



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

## Anticipation of Dickens

Anticipation really brings some spice to life, doesn't it? Authors are aware of the selling power of anticipation. Do J. K. Rowling (*Harry Potter*) and Tim LaHaye (*Left Behind*) understand the importance of anticipation? Many of the works of Charles Dickens create anticipation for what is yet to come.

Dickens published in serial form. Part would be printed and sent out to sellers, and then readers would have to wait for the next section. One of his novels published in this manner was *The Old Curiosity Shop*. It was published in 1841 and was widely read in both Britain and the United States. Little Nell was the heroine of the story, and interest in the outcome was intense. In New York, six thousand people crowded the wharf at which the ship carrying the final installment was due to dock. As it came close, the crowd's anticipation grew so that they cried out to the sailors, "Does Little Nell Die?"

The story of redemption is published in installments spread throughout the existence of mankind. From the story of a perfect creation, through the account of the fall, the flood, the faith of Abraham, the history of his sons and grandsons, the promises and mercy of God seen in the Exodus, the giving of the law, the gift of Canaan, the preaching of the prophets, the coming of God, the death and resurrection, and the preaching of the gospel, right up to the present time, the story of God's love is written.

Anticipation has always been a part of the story. Peter wrote about those who told the story in the beginning. In regard to the salvation of our souls, he wrote:

*Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached*

*the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.* (1 Peter 1:10-12)

Now, we wait in anticipation. Our situation is a little different from those six thousand who waited on the dock for Dicken's book. Instead of knowing the arrival time and being ignorant of how the story ends; we know how the story ends, yet are ignorant of the arrival time.

We don't know, though, when the end will be. We can't go to the dock and wait for the coming of Christ. He may come today, he might not. He may come in the year 2008, he may not. He may come while we are alive, he may not. We must simply always be ready, anticipating his coming and our salvation. You know the end, are you ready for it?

*Richard May*

## Greeting Ministry



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, if you can help.

YOU may make a big difference for someone!



### Monday

Funtimer's New Years Eve Party

### Tuesday

New Years Day  
Office Closed

### Wednesday

PEAK  
Bible Study

### Thursday

Sonshine Stitchers



## Communion Preparation

Communion Preparation is another good ministry. If you can help prepare communion for Sunday morning services, please sign up on the list on the bulletin board.

## 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

**Malcolm Booker** had his pacemaker replaced last week and is doing better.  
**Evelyn Cannon** is in physical therapy for a broken hip at Deaconess Rehab in room 349 bed 2.

**Edna Garner**, Jarenda's mother in law, had a stroke and is not doing well.

**Gene Grider**, uncle of Merv and Sue Deason, is being treated, as an outpatient at the Anadarko Hospital, for a severe Staph infection in one of his feet. Please pray for him. He spends three hours a day at the Hospital taking strong antibiotic treatments IV and still has three weeks to go.

**Yvonne McGaugh** had successful surgery and is in Mercy Hospital Room 467.

**Jean O'Rourke**, the mother of Vicky Sterling, is home from the hospital and is on pain management for her shingles.

**Sonja Still's brother Daryl**, had a major fall and may not survive. He lives in San Antonio and is in his 30's and has twin girls who lost their mother several years ago. Sonja requests our prayers.

**Marlene Wadkins** is suffering from an infection in her foot. She is in the Kindred Hospital Rehab at St. Anthony's, room 205b. 232-8000 x4205

**Debbie Warden** is in Baptist Hospital room 969 undergoing tests.

**Lana Wooldridge** has a serious staph infection but is feeling much better.

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

**Please continue to pray for:** Gary Baumwart, George Bennett (father of Ken), George Bryan (Joy Wallace's dad), Mary Alice Burks, Evelyn Cannon, 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), Carol Karuth (Vonda Stephen's mother), Don Kilmer, Liz Knight, JeannaLynn May, Richard May, Jake McCathern (Stump's grandson), 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, Mel Schaefer, Sandra Schoolcraft, TC Seitz, Linda Seitz, Lylia Seitz, Ben Sharp (Bette's Grandson~Coma), Lesa Shriver, Cynthia Sipes, 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 (has begun radiation), Norman High (Cathy Montgomery's dad), Dean Hill, Judy Hurt (Vonda Stephen's sister), 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 (Parcway Center, 6312 N. Portland, OK, OK 73112)

**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 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)

**YOU Can Make a  
Difference!**



2007 brought vow renewals, recommitments, new ministry opportunities, new avenues for growth, and ceremonies where more attention had been given to planning for the marriage than planning for the wedding! That's awesome!

