



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

## Deep Love of Jesus

Two guys were walking through the woods and came across this big deep, hole. "Wow...that looks deep."

"Sure does... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is."

They picked up a few pebbles and threw them in ... no noise.

"Man! That is REALLY deep... here.. throw one of these great big rocks down there. Those should make a noise."

They picked up a couple football-sized rocks and tossed them into the hole and waited... and waited. Nothing.

They looked at each other in amazement. One got a determined look on his face and said, "Hey, over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over there. When we toss THAT sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise." The two dragged the heavy tie over to the hole and heaved it in. Not a sound came from the hole.

Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appeared, running like the wind. It rushed toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as its legs would carry it. Suddenly it jumped in the air and into the hole. The two men were astonished with what they had just seen.

Then, out of the woods came a farmer who spotted the men and ambled over. "Hey, have you two guys seen my goat out here?"

"You bet we did! Craziest thing I've ever seen. It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole!"

"Nah", says the farmer, "That couldn't have been MY goat. My goat was chained, to a railroad tie."

As deep as that hole was, there is something deeper. That something is the love of Christ for us. Paul wrote in Ephesians 3 these words about his prayer for them, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Could we really have any doubt that Jesus loves us? Doesn't his death on

the cross for us shout "I love you!" louder than any shout you've ever heard? His tremendous love motivates us, or it should motivate us, to obey him from the heart! His tremendous love reassures us, or should reassure us, that he'll do anything for us that will bring salvation to our souls. Love him back and obey him. Trust him in his love to work the circumstances in your life out for your eternal good.

*Richard May*



### Sunday

LTC Awards

### Monday

Men's Bible Study  
Elder's Meeting

### Wednesday

Toastmasters  
Bible Study

### Friday

Memory Makers  
Funtimers Fun Food Night

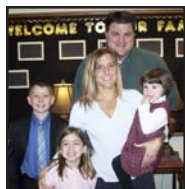
### Saturday

Altus Youth Rally

## All Church Fellowship

Next Sunday, March 30, we will be having an all-church fellowship. We are asking everyone to bring a main dish/casserole and those with last name beginning A-M bring salads or vegetables, and those N-Z, bring desserts. Please bring large portions as we are hosting about 60 students and sponsors of the AIM program for lunch that day.

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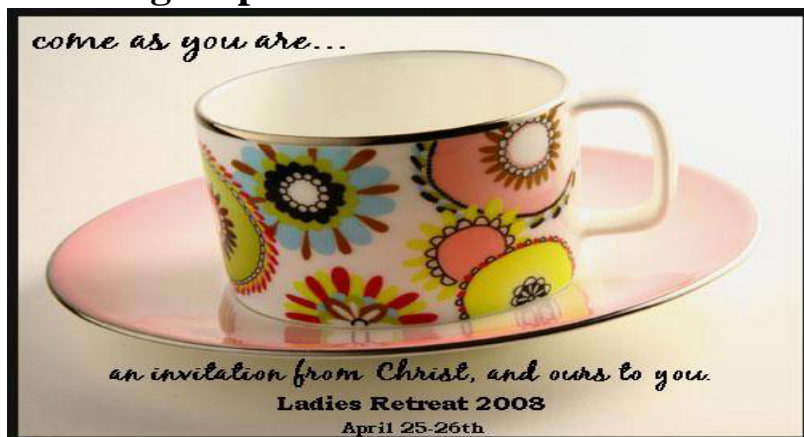


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## Sign Up for the Ladies Retreat!



# Prayer Requests

**Larry Bledsoe** goes back to the doctor on Monday to see about further treatment options.

**Brennan Bratcher**, Jeff and Heather's son, had mouth surgery and it went well.

**Jeanette Canan**, sister of Marie Stump, had surgery Friday.

**Neil Cosgrove** is home from the hospital.

**Allen Engren**, Bill Wallace's boss, has prostate cancer that has gone to the bones in the rib cage. He doesn't plan on taking chemo or radiation therapy.

**April Everhart**, the daughter of Tom and Terrie Wooldridge, had surgery and is home recuperating.

**Paula Hamilton**, friend of Troy and Brenda Brazell, has a very bad infection with a kidney stone.

**Barbara High**, the sister in law of Kathy Montgomery, had surgery for a tumor on her thumb. No signs of cancer.

**Lucile High**, the mother of Kathy Montgomery, had successful knee surgery last week.

**Emily McCoy**, Dorine Watson's daughter, is out of the hospital and staying with Dorine at this time. She is still waiting on a liver transplant.

