



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

“If God is for us, who can be against us” (Romans 8:31)? It is a rhetorical question in its context, so when Paul answers it, he does so to underscore the truth. If God is on your side, no enemy can defeat you!

Joshua knew that at Jericho! David knew it as he selected his stones for the battle! Gideon knew it as he watched the Midianites scamper! Elisha’s servant knew it when his eyes were opened to see the chariots of fire! Hezekiah knew it when Sennacherib’s army died overnight!

Paul wants the readers of Romans to know that the greatest enemy we ever faced – sin with its consequences – has been overcome in us by the power of God! “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us” (Romans 8:33-34). If God has defeated sin in you, let the devil try whatever he wants to try! He can’t accuse or condemn us! God is greater!

The third question and answer of Paul is about the love of Christ. Who can separate the saved from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord! The kinds of event that make us wonder about God’s love in our lives are trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword! Paul makes the point that God’s people have always faced these kinds of difficulties by quoting the Psalmist, “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” In this context, though, Paul refuses to leave us in the slaughterhouse! God’s people may constantly face difficulties, but we are not weak or cowardly!

“No, we are more than conquerors! Don’t think that difficulties make the Christians losers! God has blown the enemy away! And God is on our side!

If God can defeat the worst enemy you’ve ever had, will you allow any present sufferings make you feel like a loser? That’s ridiculous, isn’t it? If God is for us, who can be against us?

That’s Life at Work!



Today

LTC

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday

Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study
CSO items due

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Junior Senior Lunch

Spring Break - March 19-24



Identified Greg & Melanie Welch, 1016 Tea Rose Drive, Yukon, OK 73099 664-5497

Thank You

Dear Church Family: We are so grateful for the love and care shown to us during and following my surgery. Thanks so much for the calls, cards, visits and the delicious food. We feel so blessed to be a part of the South Yukon congregation.

Love, Rick and Fran Riebe



2007 Ladies Retreat

May 4 - 5

Sign-up Today!

See Ladies Bulletin Board for Sign-up and Details.

Prayer Requests



Russ Corbin, the cousin of Lesa Shriver, had a stint put in his heart and surgery went well.

Ross Driskill, the father of Philip, has a mass on his brain and congestive heart failure and has been put on Hospice care.

Mandy McConnell, Teresa Harris' niece, has an ovarian cyst and will have surgery.

Josie Mitchell, a friend of Teresa Harris, is in Deaconess hospital with kidney failure.

Amy Neifert, Teresa Harris' friend's daughter in law, has ovarian cancer.

Jon Perry will have back surgery Friday at 7:30am at the Oklahoma Spine Hospital.

Tom Routh, Teresa Harris' brother in law, is having surgery to install a morphine pump in his back for severe pain.

Karla Shrier, Teresa Harris' daughter, is having family problems and will be moving back to OK from TX with her children Brooke and Trevor Eilenberger.

Loy Smith will have hip replacement surgery Tuesday at 10:30am at Baptist hospital.

Gladys Thompson, the mother of Mike, had a pretty bad stroke. She is in the hospital in Lawton. Also pray for Mike and Kay as they will be making some difficult decisions in the days to come.

Jack Womack is still having tests run concerning 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**, **Tim Eades** (heart), **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), **Teresa Harris**, **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Jake McCathern** (Stump's grandson~heart defect), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Bonnie Montgomery** (James' mother~stroke), **Donna Nance** (friend of the Wooldridge's~nerve disease), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jo Pugh** (sister of Janie Eades~stroke), **Mike Ritchie**, **Savannah Salas**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Victor Segui** (neighbor of Reiter's aneurism & stroke), **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** (had last chemo), **Joy Lindsey** (Sarah Kennett's s-i-l), **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Flossie Norwood** (Carolann Bledsoe's mother), **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**, **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: **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Don and Veda Morris**, **Tom Heldreth**, **Jayne Hardy**.

Expectant Mothers: **Becky Schrock**, **Amy Kantsperger**, **Sara Clark**, **Sandi Doyel**

Activated Military Personnel: **Larry Wyatt, II** (father of a patient of Stuart Stephens), **Josh Sisson**, (nephew of Emma Logsdon~going end of March)

Our Sympathy to Mel & Doris Schaefer and family on the passing of Doris' mother Dora Wood. Her services were Thursday.

