



Hope in Days of Hopelessness

It was the craziest thing. Jeremiah had been preaching about the fall of Jerusalem. Other prophets, obviously false prophets, had said it wouldn't happen, but Jeremiah said it would. Now, the armies of the Babylonians led by Nebuchadnezzar had besieged the city. The people of Jerusalem tried to hold on, against Jeremiah's command from Lord; and the streets couldn't hold the dead bodies. Hopelessness! When mothers start eating their babies to survive, hopelessness abounds! (Lamentation 2:20; 5:10) Nebuchadnezzar would conquer. Jerusalem would fall, and the people who were still alive would be taken away in exile.

In these days of hopelessness Jeremiah was being held captive by King Zedekiah in Jerusalem because of his preaching. Jeremiah had specifically promised, by the word of the Lord, that Zedekiah would fall to Nebuchadnezzar and be carried to Babylon as a prisoner. So, while he was imprisoned in the courtyard for declaring the victory of the Babylonians, Jeremiah received a visit from his cousin Hanamel. It wasn't a surprise visit; God had told him Hanamel was coming to see if Jeremiah would buy some land from him! And God told Jeremiah to buy it!

Jeremiah had been spent twenty-three years preaching without a response. He had been threatened constantly, beaten, and imprisoned. He had been forbidden by God to marry; and yet God had given him such a message to preach, it was like a fire in his bones that he couldn't extinguish. Now, in these final hours, pocketbook poor, God tells him to buy this field that the Babylonians had already acquired.

The guards witnessed the purchase, Hanamel got his certificate for top real estate dealer of the year, and Baruch sealed the deal with his signet ring. In these days of utter hopelessness, Jeremiah believed the impossible could happen. He believed God when the word of the Lord was that "houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land" (Jer 32:15).

It was the craziest thing - to buy a field from your cousin when he can even inhabit it anymore. Jeremiah was the one saying,

The Messenger

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"We're gone." But he believed in God, the hope of Israel, who said "You're coming back." Believers can live in hope even in days of hopelessness.

God is your hope, too. Do you feel like sin has overcome you? Has sickness defeated you? Has your home collapsed around you? Are you burdened beyond what you can bear? Live in hope! God, the hope of the Church, can deliver you to better places. He can lead you to better days. That's Life at Work!

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Lydia Mitchell's birthday is today! I believe she is our seniormost member who still attends regularly! Lydia Mitchell was born Lydia McCutcheon on November 12, 1910 in Mt. Judea, Arkansas to a farming family. She was the oldest of five children and her mother passed away when she was 10. Her grandmother helped raise her and the other children.

When Lydia was in her teens they moved to Haskell, Oklahoma. Her future husband had also moved to Haskell from near Huntsville, Arkansas where he was born. Lydia married Herbert Houston Mitchell in 1931 in Haskell.

In 1932 or 33, Lydia and Herb, along with Herb's parents, started the long journey to California in a typical "Grapes of Wrath" style. The journey initially stopped in Brawley, California. Brawley was the heart of the Imperial Valley vegetable growing center. They both worked in the vegetable harvests. Later they would travel up and down the coast and also the San Joaquin Valley living in several cities following the harvests working in the fields and canneries. This was their lifestyle until World War II. Lydia is the mother of Dennis Mitchell (married to Phyllis) and grandmother of Karel. Read more about Lydia in the next *Ties the Bind*.

Calendar

Sunday

Fall Retreat

Monday

Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study
Daisy Scouts

Wednesday

Bible Study

Friday

Jr/Sr Lunch

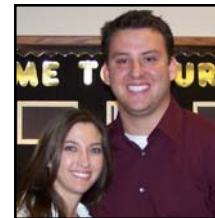
Saturday

Men's Breakfast
Dynamic Marriage

Congratulations

To Jonathan and Lana Wooldridge on the birth of a baby girl. Lydia Faith was born on Sunday, November 4th and weighs 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Also congratulations to Tom and Terrie Wooldridge, the proud grandparents.

