



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Gratitude

Matthew Henry, the Presbyterian preacher and commentary writer of the late 1600's reflected in his diary on being mugged. Perhaps, like we sometimes try to do, he was looking for something positive in a very negative experience. With a heart of gratitude he wrote "Let me be thankful first because I was never robbed before; second, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

This week we will have good opportunity to give some thought to experiences, possessions, relationships and life settings for which we are thankful. And don't forget the food! The causes of our gratitude are great and small, but let's not forget any of them. Let's think deeply about them.

I don't know about you, but as I consider my words of gratitude, I say more about the everyday stuff than I do about the major accomplishments of God in my life. Looking at Psalm 107 this week in preparation for the sermon today, I was reminded of the great things that God has done for me.

When I feel like I'm wandering, without clear direction for my life, God settles me. I'm never without a home. I'm never alone. I'm never unprotected. Thank you, Lord!

I've made some real boneheaded decisions. Some of them sinful; others just stupid because I thought I knew better than God. Because of my rebellion against his counsel, he put me in prison. Sometimes I wonder if the imprisonment is intended to discipline me or protect me from myself. Either way, prison is miserable. I've cried to the Lord and he's broken the chains. Thank you, Lord.

There have been other times when prison would have been a step up! Sin has sickened me! Literally sometimes; spiritually every time; except by the grace of God! I don't know if the Psalmist wrote literally or

metaphorically when he wrote about the affliction because of iniquity (107:17). I don't know if the healing that came with the word from God was physical or spiritual or both (107:20). Whatever, it was just the kind of healing that was needed; and it came by the power God because of his love. He's done that for me! Thank you, Lord!

The big things for which we should be grateful don't occur everyday; nevertheless, we should remember the big things and be grateful everyday for them. Thinking deeply about those things will help! Henry didn't get mugged often, but perhaps he often thought about all the things connected with that mugging for which he was grateful. As creative as he was about his gratitude, I bet he did. That's Life at Work!

Richard May

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Sunday

E/D/P Meeting

Monday

Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting

Tuesday

Teen Devo

Wednesday

Thanksgiving Devo

Thursday

Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday

Office Closed

Saturday

Dynamic Marriage

Thanksgiving Devo

Wednesday Evening

All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a special devotional service.

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.

Prayer Requests

Diana Arnold, s-i-l of Karla Stockton, was hospitalized with renal failure~doing better.

Beverly Askew the aunt of Stephanie Easter, is having a reaction to chemo.

Sharon Bales, Loy & Elaine Smith's daughter, will have a hysterectomy, December 3.

Ken Bennett will have a PET scan this week and then decide on treatment option.

Neil Cosgrove has colon cancer and will have surgery after Thanksgiving.

Mary Daugherty is home recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Donna Fitzgerald broke her jaw.

Bill Graham had a skin cancer removed on his neck last week.

Joan King, friend of Stefanie Grantello, had a perforation in her intestine~doing better.

Yvonne McGaugh had surgery and it went well. She is in Mercy hospital and they request no visitors at this time.

Sydney Medley, Lesa Shriver's friend's 7 year old daughter, is off the ventilator and they are treating her for Gullian Barre Syndrome. Pray for her parents Kerri and Mike.

Jean O'Rourke, the mother of Vicky Sterling, has the shingles.

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 and give her only 2 to 12 months. Pray for this couple as they make some tough decisions in the near future.

Alice Ralls, is doing much better and is in Gran Gran's room 37B.

Alena Rose, Virginia Rackley's aunt, is suffering with broken ribs and pneumonia.

Mel Schaefer sprained his foot and ankle.

Lylia Seitz will go back to Lawton Monday to find out results of EEG.

TC Seitz is 7 years old and is being treated for schizophrenia and depression.

Ben Sharp, the grandson on Bette, is unconscious and in ICU at Baptist hospital.

Lesa Shriver is scheduled for surgery Thursday, December 6th at 11:30 to remove her gallbladder and have a hysterectomy.

Cynthia Sipes fell and broke her arm and was bitten by her dog on the other hand.

Shelli Vang's CT scan showed substantial shrinkage of tumors, but not enough for surgery. She will have 6 more cycles of chemo.

Marlene Wadkins foot surgery went well and she is at home. (1200 Oakwood Drive)

Betty Womack is home recuperating from gallbladder surgery.

