



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Help for the Hurting

Matthew and Luke both record the healing of the servant of the centurion in Capernaum. Centurions were called centurions because of their normal command of 100 men in the Roman legion. Sometimes they didn't actually stay with their men, but were transferred to do other work while retaining the title. This centurion had a servant whom he valued highly (Luke 7:2). Peter used the same word to describe Jesus, our Living Stone, and the NIV says he is precious. If you read Matthew's account with emotion, which I recommend, you can sense the Centurion's concern, "My servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering" (8:5).

Luke tells us that some elders of the Jews had actually come to get Jesus at the request of the centurion. He had been generous in regard to the construction of the synagogue, so they wanted to help him. They believed, as they told Jesus, that he deserved to be helped. Jesus probably could have argued about that a bit, but he wasn't much for arguing when there was an opportunity to heal. Jesus went with them immediately, and as they got closer to the home of the centurion, the centurion came out himself to meet Jesus. Kind of reminds me of the father of the prodigal who seemed to be watching the road.

With all the characters in place - including the sick servant - all the attention turns to Jesus. What will he do? No one had to wait for a response. Immediately, Jesus says, "I'll heal him." No hesitation. No lessons to teach. Where there is pain, there is action. Jesus hurts for the servant and he hurts for the centurion so he does everything in his power to stop the hurt.

If we are going to be disciples of Jesus, we must learn to have a heart for the hurting like he has. Thoughts of self, expediency, suspicion, and merit will often come first

because of our sinful nature, but we must bring out the new person in Christ. Transformation doesn't happen naturally. For the new person (Christ in you) to come more quickly, you have to set your mind on things of the Spirit. Paul calls this deliberate choice a renewal of the mind (Romans 12:2).

Look around you. It doesn't matter where you are; if there are people around, there are hurting people. They may be people with whom you go to church. They may be your neighbors, coworkers, or family members. Regardless, if you reveal that you care about them, and you appear authentic, you will likely be in a position to heal. How fast can you say, "I'll heal you."

It is no good to sit up and take notice if we just keep on sitting.
Unknown

Calendar

- Sunday**
Black Mesa Bible Camp
VBS Worknight
- Monday**
Men's Bible Study
Area Wide - Moore Central
Elder's Meeting
- Tuesday**
Autism Support Group
Funtimer Lunch & Project
NAMI Support Group
- Wednesday**
PEAK Wednesday
Summer Series:
 Cross Eyed - Buster Sides
 Fireworks Fellowship after Services
- Thursday**
Sunshine Stitches

Constructing Christian Couples



Quartz Mountain Resort
September 21-23, 2007
\$200/Couple
Sign Up: July 29, 2007

Workshop

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If you would like to provide a scholarship for the retreat or if you have a donation you would like to make like gift collections or gift cards, please see Richard or JeannaLynn.

Prayer Requests



On June 28th, Marlo Thomas continued her report for NBC's Today Show on the modern marriage by interviewing a number of divorced women. There were a number of things that alarmed us, and a number of things that confirmed that what we have been hearing is true about the divorce experience and its impact.

We heard from these women that some had lost faith in marriage. Though all of them were dating (sadly all of them were sexually involved with dating partners), at least one doubted whether she would return to the altar. Her words indicated that she had not lost faith in men, but in marriage. Marriages fail with such regularity, it is natural that people would begin to believe that the concept is outdated. Yet the blame for failed marriages should not be put on the marriage. Marriages don't fail. People fail. Do you recall that Paul wrote about the need for the law of the spirit of life by concluding, "... what the (old) law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering (Romans 8:2-3). There wasn't a problem with the law, but with people who failed to keep it.

Marriage works! When our marriages mirror our relationship with God, we have hope for the future and heaven on earth right now! Sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, and orgies will wreck your relationship with your spouse and your relationship with God! The problem is not with the marriage covenant nor is it with God's covenant. The problem is with the choices of people. Change the choices and fix the problem!

Richard and Jeanna Lynn

Orpha Dean is now at home.

Larry Duff, brother-in-law of Patty Clements, has another brain tumor and will have a gamma knife treatment Tuesday at Mercy.

Larry Fiscus' cancer is growing. Please pray for him as he faces difficult decisions. (Killian's friend)

Kathy Grant has been diagnosed with a malignant melanoma. Her tests were good, the cancer has not spread. (Andy Langhams sister)

Hershel Heath, daddy of Lorie Mulkey is not doing well.

Joshua Keeper was in a major car accident. He has broken bones, ruptured spleen and had to have his aorta repaired. Also,, he had to have some surgery.. (Brenda Brazell's family member's co-worker)

Brad McKeever had knee surgery and it went well. He is now at home.

Carol Marcum has been diagnosed with Lymphoma in her right eye. She will continue to have tests.

Roy Nusbaum had hernia surgery and it went fine. He is at home..

