



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

We're a Bit Busy

My heart aches this week as I watch brothers in my own family fight with each other. The worship war spilled out into the street for everyone to see. An issue that few understand was taken to the world. The world watches, and they report. What they say is not, "Those people sure know their Bibles." They sure don't say, "They must be followers of Jesus. Just look at their love for each other." What they say is that the Church of Christ is fighting. Not fighting poverty. Not fighting addiction. Not fighting abuse. Not fighting biblical illiteracy. Not fighting Satan. The Church of Christ is fighting itself.

That's a lose-lose-lose deal. Both sides in the fight lose. And the world that we are trying to influence for good and for God; the world that is supposed to see the light of Christ in us loses, too. The lost see in us the same kind of fight that they see in their homes, their hangouts, their alleys, their workplaces, their parks and their playgrounds. They have fights all around them all the time. Why come to Christ to find another?

Other churches don't always do what we believe they ought to do in the way we

believe they ought to do it. Still other churches who don't like what other churches have done don't always respond in the way that we believe they ought to respond. While all that has happened around us is very disheartening and tragic, this is a trustworthy saying: On our watch right here and now, there are orphans and widows who need care, families who need uniting, poor who need fed and warmed, addicts who need a hand, abused children who need protection, and unbelievers who need faith and hope. And we must serve them.

In our own local church family there are probably six hundred different reactions to the polarization occurring in the body of Christ in the metro – one for every person who assembles in our church home. I hope you'll say with me that we are heartbroken over the fight, but God has a big job for us to do giving care, direction, food and warmth, a helping hand, protection, and hope to our communities – and we're a bit busy. Definitely too busy to fight with our brothers.

That's Life at Work!

Richard May

Blood Drive Coming Soon! Sunday, March 9th



Sunday

Ladies' Unity Meeting
LTC Practice
Finerock Baby Shower
KFC Winter Banquet

Monday

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

Tuesday

Nami Support Group
Ladies' Bible Study
Daisy Scouts

Wednesday

Bible Study

Friday

Jr/Sr Lunch

Name Tags

We are having a good number of guests each week. It would be helpful to them (and our members) if we wear our nametags each week. With them we can more easily identify our members and make our guests feel more at home. Our new members will also appreciate it. It is hard to know the names of 600+ people!

Attention All First Time Guests!

We have a gift for you this morning to thank you for worshiping 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

Edith Adams, Betty Hall's mother, is having medical problems and request our prayers. **Staci Bond's uncle Bill Shanklin** passed away and the services were last Friday in Lufkin, TX. Please pray for her Aunt Mary also.

Ben Brown, son of Jim and Jamie, will have tubes put in his ears and his atnoids out on Tuesday, February 26th at Baptist Hospital.

Neil Cosgrove was hospitalized last week and is home recuperating.

Gavyn Beshears, had successful surgery last week.

Larry Bledsoe had surgery to remove a tumor in his bladder. He goes back in 2 or 3 weeks to take out more of the tumor. They will take another biopsy at that time to make sure they didn't miss something while testing.

Orpha Dean, Andy's mom is in the Elk City hospital fighting pneumonia; however the fluid around her heart is under control.

Eddie Gable, father of Robin Pershall and Rhonda Salas had successful prostate surgery.

Sandra Leist, sister of Pat McIntyre, had major surgery last Friday in Indiana.

Emily McCoy, daughter of Dorine Watson, is home with a stint to drain her lung.

Lois Melvin, the mother of Anita Readnour, is now living at Nina Willingham's #102. She would love to receive cards and encouragement.

Wade Readnour is having numerous medical problems and would like our prayers.

Jenny Revlett, a friend of the Welch's and Tess' from Montana, just found out she has stage 4 breast cancer and also some spots on her liver. She is a mother to two yong boys. She will begin aggressive treatments including surgery, chemo, and radiation soon.

Carlee Roddy broke her right elbow again.

Glenda Tate is home recuperating from bypass surgery. (400 S. Ranchwood, Trailer 105, Yukon, OK 73099, 350-6725)

Marlene Wadkins will have surgery Tuesday at 1:30pm at Baptist hospital to amputate the toes on her right foot.

Joe Wallace's mother is home from the hospital.

Dorine Watson will have Cataract surgery Tuesday on her right eye.

Please continue to pray for: **Daryl** (S. Still's brother), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Wanelda Folks**, **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Don Kilmer**, **Sandra Leist** (P. McIntyre's sister), **JeannaLynn & Richard May**, **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Tim Newby** (Burk's son), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry**, **Savannah Salas**, **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** (B&B Woods 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), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Neil Cosgrove**, **Wilbur Cravey** (Cheryl Mayhan's father), **Larry Duff** (b-i-l of Patty Clements), **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**, **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), **Paul Taylor** (Onleys b-i-l), **Shelli Vang**, **Bill Walker**, **Lavaughn Wilson** (Womacks friend)

Our Shut-ins: **Evelyn Cannon** (Gran Grans 3A), **Marie Cox**, **Audrey Gray**, **Liz Knight**, **Don and Veda Morris**, **Buck Buchanan**, **Alice Ralls**

