



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Tin Man and Scarecrow Worship

When God created Adam and Eve, he created them with bodies to move, minds to think, and hearts to feel. Your body, intellect, and emotion make up who you are as a person, and God wants all of you involved in life with him.

Having confirmed that the Colossians were risen with Christ Paul told them, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:1-2). This focus of emotion or will and their intellect on heavenly things would have an impact on the actions of the body. Specifically, sexual immorality, slander, and lying would be put to death.

A little later in that passage, Paul instructed the Colossians that their singing involving the body, should teach and admonish engaging the mind; all the while, expressing gratitude in the heart (Colossians 3:15-16). Paul told the Corinthians who seemed quite happy to engage the spirit as they spoke in languages that no one present understood, that they would do better for themselves and others if they would pray and sing (bodily functions) with both mind and spirit – intellect and emotion (1 Corinthians 14:13-17).

John Ortberg and Pam Howell wrote about Scarecrow Worship (worship without a brain) and Tin Man Worship (worship without a heart) in the article "Can You Engage Both Heart and Mind?" [*Leadership* (4-1-99)].

If we lean, as a group, toward one of these kinds of worship, it is toward the Tin Man Worship. We do lean. And, it's important to note that we don't lean toward a worship disengaged from emotion because we can demonstrate from scripture that it is supposed to be that way. We lean that way because of our church history. Those through whom we trace our spiritual background did what we do; but not all the way back to the first century. God has called us to engage the heart.

Jonathan Edwards wrote in his *Religious Affections*, "That religion which God requires, and will accept, does not consist in weak, dull, and lifeless wouldlings raising

us but a little above a state of indifference." Wouldlings is a word coined by Edwards to refer to weak drives to do those things which a Christian has said he "would" do. Weak inclinations are to be replaced with a fervent spirit. So he continued, "God, in his Word, greatly insists upon it that we be in good earnest, fervent in spirit, and our hearts vigorously engaged in religion: 'Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord' (Romans 12:11)."

It's time for us to create a better balance of worship. We have excelled in worship with mind and body. Let's now excel in worship with mind, body, and spirit. That's all of who you are!

That's Life at Work! *Richard May*

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Sunday

LTC Practice

Monday

Cancer Support Group
Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting

Wednesday

Bible Study

Thursday

Senior Citizen Birthday Party

Friday

Jr/Sr Lunch
Memory Makers

Saturday

Lifeline Screening 1-800-324-1851
KFC Food Drive

Parents of Young Children

Church services can be overwhelming and, face it, boring for young children. In an effort to help parents with their children, we offer a **staffed nursery** for children up to 18 months of age. We also want to encourage parents to use the **training rooms** in the back of the auditorium to help your young children learn about worship. Please take advantage of these services whenever there is a need.

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

Isabel Allen, the mother of Marilyn Dean, is suffering with hip complications from a fall. She will also have her pacemaker batteries replaced soon.

Don Black, the uncle of Ken Davidson, is in the Edmond Bone and Joint.

Mary Blain, the mother of Cindi Stump, has Refractory Aplastic Anemia and was hospitalized last week. She will be going to the Scott White Clinic in Texas.

Virginia Bryant, the cousin of Sharron Davidson, had surgery for cancer. Went well.

Kim Jimenez Buesing, Wade Readnour's niece, is 36 years old and had a stroke.

Evelyn Cannon is in Gran Grans Rehab room 3A.

Don Carpenter, brother of Judy Scroggins, has a brain tumor. Getting a second opinion.

Orpha Dean, the mother of Andy, is in the Elk City Hospital with Gastritis.

Wendell Key, the brother of Jeanette Schoof, had heart surgery and is doing well.

Kendall Long, grandson of Dona Aday, one of Linda Perry's co-workers needs our prayers; he is bipolar and struggling with several issues.

Roy Maddox, co-worker of Mike Clark, has a 13 yr old daughter who was diagnosed with a cyst on her brain stem. They request our prayers.

Gene Patton, Mike Clark's uncle, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in his spine. He is in SW Integris Hospital. Please pray for his wife, Brenda as she has lost her brother, sister and father and it appears inevitable now her husband.

