



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Jesus and the Demons

When Jesus and his disciples landed after their exciting boat ride, they were probably not exactly where they intended to go ashore (Matt. 8:28-34). At least, they probably weren't where the disciples planned to go ashore. Jesus was likely exactly where he intended to be. As they walked in the tomb area, they were approached by two demon possessed men. These men came toward Jesus because they knew him, or the demons knew him, and they were afraid. They didn't pick out Jesus and the disciples from a crowded road. Few people walked this path. These men violently attacked anyone who traveled this road. So if you had a loved one to bury, or if you needed to tend to a body, you would be accosted by these two. To make it worse, Luke tells us that one of them was naked. Perfect.

The good citizens of the area had attempted to subdue these men, but that had proven impossible. They caught the demon possessed men occasionally, but the chains that the townspeople bound them with could hold them. So the men abused themselves, screamed all night, harassed the mourning, and escaped the captors, all the while without clothing. Why would anyone come this way? Jesus had an appointment.

The demons, who were named Legion, knew who Jesus was. They knew their end was coming. They knew that Jesus was the source of their coming punishment. They knew he was the Son of God. So when they approached, they were afraid.

Luke tells us that they anticipated being thrown into the Abyss ultimately, but they begged for that not to happen before the appointed time. They asked to be thrown into a herd of pigs that was nearby. Jesus accommodated the demons and they went into the pigs and the pigs went off a cliff to their death.


Imagine being one of the disciples and seeing all this! Imagine being one of the townspeople and hearing about all this! The disciples had just witnessed the calming of the storm and now they witness the power of Jesus over demons! Incredible!

The good citizens don't know what to think, so they let fear rule according to Luke. Fear of Jesus? Yes. Are they afraid that he will hurt them? I don't get that from the text. What are they afraid of? It seems to me they are afraid of change and afraid of the unknown.

When Jesus is in your life, he will bring change. Let faith rule over fear. Don't send him away or keep him at bay. Follow him. His travels will take you to great places.

Richard May

12 Hour Day of Prayer



Saturday, September 15th
6:00am to 6:00pm

New Family Members



Leroy and Dianne Cassel
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Calendar

Sunday
Ladies Unity Team
Thompson Baby Shower
Parent Meeting

Monday
Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting
Walkie Talkie Group/Boot Hill

Tuesday
NAMI Support Group

Wednesday
Summer Series - Randy Johns
Teacher Meeting

Thursday
Mommie & Me

Saturday
Mirror Ministry



Blood Drive

Sunday, August 26th. We need all the support we can get, 40 is our goal. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Attention All First Time Guests!

We have a gift for you this morning to thank you for worshiping with us. Please go to the table in the "Guest Connections" area of the foyer following our worship service. Richard May, some of our elders, and members of our Guest Connections Team will be there to greet you.

Prayer Requests

Evelyn Cannon was hospitalized last week.

Larry Fiscus, the friend of Kelly and Cristi Killian, passed away last week.

Tony Hall is having a tough time; please remember him and his whole family in your prayers.

Mae Hasty had back surgery. She is at home and getting better slowly.

Barbara High, the sister in law of Cathy Montgomery, is in the hospital in Greeley, CO with blood clots in her lungs following knee replacement surgery.

George Holden, a former member and friend of Brenda Saathoff, passed away last Wednesday. Services were Saturday in Cordell.

Gerald Logsdon is in Deaconess Hospital room and has been moved to room 372. He is having tests run concerning his heart. He loves to have visitors.

Yvonne McGaugh received her results from the biopsy and it was malignant. She will meet with a surgeon Monday.

Veda Morris was hospitalized last week with pneumonia. She is now home.

Tim Newby, the son of Mary Alice Burks, has been moved to Select Specialties at 3524 NW 56th. He will be there for about 2 weeks and then hopefully will be moved to rehab.

Mel Warden is having health problems and had tests run. His MRI and Echocardiogram turned out okay, but is still waiting on other test results.