New To Our Family



Chris and Joni Beck
10604 NW 33rd Street
Yukon, OK 73099
601-0610

Prayer Requests

Ken Bennett had a prostate biopsy that came back cancerous (early stage). He is deciding on treatment options.

Neil Cosgrove has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

Bill Harris met with the doctors and is now exploring all options of cancer treatment.

Natalie Martin's daughter Kara and her husband Evan had a baby girl. Laura Elise weighs 7.4. They are both doing great.

Yvonne McGaugh will have surgery Wednesday at 11:00 at Mercy Hospital.

Sydney Medley, Lesa Shriver's friend's 7 year old daughter, has been in ICU at Children's Hospital for over a month. She is on a ventilator and has staph infection, pneumonia and yeast in her lungs. She had an appendectomy but has gotten worse since. The doctors cannot determine her illness. Pray for her parents Kerri and Mike.

Lacey and Jonathan Pragler, John Woodworth's s-i-l's sister and husband, have a baby daughter (Vaughn) who was born with Edward's Disease. Her ear, hands, feet and internal organs are deformed. The doctors said she would only live 2 to 12 months. Please pray for this couple as they make some tough decisions in the near future.

Alice Ralls, Phyllis Mitchell's mother, is in the Presbyterian hospital room 466. She is doing better and can now have visitors. She will go back to Gran Gran's this week. (mail: Alice Ralls, c/o Phyllis Mitchell, 901 Travertine Circle, Yukon, 73099)

Mel Schaefer fell from the top of a ladder and has a badly sprained ankle.

Lesa Shriver is waiting to be scheduled for surgery.

Ila Thomas was hospitalized for 2 weeks. She is now at home and doing better.

Marlene Wadkins is now at home recovering from her foot infection. She will have surgery as soon as her foot heals. (1200 Oakwood Drive, 265-2343)

Bill Walker will have a total of 20 radiation treatments for skin cancer.

Chester Williams is having health problems and **Jerry** is having tests on her shoulder.

Bode Zerbe, the infant son of Jeremy and Shai and grandson of Mike and Kay Thompson, has been sent to a specialist for health problems.

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), Don Kilmer, Liz Knight, JeannaLynn May, Richard May, 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, Kathy Rogers, Savannah Salas, Sandra Schoolcraft, Lylia Seitz, 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), Bill Berry (Susan Engle's dad), 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 Hughes grandfather), Larry Duff (b-i-l of Patty Clements), Donna Fitzgerald, Stefanie 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), 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, 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)



At the Couples' Retreat, each person received a single white feather. If you were there, do you know where yours is today? Did you take it home? Is it packed away somewhere?

Or, if you weren't there, but heard the lesson two weeks ago, have you stopped long enough to consider your God-given abilities, the needs of those around you, and God's high calling?

The white feather represented the big dream of Ordinary in *The Dream Giver* by Bruce Wilkinson. Some people, like Ordinary, pursue their dream. Others, like Ordinary's dad, don't pursue their dream for any number of reasons. Ordinary's dad talked about how his white feather grew old and turned to dust. It was incredibly sad!

Pursuing your big dream is important because all of our dreams can be a part of God's big dream of "not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). Ordinary learned that he needed to give his dream back to God knowing that God would form it into something bigger – something that would last an eternity!

What do you want to do the most! Can you visualize yet how what you want to do can be used by God for his purposes? Utilizing God's gifts to you, pursue that dream. Understand that there will be border bullies who will unknowingly try to hinder you. There will be times in Wasteland where you will need to trust God even it seems unreasonable. You will need to give your dream back to God, but you'll understand why in Sanctuary. God will defeat your giants, and you will know it was him. You can reach the Land of Promise. The Israelites did, and you can, too!

For those of you who might already be in the Land of Promise, don't let your Promised Land become your Land of Familiar. God isn't done working through you yet!

If you are interested in pursuing more of Wilkinson's *Dream Giver*, there is *Dream Giver for Couples*, *Dream Giver for Parents*, and *Dream Giver for Teens*!



