



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

## Giving Thanks by Giving Up

The source of our thanksgiving is our salvation! David's words flow from our hearts, "I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation" (Psalm 118:21). We aren't going to die because of our sins! God has rescued us in Christ!

What have you given up in order to give thanks? Thanksgiving replaces sin in the life of the saved! Paul wrote, "*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God*" (Eph 5:3-6).

The Christian with gratitude in his heart and praise on his lips isn't going to be fornicating as if sex is the goal of life, or impure as if simply following God isn't good enough, or greedy as if what he has received from God isn't enough to satisfy. The thankful child of God is too busy praising to have the time or the tongue energy to be obscene, or talking without a spiritual filter, or trying to be funny by being dirty.

We've got much better things to do with our eternal life than living in the kind of way that killed us spiritually in the first place. We've got too much reason to thank God than to even divide the words between blessing and cursing. James wrote about the hypocrisy of being double-tongued like that: "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water" (James 3:9-12).

Give it up to give thanks! You've come far beyond shame and death! You've come to righteousness and holiness. You've come from deserving death to being given the gift of life! Live like you're glad about that! Talk like your thankful! Give thanks by giving up sin!

That's Life at Work! **Richard**

## Baptized



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**Sunday**  
Dynamic Marriage Victory Celebration

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

**Tuesday**  
NAMI Support Group  
9th-12th Girls Night at McGaugh's

**Wednesday**  
Toastmasters  
Ladies AM Bible Study  
Bible Study

**Friday**  
Church Lunch  
Teen Movie Night  
Memory Makers

**Saturday**  
12 Hours of Prayer



## 12 HOURS OF PRAYER

**November 22, 2008  
8:00am - 8:00pm**

**Please sign up, on the board in the foyer, for the hour you intend to pray.**

We have prayer request cards available to submit your requests. We also need volunteer coordinators to help hand out the requests. If you would like to coordinate for one hour or more please sign up or see Jason Engle or Joe Wallace.

## 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

**Chuck Bledsoe** will have eye surgery December 18th.

**Richard Conway**, former member requests prayers for his son **Ryan** who broke his left arm and foot. He will have surgery Thursday at Children's Hospital.

**Neil Cosgrove** will have surgery to reconnect his colon, Monday at 9:30am at Mercy Hospital. He will be in the hospital for 4-7 days.

**Madison Evans**, 8 week old great niece of Brenda Gunter, is having health issues.

**Brenda Gunter** is experiencing some health issues and requests our prayers.

**Dean Hill** was hospitalized this week but is now at home.

**Sympathy to Rosie Hinkle** on the passing of her granddaughter in law Jennifer Clark.

**Congratulations to Don Kilmer** on the birth of a new grandson. Keeton was born last week to Scott and Wendy Kilmer and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Keeton has pneumonia and will be in the hospital for several days.

**Paula Leaman** has brought her mother here to take care of her as she has a compression fracture in her spine and is supposed to remain in bed.

**Tim and Karla Mize** requests prayers for thier 3 month old grandson Oliver Mastin, who is experiencing little movement in his arms and legs. He is going through testing in NC.

**Keep Edna and Roy Nusbaum** in your prayers, Roy is having some difficulties.

**Linda Perry** had surgery and is doing well.

**Marlo Roddy** will have knee surgery Tuesday, Nov. 25th at 9am at the Yukon Hospital.

**Tamarra Christian**, friend of Marlo Roddy, passed away with cancer last week.

**Tracy Tess** had a CT scan on her sinuses and is waiting on test results.

**Julie Watson** had her gall bladder removed and is home recuperating.

**Continue to pray for the wrestling team** from Sloan, IA who were in a serious accident.

**Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Shyree** (Mike and Cathy Morris' Foster child), **Eric Bejcek**, **Chuck Bledsoe**, **Linda Bratcher**, **Merv Deason**, **Jack Hicks**, **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net), **Evelyn Hughes**, **Don Kilmer**, **Gordon Leaman**, **Brad May** (Mission Trip), **Emily McCoy**, **Roy and Edna Nusbaum**, **Anita Readnour**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **TC & Lylia Seitz**, **Bette Sharp**, **Kathy Wallace and Family**, **Cobey Walters**, **Mel and Debbie Warden**, **Pansy Wilson**, **Jack Womack**.