One of the most memorable times of the year for us was the breaking of the boards at the Couples' Retreat. Husbands and wives wrote or drew on one inch thick pine boards what they wanted to construct in their marriages. On the other side of the board, the husband or wife wrote their personal barriers and obstacles to constructing what they dreamed. Then with great enthusiasm, determination, and encouragement from all the other couples, many husbands and wives came in front of the group, told about their boards, and then crushed the board.

Breaking the board didn't remove the barrier. That wasn't the moment of crossing the hurdle. The race was finished right there. Breaking the board was a step of determination! It was a move to overcome fear! It was a demonstration of accountability to Christian peers! It was proof that what you think you can't do, very often you can!

As we broke the boards, Harry and Beverly Meadows came up! Marriage ministry is often perceived as a ministry for couples without much marriage experience, but Harry and Beverly have been married since 1964. That's a little shorter time than some of us, but much longer than many of us. Harry went first, and talked about wanting to encourage some of those who had been married for more than a few years. Then Beverly approached' expressing her own dreams and confessing her own obstacles; and then, right in front of us, they smashed their hands through their boards! It was a great moment!

For those of you who were at the retreat, don't forget the lessons of the breaking of the boards. Don't forget your dreams. Don't forget your determination to Construct a Christian Couple. But you don't have to have been at the retreat to get the lessons. What do you dream for your marriage? What barriers do you face? Be determined to break through them with God's help!

And remember: Marriage ministry isn't just for newlyweds!

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## A Glimpse into Josh's Life

This past Friday I turned 25 (please hold your applause). With this momentous occasion comes certain perks such as lower auto insurance (which is a big thing if you're a guy), but the one thing I am most excited about this birthday is that I am finally able to drive our church busses. This privilege was denied me last year after we switched insurance companies and with it the new age restriction. Under the old company, drivers needed only to be 24; I was so close yet so far. But now I'm ready; Gene, and others that have driven the youth group to various activities and functions, your time is up – you had a good run but now it's time for this young pup to have his turn, to lay some rubber down, to drag race other church vans (by the way to those elders reading this I would never ever do this, ever. It just makes for better literary drama), and to drive "safely and confidently" over the horizon to destinations of spiritual depth and biblical understanding, and a closer relationship with Christ – also known as church camp. Which reminds me, who is driving your spiritual bus? Who are you letting have responsibility over your spiritual journey? I hope it is someone with some experience, someone who you trust, and one who knows

the way – maybe has even been where you are going. Remember there is only one driver seat, only one whom you can choose, so that one must be the perfect fit. I hope your driver is Jesus. John 14.1-6

You stay classy South Yukon,

*Josh*

(P.S. Gene, Lynn, Fred, Kaleen, and others who have driven the youth group – I hope you'll consider staying on board as drivers for youth functions. I would hate for you to miss out on the wonderful opportunity to enrich the lives of our youth by taking them to church activities. Besides, I didn't really mean that part about your time being up – it's really just begun. Happy trails!)

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## Teen News

### Parent/Teen Meeting

Sunday, January 13  
12:46 PM  
Fellowship Hall  
Bring a sack lunch.

### Jr/Sr Lunch

Resumes on Friday, January 18th.

## Perry's Scope

### Live the Message

I have heard that the best disciple-making is to BE the message. Modern "disciple-making" is often equated to church growth numbers. The assumption is, the higher the numbers, the better we are at disciple-making. The reality is often that we produce churches that are "a mile wide and an inch deep."

Being a disciple of Jesus is more than having our favorite pew at church. It is more than an occasional Bible study. It is becoming like Him – in every way. Jesus studied the text; lived the text; and taught the text. He was the incarnation of God's message (John 1:14). How well do we know and practice the text?

Our Rabbi, Jesus, told us to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). If we are following Him, should we not do the same kinds of things He did? Should we not study, teach, and LIVE the text out in our lives? Should we not influence others to do the same?

Real disciple-making happens by real disciples. It happens when we give up gimmicks and worldly allurements just to "get people into church." It happens when we LIVE the message.

Here is an example of God's plan: "For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel" (Ezra 7:10, NIV). Amazing things happen when we follow the inspired pattern (see Acts 2:47, et al).

Keep The Light Burning!

*Perry Greene*



Growing churches have exceptional Ministries for children. This makes sense on a lot of levels. It provides an opportunity to assist concerned parents in the spiritual formation of their children in order to pass on the "baton" of faith. As well, young families are looking for churches where they can entrust their kids for Bible classes and activities.

This includes the children in the Nursery through the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. This Ministry directly or indirectly impacts literally hundreds of people. It is a huge and important Ministry. Nina Moates coordinates the Children's Education, Carol Marcum supervises the Workroom, and Barry Stump provides the Elder support for this work.

This Ministry staffs our classes with teachers, coordinators, and helpers. It equips them with practical curricula for each developmental level of our kids. It maintains a quality workroom to assist in the Biblical education of children.

