



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

UnChristian

UnChristian: What A New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity is the newest book based on Barna survey figures designed to keep Christians in touch with what our culture believes about God-matters and about us. It's not a pretty picture.

Leadership Journal recently worked with Zondervan Publishers and Knowledge Networks to conduct "attitudinal and behavior research of U.S. Christians." What Christians reveal about themselves is not very pretty either. You can read the results of that survey in the article by Helen Lee in the Fall 2007 issue of *Leadership* ("5 Kinds of Christians").

We are making three incredibly poor impressions. These poor impressions are being made on unbelievers and believers alike. Non-Christians see these failures in us, and we see them ourselves when we look in the mirror. Perhaps the scariest issue of all is that our unbelieving neighbors recognize that our ways are not what they should be – as little as they know about Jesus. Many of us, however, look in the mirror and see nothing wrong. We think we have a bad publicity problem. The truth is, we really don't look much like Jesus.

We have chosen to elevate church attendance over justice, mercy, and faithfulness. When we describe "active Christians" we talk about church life. Most of us don't defend the cause of the poor and needy as many hours during the week as we sit in a worship assembly; yet God asks, "Is that not what it means to know me?" (Jeremiah 22:15) We are more likely to faithfully "do church" than we are to be a reliable light for our dark community.

We have, as David Kinneman, author of *UnChristian*, asserts, amputated the hands and feet of the body of Christ, and we've pretty much been reduced to a big mouth" (from "Study Views Christians as Judgmental" by Adele H. Banks for Religion News Service). The perception is that Christians would have been leading

the group bringing the woman caught in adultery to Jesus demanding that she be stoned. We are known for screaming about what we are against more than we are known for loving sinners like Jesus loved us.

Finally, we don't practice what we preach. We profess Christ, but we don't live like him. We confess his name but don't wear it. We say we know Jesus; but we do not know peace, even in our own homes. We stand on the promises, but we don't read the Bible during the week.

We've got to begin to see the difference between us and Jesus, and we must be transformed into his likeness.

That's Life at Work!

Richard May

Junior/Senior Lunch

One of the "talks of the town" is the Junior-Senior lunch (or "Church Lunch" as the kids say) that South Yukon hosts each Friday. For a mere \$2 per person, the Yukon High juniors and seniors receive one of the best lunches around! It is also an encouraging time for the kids and those who serve the meals.

While we can always use more hands to make the weekly event a good one, we also need financial contributions. The monies we collect go to the purchase of food and supplies for these meals. **If you would like to contribute to this effort**, please give your donations to Lorie Mulkey or Josh Sloan.

Calendar

Sunday
Areawide

Monday
Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting

Tuesday
Ladies Bible Study
Autism Support Group
Funtimer Lunch
NAMI Support Group

Wednesday
PEAK
Bible Study

Thursday
Foster Parent Support Group
Mommy & Me Play Group

Friday
Jr/Sr Lunch
Teen Fall Retreat

Saturday
Teen Fall Retreat
Dynamic Marriage

PEAK of the Month!



One of our most enjoyable activities each month is "Peak of the Month." On the first Wednesday of each month, we eat together in the Fellowship Hall between 6 PM and the start of classes. This is a good time to connect with friends in the middle of the week (a real encouragement some weeks). It is also a good opportunity to meet some new friends or get to know one another a little better. If you have not attended a "Peak of the Month," why not give it a try this Wednesday?

Prayer Requests

Ken Bennett had a prostate biopsy that came back cancerous (early stage). He will meet with the doctor Monday for treatment options.

Bill Berry, Susan Engle's dad, has prostate cancer (early stage) and will start radiation therapy in January.

Bill Harris had a prostate biopsy and the results were not good. He will have a CT scan Tuesday and visit with the doctor on Wednesday about treatment.

Jim Linam was scheduled to have a pacemaker put in last week, but his heart was in rhythm at the time, so the doctors decided to wait for now.

JeannaLynn May is home now. There are still some test results yet to return regarding the celiac. She is on a gluten free diet. You can learn more at www.celiac.org.