**South Yukon Family with Cancer: Ken Bennett**, **Larry Bledsoe** (Treatments thru November), **Neil Cosgrove**, **Dean Hill**, **Bea Johnson**, **Bob Kelly**, **Jim Linam**, **Shelli Vang** (undergoing chemo), **Jack Womack**. Remember their spouses & families as well.

**Our Expectant Mothers: Phyllis Cox** (Jan), **Maria Clark** (March), **Amy Ritchal** (May)

**Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Cannon**, **Marie Cox**, **Audrey Gray**, **Liz Knight**, **Don and Veda Morris**, **Buck Buchanan**, **Alice Ralls**, **Marlene Wadkins**, **Daisy Valliant** (Bellevue Health and Rehab Center ~ cards sent to Daisy at P. O. Box 850403, Yukon 73085)

**Family and Friends: Granton Bayless** (K. McKeever's nephew), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Margaret Bryson** (Newberry's aunt), **Chris Daugherity** (Daugherity's son), **Renee Davis** (friend of Harris), **Orpha Dean** (Andy's mom), **Pam Ferguson** (coworker of B. Gunter), **Billie Ferrell** (D. Cassel's mother), **Noah Givens** (Coles's great nephew), **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad), **Barbara Johnson** (coworker of T. Harris), **Wayne Mashburn** (E. Reece's father), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Tim Newby**, **Alline Pace** (K. Wallace's mother), **Delbert & Lillie Shockley** (friends of Heldreth/Harris), **Ben Sharp** (Bette's grandson/Coma), **Julian and Coy Wallace** (Joe's parents), **Betty Watts** (s-i-l of Wayne Watts), **Mary White** (B. Myers mother), **Wilma and Charles Yarbrough** (L. Perry's parents).

**Family and Friends with Cancer: Arthur Anthony** (brother of E. Hughes), **Newman Bradford** (C. Onley's brother), **John Broach** and **Virginia Broach** (Fred's parents), **Gary Brawner** (Patrick's dad), **Jennifer Clark** (Rosie Hinkle's granddaughter), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Wilbur Cravey** (C. Mayhan's father), **Norman High** (C. Montgomery's dad), **Don Hooper** (T. Addington's father), **Judy Hurt** (V. Stephen's sister), **Tara Johnson** (friend of C&J Beck), **Carol Karguth** (V. Stephens mother), **Sandra Leist** (P. McIntyre's sister), **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Gerald Morgan** (b-i-l of A. Morgan), **Vonda McPherson** (N. Heldreth's cousin), **Kenneth Roberts** (Cindi Stump's uncle), **Bob Schmidt** (J&P Cox's uncle), **Tommy Schultz** (b-i-l of A & L Bratcher), **Bobby Shook** (brother of Myrtle McCathern), **AJ Smith** (friend of Deason's), **Frances Stinnett** (Lara Davis' mother), **Paul Taylor** (Onleys b-i-l), **Marilyn Tulley**, liver cancer (cousin of Ken Bennett), **John Walker** (A. Williams dad), **Nancy Weddle** (M. Shipp's friend).  
**On Hospice Care: Isabel Allen** (mother of Marilyn Dean)

**Activated Military Personnel: Daniel Alvarez** (cousin to Kristi Finefrock), **Robert "Butch" Crain** (brother of S. Easter), **Brian Childers** (friend of J. Hughs), **Ricardo Curbelo** (cousin to Kristi Finefrock), **Chris and Bethann Lister** (N. Moates niece and husband), **Jeremy Lassiter** (J. Mayhan's friend), **Chan Aaron** (M. Hughs' brother), **Chris Harrell** (son of Pamela Hayes).