Please continue to pray for: **Juanita Bennett** (Dorine Watson's daughter~amputated leg), **Edith Bond** (Sharon Davidson's mother~Epworth Villa Skilled Nursing Facility), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Mary Alice Burks**, **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Wanelda Folks**, **Buddy Glass** (Vicki Bonny's dad), **Debsee Hale**, **Gracie Hall** (g-g niece of Jalene Davis~seizures), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Liz Knight**, **Jake McCathern** (Stump's grandson~heart defect), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Bonnie Montgomery** (James' mother~stroke), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry**, **Mike Ritchie**, **Laekyn Ritter**, **Russell Schoof** (staph infection), **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **Donna Sterling**, **Terry Turner** (Angie Meadows father~had a liver transplant), **Marlene Wadkins**, **Debbie Warden**.

Cancer: **Arthur Anthony** (brother of Evelyn Hughes), **Gary Brawner** (Patrick's dad), **Vernon Clark** (Rosie's son), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Chan Duel** (Micha Hughs grandfather), **Larry Duff** (b-i-l of Patty Clements), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Kathy Grant** (Andy Langham'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), **Carol Marcum**, **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Vonda McPherson** (Norma Heldreth's cousin), **Ralph Miller** (Jack Nowlin's friend), **Gary Oliver** (Joe Stockton's friend), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of Alan and Linda Bratcher), **Glenna Shockley** (Teresa Harris' friend), **Earline Shriver** (Gary's mom), **Lavyn Sisco** (Carolyn Onley's cousin), **Lloyd Unsell** (prison minister), **Shelly Vang** (Laura Ethridge's daughter, 1208 Kings Way, Yukon, 350-7354).

Our Shut-ins: **Marie Cox**, **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**, **Marilyn Thompson**

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

Activated Military Personnel: **Josh Sisson**, (nephew of Emma Logsdon), **Mick Dustin**, **Chris Wermey** (Morris' nephew), **Brian Carroll** (friend of Easter's), **Bethann Carpenter** (niece of Nina Moates), **Chris Lister** (Nina Moates niece's fiancé)



The Parable of the Porcupines

It was a cold, prickly night.... Dennis and Barbara Rainey (Moments Together for Couples) remind us of the two porcupines freezing in the winter cold. Shivering, they move closer together to share body heat and warmth. But then their sharp spines and quills prick each other painfully and they move apart, victims once more of the bitter cold around them. When the memory of the pain is overwhelmed by the freezing temperatures, they feel they must come together once more, or freeze to death. But their quills cause hurt, too much pain and they part again.

The Rainey's know that couples suffer from the cold of isolation, too; and they learn the pain of being close to quills. We desperately need to learn how to live with the barbs that are part of coming together in oneness.

Did you think we would have said that we have to find a way to cease hurting each other? In our fallen world, that's the impossible remedy. C. S. Lewis describes the urgency of learning this lesson: "Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung, possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully around with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket-safe, dark, motionless, airless-it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable."

The theme for the Marriage Ministry at South Yukon (WGJH - Matthew 19:6) is "When our marriages mirror our relationship with God, we have hope for tomorrow and experience heaven on earth today." Our relationship with God is not without pain. Like that relationship, marriage is difficult; it demands dying to ones self and a deep level of dedication (Eph. 5:22-33). Like our relationship with God, the reward is out of this world!