Lesa Routh is having heart problems. (Teresa Harris' sister, Heldreth's daughter)

Leota Settlemire is in rehab in Enid. (Jeremy Finefrocks grandmother)

Gene Swinney is in St. Anthony Hospital room 3014. He is retaining fluids. No visitors at this time.

Lloyd Unsell has cancer and has started chemo. His wife Estalene is now in a nursing home. (prison minister that Betty Fleharty works with)

Emily McCoy, Dorine Watson's daughter is in Deaconess, room 219 with fluid on her lungs and an inflamed gall bladder. Also, Dorine's other daughter, **Juanita** will enter Deaconess on July 6 as they will be taking more of her leg off because there has been a problem with healing.

Melanie Welch is expecting triplets but is experiencing difficulties with the pregnancy. She is in Seattle undergoing tests.

Please continue to pray for: **David Arrington** (Judy Scroggins friends father~blood disease), **Juanita Bennett** (Dorine Watson's daughter~amputated leg), **Willadean Blehm** (Lloyd Stephens' sister), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Bobbie Day** (Nina Moate's sister), **Wanelda Folks**, **Benjamin Gatewood** (baby of friends of Daughterity's~birth defect), **David Goff** (b-i-l of Perry's~stroke), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Silvon Kinter** (Mark's father~stroke), **Liz Knight**, **Gerald Logsdon** (Gran Gran's #33), **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**, **Mike Ritchie**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Donna Sterling**, **Terry Turner** (Angie Meadows father~had a liver transplant), **Mel & Debbie Warden**, **Cecil and Pansy Wilson**, **Obed Wooldridge** (Tom's dad~had a stroke).

Cancer: **Gary Brawner** (Patrick's dad), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Chan Duel** (Micha Hughs grandfather), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Larry Fiscus** (friend of the Killian's), **Stefanie Grantello**, **Tony Hall** (Bruce & Betty's son), **Norman High** (Cathy Montgomery's dad), **Dean Hill**, **Bea Johnson**, **Jim Linam**, **Joy Lindsey** (Sarah Kennett's s-i-l), **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Vonda McPherson** (Norma Heldreth's cousin), **Dan Reiter** (David's dad), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of Alan and Linda Bratcher), **Earline Shriver** (Gary's mom), **Shelly Vang** (Laura Ethridge's daughter, 1208 Kings Way, Yukon, 350-7354).

Our Shut-ins: **Marie Cox**, **Loree Sturgess**, **Gene and Neta Swinney**, **Audrey Gray**, **Don and Veda Morris**, **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 Morris**, **Tom Heldreth**, **John Heimke** (Irby's s-i-l~cancer), **Hershel Heath** (Lorie Mulkey's dad).

Expectant Mothers: **Becky Schrock**, **Sandi Doyel**, **April Everhart**, **Brenda Thompson**, **Lana Wooldridge**, **Melanie Welch** (triplets).

Activated Military Personnel: **Josh Sisson**, (nephew of Emma Logsdon)



Congratulations and “Thank You’s” are in order to everyone who helped with last Monday’s Teen

Area Wide. What a huge success and it’s due 100% to this congregation: those who helped with registration, table/chair jockeys, Multimedia and sound technicians, set up/clean up, master cookie bakers (best I’ve ever had, by the way), beverage distribution, cookie buffet architects, and special thanks to Travis for making the building accessible by having the doors unlocked and everything ready to go. This was definitely a team effort and through everyone’s cooperation and support the area wide went ultra smoothly. The term “Supa-fly” comes to mind. Thanks for making the South Yukon Area Wide one of the top 10 Area Wides of the summer. The next area wide is July 9 in Chandler. Make plans now to attend and sign the bulletin board.

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Announcements

Black Mesa Bible Camp is this week. If you would like to send mail the address is:

Black Mesa Bible Camp

P.O. Box 34

Kenton, OK 73946

Emergency camp number is 580.261.7476 (there is no cell phone service at camp so texting will have to be done by Morse code.)

Monday, July 9 Chandler Area Wide: Meet at the building at 5 PM. Eat **before** you come or bring a sandwich to eat at the building. We will be back at South Yukon between 9:30 and 10.

July 29 – SNL with Bonny’s and Hudson’s.



Love Your Neighbor . . .

Jesus repeated the command, “love your neighbor as yourself” (see Matthew 22:37-40 cf. Leviticus 19:18). Traditionally, we say that we are to first love ourselves and then we are able to love others. While there is truth in that concept, there is more to the command.

