



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

The Pharisees Missed Jesus

The Pharisees missed Jesus. They were supposed to know the scriptures, and they should have seen how the scriptures pointed to Jesus. Yet, though there are exceptions like the Pharisee Nicodemus, the Pharisees as a whole let Jesus slip through their bloody hands. Paul wrote about taking hold of that for which Jesus took hold of us (Phil 3:12). The Pharisees could have taken hold of Jesus in faith; instead, the signs and scripture that should have convinced them of his identity went right over their heads.

Why? Why would a group of religious leaders be so clueless about Jesus? I think the answer lies in the first encounters that they had with matters regarding Jesus. I say "matters regarding Jesus" because Jesus' cousin, and more importantly, his forerunner John the Baptist, confronted the Pharisees (he called them poisonous snakes; Matt 3:7) with the need to repent. It would seem they didn't appreciate the rebuke. And then, John pointed to Jesus as the one to follow. They were not likely to follow anyone recommended by John.

A subsequent encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees was in the vicinity of Matthew's house. Jesus was there associating with tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees stood on such high moral ground that they couldn't believe that Jesus was associating with these people of low moral fiber. "Evil companions...", they thought.

Maybe there are a lot of us who are a lot like the Pharisees. I don't deal with rebuke very well. I'm not one who retaliates with cross-rebuke; but some of you do. I have a tendency instead to think that if someone sees something wrong in me, something must be wrong with their eyesight. Others walk out of a room or out of life when they are confronted with wrongdoing. Furthermore, there are those of us who have grown up believing that something was right or that something was wrong; and we have seen in the life of Jesus or read in his teaching that he believed just the opposite. Our values actually keep us from the life of greatest value. Jesus really is the Truth.

Don't miss Jesus due to some Pharisee DNA. If you've been rebuked by Jesus, repent and live. If you see something in the life of Jesus that challenges your perception of truth, investigate with an open mind and heart to see the world though his eyes – the eyes of the "one and only who came from the Father full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

That's Life at Work!

Richard May



Sunday

Fisher's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Monday

Office Closed
Christmas Eve

Tuesday

Office Closed
Christmas Day

Wednesday

End of Year Devo & Cookie Fellowship

Baptized



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11/14/07

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9.6-8*

New To Our Family



Harry and Betty Collins
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12/16/07

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

Gary Baumwart is home recuperating from Shoulder Surgery.

Aaron and Dillon Brown, the son and grandson of Bob and Debbie, stepped on a live electrical wire a week ago. They both had surgeries with success and are doing well.

Evelyn Cannon fell and broke her hip. She is in room 208 at the Yukon Hospital.

Neil Cosgrove is home recuperating from surgery.

Donna Fitzgerald's jaw is beginning to heal. She is having to stay in right now and is very down. I'm sure cards, calls, and visits would really be appreciated.

Edna Garner, Jarenda's mother in law, had a stroke and is in the hospital in Muskogee.

Bill Harris has begun radiation treatments.

Judy Hurt, Vonda Stephens' sister, had surgery and received bad news. The cancer was throughout her liver and lymph nodes. She will be seeking further treatment options at a cancer treatment center.

Carol Karuth, mother of Vonda Stephens, had a bone marrow biopsy to determine the cause of her low blood platelet count. She is waiting on results.

Jake McCathern, grandson of Barry and Marie Stump, had successful heart surgery last week and is now at home.

Yvonne McGaugh will be having surgery, Thursday, December 27th at 5:00pm at Mercy.

Jean O'Rourke, the mother of Vicky Sterling, is in a hospital in Florence, Alabama undergoing tests.

Alice Ralls is now in the PARCWAY Center for rehab. She is doing better. (If you would like to send her a card the address is: (PARCWAY Center, 6312 N. Portland, OKC, OK 73112.)

Elandra Sallsberry, the mother in law of Geoff Sheaffer, is waiting on results from a biopsy and then will have a hysterectomy. **Geoff's wife's grandfather** is having bypass surgery.

Mel Schaefer had surgery on his ankle last Friday.

Russell Schoof has the shingles.

Lesa Shriver is home recuperating from surgery.

Neta Swinney has the shingles.

Lana Wooldridge was hospitalized last week with a serious staph infection. She is home recuperating.

Clarence Yearley, father of Donna Johnson, is having tests run and request our prayers.

