



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

## Don't Miss Jesus: Giving Gifts to Our Ruler and Shepherd

It could have been as many as twenty-four months since Jesus had been born by the time the Magi arrived in Jerusalem to enquire about the birth of the King of the Jews. Jesus was likely at least six months old; yet, he was still in Bethlehem. King Herod had to ask "the peoples chief priests and teachers of the law" where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem," they told him; and they referred to the prophet Micah to prove their point and included in what they reported some of their own expectation regarding the Christ, that he would be a shepherd to the people. The fact that Matthew included their rendition, "a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel," probably means that he agreed with their perception of the Christ.

As the Magi approached where Jesus was, they overflowed with joy. As they gazed on him, they bowed and worshipped. As they considered who he was, they opened their treasures and gave him gifts.

Much has happened since that night of rejoicing and gift giving. Jesus grew up and he submitted to God's will that he should die on the cross. He resurrected through the Spirit of Holiness and was declared with power to be the Son of God. He received the glory that he had before his incarnation, and now he sits at the right hand of God waiting until he comes again in glory.

Our gifts are offered to Jesus in his glory. There are many gifts that we offer, but like the Magi, we have treasure that we call money. For the benefit of the kingdom and of people we open our treasures and offer gifts to Jesus knowing that when we've done it for people, we have done it for him. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, asking them to be motivated by the generous spirit of others to complete an intent to give that was yet uncompleted.

As we consider giving for the year 2008, some questions from Matthew 2 and 2 Corinthians 8 come to mind. Answer these questions for yourself about your giving:

1. Does It Reflect Belonging to the Lord or Fearing for Our My Own Little Kingdom?
2. Does It Reflect the Gifts We've Received?
3. Does It Reflect the Love We Have?
4. If It Is Not As Much As We Would Like To Give, It Is It Growing Toward Our Desire?

Open your treasure. What will you give Jesus?

That's Life at Work!



### Monday

Men's Bible Study  
Elder's Meeting

### Tuesday

Daisy Scouts  
NAMI Support Group

### Wednesday

Bible Study

### Thursday

Mommy & Me  
Foster Parents Support Group

### Friday

Jr/Sr Lunch

## Cancer Support Group

Remember if you have cancer or are a caregiver or just an interested person, there will be a cancer support group meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month beginning on January 7th here at the building. For more information contact Patty Booker, Stefanie Grantello, Rick Marcotte, Billie Linam or Jim Linam.

## DVD Series

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.

## 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

**Sharon Bales**, Loy & Elaine Smith's daughter, is in Baptist Hospital, room #427 following a hysterectomy.

**Neil Cosgrove** will have surgery Monday at 2:30 at Mercy Hospital.

**Makenzie Dobbins** fell off the monkey bars and fractured her arm.

**Norma Johnston**, aunt of Ken Davidson, had a major stroke and is in ICU at Baptist Hospital following surgery.

**Don Kilmer** is home from the hospital.

**Jim Linam** had a TIA (mini stroke) and is waiting on results from an MRI.

**Carol Marcum** will have a PT scan Tuesday.

**Jake McCathern**, grandson of Barry and Marie Stump, will have heart surgery Tuesday.

**Rachel Miller**, 7 year old cousin of Mike and Sara Clark, is in Children's hospital with pneumonia.

**Roy Nusbaum** is having some prostate problems.

**Gary Pace**, the brother of Kathy Wallace, had a major heart attack and is in critical condition in Dallas. He has been taken off life support.

**Savannah Salas** is now home on new medication and doing better at this time.

**Linda Seitz** has the shingles.

**Ben Sharp**, the grandson on Bette, is in ICU at Baptist hospital, still in a coma.

**Lesa Shriver** had a Hysterectomy and Gallbladder removed and is in Deaconess Hospital, Room #602

**Neta Swinney** has the shingles.

**Amelia Welch**, daughter of Greg and Melanie, had successful hernia surgery and is now at home.

**Mike Wilhite** will have Out Patient Cataract Surgery Tuesday at 2:00 at the Dean McGee Eye Institute.

**Nicholas Woods**, grandson of Billy and Barbara and son of Tiffany, is in room 8102 at Children's Hospital. He is making very small improvements everyday.

**Please continue to pray for:** **George Bennett** (father of Ken), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Evelyn Cannon**, **Cynthia Sipes**, **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **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**, **Caston Meadows**, **Sydney Medley** (friend of Shriver's), **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**, **Lacey Pragler** (infant friend of Shriver's), **Mike Ritchie**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **TC Seitz**, **Lylia Seitz**, **Donna Sterling**, **Neta Swinney**, **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), **Alan Engren** (Bill Wallaces Friend), **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), **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**, **Alice Ralls**.

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

**Expectant Mothers:** **April Everhart**, **Kristi Finefrock**, **Holly Gooch**, **Heather Martin**, **Robyn Keele**, **Shelly Hudson**

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



## A Good News Christmas!

Jon Walker wrote a great piece for the Purpose Drive Life Daily Devotional that we get via email. The December 6 devotional was about using holiday parties as opportunities for telling others about Jesus. We were thinking about the Couple's Christmas party happening on December 16 and thought that it would be great for us to invite other couples so that we might be able to influence them for Jesus.

