



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

Jesus isn't done yet! Acts begins with his ascension to the right hand of God and his promise that he will come back in the same way that the apostles saw him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). As the followers of Jesus told the good news, they spoke about his return with anticipation. When Peter told Cornelius about Jesus and Paul told the Athenians the good news, they spoke about Jesus as the judge who would judge the living and the dead. They knew he would come back!

It is significant, and I believe a reflection of the kind of teaching the early Christians got from the apostles, that the coming of Jesus was not a primary theme of the prayers of the church in Acts. That's not to say that words about the second coming are absent, they just aren't prominent.

The early church prayed for help from heaven for the things that they needed to accomplish in this world for God. They knew that they didn't become Christians just to hope and wait for the return of the Son of God. They

had a mission to spread the news, and they asked God persistently for power to spread it.

We have work to finish in our world. There are words to say, people to reach, souls to save. There is love to show, joy to offer, and peace to give. Pray for power to help you and the South Yukon Church accomplish our work. That's Life at Work!

Be sure to pray this week for the young people who are getting equipped for the work of God by training through Leadership Training for Christ. Friday and Saturday we will be in Tulsa where a great group of young people from the church will display their talents, and be encouraged by others doing the same thing. This weekend is the culmination of a year full of work, but it is only the beginning of a life-time of service to God.

Thank you, young people and adult volunteers, for your efforts at Leadership Training for Christ. Your entire church will be praying for you this weekend, and we are proud of you!

## Calendar

**Today**  
Ladies Unity Team  
LTC Performances  
Lanier Baby Shower

**Monday**  
Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday**  
Funtimers lunch meeting and service project  
Autism Support Group

**Wednesday**  
PEAK  
KFC Egg Hunt  
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Sonshine Stitches

**Friday**  
Jr/Sr Lunch  
LTC

**Saturday**  
LTC



## 2007 Ladies Retreat May 4 - 5

### "Attention Beautiful Christian Sisters"

The deadline, Wednesday, April 11th, to sign up for the Ladies' Retreat is drawing close. Believe us when we say this is a weekend you don't want to miss.

*The weekend includes:*

- ~ 3 course dinner on Friday evening
- ~ Breakfast on the terrace Saturday morning
- ~ Comfy, relaxing hotel rooms
- ~ Hospitality Snack Room for all your craving needs
- ~ The uplifting, witty Sharon Ackerman who will speak on the amazing gift God has given us in each other.
- ~ Spa amenities including sauna, indoor pool, and a well deserved shoulder massage upon arrival.
- ~ Plus: A most needed bonding time with your sister in Christ!!
- ~ We can't give it all away, just trust us, you definitely need to be there.

**Ladies Retreat Info**  
The Ladies Retreat Gift committee is asking for donated items for the retreat. Items such as Bath & Body gift certificates, Starbucks, Sonic Gift cards or you can donate money. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please see Irma Bartodej, Vanessa Smith, Eugenia Harrison or Robin Pershall.

There will be a short meeting for the Ladies Retreat Entertainment Committee, or anyone interested in helping, this morning after services in the Library.

# Prayer Requests

**Naomi Henderson**, the sister of Evalena Ballard, remains in the Norman Hospital.

**Dee McDaniel**, the sister to Tom Routh which is Teresa Harris' brother in law, is having heart problems and trying to adjust medication for her.

**Tim Mize**, had an Arteriogram and it showed blockage. He will be treated with meds.

**Jennifer Nichols** has a 2 year old family member who has leukemia and is in Children's Hospital.

**Flossie Norwood**, the mother of Carolan Bledsoe, is very weak and on Hospice care.

**Ettamae Runnells**, sister of Bette Sharp, was scheduled for a biopsy but is has been postponed.

**Earline Shriver**, Gary's mother is in room 737 at Baptist hospital.

**Neta Swinney** is now at home.

**Paul Trammel** fell and broke his nose and has some other facial injuries.

**Coy Wallace**, the mother of Joe, is still having some problems and they request prayers.

**Please continue to pray for:** **David Arrington** (Judy Scroggins friends father~blood disease), **Juanita Bennett** (Dorine Watson's daughter~amputated leg), **Chuck Bledsoe**, **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **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 Daughterity'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), **Josie Mitchell** (Teresa Harris' friend~kidney failure), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Bonnie Montgomery** (James' mother~stroke), **Donna Nance** (friend of the Wooldridge's~nerve disease), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry** (back surgery), **Jo Pugh** (sister of Janie Eades~stroke), **Mike Ritchie**, **Savannah Salas**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Victor Segui** (neighbor of Reiter's aneurism & stroke), **Loy Smith** (hip replacement), **Gladys Thompson** (Mike's mother~stroke), **Mel & Debbie Warden**, **Pansy Wilson**, **Jack Womack**, **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), **Erin Diehm** (niece of the Battles~Lymphoma~777 Morton St., Apt B, San Francisco, CA 94129), **Larry Fiscus** (friend of the Killian's), **Stefanie Grantello** (started chemo), **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), **Dan Reiter** (David's dad), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of Alan and Linda Bratcher), **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**, **Ross Driskill** (Philip's dad), **John Heimke** (Irby's s-i-l~cancer).