On Hospice Care: **Isabel Allen** (mother of Marilyn Dean), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Don Morris**, **Glenna** (Teresa Harris' friend)

Expectant Mothers: **Kristi Finefrock**, **Holly Gooch**, **Robyn Keele** (bed rest), **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), **Shane Sheaffer** (son of Rod and Ardith), **Ken Walker** (son of Bill/Paula Walker, brother to Shelly Hudson), **Chan Aaron** (Micah Hughes' brother) Alex Wagner (friend of the Shrivvers)



Christiana Aguilera sings in "You make me Happy:" "I never thought that I could ever find someone. Just having you around is so much fun. You're right here by my side, just like I knew you would. And it feels so good, Baby, 'cause you make me happy." For so many couples whose thought behind getting married was so much like what Aguilera sings, after a couple of years the happiness is gone and the new voice in their heads is Janet Jackson's: "What have you done for me lately?"

When God entered a covenant relationship with Abraham, his promises had to do with what he would do for Abraham. That's the nature of a covenant. The men of Judah to whom Malachi preached were disappointed in their wives and were divorcing them. Malachi declared, "... the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant" (Malachi 2:14). Marriage is a covenant and we enter covenants because of what we want to give to our spouses, not because of what we want to get.

When you entered a covenant relationship with your spouse, promising to love, honor and cherish and until you are parted by death, your focus was on what you would give to your spouse. It's easy to change that focus as time passes. We have never come across a couple who was having trouble where each was still primarily focused on making their spouse happy. In fact, most couples look for help expecting that their spouses will be motivated to change.

Quit asking, "What have you done for me lately?" Ask the covenant question instead, "What have I done for you lately?" Covenants are outward focused!

Book info:

- Please let us know if you would like for us to order any books for you! What are you reading together for spiritual growth; do you have a devotional book?
- We have several copies of *Dream Giver for Couples* - \$5/book special!!

Please know that we pray for the marriages, both present and future, of South Yukon! Because We Care.....!!!

Richard and JeannaLynn



Finding the Dog Bone Inside Jesus

My dog has a pretty playful personality (technically I guess it would be “dogality”). Anyway, he likes to chase and be chased, play tug-o-war, and chew on toys. A friend of mine decided that when I first got my dog that he needed a chew toy and so she gave me a hollow, snowman-shaped, red rubber orb called a kong. My dog loved it, carried it everywhere and loved to chase it around as it bounced erratically. Time passed however and Jake eventually lost interest in the toy. Periodically he would play with it but the kong had lost its spark and became mundane.

Sometimes, I’m afraid that’s how we get with Jesus. Not that Jesus is a toy but that we’ve become disillusioned with him. At some point he was new and fresh and exciting (after all he did do some amazing things). We carried him everywhere and wouldn’t let him out of our sight. Time passed though and we began to be distracted by other things around us, and they don’t all have to be bad. We get too busy praying for others we forget to pray for ourselves, we’re too busy helping and working for others that we don’t make that bible study. Eventually, worldly things get in the way as well. How do we become re-enriched with Jesus?

To get my dog re-interested with his toy I would stuff a dog bone into the hollow center. Jake would frantically search the

inside of the kong for that treat and the excitement for the toy returned. We too should look deeper into Jesus to see what we’ve missed, to become reacquainted with him, to bring back the spark. Look for the dog bone inside Jesus; it just may be the catalyst to get you back in the game.

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

SNL is next Sunday at the Watt’s. Bring \$3 for **MEXICAN NIGHT!!!** (Sombreros and ponchos are optional).

WinterJam is Thursday, February 28 at the Ford Center. Cost is \$10 at the door – bus leaves at 3:47pm.

OC Spring Sing is Saturday, March 1. Cost is \$12 (includes lunch). Bus leaves at 10:59AM.



LTC News

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



Course Corrections

I recently read a Chinese proverb that made me grin: “If we keep heading in the same direction, we are likely to get where we are heading.” That put me in mind of such classic adages as, “If you keep on doing what you have always done, you will keep getting what you have always got.”


Many times we want to improve our lives. Yet, we often are unwilling to make necessary course-corrections to get there. Why are we surprised when we keep getting the same old results?

Jesus reminds us to put new wine into new wine skins (Matthew 9:17). The old wine skins can’t handle the new wine. Therefore, changes need to be made.

Take a few minutes and reflect on your life. Reflect on your walk with God. Where are you heading? What course corrections do you need to make to go where you need/want to go? What new wine skins can make it happen?

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight

Outreach Ministry

Rick Marcotte and Rod Sheaffer are the Deacons leading the Outreach Ministry. Walt McGaugh supports them as a Shepherd. The overarching goal of this Ministry is to “take Christ to the community.”

The Outreach Ministry seeks to reach this goal by encouraging individuals and groups to build relationships with people who are not yet members of the Church of Christ. They develop programs to serve the community and encourage attendance of non-members. They assist in evangelistic Bible studies for the purpose of conversions. The Ministry is planning a number of activities to meet the above goals. Some past activities include: Wednesday night class for Caregivers in September; a Wednesday evening class on personal work in October; a health screening day; and others. The congregation’s “Welcome Wagon” for new residents of the community is being reorganized; the Tract Ministry is being updated; and there is more on the way. Watch for opportunities to serve in this Ministry.

