



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Go On Getting Older

Konrad Adenauer was a German statesman and from 1949-1963 was first chancellor of the Federal Republic. He, as I understand, did much to advance the international prestige of West Germany and presided over its postwar recovery. When Adenauer, affectionately called, "the old man" was approaching the age of ninety, he was still chancellor by the way, he caught a bad cold. His personal physician, unable to be very much help, had to put up with Adenauer's impatience. "I'm not a magician," protested the harassed doctor. "I can't make you young again."

"I haven't asked you to," retorted Konrad. "All I want is to go on getting older."

I suppose it's true that most of us want to "go on getting older." Bless your hearts; there are some of you who are desirous of the end of life right now. Don't take your own life. Talk with someone about your feelings. Let them know how you are feeling. Things can be better, and with some help they will be. Some among us, because the poor shape of their health, are longing for death to come as relief. Paul described himself as one caught in the middle. He knew that to depart to be with Christ would be a wonderful step for him. On the other hand, he knew the importance continuing to preach the gospel and encourage the saints. Most of us though, want to continue to live and enjoy life.

The problem is that we just don't know if that is going to happen. We can do some things to make sure that we stay healthy, and we should. We go to the doctor when we are sick so that he can do some things to make us well, and we should. It is true, however, that heart attacks, strokes, cancers, car wrecks, murders, and accidents can and do happen. James wrote, "What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." (NIV) Not only that, but Jesus has promised to return and the time of his coming is growing closer every day. Even if we don't die, then, our time on earth could still be over today.

What should I do then? What kind of direction does God give me since my time here is limited and some day I will

cease "going on getting old." Peter wrote "So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation." In a similar context, Jesus directed that a blameless life would be characterized by feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned, caring for strangers, and giving drink to the thirsty.

Maybe some day I'll be nearly ninety and telling a doctor that I want to go on getting older. I hope that my health will be such that going on is a blessing rather than a pain. What will still need to be true at that time is that I am ready to be with the Lord. Surely the day of death will be closer than it is right now. I'll have to be ready.

Right now I'm forty-two. I hope that I will live longer. I love my wife and my kids and enjoy the life that we are spending together. I delight in working with the South Yukon Church. The truth be told, being prepared for death when I'm ninety is no more important than being prepared for death right now. We have always got to be ready.

That's Life at Work!

Richard May



Sunday

Hudson Baby Shower

Monday

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

Wednesday

Toastmasters
Bible Study

Thursday

Foster Care Support Group

Friday

Jr. Sr. Lunch

Saturday

Mirror Ministry

Annual Corporation Meeting

Church of Christ - South Yukon
11700 NW 10th, Yukon, OK 73099
April 26, 2008 at 8:15am

Final Signups and Money Due Today! Pick up Schedules in the foyer.



Prayer Requests



In the last two weeks, we've heard the heartrending news of three marriages in families involved in full-time ministry that have ended in divorce. God's heart must be broken! It grieves him to see us go through such pain. The likelihood is that recently you have mourned over wrecked marriages; perhaps the mourning has been for your own marriage. Tragically, help is sought too late; but the answer to the high divorce rate is not simply better crisis management. The answer is much more complicated, yet when the solution is in place the impact is incredible and hope abounds!

Churches must develop comprehensive marriage ministries. What does that mean? Churches need to address the significant themes of marriage with adolescents (beginning in Jr. High if not before) and pre-engaged and engaged couples in addition to couples already married. Churches that offer a number of marriage enrichment opportunities including classes, seminars, special studies, retreats, mentoring and coaching, along with easy access to crisis intervention are going to experience greater success in serving families in the church and the community. Comprehensive marriage ministry is critical for growing married Christians to spiritual maturity and reaching out to communities world-over.

Building a comprehensive marriage ministry for SY is one of our dreams. In order to expand the impact of this ministry, we are in San Antonio attending a training seminar for Family Dynamics. Last year, Jeremy and Kristi Finefrock became facilitators for the 8-week Family Dynamics class. The first class has graduated and, as we expected, the response from the participants was awesome. We want to offer this opportunity for growth on a regular basis. Facilitating couples are limited in the number of classes they can facilitate per year, so having more than one couple is a huge advantage. There are some forms on the "Construct Christian Couples" table that you can fill-out to express your interest in a class to be offered in May.

We are thankful to have shepherds who support this ministry because they understand the importance of godly marriages. Please pray for us as we travel and learn this weekend. Give God the glory for the hope couples can have because of the powerful effect of a growing marriage ministry!

Richard and JeannaLynn

Granton Bayless, infant nephew of Karen McKeever, is in ICU in Kansas City with double pneumonia. He is now off the ventilator.

Don Black, uncle of Ken Davidson, had knee surgery last week and it went well. He is in the McBride Clinic Orthopedic Hospital.

Larry Bledsoe will have another biopsy in May.

Trinity Bratcher will be having a neurological study done at Cook Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth, TX, April 28th - May 2nd. Please pray that the doctors will find out what is causing her seizures.