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), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry**, **Lacey Pragler** (infant friend of Shriver's), **Mike Ritchie**, **Savannah Salas**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **TC Seitz**, **Linda Seitz**, **Lylia Seitz**, **Ben Sharp** (Bette's Grandson~Coma), **Donna Sterling**, **Neta Swinney**, **Mel and Debbie Warden** and **Leveana Wilhite** (Judy Scroggins sister), **Chester and Jerry Williams**, **Nicholas Woods** (Billy and Barbara's grandson).

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**



He had battled cancer. It was a tough, tough battle. And he won. She battled cancer. It was a tough, tough battle. And she lost – against the cancer anyway. But while battling cancer, Gary and Carrie Oliver wrote the article to which we referred at the couples' Christmas Party last Sunday night. We should pay attention because the choices they made helped them deal with their difficulties in an incredibly graceful way, even as they walked through the valley of the shadow of death. The article is called "The Three Most Important Choices" (*Marriage Partnership*, Winter 2007).

Number One: Choose to forgive. When your husband has let you down again; forgive him. When your wife has lost her temper again; forgive her. Remember that forgiveness is one of the most important ways that our marriages should mirror our relationship with God. Give up the bitterness and move on with fruit of love.

Number Two: Choose to pray. Pray together. Pray often. Pray believing. Pray asking more for your spouse than you do for yourself. Pray without judging. Pray with God's will in mind.

Number Three: Choose "us." Nicolas Cage played Jack Campbell who, during the Christmas season, encountered an angel who showed him what his life would have been like if he had made one significantly different choice. He chose to take an extended business trip against the desire of his love, Kate Reynolds played by Tea Leoni. At a crucial point in the movie, Cage has another opportunity to make an important choice. He pled with Kate: "Maybe I went to bed one lonely night in December and I imagined it all. But I swear nothing has ever felt more real. And if you get on that plane right now, it'll disappear forever. I know we could both go on with our lives and we'd both be fine, but I've seen what we could be like together. And I choose us."

It is one of the best movie lines ever. And it's about our choices. What important choices will you make? Forgive, pray, and make it about the two of you!

Richard and JeannaLynn



Christmas Trinket

It's amazing how certain benign items take on a special meaning when attached to someone we love. For instance, in one pocket of all of my coats I have some small items (mainly because I have to fiddle with something) that has a special memory attached to it. In one pocket I have a buckeye, in another a small stone, and in another a bear claw. Each reminds me of one person in my life and the impact they had on me. Christmas is also filled with symbols and trinkets that remind us of the season. Snowflakes, holly, evergreens, candy canes, packages, all remind us of what the season brings. One symbol that stands out in my mind and perhaps has a deeper meaning is the star. The star, as you know, was the sign to the wise men that a messiah had been born (Matthew 2). The star is such a noble symbol; it represents light in darkness, stars are used for navigation, the North Star especially is an anchor in the sky. This Christmas I hope that you top your tree with a star and that it reminds you that your savior was born, that He is your compass to direct your paths, and that He is your anchor in life to hold you steady. Merry Christmas!


You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

Parent/Teen Meeting
Sunday, January 13
12:46 PM
Fellowship Hall
Bring a sack lunch.

Activated Military Personnel



Josh Sisson, (nephew of Emma Logsdon), **Mick Dustin**, **Chris Wermly** (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)

There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life -- happiness, freedom, and peace of mind -- are always attained by giving them to someone else.

-Peyton Conway March



Close Community

Recently I read an intriguing fact about honey bees. You can keep bees, but you cannot keep a bee. A single honey bee will die within three days, even if you provide it with the ideal environment. There is something about community that keeps bees alive.


The application is obvious. We need the Christian community to have Christian life. We need the "bearing of one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) in order to keep going. In fact, researchers have found that people who have a good social network and a poor diet are as healthy as people who have a good diet and a poor social network. As John Ortberg has said, *"It is better to eat Twinkies with friends than broccoli alone."*

The fellowship of believers is the heartbeat of the church. It comes in many forms. We see this precious fellowship in a small group caring for its members. We see it in Bible study as a class discusses a common passage. We see it in the same Bible class as it works together on a common ministry task. We see it as the church cares for each member as needs arise.

Fellowship is a common meal and more. It is social and spiritual. It is life-giving. As the new year approaches, make a resolution to be active in our church community. Let us help you find a "connecting place."