**Jannette Oclaray** will have a surgical biopsy Monday.

**Jerry Orr**, father of Staci Bond and Pat Orr, had surgery to repair an aneurism. The surgery went well but he is having some issues with his heart that cannot be taken care of until the aneurism heals. He is in the CCU in Lawton.

**Kathy Shufford**, friend of Stephanie Easter, has a tumor on the roof of her mouth and is very ill.

**Karla Stockton** fell and broke her hip. She had surgery to replace the ball in her hip and the surgery went well. She is now at home.

**Julian Wallace**, the father of Joe, is in the hospital in Elk City with pneumonia. His mother **Coy** is also in the hospital in Elk City with an intestinal infection.

**Congratulations to Joe and Kathy Stockton** on the birth of a new granddaughter, Evelyn Rain. She was born last Sunday to Brian and Kathryn Stockton and weighs 6 pounds 4 ounces. Larry and Karla Stockton are the great aunt and uncle too.

**Our Sympathy: To Merv and Sue Deason** on the passing of their daughter Kendra. Services were Thursday in Texas.

**To Gordon Leaman** on the passing of his 96 year old uncle Roy Chenoweth.

**Please continue to pray for:** **Edith Adams** (Betty Hall's mother), **Daryl** (S. Still's brother), **Alan Bouda**, **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Orpha Dean** (Andy's mom), **Wanelda Folks**, **Hannah Fowler** (grandbaby of the Dates), **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad), **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Don Kilmer**, **JeannaLynn & Richard May**, **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Tim Newby** (Burk's son~Heritage Manor Nursing Center, 3804 N. Barr Avenue, OKC, OK 73122), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jon Perry**, **Wade Readnour**, **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, **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), **Mark Dixon** (Schaefer's friend), **Larry Duff** (b-i-l of Patty Clements), **Stefanie Grantello**, **Bill Harris**, **Norman High** (Cathy Montgomery's dad), **Dean Hill**, **Judy Hurt** (Vonda Stephen's sister), **Bea Johnson**, **Carol Karuth** (Vonda Stephens mother), **Sandra Leist** (Pat McIntyre's sister), **Jim Linam**, **Carol Marcum**, **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Yvonne McGaugh** (going through treatments), **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**, **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**, **Marlene Wadkins** (Select Specialty Hospital room 311, 3524 NW 56th, OKC, 834-1511)

**On Hospice Care:** **Isabel Allen** (mother of Marilyn Dean), **Donna Fitzgerald**, **Don Morris**, **Glenna** (Teresa Harris' friend), **Venis Coats** (Loy Smith's sister)

**Expectant Mothers:** **Shelly Hudson** (May), **Amber Smith** (Sept)

**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), **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 Hughs' brother) **Alex Wagner** (friend of the Shivers)



## Reasons for Divorce

William J. Doherty, PhD records in *Take Back your Marriage* the following phrases he has heard from couples as to why they divorced:

"The relationship wasn't working for me anymore."

"We just can't communicate."

"Our needs were just too different."

"I wasn't happy."

"We just grew apart."

"I grew and he didn't."

"She has changed too much."

"I deserve more of a companion that she is willing to be."

"We are not the same people we were when we got married."

"After the children left home, there was nothing left."

"The relationship became stale."

"My husband was a nice guy, but boring."

"We had no real intimacy. What kind of role model is that for the kids?"

Society has conditioned us through the concept of cost-benefit analysis to believe that we, the customer, are always right and we should be 100% satisfied or we deserve our money back. This is the world's view of marriage, not God's. We know that "God hates divorce!" (Malachi 2:16).

Marriage is a covenant relationship intended for life. Marriage is about dying to yourself, which means putting away selfish ways and becoming "one flesh" (Eph. 5:31) with your spouse! If you find yourself thinking or saying any of the above statements, STOP! Don't let the world (even well meaning friends, family, or counselors) convince you that marriage is a relationship where it's all about you having it your way. Let God have his way!