Whether it's the couples party here (see below) or some other party you attend this season, before you go, pray:

- Pray for an opportunity to talk about Jesus!
- Pray that God will prepare the hearts of those you try to reach.
- Pray for God to soften your heart.
- Pray that the words of Jesus "will simply take off and race through the country to a groundswell of response" (2 Thessalonians 3:1 MSG), just as they did among the early Christians.

Planning now to pray throughout the season for kingdom fruit, Walker encourages us to:

- Be inventive as you collectively tell others about Jesus. Invite some Christian friends to join you in your effort.
- Make a list (check it twice) of people to whom God has led you for the opportunity of telling the good news.
- Pray together with your friends specifically for the people on the list that you have made.

Help make this holiday season an extra special one for someone who will look back on it as the season that they heard the good news!

*Richard and JeannaLynn*

## Couples Christmas Party

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

**Who:** *All couples* are invited! The more the Merrier Christmas! Come meet new couples and invite your friends!

**Decorate a Table!** Please sign-up at "Construct Christian Couples" table if you will decorate a table with some of your favorite Christmas decorations from home!

**Bring Food and Your Appetite!** Bring your favorite holiday dish/dishes.

**Dirty Santa!** Each *couple* bring (1) \$20.00 gift for Dirty Santa.



## The Reason for the Season

O Christmas! If you're anything like a real person, you've probably noticed some Christmas specials lately on television; you may have even watched a few like me. Speaking of myself, I did happen to watch the Peanuts Christmas special which I love and in turn it led me to watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" – the original Dr. Seuss version (which happens to be my favorite Christmas show). My second favorite part of the show comes when the Grinch realizes that Christmas isn't about getting; "It came without ribbons, it came without tags; it came without boxes, bundles, or bags." Christmas isn't about commercialism, or the "gimmies", even though Wal-Mart would probably argue that point; it's about the giving back and doing for others.

Charlie Brown, in a fit of frustration after failing to pick out the perfect Christmas tree, shouts out "isn't there anyone who can tell me the true meaning of Christmas?!" Then Linus recites a bible verse telling of Christ's birth. There it is, the real meaning of Christmas, not that we need a special day to remember and thank God for the gift of his son, but it's nice to know that the rest of the world takes some time to remember too.

So here's a thought: To fight off that tarnishing stain of commercialism on an otherwise wholesome and pure holiday, come up with a mission of service to someone else in your community. You could change a neighbors burned out light bulbs, salt someone's driveway and side walk, fix someone's broken fence, prepare a meal for someone, or another service you can think of. It's a good way to give back and spend some time accomplishing a mission with family. I'll bet you can come up with something great.

You stay classy South Yukon,

*Jash*

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## Teen News

### Parent/Teen Meeting

Sunday, January 13

12:46 PM

Fellowship Hall

Bring a sack lunch.

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## Address Change

Matt and Melaney Bonnette

447 E. Carson Lane

Mustang, OK 73064

376-0799



## The Power of Memory

Think back for just a moment to the night Jesus was betrayed. Jesus had predicted his betrayal and Peter's denials (Matthew 26:34). It happened just like Jesus had said, before the rooster crowed Peter would deny him three times. Luke tells us that Jesus looked Peter in the eye and then Peter went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:61).

I have often thought about how weak we are. Just like Peter, there are times when we deny or at least want to deny Jesus. We want to be able to go along with the crowd, and still have the perks of being a disciple of Jesus (eternal life and a place on the church roll, etc.).

I have wondered why Peter wept following his denials. Perhaps Peter remembered when Jesus said, "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33).

Peter may have thought there was now no hope for him. This would have been the case with mere men. But, Jesus is more than mortal.

Roll the tape forward. Look into John 21. In the course of conversation Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. He then tells Peter to feed his sheep and lambs. Jesus did not give up on Peter!

That is good news for us. Not only did God not give up on Peter, he does not give up on us. He works with us as the imperfect people that we are. Sometimes we let the Lord down and we weep over it. God keeps coming back to pick us up and refocus our attention where it needs to be — on serving others, not on ourselves.

Keep The Light Burning!

*Perry Greene*

**Ministry Spotlight**

**Benevolence**

Deacons: David Reiter and Rick Willingham  
Shepherd: Kim Beshears

Benevolence is one of the most gratifying and challenging Ministries one can be involved in. It is a challenge to get the right resources to the right people. When you do, good is accomplished and you experience a deep sense of satisfaction.

The primary function of this Ministry is to provide immediate assistance to members and local non-members to alleviate undue hardship and suffering. This can be done through the Food Pantry and limited financial considerations.

This Ministry has literally helped hundreds of people over the years. Not only have we helped the local community through this Ministry, we also provide funding and food for Children's Homes.