Jake McCathran, son of Ty and Amy and grandson of Barry and Marie Stump, will have heart surgery Tuesday, December 11 at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Please be praying for a successful surgery and quick recovery.

Roy Nusbaum had a prostate biopsy with good results.

Alice Ralls, Phyllis Mitchell's mother, is in Gran Gran's room 37A. (mail: Alice Ralls, c/o Phyllis Mitchell, 901 Travertine Circle, Yukon, 73099)

Terry Redmon, nephew of Bette Sharp, had a kidney removed and is in Mercy hospital.

Kathy Rogers has been suffering with Diverticulitis all week.

Lylia Seitz, daughter of Larry and Linda, is now home from the hospital. The doctors changed her medication and she will go back to Lawton in 2 weeks. Things seem to be better at this time.

Marlene Wadkins has an infection in her toe and is in St. Anthony, room 5023.

Bill Walker had treatment last week for a skin cancer.

Please continue to pray for: Isabel Allen (Marilyn Dean's mother~cyst on kidney), George Bennett (father of Ken), Edith Bond (Sharron Davidson's mother), George Bryan (Joy Wallace's dad), Mary Alice Burks, Evelyn Cannon, Virginia Cox (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), Sharron Davidson, Jalene Davis (Back pain), Arlene Earley (shoulder surgery), Wanelda Folks, Buddy Glass (Vicki Bonny's dad), Brad Hudson (bhudson16@cox.net), Ron Kalka (nephew of Davidson's~stroke), Liz Knight, Jake McCathern (Stump's grandson~heart defect), Tim Mize (108 Snowmass), Bonnie Montgomery (James' mother~stroke), David Neely (b-i-l of Roddy's~transplant rejection), Tim Newby (Burk's son), Jon Perry, Mike Ritchie, Savannah Salas, Sandra Schoolcraft, Lesa Shriver (anemic~waiting for surgery), Donna Sterling, Neta Swinney, Terry Turner (Angie Meadows father), Mel and Debbie Warden and Leveana Wilhite (Judy Scroggins sister).

Cancer: Arthur Anthony (brother of Evelyn Hughes), John Broach and Virginia Broach (Fred's parents), 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, Stefania Grantello, J. C. Hasty (has begun chemo), 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), Jennifer McCutchen (Cassel's niece), Yvonne McGaugh, Vonda McPherson (Norma Heldreth's cousin), Mark Rice (Bartodej's friend), Tommy Schultz (b-i-l of Alan/ Linda Bratcher), Earline Shriver (Gary's mom), Frances Stinnett (Lara Davis' mother), Lloyd Unsell (prison minister), Shelly Vang, Lavaughn Wilson (Womacks friend)

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. He would appreciate men coming and reading scripture and praying with him).

On Hospice Care: Donna Fitzgerald, Don Morris, Marilyn Thompson, Glenna Shockley (Teresa Harris' friend)

Expectant Mothers: April Everhart, Kristi Finefrock, Holly Gooch, Lana Wooldridge, Robyn Keele, Shelly Hudson

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), Alex Gibson (Jeanna Lynn Mays' nephew) Chris Lister (Nina Moates niece's fiance), Jeremy Lassiter (Josh Mayhan's friend), Ken Walker (son of Bill and Paula Walker and brother to Shelly Hudson)



My Family of Origin and the Holidays

As the holidays approach, many couples will be struggling with questions about spending time with parents and in-laws. For many couples, the highest stress of holiday time is fed by concern over upsetting someone's parents.

Here are some questions to ask now, or any time, to see if Family of Origin issues are causing or will cause trouble for your marriage.

1. Is the subject of many of your arguments, or your most difficult arguments, the way the in-laws treat you or the number of demands they put on your lives?

2. Do you find yourself keeping secrets from your spouse about conversations you've had with your family?

3. Do you find yourself blaming your spouse's minor faults on his or her parents' poor childrearing practices?

4. Does one of you complain that the amount of attention paid to, or time spent with, your respective families is unequal?

5. Do you find yourself trying to preempt invitations from in-laws by making plans with your own parents for holidays and other events without consulting your spouse?