Mike Thompson's wrist surgery went well.

Marlene Wadkins, mother of Debbie Warden, is in Baptist rm 615. No visitors please.

Debbie Warden has an inflamed Sciatic nerve. Her and Mel would like us to pray for them as they are dealing with a lot of issues right now.

Please continue to pray for: **Daryl** (Sonja Still's brother), **George Bennett** (father of Ken), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Evelyn Cannon**, **Virginia Cox** (Terrie Wooldridge's mother), **Wanelda Folks**, **Edna Garner** (Jarenda's m-i-l~stroke), **Buddy Glass** (Vicki Bonny's dad), **Gene Grider** (Deason's uncle~staph infection), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Ron Kalka** (nephew of Davidson's~stroke), **Don Kilmer**, **Liz Knight**, **Sandra Leist**, (Pat McIntyre's sister), **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), **Tim Newby** (Burk's son), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jean O'Rourke** (Vicky Sterlings mother), **Jon Perry**, **Mike Ritchie**, **Savannah Salas**, **Mel Schaefer**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **TC Seitz**, **Linda Seitz**, **Lylia Seitz**, **Ben Sharp** (Bette's Grandson~Coma), **Cynthia Sipes**, **Donna Sterling**, **Neta Swinney**, **Mel and Debbie Warden** and, **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**, **Wilbur Cravey** (Cheryl Mayhan's father), **Larry Duff** (b-i-l of Patty Clements), **Alan Engren** (Bill Wallaces Friend), **Eddie Gable** (R Pershall/R Salas' father), **Stefanie Grantello**, **J. C. Hasty**, **Bill Harris**, **Norman High** (Cathy Montgomery's dad), **Dean Hill**, **Judy Hurt** (Vonda Stephen's sister), **Bea Johnson**, **Carol Karuth** (Vonda Stephens mother), **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, OKC, OK 73112)

On Hospice Care: **Donna Fitzgerald** (cancer), **Don Morris**, **Glenna** (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 Wormy** (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/Paula Walker, brother to Shelly Hudson), **Chan Aaron** (Micah Hughs' brother)



Starting with the Heart

The Servant Heart. The Covenant Marriage. Choosing Love.

Those are topics of lectures, classes, seminars, etc. that often kick off a marriage retreat, seminar, or enrichment weekend. They are key because they form the foundation for what we practice as husbands and wives.

A man came asking for help for his marriage. His wife had felt for some time that their marriage was terribly unhealthy. Their recent arguments had led him to thoughts of divorce, though, and he finally realized it was time to get some serious help.

He said that there were several problems. Communication was one of them. That's not surprising. Eighty-six percent of divorced couples claim that deficient communication was a major cause of the break-up. He said it wasn't that they didn't talk. They talked a lot. But the talk was loud, angry, malicious, harsh, and coarse.

He said that empty love banks were another problem. He had read enough of *His Needs*, *Her Needs* and *Love Busters* by Harley to know that they felt out of love with each other and that it was difficult for them to get the energy to try over and over to do the right thing.

He and his wife had communication skills. They could quote Gottman's material about the harsh startup and its impact on a marriage. They could define assertiveness. They knew what active listening looked like. They just weren't assertive. They didn't listen. They spoke harshly.

What was the problem? They didn't have the heart of a servant for each other. They lived in a contract type marriage instead of a covenant. They wouldn't choose love when they didn't feel love. They didn't have the basics down, so they didn't have a chance.

Get your heart right and give your marriage a great foundation!

Richard and JeannaLynn



Sit, Stay...

Most dog owners realize the importance of teaching a dog obedience commands. These learned behaviors are valuable when guests come over for a visit, when children are present, when the dog is in the house, or just to entertain friends. Lately I've been working with my dog on obedience. He is familiar with "sit", and "stay" (although his version of stay doesn't last very long), but I'm always working on reinforcement. When I am home and in front of him, he has no problem following through with the commands I give him. I doubt, though that he performs these commands on his own in my absence. There is nothing within my dog to compel him to perform any obedience commands.