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), Evelyn Cannon, Virginia Cox (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), Sharron Davidson, Jalene Davis (Back pain), 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, Sandra Schoolcraft, Lylia Seitz, Donna Sterling, Neta Swinney, Terry Turner (Angie Meadows father), Mel and Debbie Warden and Leveana Wilhite (Judy Scroggins sister), Chester and Jerry Williams.

Cancer: Arthur Anthony (brother of Evelyn Hughes), Ken Bennett, 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), Neil Cosgrove, Larry Duff (b-i-l of Patty Clements), Donna Fitzgerald, Stefanie Grantello, J. C. Hasty (has begun chemo), Bill Harris, 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), Shelli Vang, Bill Walker, Lavaughn Wilson (Womacks friend)

Our Shut-ins: Marie Cox, Audrey Gray, Don and Veda Morris, Buck Buchanan

On Hospice Care: Donna Fitzgerald, Don Morris, Marilyn Thompson, Glenna Shockley (Teresa Harris' friend), Chan Duel (Micha Hughs grandfather)

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), Robert Crain (Stephanie Easter's brother), 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)



Scripture says a lot of making every effort. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit... (Ephesians 4:1-3). Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy... (Hebrews 12:14). Make every effort to add goodness to your faith (2 Peter 1:5). It's also important to make every effort to end the year on a good note for your marriage. That really isn't the easiest thing in the world to do, judging by our track record. The meanings of Thanksgiving and Christmas and the enthusiasm potential of a new year ought to lead us to end the year with great hope and happiness. Sadly, however, many of us regularly end the year with feelings of frustration and hopelessness in regard to our marriages.

Here are a few tips for ending 2007 with strength and anticipation:

- Make decisions that are the best for your marriage. Remember the line of the angels, "...peace and goodwill..."? Don't make the choices that foster unrest and bitterness. Parents, if you have married adult children who are getting stressed because they are trying to make you happy, give them the best Christmas gift of all and free them from their concern.
- Don't go into debt for Christmas! Budget wisely and stick to the budget. Too many of us can't remember half of the stuff we got last year. Beginning 2008 with humongous bills from the last month of 2007 really increases the strain on your couple relationship.
- Begin some new traditions for your home. Honor, as much as possible, the traditions of your family of origin in compliance with tip number one. With that being said, begin your own traditions, too. Combine traditions from each of your families, or be creative and develop new traditions altogether. Traditions create warmth and sweet expectations in marriage and family.
- Give special attention to your spiritual nature. If you have devotionals, don't give them up over the holidays. If you don't have them, begin them this Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Richard and JeannaLynn



LTC

What kind of game would "Follow the leader" be without a leader? It probably wouldn't be a game at all since it would technically be loitering. What kind of country would we be if we had no leaders? And what kind of church would we be if there were no leaders to make decisions, help others become involved, lead worship, and other tasks? Jesus already answered that question: we would be sheep without a shepherd. We would wonder into things that may get us in trouble or we may not move at all and eventually die. Leaders are an important part of life and sharing the leadership responsibility helps an organization or team move forward. More importantly, training leaders guarantees that forward motion continues.

LTC is coming up quickly and it's time to be thinking about what areas of church leadership you are interested in and are willing to take part of so you may be "thoroughly equipped for every good work." I hope all of you who are eligible to participate are making plans to take the short trip to Rogers this year for LTC; but if you are unable to make it (and you better have a pretty good reason) there are still things you can do to help yourself and our church. Bulletin boards, service challenge, teaching challenge, scrap booking, and other

activities are designed for those who cannot attend LTC to still participate. Time is running down for you to sign up for these off-campus opportunities but you still have a chance; and if you haven't decided to participate in LTC in another area like scripture reading, sermon delivery, song leading and others then do it now. Talk to Sherri Marcotte or Vonda Stephens and let one of them know you want to go to LTC. It's a whole lot of fun plus a free road trip and who doesn't like a road trip? I hope you make plans to be with us at LTC this year.

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

Be sure to sign up today for the Progressive Dinner on Tuesday. Sign up then meet here at the building at 5:43 PM.

Our Sympathy

To Myra Stovall and family on the passing of her daddy, Ralph Floyd. Services were held last week.

Perry's Scope

Who? What? And the Bible

About the time of Jesus a rabbi was walking home about dusk. As he walked, he became so enthralled in his meditation of the scriptures that he took the wrong fork in the road. Instead of coming to his house, he found himself at a Roman fortress.

The rabbi was shaken out of his meditation when a guard in the fort shouted at him. "Who are you? What are you doing here?"

The rabbi paused for a moment. Then he asked, "Roman, how much do they pay you to ask me those questions?"