*Richard and JeannaLynn*



## Smells Like Spring

In just a few weeks we will be bombarded with evidences of spring. Flowers will begin to shoot out of the ground and bloom, grass will green up, birds will be doing the love dance, temperatures will continue to climb, and most evident of all, Bradford Pear trees will bloom and give off their positively potent perfume. It never ceases to amaze me how one of the most beautiful trees in all of Oklahoma can have such a retched odor. The worst part about it is that it's one of those "sticky" smells that you just cannot get away from; it lingers in the air. It's a beautiful tree with beautiful blooms but has such a rank smell.

In our lives we can get caught up in looking good as a Christian. We wear the right clothes on Sunday, have the right hair cut, listen to Christian radio, sing perfectly on pitch during worship, and spend our summer at church camp. If we don't have the right heart, the kind that has the close relationship with God, we're just like the Bradford Pear. Looks good on the outside but gives off an awful stench. The trouble is that while everyone notices the outside, God is the one smelling your funk. It's a matter of the heart, and it's the heart that matters.

James 1.22-25

You stay classy South Yukon!

*Josh*

## Teen News

Be sure to check the teen board for upcoming events.

### Ladies Retreat

April 25-26th

Retreat includes hotel, dinner, breakfast, snacks, and much laughter and fun with Christian women!

Cost:

4 person room: \$45.75 each

3 person room: \$52.50 each

2 person room: \$59.50 each

1 person room: \$98.25 each

Friday night only: \$20

### Visits From Our Shepherds and Ministers

The shepherds are interested in knowing each member of this congregation on a personal and spiritual level. To accomplish this we would like to visit you in your home. We plan to visit in pairs on certain Monday nights and will contact you in advance. We are interested to know your comments and concerns.

## Gran Gran's Devo

We need to increase the number of participants helping with the Gran Gran's Devotionals. If you like to sing, this would be an opportunity to be a blessing to those living there. Please sign up on the bulletin board. For more info, see Rick Marcotte.



## More Than a Name

When theology professor, Dr. Joseph Haroutunian came to America from Armenia, a colleague suggested that he change his last name. He suggested something simpler like Harwood or Harwell. These would be easier to spell and pronounce and would help his career. Haroutunian asked, "What do these names mean?"

His friend said, "Nothing, they are just easier to remember."

Dr. Haroutunian then made a significant point, "In Armenia, when my grandfather was baptized, they named him, 'Haroutunian' which means, 'Resurrection.' I am Joseph Haroutunian and will be a son of Resurrection all of my days."

As Christians, we become "children of the resurrection" through our faith in Jesus. Paul reminds us that Jesus is "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15.20). Since he has been raised from the dead, we will be as well. We know that the resurrection of Jesus is the most significant event – ever. It has changed the course of the world. It changed the course of individuals throughout the ages. That empty tomb gives us new life and hope.

Keep The Light Burning!

*Perry Greene*

**Ministry Spotlight Visitation**

Deacon – Stuart Stephens  
Elder – Andy Dean

Visitation is a key Ministry for both Outreach and In-reach. This Ministry recruits Visitation Teams to encourage our local guests to become part of our congregation. This is done through personal visits, phone calls, and cards. Members of this Ministry also visit those of our congregation who are ill, ensuring that their needs are being met. They visit shut-ins to encourage them and check on special needs. They also e-mail and write letters to our missionaries to encourage them in their work.

*Perry Greene*

**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.



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#### Missionaries

##### 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

##### Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

##### Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

Kent & Sharla Marcum

##### Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

#### Statistics

##### Attendance

Bible Classes: ..... 330  
Worship A.M.: ..... 541  
Worship P.M.: ..... 170  
Home Group.....104  
Worship P.M.Total.....274  
Wednesday ..... NC  
Daily Bible Readers: ..... 68  
Present Membership: ..... 592

##### Contribution

Last Week: ..... \$13,924  
Budget Requires: ..... \$15,922

# Family Matters



### Thank You

Thank you so much for your prayers for me while I was so ill. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for all your prayers. I still have to take blood and platelet transfusions. In Christian Love, Mary Ann Blain (Mother of Cindi Stump/Grandmother of Brenden Easter)

We want to thank all of our South Yukon church family for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, and beautiful plant during the loss of our daughter Kendra. It is hard to think about how people go through this without such a wonderful support group as we have here. God Bless all of you. With Christian Love, Merv & Sue Deason

### Celebrate Recovery

If you have ever been through a 12 step program or have experience working with the 12 steps or just willing to help, please join a group of South Yukon members, who are brainstorming a potential program that has been extremely successful elsewhere. This program is called Celebrate Recovery. The first brief meeting to see who may be interested will be in the Parlor immediately after services on Sunday, April 6th.