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##### Fishers of Men

Darrell & Jean O'Rourke

##### SEARCH TV

Mack Lyon

##### Adventures in Missions

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##### South Africa Bible School

Al & Donna Horne

##### South Africa

Austin, Gabriel and Lucky

##### Brazil

Mel & Marly Latorre

##### New Zealand

Leon & Jennifer O'Flynn

##### Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

##### Germany

Clint & April Everhart

##### Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

Kent & Sharla Marcum

##### Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

#### Statistics

##### Attendance

Bible Classes: ..... 402  
A.M. Worship: ..... 533  
P.M. Worship: ..... 268  
Wednesday ..... NC  
Daily Bible Readers: ..... 43  
Present Membership: ..... 588

##### Contribution

Last Week: ..... \$16,111  
Budget Requires: ..... \$15,085

# Family Matters



### Thank You

Dear Church Family we are so grateful for the help Erin has received over the last few weeks. Erin was asked to create a nursery class for the Capital Hill Church of Christ. She was going to have to create everything from scratch. I asked Cindy Stump if I could just copy the book they use in our nursery class just so she would have somewhere to start. Cindi gladly let me. We made a copy of the book for Erin, and Cindi put notes on each page for her. Then, she took time out from her busy schedule to buy Erin the items that she needed for the class. Thank you so much to Cindi, Nina and the education committee for being so gracious to help with this important task. Erin is already seeing wonderful results with the children after only a few weeks. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. The Newberry's

Dear church family, I would like to thank you all for the lovely plant, cards, and most especially the prayers lifted up on my family's behalf since my father's recent passing. Your prayers for my dad and our family the last months during his Alzheimer's, have been much appreciated. In Him, Lynna & Greg Dobbins, Julie & Danny Henderson & families.

Dear Members of the South Yukon Home Group, Thank you so much for the plant you sent on behalf of Micha Hughs' grandfather. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Duel & Hughs Family

Thank You from a Soldier...

Dear Brad, Thank you for your package. I enjoyed the note from Carmen, and the treats are being enjoyed by several of us. My name is Alex and as you know I'm in Iraq right now. Though its been a while I remember Oklahoma as being a beautiful place. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and would love to know what all is going on in your world. Tell me if there's anything I can pray for. I make it a habit to pray several times a day, and thats not something I started in the military, its been going on for some time. I hope you all have a good holiday. God Bless, Alex

**If you would like to mail Alex a Christmas Card, mail to the following:**

PFC GIBSON, ROBERT  
BCO 1-502 IN REGT  
Camp Taji  
APO, AE 09378

### Cookbook

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

### Help Needed

Sunday: 3 year olds - Assistant

Wednesday: 2 & 3 year olds - Assistant

**Please see Cindi Stump today.**

### 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!

### Dishes

Ladies we are having quite a build up of dishes. Please check and see if any of them belong to you.

### LTC Service Challenge

Travelers Aid and Homeless Assistance Center of OKC needs at least 15 dozen cookies for gift bags for homeless adults and children. There will be a meeting after services this morning with Jennie Lockhart and Stephanie Easter in the parlor. Adults are welcome to contribute also as TAS will use all they get.

### KFC Activity

KFC will be going to Nina Willingham on Sunday, December 16th. We will meet at the church building at 3:00 in room 42/43 and make a craft. Then at 4:00 we will deliver the craft and sing Christmas carols for the residents.

### Parents of Preschool-6th grade Christmas Party

The Sunday Morning Class for Parents of preschool - 6th grade is having a Christmas Party on Friday, December 14th at 6:30 pm at the home of Craig and Lara Davis, 925 Erinova Drive, Potluck dinner/bring a gift.

### Graduation Invitation

Please join me in December at the Convocation ceremony. College of Arts and Sciences at 3:00pm, Sunday, December 16th, 2007 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman. Mary Brawner

### Pantry Need

We are in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly and Crackers for the pantry.

## 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 December 9, 2007***

**Song Leader** -Josh Sloan

**100** Come Thou Almighty King

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Psalm 96:7-9**

**376** Joy to the World

**9** A Wonderful Savior

**951** Majesty

**Opening Prayer** - Don Roddy

**950** Lamb of God

**Communion Prayers** - Marvin Keele

**The Lord's Supper**

**985** Worthy is the Lamb

**Contribution Prayer** - Carl Sterling

**643** The Lord my Shepherd Is

**S22** I Am a Sheep

**Scripture** - Kevin Pershall

**Matthew 2:1-12**

**Sermon** - Don't Miss Jesus: Giving Gifts to Your Ruler and Shepherd

**Speaker** - Richard May

**29** All to Jesus I Surrender

**Shepherd's Prayer** - Rick Riebe

**Budget Presentation** - Mel Schaefer

**Announcements** - Rick Willingham

**S12** Hosanna You're My King

**Closing Prayer** - George Bostick

### **Sunday Evening Assembly**

**Sermon** - Better Than Angels, Made Like Us

**Scripture** - Hebrews 1:3-5

**\* Pictures for Directory will be taken after services Today and Next Sunday**

#### **Nursery Attendants**

##### **Worship AM**

Ronda Vanover

Paula Walker

Joy Wallace

##### **Worship PM**

Diane Watson

Julie Watson

#### **Communion to the Shut-ins**

**Visitation Group #4**  
meets today

**Peak Wednesday**  
**January 2nd**