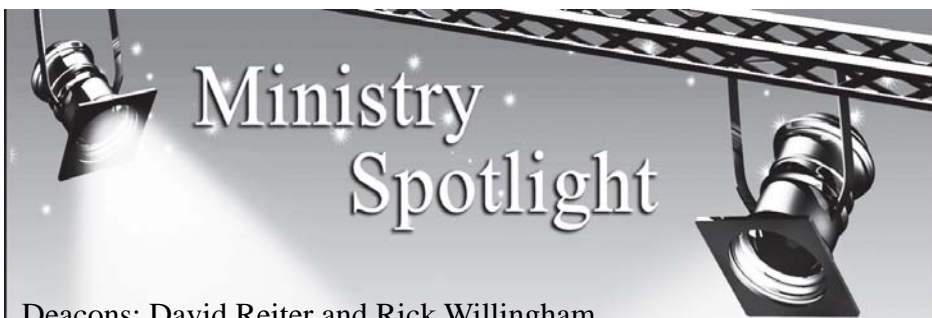
The verse could have been translated, “Love your neighbor who is like (or as) yourself.” This is a reminder of my shortcomings and desire for grace. How often do I yearn for acceptance “just as I am”? However, how willing am I accept others on the same basis?

This verse reminds me that my neighbors are just like me. They, like me, have shortcomings and inconsistencies. They have needs — just like me. I am to love them in spite of their shortcomings and when I see those shortcomings it is a reminder of the patience with which I want others to treat me.

If we love God, as we profess, the display of that love is in how we treat others. It is easy to say we love God or even people. It is another thing to put that love into action and accept people with the same kinds of imperfections we have.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Deacons: David Reiter and Rick Willingham

Shepherd: Kim Beshears

Benevolence is one of the most gratifying and challenging Ministries one can be involved in. It is a challenge to get the right resources to the right people. When you do, good is accomplished and you experience a deep sense of satisfaction.

The primary function of this Ministry is to provide immediate assistance to members and local non-members to alleviate undue hardship and suffering. This can be done through the Food Pantry and limited financial considerations. This Ministry has literally helped hundreds of people over the years. Not only have we helped the local community through this Ministry, we also provide funding and food for Children’s Homes.

One More Time! If you have not yet filled out an Involvement Form and Questionnaire, please do so **ASAP!** See Lynn Groves or Perry Greene for details.



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Leon & Jennifer O'Flynn

Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Germany

Clint & April Everhart

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Marco Poma and Luis
Andrango

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 381
A.M. Worship: 559
P.M. Worship: 244
Wednesday: NC
Daily Bible Readers: 86
Present Membership: 611

Contribution

Last Week: \$14,116
Budget Requires: \$15,000

Family Matters



Thank You

Dear Church of Christ:

Thank you so much for putting on "Church Lunch" every Friday. I loved coming every week and eating the delicious food prepared. Also, thank you for the book you gave to every senior girl. I hope to visit when I am not at college. Leslie Crissup

Thanks to all who helped with the Survivor dinner and at Relay for Life. We are so appreciative of all you do to make this the best ever Relay. If you have not participated you don't know the blessing you are missing, Love and be healthy, Linda and Patty.

Thank you so much for your support during my recent surgery. The prayers, visits, calls, cards, meals and plant have been uplifting at this time. My hip seems to be healing quickly - everyday the pain is decreasing and the strength increasing. God continues to bless us daily. In Him, Richard Nix

Ladies

The food committee is currently updating the food lists. After our congregational survey, we are going to be adding several new people to our lists. If you are currently serving on a food list, and wish to have your name removed please call Eugenia at 350-8592 by July 8th and let her know. If you are satisfied, then your name will remain on the same list. thank you for your cooperation.

Fun on the 4th of July

If you don't have plans following services on the 4th of July, plan to join us in the parking lot for hot dogs - hamburgers and fire works. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office to sign up to bring chips & dip or a dessert. Also, there will be a \$1.00 per person charge for the hot dogs and hamburgers.

LTC Service Project

Any 7th-12th grade girls who would like to participate in a cake decorating service project, please sign up on the teen bulletin board by July 8th. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall on July 10th at 10:00 am. Any questions, call Vonda.

Pantry Items Needed

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Dry Milk, 1-lb Velveeta Cheese, Cheese Whiz, Hamburger, Tuna and Chicken Helper and Cereal.

Congratulations

To proud grandparents Philip and Cindy Driskill on the birth of a granddaughter, Aidan Blythe. She was born June 6th to Dara and Ben Tinius.

Address and Phone Updates

Elizabeth Ritter: 108 S. 6th St. Yukon, Ok 73099 405-609-7468
Emily Menifee, new phone number is 474-0366.



4th of July Freedom Festival

Anyone interested in the Outreach booth at the Wednesday, July 4th Freedom Festival here in Yukon, please see Rick Marcotte after services by the sound booth. We have several times available throughout the day and evening, plus need help setting up and taking down the booth.

VBS

"May the Spirit Be With You"

Monday, July 23rd - Thursday 26th

VBS will use Star Wars costumes this year and the theme will be "May The Spirit Be With You". If you have a costume for the following, please contact Rick Marcotte at 373-3170 as soon as possible. Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo, Chewbacca, Yoda, Queen Amidala, and C3PO

Walmart type sacks are needed for VBS. There is a tub available in the foyer.

.Pre Order VBS T-Shirts today at the table in the foyer for \$5. The deadline is Sunday, July 1st. Call Kyle Reuter at 833-0108 if you have any questions