### Relay For Life - Race for the Cure!

June 27 at Chisholm Trail Park....

We are looking for 30 eager people to walk and raise \$100 each to help find a cure for cancer. See Linda Perry or Patty Booker for details.

### Children's Activity Pack

Parents – we are providing an “activity pack” for your children. It contains a worksheet and crayons – just for them. Please pick these up in the baskets at the *Guest Connections* table or on the corners of the stage area. When you get home, be sure to talk about the activities they did to reinforce their Bible learning.

### Cancer Support Group Meeting

Cathy Montgomery will be our guest speaker at the next CAN-DO meeting. Cathy is a licensed nutritionist and talking to us about nutrition. The meeting will be Monday, April 7th at 6:30pm in the parlor.

### Ladies Unity Group

The Ladies Unity Group has been cancelled for next Sunday so we can participate in the all church fellowship.

### Shower

Diaper/Baby Wipe Shower honoring Abigail, new daughter of Micah and Robyn Keele, on Sunday, March 30, at 2:00 in the parlor.

Baby Shower honoring Shelly Hudson on Sunday, April 6, at 2:00 in the parlor. Shelly and Nathan are expecting a boy. Registered at Target and Babies-R-Us.

### College Student Care Packages

College Student Care Packages will be sent on Thursday, April 10th. The “Snack List” for the care packages is posted on the Women's Bulletin board by the parlor. We need lots of snacks and cookies, so if you can help, please sign up. Bring your donation to the designated basket by Wednesday, April 9th. **We need shoe boxes!** (women's size 7-8 work best) For information, contact Vicky Sterling.

### AIM Students Are Coming

The AIM Students will be here Saturday and Sunday, March 29-30. We need members to help with overnight stay in their homes for Saturday evening. There are 60 students to house. If you can help, please sign up or contact Rod Sheaffer at 354-1050 or Gary Baumwart at 265-2333.

### Fun Run

The 5th Annual Mike McDonald Fun Run will be held Saturday, April 12 at OC. This event raises money for scholarships and honors the memory of Mike McDonald, former member/deacon here. For more information go to [www.oc.edu/funrun](http://www.oc.edu/funrun).

### Rock-a-bye List

The Welch's are in need of a little help at this time with the triplets. We have prepared a list of shifts Monday-Friday from 7:30am to Noon and Noon to 5:00pm. If you can help, please see Doris Schaefer or Joy Wallace today.

### Funtimer's Fun Food Night

Friday, March 28th from 6:00 to 9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will elect officers and have potluck and games.

### Spring Gospel Meeting

Highland Church of Christ

“Running on Empty”

Speaker: Kent Risley

Info posted on bulletin board.

## 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 March 23, 2008**

**Song Leader** - Richard Nix

19 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

*Matthew 28:5-7*

97 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Opening Prayer** - JC Wagnon

325 In Memory of the Savior's Love

**Communion Prayers** - Leroy Cassel

**The Lord's Supper**

984 We Bow Down

**Contribution Prayer** - Jonathan Wooldridge

115 Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Scripture** - Markus Truelove

*1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

**Sermon** - "The First At Last!"

**Speaker** - Perry Greene

103 Come to Jesus

**Shepherd's Prayer** - Kim Beshears

843 As the Deer Panteth for the Water

**Announcements** - Mel Schaefer

746 When He Comes in Glory

**Closing Prayer** - Jeremy Finefrock

### **Sunday Evening Assembly**

**Sermon** - "The Way to Pray"

**Scripture** - Philippians 4:10-13

#### **Nursery Attendants**

##### **Worship AM**

Melissa Willingham, Coordinator

Amy Ritchal

Debbie Brown

Shai Zerbe, Alternate

##### **Worship PM**

Debora Snyder

Breanna DesCombes

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

Bill Graham

**Visitation Group #3  
meets today**

##### **Peak Wednesday**

April 2