How would God say you are doing? If we can serve you, your family members, neighbors, or co-workers in any way, please let us know or let them know about the marriage ministry here, Because We Care...! Richard@coesy.org and jeannalynn@coesy.org



Church Lunch

Welcome back to school and while we're at it let's have a moment of silence for the unofficial passing of Summer.....Thank you; that concludes our moment of silence. As the new juniors and seniors will tell you the return of the school year also brings with it the return of Church Lunch! And since this is the return of church lunch (a.k.a Jr/Sr Lunch), it's also the return of soliciting help from the congregation. The success of church lunch is really two fold: the number of juniors and seniors from the high school has been great with between 80 and 100 students every week; the other part of course is those who volunteer to shop for groceries, prepare the food and drinks, and those who help with set up, and clean up. There are many who volunteer on a weekly basis so the load is never too heavy. If you have a junior or senior at Yukon High school think about helping with church lunch. You can make an impact on a student's life just by feeding them, and in return you'll be impacted by the smiles you see from the students. Church Lunch is every "in school" Friday (we do not serve lunch when school is out for holiday or other reasons). Our most immediate need is for volunteers and donations including 2 liter cokes, macaroni and cheese (family size), and chips. September 7th is our first scheduled Church

Lunch. On the menu are hamburgers with all the trimmings. Volunteer grillers are needed for this as well. This is a great opportunity to be involved with the youth of our church family and community. Thanks for your continued support in this ministry. Who knows, down the road we may have a guest whose sole reason for attending at South Yukon was the impact from Church Lunch.

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

Parent meeting today after morning services in room 42/43 (across from the Parlor). Bring your brown bag special.

There will be a meeting for those interested in helping with **Jr/Sr lunches** next Sunday, August 26th directly after morning services in room 42/43.

SNL next Sunday at the Stephens'.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Mandy Keef and family on the passing of her grandmother Loree Sturgess.



Walk or Ride?

John Ortberg wrote a challenging book entitled, *If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat*. It relates to the event in Matthew 14:22-33 where Jesus (and Peter) walked on the water. Imagine how exciting it would have been to have taken even a few steps in the waves!

Stop for a moment and look back at the boat. The other disciples are still in the boat, watching. Only Peter has stepped out and experienced this spectacular event. For the rest of his life, Peter could tell of trusting Jesus in this unique way. For the rest of their lives, the disciples could say, "I should have." Or, "I could have."

Do you ever get tired of sitting in the "boat"? Do you ever get tired of watching others trust Jesus in exceptional ways? Do you ever say, "I could do that!?" Or, "I should have done that, too!?"

It is time to get out of the boat, even if it rocks! It is time to walk through the storm — by the power of Christ Jesus. Even if we begin to sink, the good news is, Jesus will lift us up! That is the fruit of faith.

But immediately he spoke to them saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." ~Matthew 14:27

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight

Involvement Ministry

The goal of the Involvement Ministry is to help identify and implement mechanisms that encourage members to find ways to become involved in a Ministry of their choosing; at a level of involvement and in ways that utilize their gifts and talents; and that offers ways for them to explore new and different ways to serve God. Further, it is to help in the creation of an environment where Discipleship becomes the focus of our fellowship and the Ministries that spring from it.

Lynn Groves is the Deacon who leads the Involvement Ministry and Joe Wallace is his supporting Shepherd. The Involvement Team is composed of Lynn and Patricia Groves, Al and Joyce Morgan, Mack and Raynae Booker, and Mike and Mary Beth Blake. The Team has been planning a number of ways to help us be more active in meaningful Ministry at this place. Most recently the team has added the *Guest Connections* as an effort to meet our guests each week and provide another arena of involvement for our members.

Perry Greene

World Bible School

There has been enough donated to finish the 2nd building in Malawi. We are in need of funds to start the third. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Carl Sterling or Lloyd Stephens.



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Germany

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Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 398
A.M. Worship: 489
P.M. Worship: 284
Wednesday: NC
Daily Bible Readers: 71
Present Membership: 585

Contribution

Last Week: \$14,469
Budget Requires: \$15,085

Family Matters



Baby Shower

For: *Clint and Brenda Thompson*

Expecting: *Boy*

Date and Time: *Today, 2:00*

Place: *Parlor*

Registered: *Target and Babies R Us*

Wedding Shower

For: *Andy & Megan (Hansen) McKinnon*

Date and Time: *Sunday, Aug 26, 2:00*

Place: *Parlor*

Registered: *Target, Walmart, and Bed, Bath & Beyond*

Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters, Thank you so much for all your support and love during the time of Dan's sickness and passing. We appreciate your prayers, calls, cards, plants and food. We sure love you and appreciate you. Mom says she has another wonderful church family in Yukon! David Reiter and family