**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)

**Our sympathy to Paul Trammel and family** on the passing of his brother John. His services were Saturday in Missouri.

**Our sympathy to Richard Sprague** (a former member) and family on the passing of his wife Stephanie. Services were last Thursday.



## Time out for God

"Time Out!" What comes to mind when you hear that phrase? Stop! Take a break! Rest! Regroup! Halt all activity! We hear it when a child is acting out and needs to be removed from an activity. We hear it at sports events. Did you know that we also hear it from God? "**Be Still** (time-out) and know that I am God" (Pslm 46:10). "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to **Be Still** (Time-out)" (Ex 14:14). "**Be Still** (time-out) before the LORD and wait patiently for him..." (Pslm 37:77).

We have the ability to really mess things up when we try to succeed without God, especially in our marriages. Yet, for some reason we leave God at the altar, and then only cry out or turn to Him for help when the storms of life are beating us down.

Why not take a "time-out" everyday as a couple to **Be Still** - to stop, take a break, rest, regroup, halt all activity, remove yourselves from the stressful world; and give your marriage and yourselves to God, allowing him to fight for you?

Often, when struggles arise in marriages, the first public indication is that the couple stops attending worship together. Or, where there have been daily devotionals, they come to a halt. We cut God out of our lives, and then blame him for not fixing us and making everything right. We get angry at God and blame him for allowing the bitterness, anger, rage, and in some cases, destruction. We get angry at him even though we are the ones who turned away.

When we commit to having a God-centered marriage, we will "be still," taking a daily time-out to allow God to move in your marriage. When we strive to daily give honor to God through our marriages, and create a relationship that mirrors our relationship with God; then we live according to His will. Then, when the going gets tough, we won't turn away. We will tighten our grips on God and **Be Still** to let him work on us!

*"He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy"* (Pslm 107:20-22).

Be still and allow God to bring this healing to your marriage, and then you can sing songs of joy.

*Richard and Jeanna Lynn*



There is a lot of hype out now about the ancient Spartans. The Grecian city-state was made up of citizen soldiers who lived and died for the state.

Boys were expected to be warriors and began training from a very young age. The boys were encouraged to be tough and to know the Spartan way of warfare by looking after and fighting for the brother on either side and know that they are looking after and fighting for him. And don't think that just because the women didn't go to war that they were not tough too. If a man wanted to take a wife all he had to do was physically take a woman home with him, however, if the woman did not like the way he looked she could fight back, and if she beat him, she didn't have to marry him – most Spartan women married who they chose (if you know what I mean).

The Spartans were very strong because they stood together. Every warrior stood side by side interlocked by their shields like a giant human jigsaw puzzle and moved as one. They had one objective, one direction, one mind. The fiercest army is one that is totally unified – there is no weak spot to prey on.

That's what makes the church such a contender and why even the devil himself is scared of us. We've been well-trained in bible classes and personal study, we have one objective, one direction, and we all serve the

one, Jesus Christ. That is what unifies us; that is what makes us strong. And when we are interlocked with one another and become involved in the cause there is not much that can shake us but when we come under attack we know that our brothers and sisters beside us are fighting for us as well.

Don't be the weak link, stand with each other, be involved in one another's lives and be a part of the greatest army ever assembled; the army of God!

*Josh*

### Announcements

LTC performance day for the church

Don't forget about PEAK this Wednesday

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Rally April 14<sup>th</sup> at Southwest Church of Christ in Ada

Spring Retreat April 27 & 28

### Change of Address

**Cutberto and Rhonda Salas**  
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## Keep The Light Burning!

### Jesus: God's Connection to Man

I love stories about Sam Walton. I appreciate his humility in the sight of his enormous wealth. In the mid-90's he was named one of the richest men in America. However, you would never have realized that he was wealthy unless you knew who he was. He drove an old pickup truck — just like “real people.”

Once someone asked him why he did not drive a Rolls Royce. He replied, “Where would I put my dogs?” His success came in part because he connected to the common man.

Think about Jesus coming to the world. Unless people knew him, they would not have been able to tell who he was just by looking. However, his goal was to connect with the common man.

This is why the Lord of the Universe came as a baby in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. This is why the King of Kings lived a no frills life as a carpenter and a rabbi.

He did not do it for fame. He did not do it for money. He did it to regain what was lost - a wonder-filled relationship with us.

*Perry Greene*



## Missions Ministry

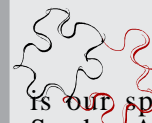
God has given us our mission in Matthew 28.18-20 and other passages. He intends to impact the world and he intends to use his people to do it. Our Missions Ministry takes this task very seriously. Tim Hartman is the Deacon over this task and Ken Davidson is his supporting Shepherd.