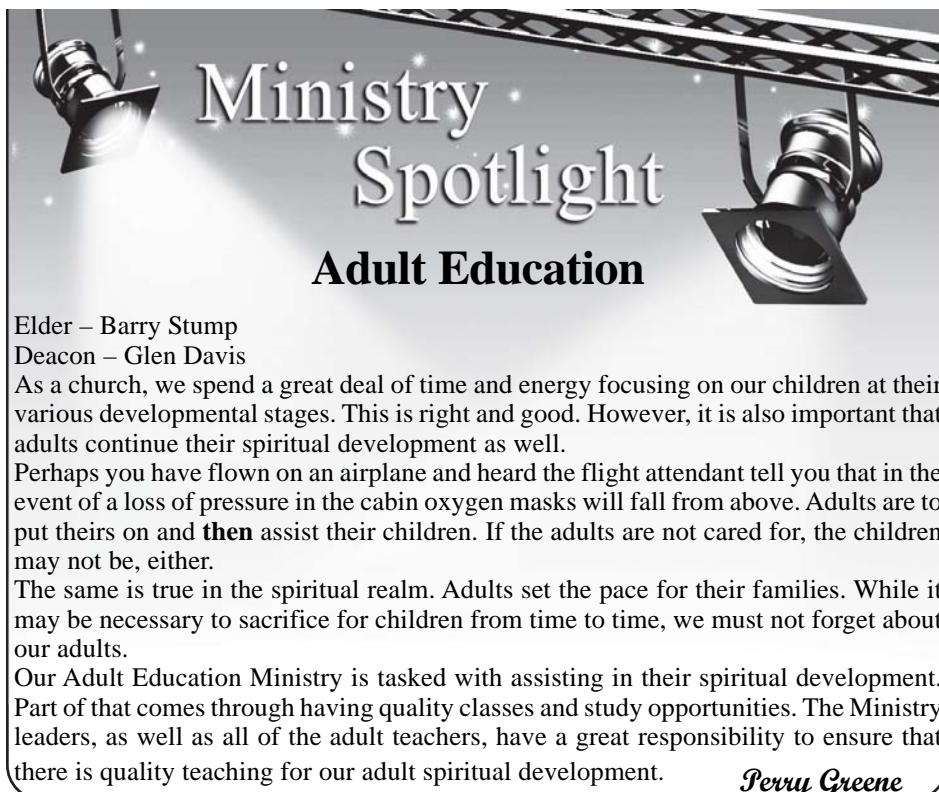
"Three denarii a week," shouted the Roman. "Why, Jew?"

"I will pay you twice that if you come to my house and ask me those questions each morning when I leave," said the rabbi.

These are soul-searching questions. As we read the Bible, let's ask God to help us find the answers to those same questions. The Bible is more than a "good" book. It is more than a "fact" book. It is the very words of God. He wants us to know WHO we are and WHAT we are doing.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight
Adult Education

Elder – Barry Stump
Deacon – Glen Davis

As a church, we spend a great deal of time and energy focusing on our children at their various developmental stages. This is right and good. However, it is also important that adults continue their spiritual development as well.

Perhaps you have flown on an airplane and heard the flight attendant tell you that in the event of a loss of pressure in the cabin oxygen masks will fall from above. Adults are to put theirs on and **then** assist their children. If the adults are not cared for, the children may not be, either.

The same is true in the spiritual realm. Adults set the pace for their families. While it may be necessary to sacrifice for children from time to time, we must not forget about our adults.

Our Adult Education Ministry is tasked with assisting in their spiritual development. Part of that comes through having quality classes and study opportunities. The Ministry leaders, as well as all of the adult teachers, have a great responsibility to ensure that there is quality teaching for our adult spiritual development.

Perry Greene



Blood Drive
Sunday,
November 25
Sign Up Today!



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South Africa

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Germany

Clint & April Everhart

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 350

A.M. Worship: 503

P.M. Worship: 267

Wednesday 316

Daily Bible Readers: 75

Present Membership: 587

Contribution

Last Week: \$12,986

Budget Requires: \$15,085

Family Matters



Funtimers

Funtimer Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 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

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.

Thank You

I want to thank my church family for praying for Vernon that God would rid him of the cancer. They found there is no more cancer in his blood. Thanks be to God and all of you for your prayers. Rosie Hinkle

Dear family, Lylia wants to "Thank You" for the sweet bear and balloons. She was thrilled. I thank you for that and for your feeding Larry and the rest of the crew until we got back. They were really happy they didn't get stuck with the 'Kids Cuisine' I left for them! We so love and appreciate you all, Lylia and Linda.