In Philippians 2.12, Paul and Timothy write "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." When Paul was with the people of Philippi it was easy for them to obey Christ's teachings because he was there coaching them. The great thing about the Philippians though was that they obeyed even more without him with them. Unlike my dog, I do have what it takes to obey without a spiritual coach; but like my dog, it's always good to practice reinforcement. God is always on your side, the bible is our reference, and the church is a great resource for spiritual coaching. Continue to work out your salvation, practice your Christianity, and rely on God for guidance; and remember, there are plenty

of spiritual coaches here within the church body who care about you and want to encourage you all the way to heaven.

You stay classy South Yukon, *Josh*

Teen News

SNL tonight at the Stephens – bring \$3

AWTG - Sunday February 10th in Norman
(This is the one that includes a Lady Sooners basketball game)

KFC Food Drive

Saturday, January 24th at 9:00am.
If you can help pick up or drive, sign up on bulletin board today. See Reiter's or Willingham's for questions.



LTC News

LTC Practice today

12:45 Puppets and Drama
1:45 Bible Bowl and Bible Reading
2:45 Song Leading and Signing
2:45 Scrap Booking
3:45 Chorus

LTC Service Challenge Forms are available on the back table in the Foyer. They are due Sunday, February 3rd. For more info see Jennie Lockhart.

Service Challenge Points - If you still need points see Jennie Lockhart during practice today.



Renewing Christian Friendships

Last weekend I was with my former church in Alabama. They invited me to participate in a retirement party for one of the secretaries who had served that church for twenty-five years. Michaela (or "Mike") was a true asset to that congregation (to be honest, church secretaries are the unsung heroes of most churches – ours included).

I want to share some things from the trip that came to mind.

1. It is always good to honor people for their service. It is biblical and encouraging.
2. Generosity is always appreciated. Don't you love it when someone gives you "just the right thing"? The church gave "Mike" and her husband the perfect gift – a vacation to their favorite place, San Francisco and a generous money tree for spending money.
3. Acts of love last forever. "Mike" impacted people forever and will always remember the night of her party with all of the niceties and tribute paid to her.
4. Christian friendships continue eternally. I was thrilled to reconnect with my friends in Huntsville but, we are separated again. One day, that separation will end and we shall always live together in the presence of God.

I want to encourage you to thank the people around you – your spouse, parents, children, friends, etc. Be generous in giving appreciation or gifts. Remember, your actions live on after you, make them acts of love. Cherish your Christian friendships. We share in so much now and forever.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene

Men's Bible Study

Monday mornings in the Conference Room from 6:45-7:15am. All men are welcome.

Ministry Spotlight

Finance

Every organization at some point needs to deal with finances. Even Jesus and the twelve had a treasurer (John 12.6). While "making money" is not our purpose, we do need honest, dependable individuals to help us be responsible stewards of the contributions we receive. This involves accurate record keeping of contributions as well as how we distribute those funds. It includes budgeting monies to the various Ministries so that each can perform their tasks.

Because of the congregation's heart, we have been entrusted with a generous amount of money that we are to use in spreading the good news throughout the world. We are grateful to Dennis Mitchell and Kyle Reuter for serving as Deacons in the Finance Ministry. We are also thankful for Ken Davidson's support as an elder.

Perry Greene



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Guadalajara

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Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: NC

A.M.Worship: 595

P.M.Worship: 269

Wednesday 356

Daily Bible Readers: 100

Present Membership: 598

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,156

Budget Requires: \$15,922

Family Matters



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the ways you have helped and encouraged me and my girls over the last few years. The generosity of this church has been a tremendous blessing for us. Love, Elizabeth Ritter

We would first like to thank everyone for the prayers and concerns for Savannah through all she has been through. We just recently completed more tests and everything came back completely normal. The doctor thinks Savy will start to develop normally with the seizures under control. She has already made great strides. Physical therapy and speech therapy should help tremendously. We love you all and appreciate your love for Savy. Prayer is a powerful thing. In Christian Love, Cutberto and Rhonda Salas and Savannah