Take a minute to thank the men and women who are ministering to our children. Better yet, volunteer to help out in this work. You never know whom you will impact in the years to come.

*Perry Greene*

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**Missionaries**

**Fishers of Men**

Darrell & Jean O'Rourke

**SEARCH TV**

Mack Lyon

**Adventures in Missions**

Pat & Malissa Sheaffer

**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: ..... 0  
 A.M. Worship: ..... 413  
 P.M. Worship: ..... 201  
 Wednesday ..... NC  
 Daily Bible Readers: ..... 49  
 Present Membership: ..... 589

**Contribution**

Last Week: ..... \$16,209  
 Budget Requires: ..... \$15,085

**Family  
Matters**



**Thank You**

Dear church Family, I know my grandma already sent you a thank you card, but I wanted to personally thank you for your prayers and cards during my grandad's sickness and passing. He was an amazing man and would be humbled to know that you all were praying for him even though you'd never met him. Thanks again for everything. Micha Hughs

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers, cards, food and flowers during the recent loss of my brother Gary Pace. May God Bless each one of you. In Christian Love, Kathy and Bill Wallace

Thank you for the meal that was prepared for us on Dec. 18th. Thanks go to Rosie Hinkle's group for making the food. It was very good. Thanks also to mom, Dad and Chuck for receiving the food and bringing it to our home in Cashion. I also want to thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that was sent to me. It was a beautiful addition to our Christmas decorations. Lesa Shriver

**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.

**Dishes and Bibles**

The Lost and Found area 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.

**Sonshine Stitchers**

Meet Thursday from 9:00-Noon in the Fellowship Hall. For more information about this great ministry, see Florine Jones.

**Funtimer Lunch**

The Funtimers will meet Tuesday, January 8th from noon to 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.

**Ladies Unity Team**

The Ladies Unity Team will meet next Sunday the 6th immediately after services in the Fellowship Hall. For more information see Patty Booker.

**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.

**PEAK Wednesday**

January 2nd is PEAK. Bring a sack supper and meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm for fellowship with your brothers and sisters before Bible Study at 7:00pm.

**NAMI Support Group**

**National Alliance of Mental Illness**

Meets Tuesday, January 8th from 7:00-8:00pm in the Conference Room. For information see Julia Wilhite.

**Baby Shower**

There will be a "Diaper and Wipes" Shower for Holly Gooch on Sunday, Jan. 13th at 2:00 in the Parlor. Expecting a girl.

**Cookbook**

The "Ties That Bind" Cookbooks were a big success and sold out before Christmas. More are being put together. If you are interested in purchasing one, please sign the list in the office or see Mischelle or Lorie. Book-\$5, CD-\$1.

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

Please see Lorie today, to pick up your calendars. Our next meeting is Saturday, January 12 from 10:00 - Noon in the Fellowship Hall.

**M.I.R.R.O.R stands for May I Rightly**

**Reflect Our Redeemer** ~ This ministry is made up of mother and daughters, grandmothers, or just girls who want to be a part. We meet for 2 hours and usually have a short lesson, make a project and/or visit, sing, bake, sweep, whatever we can think of to bring a smile to someone. If you are interested and would like to join us in Reflecting Jesus, see Lorie Mulkey.

**Cancer Support Group**

Will meet Monday, January 7th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Parlor. For more information contact Patty Booker, Stefanie Grantello, Rick Marcotte, Billie Linam or Jim Linam.

**Men's Bible Study**

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study will resume Monday, January 7th.

## 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 30, 2007**

**Song Leader** -Glen Davis

238 Holy, Holy, Holy!

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

**Psalm 96:7-9**

810 Jesus Loves Me

447 Near to the Heart of God

**Opening Prayer** - Andy Langham

752 When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

**Communion Prayers** - Tracy Watson

**The Lord's Supper**

S20 Faithful Love

**Contribution Prayer** - Greg Dobbins

679 They'll Know We are Christians

873 Love, Love

**Scripture** -

**John 13:33-35**

**Sermon** - The Test of Discipleship

**Speaker** - Perry Greene

481 O Jesus, I Have Promised

**Shepherd's Prayer** - Barry Stump

876 Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Announcements** - Kim Beshears

**Collection of Pledge Cards**

S27 In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

910 Boundless Love

**Closing Prayer** - Mack Booker

### **Sunday Evening Assembly**

**Sermon** - War - By Faith

**Speaker** - Perry Greene

**Scripture** - Ephesians 6:10-12

#### **Nursery Attendants**

##### **Worship AM**

Vickie Bonny  
Felicia Clemmons  
Debbie Brown

##### **Worship PM**

Paula Leaman  
Marta Seitz

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

Keith Dace

**Visitation Group #3**  
meets today

**Peak Wednesday**  
January 2nd