Our Sympathy to the family of Laura Ethridge on her passing. Her services were yesterday. Daughters: Shelly Vang, 1208 Kings Way, Yukon, OK 73099, 350-7354
Susan Payne, 610 W. 17th, Pueblo, CO 81003, 719-671-0136

The Litmus Test

A litmus test is any kind of social indicator used to classify someone or something either favorably or unfavorably. How would your marriage be classified?

Would your family and friends classify your marriage as healthy and godly?

Do you speak to each other in a way that builds up or tears down (Eph. 4:29)? Are you listening to each other - really listening (James 1:19-20)? Are you resolving conflict or avoiding it (Eph. 4:32-33)? Are you guarding your marriage and heart (Prov. 4:13, 23)? Are you being a light to the world (Matt 5:14)? Do others look at your marriage and want what you have? Are people drawn closer to God because of your marriage? Do you encourage each other to personally grow closer to God because of the way you honor your covenant marriage vows. Do you call each other to be better people (1 Cor. 13:6)?

You can, you know!! Be better people, draw closer to God, be evangelistic, and offer hope and encouragement to your family and friends through your marriage!

So, here's your litmus test: Do you feel confident enough to speak out for the covenant nature of marriage? In other words, when others speak disparagingly about their spouse or marriage - do you agree, join in, remain silent, or change the subject, because of the state of your own marriage? Or, do you confidently speak out; and in doing so allow people to see your marriage in a positive light.

If you do not sense godliness in your own marriage you will not have a passion to tell others about God's plan and purpose for marriage! We want to encourage you to **Pursue the Dream** to have a godly marriage. Dr. Gary and Barb Rosberg in their book *Divorce-Proof Your Marriage* identify 5 Keys to Nurture Renewing Love: 1) Decide to Pursue the Dream, 2) Commit to Christ, 3) Enter Your Spouse's World, 4) Keep Cheering each other on, and 5) Commit to Keeping your Covenant.

In pursuing the dream we commit to "having a marriage in which husband and wife are diligent to forgive each other; meet each

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The best part of skiing is standing at the top of the mountain just before blazing back down; the best part of hiking is standing at the peak

and knowing you've really accomplished something; the best views come from standing on a peak in order to see 360 degrees of scenery around you; (and for you business minded peeps) the best part of almost any line graph are the peaks, the time of high yield or of plenty. We have all had different types of mountain-top or peak experiences and what makes the peak so great is the journey to get there. There are usually obstacles to overcome and navigate but the more difficult the path is the more rewarding the peak will be. In our spiritual lives, if we are walking "the straight and narrow" eventually there will be something in our way; a hurdle, an obstacle, maybe even a mountain. The easiest thing to do is to go around all these things – when water flows down a mountain it takes the easiest route. That just means more turns, further distances, and sometimes it takes a fall or two. The straight and narrow may be more difficult in the short run but it's direct and the reward is unmatched. The highest peak of all and the one that we'll never come down from is heaven. I'm excited to get there because the path is freckled with all sorts of obstacles but also all sorts of lower peaks – small victories along the way; and just like

the greatest mountains, the more difficult the path, the more rewarding the peak.

See you at the PEAK!

Josh

Announcements

Sunday, March 25 – SNL @ the Newberry's – 6:30 Mexican Theme (complete with piñata) muchachos bring desserts, muchachas bring beverages.

Saturday, March 31 – Altus Youth Rally (7th-12th grade) – "A Youth Rally like you've never experienced before!" Bus will leave at 10:02 AM.

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other's needs; conquer difficulties together; guard each other from threats and temptations; enjoy ongoing emotional, physical, and spiritual closeness; and commit to keeping the marriage fresh and alive."

God has a dream for your marriage! Are you working to making it what it can be? Have you taken the litmus test? Were you please with you answer? If not, what will you do? If the answer is yes, what are you doing to influence people around you for good? If we can encourage, help or serve you in any way, please let us know. Why? Because we care about your marriage!!