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight

Building and Grounds

Deacons – Tom Rackley and Garry Harrison
Elder – Ken Davidson

Don't you enjoy coming to Bible Class and Worship, being warm in the winter and cool in the summer? Don't you enjoy having a clean, attractive facility to use as a base for Ministry? Many hours go into the upkeep of our facilities. The Building and Grounds Ministry ensures the cleanliness of the building for each service (Thanks, Travis!). They keep the building and equipment in "like new" condition both inside and out. They make sure the landscaping is well-groomed all year, as well as the maintenance of the parking lot. Their mission is not an end in itself. It is to give us a facility that will serve as a base for all of our Ministries. It is a special luxury that we may easily take for granted.

Perry Greene

Winston Churchill once said,

"You make a living by what you get...you make a life by what you give."



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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: 340

A.M. Worship: 515

P.M. Worship: 254

Wednesday NC

Daily Bible Readers: 57

Present Membership: 589

Contribution

Last Week: \$34,145

Budget Requires: \$15,085

Family Matters



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sat with Gary and visited me while I was in surgery and in the hospital. I appreciate the prayers on my behalf while I was anemic and suffering with my gallbladder. I hope to be back in the assembly soon.

Thanks again, Lesa Shriver

We would like to thank everyone who brought us goodies or thought of us in special ways during the holidays. We really do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The office staff

Dear Church family, You may never know just how much we appreciate your love and concern for us and our clan. Your generosity and compassion is very much appreciated...and the Lord has been glorified by all that you have done for us. May the Lord return back to you seven times the good that you do. The Seitz's

Purpose Cards

There are purpose cards in the pew racks. Please complete one. The contribution plate will be passed twice this morning, once for contribution and then for the purpose cards.

Men's Bible Study

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study will not meet the next two Mondays. It will resume Monday, January 7th.

Dishes and Bibles

The Lost and Found is full of dishes and Bibles among other items. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you.

Pantry Need

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

End of the Year Devo

We will join in fellowship for our "End of the Year Devo" with the Mustang and Piedmont congregations, here at the building Wednesday evening. All classes will meet in the Auditorium. There will be a "Cookie Fellowship" afterwards, so everyone bring your favorite cookies to share!

M.I.R.R.O.R. Ministry Girls

Please see Lorie today, to pick up your calendars.

Celebrating 50 Years of Love!

Once upon a time 50 years ago
on a very special day,
two hearts reached out to touch the
bright beginning of a lifetime of love.

The children of Warren and Avis Fisher

cordially invite you to join them for a
"50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration"
in honor of their parents,
Today
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
South Yukon church of Christ
11700 N.W. 10th

Your presence is the only gift desired.

Funtimer's ~ New Year's Eve Party

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: 8:00pm to Midnight, Monday,
December 31st

What to Bring: Your Favorite Snack and
Games to Play.

For the Person Who Has Everything

A few years ago, on "Good Morning, America," Joan Lunden featured some extraordinary gifts you might want to include on your Christmas gift list.

1. The Jaguar 220 automobile that was worth \$587,000. They only make 250 of them a year.
2. An 8 ounce can of wax that promised to give the ultimate shine. It retailed for \$3,400.
3. A \$300,000 gold and silver toilet seat which was inlaid with precious stones.
4. An \$18,000 Frisbee
5. A \$12,000 mousetrap
6. A \$28,000 pacifier

Such gifts stagger our imagination, but only God can give priceless and indescribable gifts. His greatest was the gift of Christ Jesus. What more do we need?

*"Thanks be to God for His
indescribable gift!"*

2 Corinthians 9:15

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 23, 2007

Song Leader -Tim Holt

685 The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 96:7-9

S2 The Greatest Commands

144 Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

Opening Prayer - Don Hoggatt

S29 By Christ Redeemed

Communion Prayers - David Reiter

The Lord's Supper

923 Give Thanks

Contribution Prayer - Andy McKinnon

S42 Highest Place

Scripture - Michael Newberry

Mark 2:13-17

Sermon - Don't Miss Jesus: Pharisaical DNA

Speaker - Richard May

262 I Bring My Sins to Thee

Shepherd's Prayer - Lloyd Stephens

Announcements - Joe Wallace

Collection of Pledge Cards

612 Take My Life, and Let It Be

315 I'll Live in Glory

Closing Prayer - Norman Bean

Sunday Evening Assembly

Sermon - Jesus is Better than Moses

Scripture - Hebrews 3:1-6

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM
Melissa Willingham
Barbara Woods
Joni Beck

Worship PM
Doris Beshears
Tammy Beshears

Communion to the Shut-ins

Joe Stockton

Visitation Group #2
meets today

Peak Wednesday
January 2nd