Class (*Our Father in Heaven, Teach Us to Pray*) will be studying Lesson 11, *Deliver Us*, on Tuesday, February 27, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Vicky Sterling's home. (1424 Springcreek Drive)

Ladies Retreat

Mark your calendars now for this Year's Ladies' Retreat May 4-5. Sign ups will begin next Sunday. Stay tuned for more details.

Guidelines for Field Use

For those using or planning to use the church fields for sporting activities, the Field Use Calendar, Rules and Guidelines have been updated.

Before scheduling the fields you must come into the church office, pick-up and read the updated rules, then fill-out and sign the release form. A current signed release form with contact information must be on file in order to utilize the fields.

Several areas have been designated that are appropriate for soccer or football as well as T-ball practices. There is plenty of room for everyone to share.

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 25, 2007

Song Leader - Glen Davis

982 We Shall Assemble

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-2

810 Jesus Loves Me

859 He Paid a Debt

Opening Prayer - Alex Latorre

950 Lamb of God

Communion Prayers - Mack Booker

The Lord's Supper

975 Thank You, Lord!

Contribution Prayer - Don Taylor

36 Amazing Grace

Scripture - Brenden Easter

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon: "Amazing Grace"

Speaker: Perry Greene

447 Near to the Heart of God

Shepherd's Prayer - Barry Stump

929 Glorify Your Name

Announcements - Marvin Keele

970 Step by Step

Closing Prayer - Mike Morris

Sunday P.M.

Scripture - Daniel 1:17-21

Sermon - "Decision-Making"

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM

Alecha Martin

Kenzi Martin

Renee Middleton

Worship PM

Karel Mitchell

Kelly Rippetoe

Communion to the Shut-ins

Joe Stockton

Visitation Group #1 meets today

PEAK

March 7th

SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE (March-May 2007)

SUNDAY

Topic: I & II Timothy

Auditorium	Adults	Gene Newberry/Neil Cosgrove
42/43	Empty Nesters	Richard May/Marvin Keele
Parlor North	Parents of Teens	Perry Greene/Glen Davis
48/49	Parents of PreSchool-6th	Barry Stump/Joe Wallace
32 Conference Room	Young Adults/Married or Single	Walt McGaugh/Nathan Hudson
Library	College Age	Lynn Groves

These classes are prepared for specific age groups, but you are welcome to attend the class of your choice.

WEDNESDAY

Auditorium	Adult	Apostasy From 2 nd Century to Present	Andy Langham/Paul Trammel
48	Women	Topical Studies	Peggy Hudson
42/43	Adult	From the Upper Room to the Empty Tomb	Perry Greene
Conference Rm	Men	Being a Better Christian Father	Richmond Logan/Barry Stump
47	Adult	World Bible School	Lloyd Stephens
49	Mothers of Teens	Topical Studies	Sherri Marcotte