6. Do you feel pressured to agree to plans with your own family without checking first with your mate?

7. Do you find it very difficult to say no to requests from your parents?

8. Do you find it easy to say no to requests from your spouse's parents?

9. Do you celebrate all holidays and special occasions at either your parents' or your spouse's parents' home?

10. Do you feel as if your spouse never sets limits on his or her parents' demands, even when it's clear that they are un-reasonable?

Doherty suggests that if you answer even two of these questions "yes," then you likely face some "leave and cleave" issues (Genesis 2:24).

From: *Take Back Your Marriage* by William J. Doherty

Richard and JeannaLynn



Sandpaper

Have you ever gone through a rough time in your life? Maybe you're going through one now; and if you don't fit in these two categories you probably fit in the third: getting ready to go through a rough patch. I don't want to be negative about this or anything but rough times are pretty much a part of life. They are not all the same though either – some are short, some long; some are not so bad, others are stop-the-world-I-want-to-get-off bad. It's kind of like sand paper. They come in different size sheets with different coarseness but they all serve a purpose. Coarse sand paper gets the big stuff shaped down to size quickly; it doesn't take as long as the finer paper but you still cannot have a finished product using only coarse paper. Gradually you work down to finer and finer sand paper spending more time with each finer grade. What kind of sandpaper are you experiencing, if any? Noah and his family had 40 nights of sandpaper, the Israelites went through 40 years of sandpaper, and Paul had sandpaper in his life, even though he called it a thorn, even Jesus experienced 40 days of sandpaper when he was in the wilderness. All these examples have one thing in common with each other: each time the subject was refined after the experience. So what about you? Does it seem like your teachers are bearing down with the homework and tests, are you and your parents not getting along as well lately, relationship problems with your boyfriend/

girlfriend, is there a recurring temptation you can't seem to rid yourself of (lying, pornography), does it seem like God is far away? It could be anything, so what do you do about it. Prayer is always a good step; pray specifically for the rough time to pass or for the lesson to be learned to be revealed to you. There are answers in the Bible too – many examples are laid out for us of Christians going through rough times and getting through them. 2 Corinthians 12.7-10 and Matthew 5.11-12 are a couple of examples. Talking to other Christians is another good way to deal with stuff. That's what the church family is set up for, that's why we have Christian friends. Whatever kind of sandpaper you are going through now, know that it will not last forever, you will survive and you'll be smoother and refined because of it.

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

Today is the last day to sign up for Fall Retreat November 9-11. Cost is \$20.

Make plans now for our Thanksgiving progressive dinner November 20 (mark your calendar!)



The Curtain Call

When Jesus died some incredible things happened. The curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom. In addition, the earth shook, graves opened, and the dead were raised (see Matthew 27:50-54).

Focus for a moment on the curtain in the temple. The direction of the tear indicates that God took the initiative in the tearing — as well as in the other events of the day. The open curtain tells us that we all have access to God.

Our first thought is about US, isn't it? There's more. God also reminds us that he is not confined to a room in a building "made by hands." God showed his presence and power — outside the temple. We have access to God and he has access to us. We call that "omnipresence."

Our daily walk with God is literally just that. While he has his Holy Place in heaven he also is present with us now. How does that affect your walk today?

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene

New DVD Series Available

The Ray Vander Laan DVD series, *Faith Lessons* (formerly *That the World May Know*), which we have been viewing on Wednesday nights in the auditorium, has been a huge hit with many people. We are making the DVDs available for checkout through the office.

Since this will be a popular series, we ask you to check out one DVD at a time. Please keep each of them for a **SHORT** period of time – from Wednesday to Sunday or from Sunday to Wednesday.

Enjoy these DVDs but be sensitive to others who also want to view them.

Perry Greene

Ministry Spotlight

Worship

Deacons: Tim Holt; Stuart Stephens
Elder: Nick Kelly

The very heart of a church is reflected in its worship. The South Yukon worship services are designed to encourage every person to praise and glorify God in a scriptural and orderly fashion.