Richard and JeannaLynn



Detour Ahead

Outside our church building 10th street is under construction. You didn't need me to tell you that but I just wanted everyone on the same page. As you know half of 10th is closed on the Cornwell Drive side but still open on the Mustang Rd side. At the corner of Mustang and 10th there is a sign that says "closed to thru traffic" and includes a detour sign. In not so many words the message is clear: if you are on Mustang and you want to get to Cornwell you simply cannot use 10th Street; you must go around. To several hundred individuals this sign wasn't so clear or they just ignored it. It was kinda funny to see so many cars come by the church building just to turn around because they thought they could get through. They wasted a lot of time even though all they had to do was go around.

I hope you have goals, even if they are short term. You might want to make the varsity team, make first chair, get a specific job, date that one person who seems so perfect, and the list goes on. But sometimes on the way to achieving those goals there are detours. We see the signs but maybe we choose to ignore them thinking we're exempt from that rule only to find out that we have to turn around and go back. God wants you to reach your goals especially those that are in tune with His goals for you. Sometimes though the path to reach a goal isn't the safest, or isn't ready to be driven on yet and there is a detour. David had a

detour to the throne, Paul had few detours on his mission trips, and Christianity itself even had detours along the way to becoming spread throughout the world and even still has a few detours here and there. So have you come across some detours? Are there things in your life that you have to go around in order to reach a goal? It's okay to go around. Sometimes God has other plans, and who knows, sometimes taking a different route means more opportunities in store for you. Pray through the detour, make sure you follow God, and look for the opportunities God lays in front of you along the way. Have faith that your goal will be reached because God is taking care of you.

You stay classy South Yukon, *Josh*

Teen News

Teen Progressive Dinner is Tuesday, November 20. Meet at the building at 5:32 pm.

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.



The Christ of the Church

We often speak of, teach of, and work for the "Church of Christ." Historically, we have gone through great pains to identify our Fellowship with a biblical name. Based on Romans 16.16, we settled on Churches of Christ. While it is a biblical title, we need to keep our focus where it belongs – on Jesus.

Our identity is with the "Christ of the church". He is our purpose and standard. The Bible calls him:

1. Head of the church – Colossians 1.18
2. Savior of the Body (church) – Ephesians 5.23
3. Alpha and Omega – Revelation 22.13
4. Preeminent – Colossians 1.18
5. "Lord" – Revelation 22.20
6. Firstborn from the Dead – Colossians 1.18
7. Image of the Invisible God – Colossians 1.15
8. Firstborn of all creation – Colossians 1.15

It is easy to make things about us. It is easy to focus on the *church* instead of the *Christ*. Let's be sure our eyes are on Jesus and not ourselves!

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene

Continuation of Hope in Days of Hopelessness

After the sermon last Sunday about following Jesus daily, JeannaLynn told me that she had just pre-ordered Karen Kingsbury's new book, *Between Sundays*, for the church's "underground library" she keeps in the office. Between Sundays, with a forward by Forty-niners quarterback Alex Smith, illustrates in an "emotionally gripping" story that "life's greatest victories are not won on the field but in our daily lives." Kingsbury wrote, "Whether we attend church or play in the NFL - it really does come down to how we live our lives *Between Sundays*." Between Sundays is ready for check-out.

Richard May

Ministry Spotlight

Youth

Deacon – Gene Newberry
Elders – Joe Wallace, Rick Riebe

Statistics have proven that the most likely group of individuals to leave a church is teenagers. The next group is the young adults in their early twenties. This is why it is important for us to nurture our young people.

The Youth Ministry is charged with providing a safe haven for our kids, offering them unconditional love and support. In addition to helping the young people in their relationship to God, the Ministry works on building relationships between the youth and their parents and intergenerational relationships within the church. In addition to Bible classes, the Youth Ministry provides a number of activities to promote spiritual growth. These include: Leadership Training for Christ, Shut-In Visitation, Youth Rallies, Camp, Lock-ins, and Family Fellowships.