Claude Killian, the granpa of Kelly, is in the hospital and not doing well. The family has been called in. Please remember his grandmother Geraldine as well.

Jim McIntire, the father of Kathy Kuhlman, had an Angiogram last week and it showed blockage in 2 arteries with no muscle damage. They inserted a stent and hopefully this will take care of the problem.

Dennis Mitchell fell and injured his knee. He will have surgery Tuesday, April 15th.

Nina Moates will have out-patient arthroscopic knee surgery Thursday at 9:00am at the Yukon Hospital.

Jannette Oclaray received good news on the second biopsy, it was clear. She will begin radiation.

Bette Sharp will have surgery on her left eye Tuesday.

Karla Stockton is recuperating from a broken hip.

Marlene Wadkins is at The Lakes Health Care Center at 5701 W. Britton Road.

Jim Warren (former member) is home from the hospital. (353122 E.980 Rd, Sparks, OK 74869)

Please continue to pray for: **Edith Adams** (Betty Hall's mother), **Malcolm Booker**, **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**, **Emily McCoy** (Dorine Watson's daughter/Liver transplant list), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Tim Newby** (Burk's son~Heritage Manor Nursing Center, 3804 N. Barr Avenue, OKC, OK 73122), **Roy Nusbaum**, **Jerry Orr** (father of Staci Bond/Pat Orr), **Jon Perry**, **Wade Readnour**, **Savannah Salas**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **TC Seitz**, **Linda Seitz**, **Lylia Seitz**, **Ben Sharp** (Bette's Grandson~Coma), **Kathy Shufford** (S. Easter's friend), **Donna Sterling**, **Neta Swinney**, **Julian and Coy Wallace** (Joe's parents), **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), **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**, **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 fiancé), **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 Shrivvers), **Stanley Victor** (Bette Sharp's grandson)

Congratulations to Brad Tipton, who was recognized for receiving the Distinguished Educator Award which is the most prestigious title awarded by the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service in recognition of exemplary service and dedication to provide outstanding educational programming to the citizens of Oklahoma.



R.I.P.

“R.I.P.” (Rest in Peace). It’s the quintessential gravestone marking.

You see it on cartoons, Halloween decorations, and novelties; sometimes you even find it on actual head stones though not as much any more. I guess it’s supposed to help some people cope with death and dealing with loss. It’s a comfort to know that a loved one is resting peacefully. I know I’m a little different but the whole rest in peace concept never really sat well with me. I don’t know about you but I’m planning to go to heaven after I’m done with earth, and when I get there I’m not planning to just lie around resting. I plan to be busy. Busy praising God, rubbing elbows with Moses and Peter, Deborah and Ruth, and a few others who I’m pretty sure will be there, not to mention hanging out with angels hearing them tell funny stories of how they protected me when I did the stupid things in life. I want to know that the party will just be getting started when I arrive in heaven and that there will not be any time for rest. I have too much fun at devos and worship times as it is on earth. I know that praise and worship has to be even better once I’m in heaven and I can’t wait to experience it. Do me a favor: when God says it’s time for me to come home please don’t put “R.I.P” on my grave marker. Don’t think for a minute that I’m resting because I’m not, I’m praising God with all my soul (since that’s what is left) and I’m having the best time of my (after) life.

Revelation 19.5-6 Revelation 5.11-13

You stay classy South Yukon,

Josh

Teen News

Camp meeting next Sunday after morning services in the Fellowship Hall

Prom alternative: April 18-20 in Kansas City. Make sure you give your money to Josh by next Sunday.

Ladies Retreat

April 25-26th

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

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

Sign Ups and Money Due Today!

Door Prizes for Ladies Retreat

If you would like to donate door prizes, gift cards or monetary donations for prizes to the Ladies Retreat, see Vanessa Martin. 250-6536, va.martin@hotmail.com

Perry's Scope

Technically Speaking

We live in an amazing time. Technology simply astounds me. I grew up with three black and white TV channels (actually two black and white and one a fuzzy blend); test patterns before cartoons on Saturday; AM radio only; and 8-Track tape decks. To see where we have come with cable; satellite radio; Mp3 players; cell phones; etc. is staggering.

Among David’s soldiers were men of Issachar who “understood the times” (1 Chronicles 12.32). I am not sure of all that was involved with these men, but I feel certain David adjusted his strategies according to their counsel. I doubt he used “sling and stone” strategy when bows and arrows were needed.

Today, George Barna and others have made careers understanding our times. They tell us that the strategies and methods of the 1950’s are generally irrelevant today. The military understands this and relies on satellites and laser-led missiles instead of muzzle-loading rifles. Do you remember when “Gospel Meetings” and “Bus Ministry” were our key evangelism strategies?