The greatest spiritual growth happens in community. In other words, I can grow on my own, with my Bible open and my heart receptive, but I will grow more when I am growing in a team. Couples have the opportunity for greatest spiritual growth in their homes because of the opportunity to grow in a family team on a daily basis.

Matt and Melaney Bonnette have been taking the Becoming One class on Wednesday nights. Becoming One is the follow-up study to the Dynamic Marriage Class which will begin again in January. "Becoming One" is a homework driven study. Couples get most of the benefit from what they do with their open books, bibles, and hearts at home together.

Two weeks of study were about growing spiritually as individuals and couples. Those chapters especially motivated Melaney to do what she had thought about doing a number of times. Wednesday night, Melaney was baptized! She had been immersed when she was very young at a Christian camp, but she became convinced that the experience was a response to pressure rather than faith. She knew she needed to experience the New Birth, so she did! Congratulations, Melaney!

We need to utilize every opportunity for growth. Those opportunities are available in a number of settings throughout the week outside of your home. We also need Family Bible Study – couples and families frequently studying together and growing together! How much study and growth will happen in your home this week?

We didn't have room for Don and Marlo's picture last week. A couple of you guys have followed Don's flower delivery lead! Good for you!

*Richard and Jeanna Lynn*





## “Adult Stuff”

I am bewildered when I hear people use the phrases, *adult language*, or *adult movies*. Of course I understand the alleged reasoning behind the statements which are to indicate “*grown-up profanity*,” or “*grown-up immorality*.” Society has reasoned that it is not good for those who are under 16 or 18 years of age to hear such language or see such immoral things in movies. However, they can “handle it” because they are “*adults*.” Supposedly we reach an age when it is considered to be “all right” to use such language and to participate in such immorality. This only shows how confused our society has become. I always thought when you became an adult you became more responsible! I always believed that a person ought to become more mature in his words and in his actions.

Christians understand that as we grow in Christ, the more we strive to be more like Christ and not the World (Rom.12:1,2). Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them; for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of*” (Eph.5:11f). Sadly we admit that there is almost nothing that is not done in a public manner and no longer in secret. People find nothing too shameful to speak about openly. We live in an age which calls “Evil, good.” As Isaiah wrote, “*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light,*

*and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*” (Isa. 5:20). The words of Isaiah to Judah seem to have come around to America, the nation which has inscribed on its coins, “*in God we Trust.*”

Yes, I am perplexed about our society and the way it views what is “right” and what is “wrong.” How “adult” do you have to be to say those “four letter words?” No wonder Jesus said, “*Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven*” (Matt. 18:3). Just think, there will be NO ADULT LANGUAGE IN HEAVEN, because only Children of God will be there!  
—Doug

(This article is from a dad at the Edmond church of Christ)



## Drilling with the Guard

We often appeal to the congregation to be involved in various activities of the kingdom of God. Many times these appeals fall on deaf or weary ears. Perhaps a story will help explain our purpose in inviting the church to participate in God’s work.

A dentist in the National Guard sued the US Government when they called him up to serve during Desert Storm. His reasons were:

1. He might be killed
2. He would lose business if the war escalated

When asked why he joined the Guard he gave three reasons. First, he liked to play soldier. Second, he (and his wife) liked his uniform. Third, he liked the benefits.

Does the dentist sound familiar? Many Christians like to play “Weekend Warrior” on Sunday, but don’t want to fight the good fight daily (2 Timothy 4:7). Many Christians want to wear the look of Christianity without paying the price of discipleship (Galatians 3:27). Many Christians want the crown (the benefits) without the cross (Luke 9:23).

We are a volunteer army. We serve under the Supreme Commander. Where is He leading us? Are we willing to follow? Will we pay the price?