The Ministry is involved in regularly contacting and encouraging our Missionaries. It makes monthly congregational updates of each Mission Point and establishes an annual week of prayer for our Missionaries.

Our current Missionaries and Mission Points are:

AIM – Pat & Melissa Sheaffer; Ecuador – Julio Perez, Marco Poma, Luis Andrange; Fishers of Men – Darrell & Jean O'Rourke; Chemitz, Germany – Clint and April Everhart; New Zealand – Leon & Jennifer O'Flynn; Search TV – Mack Lyon; South Africa – Al & Donna Horne; Malawi, SA – Austin Chitsukwa; Thailand – Kim & Rebecca Voraitkul

## Connecting through Discipleship...



is our special emphasis for Sunday, April 29. The day will be devoted to helping each South Yukon member connect to other people and to a Ministry. The lessons in Bible Class and worship will focus on this topic. We have also planned a “Ministry Fair” and a congregational meal.



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#### Missionaries

##### Fishers of Men

Darrell & Jean O'Rourke

##### SEARCH TV

Mack Lyon

##### Adventures in Missions

Pat & Malissa Sheaffer

##### South Africa Bible School

Al & Donna Horne

##### 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: ..... 372  
A.M. Worship: ..... 546  
P.M. Worship: ..... 328  
Wednesday: ..... 273  
Daily Bible Readers: ..... 79  
Present Membership: ..... 611

##### Contribution

Last Week: ..... \$17,550  
Budget Requires: ..... \$15,000  
Over Budget: ..... \$9,365

# Family Matters



### KFC Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday at 6:15

Candy and plastic egg donations are needed for the KFC Easter Egg Hunt. There is a collection box in the foyer. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Don or Marlo Roddy.

### Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, flowers, calls and food during our time of grief. We are truly blessed to have the friends and love that is expressed by our family here at South Yukon. In Christian love, Mike Thompson & family

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ: Thank you so much for the cards, calls and visits following my recent surgery. They were very encouraging and uplifting. There is still some healing to be done, but the worst is past. In Christian love, Billy Graham

Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for all of our church family "angels", those who prayed, sent cards, sat with us through surgery, and brought food, called and visited. Everyone has been so encouraging through Jon's back surgery, Jon wonders how those who do not have this encouragement make it through difficult times. We love you all, Jon and Linda Perry

Dear Church Family, We have had an interesting 6 weeks. First, there was a trip to the ER where Libbie received stitches in her chin. Then, Micha was gone for 4 weeks of training to open up an Allstate office. After that, Jason's beloved grandfather passed away. We could not have gotten through this trying time without your visits, baby-sitting services, calls, cards, and prayers. We have never felt such an outpouring of love and support from a group of people outside of our own families. We thank God for all of you and are proud to call South Yukon our "church family". Sincerely, Jason, Micha, Hattie and Libbie Hughs

Dear Church Family, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your cards, letters, phone calls and the many, many prayers on my behalf. They worked!! The good news was received today. The 24 hour test came back negative for carcinoid cancer. The blood samples also came back negative. The other good news is the oncologist is going to have a continued follow up every six months to insure that the carcinoid cancer does not reoccur. In Christian Love, Jack Womack

LTC - We will perform for the congregation today and go to LTC Friday.

### LAST CHANCE TO TURN IN LTC MONEY! See the Killian's in the foyer.

#### Going Away Fellowship

For the Dean's and Kingsley's on Sunday, April 15th, after evening services in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Please bring sandwiches for your family plus one.

#### Memory Album

We would like to put together a memory album for the Kingsleys and the Deans. Please pick up a page on the table in the foyer for your family to decorate with pictures of your family, well wishes or however you would like to fill the page. Please return to Melissa Willingham or Vonda Stephens by Wednesday, April 11th.

### College Careboxes ~ Urgent Need

We will be assembling the "College Care" boxes on Tuesday, April 10th. If you can help by donating goodies, please sign the list on the women's bulletin board. There are 3 baskets in the foyer labeled "College Care Boxes". Please place your items in these baskets by Sunday, April 8. For more info, contact Vicky Sterling.

**Gospel Meeting** at the Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Kent Allen will be speaking April 18-22. If you are interested there is more information see the bulletin board.

### Upcoming Showers

Baby Shower, honoring Logan Lanier, son of Lance & Teri today at 2:00 in the parlor.

Wedding Shower honoring Alecha Martin and Evan Worley on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 pm in the church parlor. They are registered at Pottery Barn, Dillard's, Target and Lowe's.

**Connecting through Discipleship** "Our Involvement Sunday" is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to include a Ministry Fair as one of the day's activities. This will be a unique way for you to publicize your Ministries. Please plan on having a display and appropriate information for the "Fair."