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Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

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Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 393

A.M. Worship: 493

P.M. Worship: 303

Wednesday: 201

Daily Bible Readers: 65

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 7 ~ "The Power of Grace"

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.

Communion Preparation

If you can help prepare communion for

Sunday morning services, please sign up on

the list on the bulletin board.

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.

Memorial

If you would like to visit the memorial

website for Tony Hall, please go to

www.makeanimpact.bravehost.com.

Thank You Loadshare Mowers

Daryl Bond
Jim Linam
Walt McGaugh
Barry Stump
Don Taylor
Joe Wallace
Gary Baumwart
AJ Clements
Leroy Cassel
Nathan Hudson
Mel Schaefer

These guys mowed yards from April till Oct 17 (the magic date when they stop mowing). This year the Lord provided ample rain (3 times when they were mowing). We were blessed with 4 new people to help mow this year. Some of the mowers have been doing this 7 years.

Thank You

There are no words to adequately convey the heartfelt appreciation I want to express to each of you who have reached out to help, support, and encourage me, us, and our family during my recent hospital stay and recovery at home! You have been a blessing to me that fulfills God's dream of what "church family" is all about! Thank you and God Bless You! The latest update is that I will be on the gluten-free diet for the next 3 months. During this time I will be doing some resting, recovering from having an acute and chronically diseased gallbladder removed, and working on correcting the persistent anemia via medication. Celiac disease can be difficult to diagnosis and we, including my doctor, do not want to label me with a diagnosis until we are 100% confident! For this reason, my doctor is having past biopsies reviewed; and then he will compare them to some new biopsies he will take in 3 months via another EGD. We feel good about this plan as well as optimistic that during this time we can become prayer warriors together, praying and believing God can heal my body and very soon restore my health so that I may be about my Father's business! Again, thank you and God Bless You!
JeannaLynn May

Anonymous Thank You! We enjoy giving gifts anonymously and it is fun to receive them the same way. We want to thank the anonymous donor of the Kohl's card and CD.

We want to thank all the men who mowed our lawn this summer. We appreciate it very much. Thank you, Roy and Edna Nusbaum

A big THANK you to all of you who offered prayers and supported Lylia, Linda and "Mr. Mom" during Lylia's recent hospital stay. You all made my job a little easier...Many thanks to you! Larry Seitz & ones

Address Change

Gary & Lesa Shriver, 16325 W. Hwy 74F, Cashion, OK 73016.
John & Tawnya Woodworth, 16175 W. Hwy 74F, Cashion, OK 73016.

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 11, 2007

Song Leader - Cody Nichols

932 Holy Ground

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

870 I'm Happy Today

286 Into My Heart

Opening Prayer -Merv Deason

645 The Old Rugged Cross

Communion Prayers - Mike Clark

The Lord's Supper

853 God Is So Good

Contribution Prayer - Ken Smith

757 Where No One Stands Alone

653 The Way of the Cross

Scripture - Troy Brazell

Jeremiah 31:16-17

Sermon - There Is Hope for Your Future

Speaker - Richard May

337 Is Thy Heart Right with God?

863 I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Shepherd's Prayer - Marvin Keele

Announcements - Blayne Cole

943 I Love You, Lord

Closing Prayer - Andy McKinnon

Sunday Evening Assembly

Scripture - 1 Cor 13:1-3

Sermon - So You Want to Be Spiritual: Spiritual Gifts

Richard May

Nursery Attendants

Communion to the Shut-ins

Keith Dace

Worship AM

Lynna Dobbins

Amber Garner

Holly Gooch

**Visitation Group #4
meets today**

Worship PM

Barbara Graham

Lisa Hudson

**Peak Wednesday
December 5th**

There Is Hope for Your Future

Jeremiah 31:16-17

I. Hope in the Light of Restoration (31:18)

II. Hope in the Light of Repentance (31:19)

III. Hope in the Light Relationship with God (31:20)

IV. Hope in the Light of Reward (31:16)