Richard & Jeanna Lynn

Perry's Scope

The Apprentice

Apprentice is another word for *disciple*. As disciples (or apprentices of Jesus) we have many aspects to our lives. The following story which helps me see that there is more to being a Christian than externals.

"A young man was apprenticed to a master artist who produced the most beautiful stained glass windows anywhere. The apprentice could not approach the master's genius, so he borrowed his master's tools, thinking that was the answer. After several weeks, the young man said to his teacher, 'I'm not doing any better with your tools than I did with mine.'

The teacher replied, "Son, it's not the tools of the master you need, but the *spirit* of the master." The Holy Spirit works constantly with our spirit to transform our lives into something beautiful – the image of Christ himself!

Perry Greene



You have an opportunity to help with this year's AIM students as they travel back to Sunset in Lubbock. The group will be visiting several congregations on the way to the Tulsa workshop and then stopping in Yukon for the evening on Sunday, March 25. Pat has requested to give our Sunday p.m. lesson. You might remember a couple of years ago when the AIM students made their flag presentation to our congregation. We need to plan on housing 55 of the AIM class. We will need to host a fellowship after Sunday night services to feed this group. Please let us know how many of young men or young ladies you will be able to house over night. There is also a signup list posted by the office. Please email or telephone me with any questions.

For the Missions Committee,
Rod Sheaffer



Finance

Every organization at some point needs to deal with finances. Even Jesus and the twelve had a treasurer (John 12.6). While "making money" is not our purpose, we do need honest, dependable individuals to help us be responsible stewards of the contributions we receive. This involves accurate record keeping of contributions as well as how we distribute those funds. It includes budgeting monies to the various Ministries so that each can perform their tasks.

Because of the congregation's heart, we have been entrusted with a generous amount of money that we are to use in spreading the good news throughout the world. We are grateful to Dennis Mitchell and Kyle Reuter for serving as Deacons in the Finance Ministry and taking care of this important task. We are also thankful for Ken Davidson's support as an elder.



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Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Germany

Clint & April Everhart

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Marco Poma and Luis
Andrango

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 414
A.M. Worship: 582
P.M. Worship: 227
Wednesday: 312
Daily Bible Readers: 85
Present Membership: 607

Contribution

Last Week: \$16,258
Budget Requires: \$15,000
Over Budget: \$7,990

Family Matters



Spring Family Campout

Great Salt Plains State Park, June 1-3, 2007
For details, or 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 **TODAY**.

Christian Services of Oklahoma

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

Yea! Junior Senior Lunches are back!

The following items are needed: Coke, Dr.
Pepper, Sprite, Velveeta Mac & Cheese. If
you would like to donate money to defray
the added cost, please see Karla Stockton.

Men's Bible Study

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study meets
each Monday in the Conference Room from
6:45-7:15. All Men are welcome.

Ladies Dinner with the Elders

Save the date! March 29, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall. Make your reserva-
tion now by signing up! Cost is \$5, pay at
the door.

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.

URGENT

A teachers is urgently needed for
the 2 year old class.

If you can help please see Cindi
Stump or Kevin Pershall **today**.

LTC Practice - TODAY, We will per-
form for the congregation on April 1st and
go to LTC on Friday, April 6th.

**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 study-
ing Lesson 13, *Ask, Seek, Knock*, on Tuesday,
March 13, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Vicky
Sterling's home. (1424 Springcreek Drive)

The CSO Pantry Item for the Spring quar-
ter is Toilet Tissue. Please place in basket in
foyer.

College Careboxes

In April we will be putting together care
boxes for our college students in state and
out-of-state.

We are updating our "college student list".
If you are new to the congregation and have
a college student, have a freshman student,
or if an address has changed, please call the
office with the info.

We don't want to miss anyone!

Relay For Life Family Event Outreach

Mark your calendar for June 22.

Theme: Be A Super Hero

Survivor Dinner will be at our church on June
19th. We need relayers (walkers) all hours,
8pm to 5am, helpers to set up and take down
tent, volunteers for the survivor dinner. Sign
up to be a fundraiser. Questions? Call Patty
Booker 354-3651 or Linda Perry 354-5236.