Also, thank you for all your prayers on her behalf and ours. Please pray for T.C., he is being treated for schizophrenia and he is only 7. Sometimes he gets really depressed because of the things he 'sees' and 'hears'. Linda Seitz and family.

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your love and support following the passing of my daddy. Our thanks to Richard May whose words comforted us and to those who prepared and served a wonderful meal. The prayers, cards, phone calls, and the beautiful plant have also been greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to be a part of a wonderful church family. In Christian Love, Myra and Steve Stovall and the family of Ralph Floyd.

Anonymous ditto on the anonymous thank you for the anonymous gift. That's Life at Work!

Items Needed for Class Projects

For class projects, the workroom is in need of empty and clean baby food jars, Pringle cans, and Crystal Lite containers. For more information call Nina. Thanks!

Cancer Support Group

A support group is being developed to be of assistance to people with cancer and their caregivers. The plan is for the group to begin January 7, 2008, here at the building. A work group has been just assembled to work on this project. At this time what is known is this:

- 1.) Meetings will be on the first and third Monday of the month.
- 2.) Meetings will be held in the parlor 6:30 - 8:00 PM.
- 3.) Everyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

The work group hopes to have a schedule ready for the entire year with guest speakers, positive thoughts, lots of humor and an opportunity to share experiences. The support group should be helpful to the families who are currently going through cancer treatment or those who have gone through the treatment and are willing to share their stories. As Christians this is an opportunity to serve and learn.

If you would like to be part of this planning work group, contact Rick Marcotte, Jim Linam, Stefanie Grantello or Patty Booker. The planning group will meet each Sunday at 3:30-4:30 in the parlor.

Lessons in Practical Living

Southern Ridge Church of Christ is having a study series on December 7 & 8th. See information on bulletin board.

Cookbook

The "Ties That Bind" Cookbook is now ready for purchase. Book - \$5, CD - \$1. Available in the office after services.

NAMI Support Group

Will not meet this Tuesday, but will meet on Tuesday the 27th.

Congratulations

To Dorine Watson on the birth of a great great granddaughter, Kaydence Cheyenne. Born to Ashley and Caty Heinng.

Couples Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16 at 6:45p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We need some help getting it together! Contact Richard and JeannaLynn today!

Look for more details in upcoming bulletins, announcement slides, and posters.

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 18, 2007

Song Leader -Glen Davis

970 Step by Step

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

388 Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing

184 God is the Fountain Whence

247 Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims

Opening Prayer

709 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Communion Prayers - Keith Dace

The Lord's Supper

910 Boundless Love

Contribution Prayer - Tim Clemmons

500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

949 I Will Enter His Gates

Scripture - Mike Meadows

Psalm 100:1-5

Sermon - Who Gives Thanks?

Speaker - Richard May

557 Rock of Ages

Shepherd's Prayer - Andy Dean

975 Thank You, Lord!

Announcements - David Reiter

803 America

Closing Prayer - Jesse Clemmons

Sunday Evening Assembly

8th Sunday Singing

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM

Lynna Dobbins
Amber Garner
Holly Gooch

Worship PM

Barbara Graham
Lisa Hudson

Communion to the Shut-ins

Keith Dace

Visitation Group #1
meets today

Peak Wednesday
December 5th

WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE (December-February 2008)

SUNDAY

Topic: I Samuel

Auditorium	Adults	Gene Newberry/Bill Wallace
42/43	Empty Nesters	Richard May/Marvin Keele
Parlor North	Parents of Teens	Glen Davis/Richard Nix
48	Parents of PreSchool-6th	Joe Wallace/Barry Stump
32 Conference Room	Yg Adults/Married/Single	Walt McGaugh/Nathan Hudson
Library	College Age	Lynn Groves/Kim Beshears

These classes are prepared for specific age groups, but you are welcome to attend the class of your choice.

WEDNESDAY

Auditorium	That the World May Know	Perry Greene
48	Women/ Topical	Peggy Hudson
Parlor North	Mothers of Teenagers	Sherri Marcotte
45	Women/Experiencing Spiritual Intimacy	Billie Linam
Conference Room	Fathers/Spiritual Development	Barry Stump/ Richmond Logan
47	World Bible School	Lloyd Stephens

Sermon Outline:

The _____ Thank Him (107:7-8)

The _____ Thank Him (107:14-15)

The _____ Thank Him (107:20-21)

The _____ Thank Him (107:30-31)