



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

This Is God's Word to Me

I believe it is important as we approach a sermon that we understand that the Word upon which that sermon is based is God's Word to us. When Jesus spoke, he wasn't offering commentary like one of the scribes; his message carries the authority of heaven. His words will judge us in the last day (John 12:47).

To stress the origin and significance of a section, Paul would sometimes write, "I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you" (1 Cor 11:23; 15:3). The Corinthians failed to recognize a message of authority when they heard it; we do that too, sometimes. While what I say in commentary on a passage is just commentary, the scripture we read is "God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17).

I talk to people all the time about scripture and their approach to it. Many in our community and in our church understand the concept of inspiration and believe the Bible is from God; yet a great number of us don't respond to the Bible as if it is the message to which we are accountable. Lots of people say the Bible is God's word and then live like it's not. Plenty of people will walk out of the auditorium, say something about the truth of the message I have preached, and leave without a bit of change. Including me. That's why I have begun to engage God's assembly in sermon time with the recitation of "This is God's Word to Me."

Recitations are nothing new to God's people. Worship in the Old and New Testament era has encourage congregational engagement through antiphony (responsive alteration between two groups – often as part of song) and litany (recitations). Psalm 136 has been used for centuries as a leader among God's people would read the first line of each verse, and the entire congregation would chant "for his love endures forever." It is an engaging and powerful reminder of how God's love is evident in creation and his daily care for his

people. Do you think that our generation needs some reminders about how the food every creature receives is evidence of God's enduring love? Seems to me, we take that for granted.

This kind of recitation is not a violation of passages about worship like 1 Corinthians 14:34 or 1 Timothy 2:11-12. Singing is a congregational activity in which everyone, male and female, participates – even when the song is a prayer put to music (i.e. "Father, Hear the Prayer we Offer"). Recitation of a Psalm or a common pledge is in the same category.

Reciting "This Is God's Word to Me" is certainly not intended to make anyone uncomfortable, unless the discomfort is because of inattention to God's authoritative word. Certainly, no one is required to participate in the recital. The intent is to raise awareness that the Bible we are studying reveals the authority of Jesus; and our approach to it must involve our love for the hope it makes known and our determination to be transformed! That's Life at Work!

Calendar

Sunday
Mission Trip to Houston
Ladies Unity Meeting
Clark Baby Shower - 2:00 pm (girl)
VBS Worknight

Monday
Men's Bible Study
Mommy and Me Zoo Trip
Elder's Meeting

Tuesday
NAMI Meeting

Wednesday
Summer Series:
"Cross-Purpose" - Steve Minor

"If you get to thinking you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around."
~Will Rogers

Constructing Christian Couples



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

Workshop
Workshop



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

Richard May had successful out-patient surgery on Friday. He has been ordered voice rest.

Daryl Bond fell and broke his wrist last Wednesday.

Stacie Willis had gall bladder surgery last week and is now recuperating at home.

Dean Hill had successful cataract surgery last week.

Laekyn Riter, daughter of Elizabeth saw a Pediatric Neurologist last week. She will be undergoing further testing at a later date.

Sharon Davidson is experiencing health problems and undergoing tests.

Jim Linam is being treated for a staff infection.

Glenna Shockley, life-long friend of Teresa Harris has been diagnosed with two brain tumors and a large tumor in her kidney. She is undergoing further testing at this time.

Please continue to pray for: **David Arrington** (Judy Scroggins' friends father~blood disease), **Juanita Bennett** (Dorine Watson's daughter~amputated leg), **Emily McCoy** (Dorine Watson's daughter - infection), **Willadean Blehm** (Lloyd Stephens' sister), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Wanelda Folks**, **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: **Arthur Anthony** (brother of Evelyn Hughes), **Gary Brawner** (Patrick's dad), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Chan Duel** (Micha Hughs grandfather), **Larry Duff** (b-i-l of Patty Clements), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Larry Fiscus** (friend of the Killian's), **Kathy Grant** (Andy Lanagham's sister), **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), **Carole Marcum**, **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Vonda McPherson** (Norma Heldreth's cousin), **Gary Oliver** (friend of Joe Stockton), **Dan Reiter** (David's dad), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of Alan and Linda Bratcher), **Leota Settlemires** (Jeremy Finerock's grandmother), **Earline Shriver** (Gary's mom), **Lloyd Unsell** (prison minister), **Shelly Vang** (Laura Ethridge's daughter, 1208 Kings Way, Yukon, 350-7354).

Our Shut-ins: **Marie Cox**, **Loree Sturgess**, **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),

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

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



Most of us have prayed a lot about our marriages! Too many times we are praying after we've blown up or acted sinfully, and we need God to take control and stop the fall. Yet, we pray sincerely and still long to be in a better place in our relationship. We want to assure you, Jesus does care about your marriage. He wants you to have a marriage in which a husband and wife are patient with each other, kind, giving, and humble. He wants you to find joy in a relationship in which there is mutual respect and sacrifice; where angry outbursts are absent and where forgiveness is abundant. He knows you long for a marriage where you live in truth, protection, trust, hope, and perseverance. He knows you want a marriage that will never fail. Keep praying about all that. Your prayers do not fall on deaf ears.

In two weeks sign-up begins for the 2007 Couples' Retreat at Quartz Mountain (July 29). This is the fifth annual retreat and the participants in the past have said that it is one great opportunity for God to work in you to bring about an answer to your prayers!