Thanks so much to the sweet girls of the M.I.R.R.O.R. Service Ministry, and their mothers for the appreciation reception on Saturday. The painted prayer rocks and the poem you gave each of us were so thoughtful and will help us to remember the value of prayer. We hold that special time spent with you close to our hearts. Thank you for "reflecting" the love of Jesus! We love you, The Elder's Wives

"I thank my God every time I remember you." (Phil.1:3) A special thank you to Vicky Sterling and Lorie Mulkey for touching my life in a special way by organizing the encouragement basket that I received from several of you during the holidays. Thank you! I do thank my God every time I remember each of you who gave gifts and offered words of hope and encouragement! I am reminded daily by your symbols of love and encouragement that we serve an awesome God! Bless You & Thank You! With Love, JeannaLynn May

Our Sympathy

To Judy Scroggins and family on the passing of her sister, Laverna Wilhite.

To Charles and Jalene Davis on the passing of their sister-in-law, Grace Mayhugh.

To Eddie Coleman (a former member) and family on the passing of his father Ron. Services are Monday at 2:00 at the Southern Ridge cofC at 2237 SW 134th in OKC.

Cancer Support Group

Will meet Monday, January 21st, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parlor. For information, contact Patty Booker, Stefanie Grantello, Rick Marcotte, Billie or Jim Linam

Dale Robertson Sr. Citizen

January Birthday Party

We are still in need of "7" more pies. If you can help, please sign the list on the Women's Bulletin Board. Please bring pies to the church office or kitchen by 10:00am, **Thursday, January 24th.** Label them "Sr. Citizen B-day Party." More info contact Vicky Sterling.

Ladies Tuesday Night Bible Class

Will begin Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30pm in the home of Vicky Sterling, studying Lesson 8 "Compelled by Grace". If you would like to join this class, please call the office, so books can be ordered. The cost is \$7. Looking forward to our study of God's Word together.

Attention: Pre-school-6th Grade Teachers and Coordinators

A meeting is planned for anyone who is presently teaching or is interested in the future teaching preschool or K-6 classes. The meeting will be held on February 10th in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship service. Lunch will be served to attendees and the meeting should last until 1:00pm. If you will be attending, please sign the list on the bulletin board by the office, no later than Feb 6th. Also, indicate on the sheet if you will need baby-sitting. Hope to see you there, Nina Moates.

Tipton Home

The Tipton Home truck will be here February 25th-27th. Items needed are: Klennex, bleach, Cascade dishwashing soap, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, gallon size zip-lock bags, aluminum foil, Spam, soup, and Raman noodles.

KFC Food Drive

Saturday, January 26th. If you can leave items on your porch by 9:00am to be picked up, sign on the back of attendance card/bulletin board or call the office. The pantry has a lot of canned vegetables and meat right now, but is in need of crackers, peanut butter, jelly, powdered milk, cereal, dried potato flakes, rice, beans, velveeta, snack foods, etc.

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 January 20, 2008

Song Leader - Josh Sloan

943 I Love you Lord

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 96:7-9

S 45 Ancient Words

Opening Prayer - Rod Sheaffer

844 Be Still and Know

436 Nearer Still Nearer

S 8 Thomas' Song

Communion Prayers - Rick Marcotte

The Lord's Supper

500 O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Contribution Prayer - Matt Bonnette

S 42 Highest Place

982 We Shall Assemble

Scripture - Michael New

Colossians 3:1-4

Sermon - Back to the Heart of Worship: Worship with Heart

Speaker - Richard May

S 23 Lord Take Control

Shepherd's Prayer - Ken Davidson

Announcements - Mel Schaefer

S 25 Hossana

Closing Prayer - Chris Leck

Sunday Evening Assembly

Sermon - The Better Covenant

Scripture - Hebrews 8:8-12

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM

Gay Lyn Byrd

Sara Clark

Tammy Clemmens

Worship PM

Felicia Clemmons

Verlane Cole

Communion to the Shut-ins

Rick Willingham

**Visitation Group #2
meets today**

Peak Wednesday

February 6th