Dear South Yukon family, My heart is broken right now but I must try to express my gratitude for your kind and loving expressions during the past year. You prayed so often and so fervently for Dan but God was ready for him to come home so now he is at peace and free of pain. A few years ago I asked his elderly aunt how she would describe Dan and without hesitation she said "Dan is like the rock of Gibraltar" very strong and very dependable. Thank you for the prayers, cards and flowers for the service. It was so great that so many of you came to his service. Thank you for loving my little family of David, Kim, Brayden, Seth and Kayle. They love all of you very much. In Christian love, Georgia Reiter

To our church family at South Yukon - We want to thank everyone that played a part in celebrating our 25th anniversary with us! We got so many cards and the gifts and cake were very very thoughtful (and delicious!!) Thank you for being such a great family! Love Brad and Lisa Hudson

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards, visits and food during and after my hospital stay. Thank you also for the beautiful palm plant. We love and appreciate the warmth and friendship that has been given us since we have become a part of this wonderful family. Doug and Debsee Hale

Walkie Talkie Group

Anyone interested in walking and getting to know each other at the same time, meet at the North Parking Lot by Boot Hill, in the Yukon park, Monday evenings at 7:30. For info see Kristi Finefrock.

Pre-School/Elementary Teacher's Meeting

A meeting for present and future teachers in the preschool and elementary department will be held on Wednesday, August 22 starting at 6:00 pm and will end before classtime. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. This important meeting will cover new policies, promotion and new items in the workroom will be displayed. Please plan to attend. Contact Nina Moates for more information.

Hungry Harry

Canned goods are needed for the 2 year olds to feed Hungry Harry. Please drop donations off in the Nursery.

Widow's Tea

The M.I.R.R.O.R. Ministry is hosting a Tea in honor of our widows on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Widows if you will be able to attend, please sign the guest list on the bulletin board next to the office.

Fall Family Campout

The fall Family Campout will be at Wes Watkins Reservoir on September 7-9. If you have any questions, see Tracy or Diane Watson.

Seeking Help for the Following Classes Sunday

2 year - Teacher and Assistant
4/5 year - Assistant

Wednesday

2 year - Teacher
3 year - Teacher and Assistant
4/5 year - Teacher and Assistant

If you can help, please call Cindi Stump at 570-8432 or stop by the nursery and see her. All prep work for the classes is done by the workroom staff.

Elder/Deacon/Preacher Meeting

Sunday, August 26th at 3:00

M.I.R.R.O.R. Ministry Work Day

Saturday, August 25th at 10:00am

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 Nursery 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 August 19, 2007

Song Leader - Cody Nichols

598 Standing on the Promises

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 84:1-4

332 In the Desert of Sorrow and Sin

Opening Prayer -David Reiter

310 In Gethsemane Alone

Communion Prayers - Rick Willingham

The Lord's Supper

90 Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Contribution Prayer - Rod Sheaffer

829 Mansion over the Hilltop

523 Our God, He Is Alive

Scripture - Steve Stovall

Matthew 8:28-34

Sermon - Change Travels with Jesus

Speaker - Richard May

209 He Knows Just What I Need

Shepherd's Prayer - Andy Dean

Announcements - Richmond Logan

851 Blue Skies and Rainbows

Closing Prayer - Alex Latorre

Sunday Evening Assembly

Sermon - Tearing and Healing

Scripture - Hosea 6:1-2

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM

Paula Walker
Sharon Helms
Tammy Hinton

Worship PM

Lisa Hudson
Shelly Hudson

Communion to the Shut-ins

Don Kilmer

Visitation Group #2
meets today

Peak Wednesday
September 5th