We need to develop a new mindset. We need a new dependence on God as we sail into the uncharted waters of our times. As we follow, he certainly would advise us to:

1. Study the times
2. Apply the unchanging gospel to our changing world (Hebrews 13.8)
3. Get over our discomfort with new methods
4. Get serious about reaching out to lost and broken people

It is not just about methods. It is not just about strategies or mission statements. It is about finding the most effective ways to take God’s message of love to the world.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry Greene



Ministry Spotlight

World Bible School

March Report
Intro Lessons 429
Other Lessons 232
Total Lessons Sent 661

“Because I studied WBS lessons, I was baptized! Praise God! I was soon enrolled in the school of preaching. I have been a gospel preacher ever since. I have planted 14 congregations.” John Nat Kissi

This testimonial is indicative of the impact of WBS in the world. Currently there are two million people in the world studying the scriptures through WBS. People are being converted and congregations are being established through this great effort. If you are interested in international evangelism, WBS is for you. You can teach people from your home with these timely correspondence courses. You can impact the lives of individuals with the gospel who can, in turn impact others. It just takes some time, effort, and postage! Lloyd Stephens is the elder over this ministry.

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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Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango

Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 448

Worship A.M.: 630

Worship P.M.: 201

Home Group: 119

Worship P.M.Total: 320

Wednesday 339

Daily Bible Readers: 77

Present Membership: 592

Contribution

Last Week: \$15,425

Budget Requires: \$15,922

Family Matters



Celebrate Recovery

If you have ever been through a 12 step program, have experience working with, or are 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 is today in the Parlor immediately after services.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, During a time like this I am reminded how much my church family and friends mean to me. Thank you so much for all the acts of kindness bestowed on me following my recent accident and surgery. I appreciate the prayers, visits, calls, cards, beautiful flowers, and delicious meals. Your expression of love and concern will always be remembered. Love and Blessings, Karla Stockton

Thank you so much for every kindness shown me during my battle with cancer. Things are looking some better now, but it appears to be a long hard road before it is over. We love you all and hope to be back with you before too long. Your brother in Christ, Neil Cosgrove

Dear church family, Words cannot express how appreciative my family and I are for all the food, prayers, love, concern and help we have received from so many of you during this very difficult time. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. Sincerely, Audra, Matt and Marc Hartman

Brad, I wanted to thank you and the Church of Christ at South Yukon. I received the 2 packages. I placed the boxes that you sent with the label taped to the inside lid in our conference/recreation room. The contents were gone within the hour. Thank you for keeping me and the others in your prayers. It is a great feeling to see the masses here attend some sort of religious service and pray before they eat their meals. I guess the old saying "There are no atheists in a fighting hole" is somewhat true from what I am seeing. God bless, and thank you and the Church, for your service to the Lord. Your brother in Christ, Shane Sheaffer
(complete letter on Military Board)

Shower

Hudson Baby Shower today at 2:00 in the parlor. Shelly and Nathan are expecting a boy. Registered at Target & Babies-R-Us.

Urgent College Student Care Packages

If you have not had the opportunity to donate for our college care boxes, please sign the list on the Women's Bulletin Board. We need snacks, homemade cookies, and **10** more shoe boxes. Please have all items to the church building by Wednesday 9th. Boxes will be assembled Thursday 10th at 9:30a.m. For information, contact Vicky Sterling.

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.

Westview Boy's Home Information

Grocery Pick-Up - Tomorrow

Our congregation is also sponsoring the prizes for the Westview Fishing Tournament. If you can give a cash donation or a Bass Pro Gift Certificate, see Ben or Amber Garner. Due today.

If you would like to be involved in the Westview Fishing Tournament, we need a head count. Please sign the list on the bulletin board. A caravan will be leaving the building Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00am.

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.

Door Knocking Campaign

Dodge City, KS - April 19-26. If interested contact Kirk Castleman 620/253/2864.

Greeters

We are in need of people to fill this important role. Please sign the list on the bulletin board, if you can help.

Rock-a-bye List

We have prepared a list of shifts Monday-Friday from 7:30am to Noon and Noon to 5:00pm to assist with the Welch triplets. See Doris Schaefer or Joy Wallace.

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 April 6, 2008

Song Leader - Tim Holt

S 6 Hear, O Israel

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

738 We Will Glorify the King of Kings

805 I Come to the Garden Alone

Opening Prayer - Don Roddy

936 How Beautiful

Communion Prayers - Andy Langham

The Lord's Supper

864 I Want to Know Christ

Contribution Prayer - Richmond Logan

85 Buried with Christ

Scripture - Jackie Bonny

Acts 2:36-42

Sermon - "The Inside-Out Christian"

Speaker - Perry Greene

389 Let Him Have His Way with Thee

Shepherd's Prayer - Andy Dean

S 26 Father

Announcements - Mike Clark

847 Bind Us Together

Closing Prayer - Wade Readnour

Sunday Evening Assembly

Sermon - "What's Your Dream?"

Scripture - *Joshua 14:10-12*

Nursery Attendants

Worship AM

Cindi Stump, Coordinator

Angela Stowe

Lexi Stowe

Paula Walker, Alternate

Worship PM

Jenny Swaim

Tina Swaim

Communion to the Shut-ins

Joe Stockton

**Visitation Group #1
meets today**

Peak Wednesday

May 7