The Worship Ministry is charged with a great responsibility. Practical issues affect our spiritual experience. Therefore, a number of tasks must be carried out each week. These include: Greeting and bulletin distribution; Nursery assistance; Ushers; Announcements; preparing and distributing Communion (including shut-ins); Prayer and Scripture Reading; Song Leading; handling Attendance cards; Counting Attendance and Contributions. In addition, the Worship Ministry assists in Special Worship Services. It also is involved in Training in various areas of worship; and assists in Vehicle parking.

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Ecuador

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Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 310

A.M. Worship: 514

P.M. Worship: 237

Wednesday: 313

Daily Bible Readers: 72

Present Membership: 582

Contribution

Last Week: \$15,379

Budget Requires: \$15,085

Family Matters



Tuesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

From 6:30-8:00 at Vicky Sterling's house.

Lesson 6 ~ "Noble Grace"

Men's Bible Study

Meets each Monday morning in the Conference Room from 6:45-7:15am. All men are welcome.

New Ladies Class

Starting November 7th, Billie Linam will begin teaching a class on Wednesday nights.

The lessons will be "Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy". The class will be in room 45.

Elder/Deacon/Preacher Meeting

Today at 3:00

Name Tags

We are having a good number of guests each week. It would be helpful to them (and our members) if we wear our nametags each week. With them we can more easily identify our members and make our guests feel more at home. Our new members will also appreciate it. It is hard to know the names of 600+ people!

Address Change

Marlene Wadkins, 1200 Oakwood Drive,

Yukon, OK 73099, 265-2343

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 17 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend,

please sign the list on the bulletin board.

Funtimers

Mark your calendar for the Funtimer Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6th. More information will follow.

Attention All First Time Guests!

We have a gift for you this morning to thank you for worshipping 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.

Thank You

We would like to thank Richard, Perry, and Josh for presenting some challenging lessons the past few weeks. We are very fortunate to have leaders that will not allow our church to become stagnant. Thank you for stepping out of "ordinary" to pursue the "white Feather". We are truly blessed. Kelly and Cristi Killian

I would like to thank the congregation for the many cards I have received. Each card gives me hope! Love, Cynthia Sipes

Communion Preparation

If you can help prepare communion for Sunday morning services, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

Leftover Candy

If you have any leftover candy from Halloween, the military boxes could use it. Chocolate is also okay, it will be kept frozen until the specific time that they can mail it. Please put donations in basket in foyer or in tub under the military board.

Wednesday Auditorium Class

If you attend Perry Greene's class on Wednesday evenings, please arrive 5 minutes early this week to view video.

Greeter's

One of the most important unsung jobs on Sunday morning is that of Greeter. Greeters make the all important "first impression" for our guests and our members. Before a newcomer attends the worship service they have already decided whether or not they are coming back. Often, returning guests do so because of the interest and helpfulness of a Greeter.

We are in need of people to fill this important role. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by the office. YOU may make a big difference for someone.

Sermon Recordings

We now have the capability of providing sermon audio recordings on Compact Disc (CD) in addition to cassette tape. When you request a copy of the Sunday sermons, please indicate on the "Tape Order" envelope if you want a "tape" or a "CD". The cost of the CD will be the same as for a tape. The sermon audio files are also available on the church's website, www.southyukon.org.

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 of 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 November 4, 2007

Song Leader - Tim Holt

738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

527 Paradise Valley

730 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Opening Prayer -Merv Deason

688 Thus Remember Me

Communion Prayers - Dennis Hudson

The Lord's Supper

947 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Contribution Prayer - Tim Hartman

783 Will You Not Tell It Today

Scripture - Troy Brazell

Luke 9:22-27

Sermon - If You Will Follow Me

Speaker - Richard May

50 Are You Washed in the Blood?

863 I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Shepherd's Prayer - Barry Stump

Announcements - Kyle Reuter

611 Take the Name of Jesus with You

Closing Prayer - Austin Stephens

Sunday Evening Assembly

Scripture - 1 Cor 11:18-22

Sermon - Spiritual Worship

Richard May

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM
Verlane Cole
Phyllis Cox
Mary Daugherty

Worship PM
Kristi Finefrock
Stephanie Easter

Communion to the Shut-ins

Don Taylor

Visitation Group #3
meets today

Peak Wednesday
November 7th