Perry Greene

HOME Group Lessons Available

Beginning today we are making the HOME Group Lessons available to the congregation. We have placed copies of the lesson on the table behind the Guest Connections display. Feel free to pick up a copy each week.

It is our hope that these lessons will:

1. Give you insights into the HOME Group discussions
2. Help you follow along with the Sunday morning sermon
3. Help you apply the sermon to your life



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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

Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 371

Worship A.M.: 514

Worship P.M.: 156

Home Group.....101

Worship P.M.Total.....257

Wednesday NC

Daily Bible Readers: 71

Present Membership: 602

Contribution

Last Week: \$15,686

Budget Requires: \$15,922

Family Matters



Thank You

Dear Church Family, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Church Family for the food, cards, phone calls, plants, and visits. This support has made it much easier to handle the stress. I want to express my appreciation for the many people that stayed with Betty or came by to spend some time and support her during the surgery. The 4 1/2 hour procedure would have been much more stressful for her without your support. As you know, the surgery went well and I am recovering. In our professional life we have lived in many places and been a part of many churches. We have never experienced the love and care that this church has shown to us and others. That is what makes you so special. In Christ's Love, Jack and Betty Womack

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, and good wishes before and after my hand surgery. It is so nice to know that someone cares. Thank you for the love and kindness extended to my family and me. In Christian Love, Mike Thompson

Dear Church Family, It is so nice to have a family that is there when you need them. Thank you so much for your thoughts, cards, visits, and your prayers. In Christian love, Shai and Bode Zerbe

Tipton Home Pickup

February 25-27

Items needed are Kleenex, Bleach, Gallon ZipLock Bags, Foil, Cascade Dishwashing Soap, Toilet Paper, Spam, Soup, Raman Noodles. Any donations are appreciated.

Winter Directory

The Winter Directory is now available in the foyer. Please limit one per family.

KFC Winter (Valentine) Banquet

KFC will have their annual Winter (Valentine) Banquet **Tonight** following evening services in the fellowship hall. The KFC kids will be serving dinner and providing entertainment to anyone 50 years or older who would like to attend. See Marlo or Don Roddy if you have questions.

Elder/Deacon/Preacher Meeting

Next Sunday at 3:00

Ladies/Elders Meeting

Has been postponed until a later date.

Our Sympathy

To Troy and Brenda Brazell and family on the passing of his father, Leabert. Services will be Monday in Dumas, TX.

Ladies

We will have a short meeting following morning services today in the parlor for anyone interested in being part of the Ladies' Retreat Planning Committee. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are willing to help, please e-mail Micha Hughs at michughs@hotmail.com and let her know which of the following you would be most interested in helping with: Technical Details/PR (registration, advertising, technology, etc.), Aesthetics & Entertainment (decorations, icebreakers, setting up Hospitality Suite, etc.), or Spiritual encouragement (take home, devotional thoughts, speaker gifts/door prizes, etc.) Thanks to all that can help make this a fun time!

Ladies Tuesday Night Bible Class

This Tuesday at **6:30pm** in the home of Vicky Sterling. We will begin studying Lesson 10, "In Defense of Grace."

Baby Shower

For Jeremy and Kristi Finefrock, Today at 2:00 in the parlor. They are having a girl and registered at Babies R Us and using gdiapers, which can be purchased online at www.gdiapers.com or at the Health Food Center at I-240 & S. Penn.

Address Corrections

Malcolm & Patty Booker, 2109 Stony Brook Lane, Yukon, OK 73099

Leo, Debra, Erick, and Carson McCallay, 11712 Hollyrock Court, Yukon, OK 73099

Memory Makers

Meet Friday, February 29th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room. Bring your scrapbook supplies and your favorite snack. See Amber Garner for info.

Cancer Support Group

Meets Monday evening from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Parlor.

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

Will not meet this month. We will meet again on Saturday, March 8th.

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 February 17, 2008

Song Leader - Tracy Watson

S-3 Servant Song

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 5:1-3, 7

200 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

583 Sing to Me of Heaven

Opening Prayer - Barry Stump

S-31 Have You Seen Jesus

Communion Prayers - Stuart Stephens

The Lord's Supper

943 I Love You, Lord

Contribution Prayer - David Reiter

585 Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Scripture - Brenden Easter

Matthew 15:1-9

Sermon - Back to the Heart of Worship:

Heart Worship is Transformational

Speaker - Richard May

95 Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Shepherd's Prayer - Rick Riebe

908 Awesome God

Announcements - Brandon Byrd

137 Fairest Lord Jesus

Closing Prayer - Matt Clark

Sunday Evening Assembly

Sermon -Hebrews: Better Possessions

Scripture - Hebrews 10:32-34

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM

Gay Lyn Byrd, Coordinator

Donna Johnson

Brooke Johnson

Shirley Kelly, Alternate

Worship PM

Paula Leaman

Natasha Atapin

Communion to the Shut-ins

Don Taylor

**Visitation Group #2
meets today**

Peak Wednesday

March 5