This retreat is an important part of the marriage ministry of South Yukon. At this retreat, you will get some coaching toward creating the kind of marriage for which you've prayed. You will get to create new friendships and build existing ones, simultaneously creating accountability. You will get to be mentored by the shepherds and other leaders who attend in a relaxing setting so that you can develop some connections that will pay off in a huge way. You will have some fun, and we all need some of that in our fast-paced, driven culture. You will discover what you can do to remodel your relationship, using powerful tools, so that you will be a team-of-two whose victory brings God glory!

There is a limit of forty-five couples, so sign up quickly. King rooms will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. We will need your payment when you sign-up (\$200). That actually covers about half the cost per couple for the weekend. The marriage ministry of South Yukon invests the rest believing that your strong, godly marriage is good for the church and community. There are some scholarships available.

Make this retreat. Invite other couples. By the way, this is not just for members at South Yukon. If you have some friends you want to invite who are not part of our family, by all means, do! Jesus cares about your marriage, and we do, too!

Richard and Jeanna Lynn



Announcements

If you are interested in going to an arena football game, see Mike Watts as he is selling tickets for \$10.00 each.

SNL is July 29 at the Hudson's.

Sign up for Shawnee area wide on the teen board. The area wide is Monday, July 30 - meet at South Yukon at 6PM. Bring a little money for a possible stop for frozen custard.

There will be a parent meeting August 19th after morning services.

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YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FIT A CAMEL THROUGH A NEEDLE

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.

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. Nina Moates coordinates the Children's Education, Carol Marcum supervises the Workroom, and 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.

—Perry Greene

Perry's Scope

The Angel of Marye's Heights

On Saturday, December 13, 1862 at the battle of Fredericksburg, a young Confederate soldier demonstrated a risky act of compassion. No longer able to withstand the wrenching moans of the wounded and dying Union soldiers, 19 year old Confederate Richard Kirkland of the 2nd South Carolina approached Brigadier General Joseph Kershaw, CSA, to seek permission to go to their aid. Initially hesitant, the General acquiesced, refusing however to allow the white flag that would ensure his safety. Despite the danger, Kirkland sprang forward over the stone wall with canteens full and ventured out between the hostile lines.

At first, Federals fired upon the young man but ceased as they soon discovered his merciful intent. Then cheers rang out from both sides as the man to become known as the "Angel of Marye's Heights" offered water to one adversary after another. After helping those that he could, he crossed back to safety, and resumed his duties as a Confederate soldier defending his lines.

Compassion is generally risky. When Jesus came into the world to "save sinners" he risked everything. He certainly risked his life but he also risked rejection and every negative emotion. Yet, he entered "enemy territory" to bring living water to wounded, broken people.

What are we willing to risk to share the same compassion?

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



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Ecuador

Julio Perez, Marco Poma and Luis
Andrango

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 379
A.M. Worship: 524
P.M. Worship: 324
Wednesday: 227
Daily Bible Readers: 73
Present Membership: 611

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,385
Budget Requires: \$15,000

Family Matters



Thank You

Dear Church Family: Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls since my surgery. Also, to Ken, Don and Dorothy for being with Edna. Thank you very much. Roy Nusbaum

Dear Church Family, Thank you so very much for all the cards, meal, phone calls, and prayers throughout my recovery from my car accident. It was so encouraging and uplifting! In Him, Caryn Leaman

To the South Yukon Church of Christ, Words can not begin to describe the gratitude and love I have for this church. I am so thankful for the support I have received and continue to receive during this difficult time. Thank you for the prayers, calls, food and beautiful flowers. My mother often told me about the love this congregation has and now I know what she meant. **Please** continue to remember me and my family in your prayers. May God bless each and everyone of you! Much love, Shelli Vang and Family

Baby Shower

There is a baby shower honoring Makenna Clark, daughter of Mike and Sara **today** at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Goodbye Wishes to the Gerbers

A recipe book is being compiled for Paul and Kayrene Gerber as a going away gift. Please give your favorite recipe to GayLynn Byrd or Melissa Willingham. The Gerbers new address is 9826 Charlline Lane, San Antonio, TX 78254 (210-680-1219) prgerber@gmail.com

CPR CLASS ~ July 30th, 31st

If you are interested in attending the CPR Certification or Recertification Class, please sign the sheet located by the office.

FAMILY NEWS

Our hearts rejoice in the baptism of **Braden Reiter**, son of David and Kim, and **Matt Rundle**, son of Irma Bartodej. They were baptized last week following a week of camp at Black Mesa. **Cory Watson**, son of Rick Watson (and the late Deanna Watson) was baptised Tuesday evening. **Gabrielle Langham**, daughter of Andy and Laura was baptised Wednesday. **Welcome to God's family!**

Pantry Items Needed

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

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. **Items Needed for VBS:** Extra-Large cardboard boxes (refridgerator, freezer, etc.) **STARS! STARS! STARS!** If you would be able to help make stars for VBS, please stop by the workroom. Thank you!

Notice - there will be a VBS worknight following evening services this evening. Please bring 2.00 per person and place your order in thge fellowship hall immediately following service.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Avis Fisher on the passing of her nephew, Paul Kearby. Services were Saturday in Oklahoma City.

Our sympathy to Merry Kay Brewer on the passing of her grandmother, Willmath Posey. Services were last week in Texas.

Our sympathy to Ila Mae Thomas on the passing of her sister, Corine Gunter. Her services were last week in Oklahoma City.

Our sympathy to Renee Middleton on the passing of her grandmother., Gertrude Dame. Her services were last Friday in Kansas.

Address Update

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