Keep The Light Burning!

*Perry*

## Teen News

**All highschool girls** (9th-12th) are invited to Yvonne McGaugh’s home on Tuesday evening, November 18th from 7:00-9:00 for a devo and prayer, along with snacks to follow. Rebecca Linam-Baker will be helping. Please come if you can, to talk and have some fun.

**Movie Night** - Friday, Nov 21

**Grub Night Devo** - Tuesday, Nov 25

**Ministry Spotlight**

**Cancer Support Group**

Jim & Billie Linam, Stefanie Grantello and Patty Booker began the Yukon Cancer Support Group in January, 2008. It meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the parlor at 6:30 p.m.

Goals for the group are: to provide encouragement and reinforcement to participants; alleviate feelings of isolation; cultivate mutual respect among participants; share information that can help people cope; explore problem-solving strategies; and discuss the advantages of various coping strategies. This group is open to the community as well as the church.

Rick Marcotte is the coordinating deacon and Walt McGaugh is the supporting elder.

*Perry*

## Doves



We have asked our New Members to wear the Dove lapel pins during the month of November. When you see the dove be sure to introduce yourself and make our new members feel at home!



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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

**Thailand**

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

**Ecuador**

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango, Armando Troya

Kent & Sharla Marcum

**Guadalajara**

Cory & Toni Burns

**Statistics**

**Attendance**

Bible Classes: ..... 413  
 Worship A.M.: ..... 568  
 Worship P.M.: ..... 157  
 Home Group.....108  
 Worship P.M.Total.....265  
 Wednesday .....274  
 Daily Bible Readers:.....80  
 Present Membership: ..... 619

**Contribution**

Last Week: ..... \$17,119  
 Budget Requires: ..... \$15,922

**Family  
Matters**



**Church Lunch Need**

We are in need of Dr. Pepper, Coke, Root Beer, Mountain Dew and Sprite for the Friday Lunches. If you can donate, please place pop in the kitchen.

**Teachers Needed for New Quarter**

Our new quarter begins Wed., Dec. 3rd. We are needing teachers and assistants in the preschool department. If you can help, please contact Cindi Stump at 570-8432.

**Victory Celebration**

Calling All Couples - Come - Today at 6:30 pm to the fellowship hall for "Two Sweet Treats". Learn about the upcoming Dynamic Marriage Class. Enjoy dessert with your spouse and celebrate with the previous 9 couples who completed the last class. Even if you can't attend class beginning in January, but are interested in knowing more about this amazing class - come, let us serve you!

**Couples Christmas Party**

If you are interested in helping with the Couples Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th, stop by the Marriage Ministry table to sign up.

**Marriage Junkie T-shirts**

If you would like to sign up to purchase a t-shirt, please come to the Marriage Ministry table. Shirts are \$12/each.

**Address Correction**

Chad and Kim Adams, 613 N. White Tail Way, Mustang, OK 73064

**Romans Ladies Bible Study**

Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the conference room. This study is led by Jeanette Schoof and Mary Sue Sanders.

**Keith Lancaster's  
"Praise & Harmony Workshop"  
April 4-5, 2009**

**Training CD "Awesome God"  
Praise & Harmony  
A Cappella Worship  
2 disc set  
\$13/set**

If you are interested in purchasing the training CD, please sign the order sheet posted on the bulletin board and make checks payable to the church.

**Thank You**

This thank you is overdue but not forgotten. This was my 9th surgery and a special thanks to Ken Davidson as he has been with us at all surgeries. A big thank you to Paul Trammel as he rebuilt the doors of my storage building and painted it. We want to thank Barry Stump, Mel Schaefer and Leroy Cassel for mowing our lawn. This was really appreciated. Also, thank you for all the cards, calls, wheel chair and other gestures of thoughtfulness and care. Betty and I appreciate how "God's children" have cared for us in the time of need. Thanks very much!

In Christ's love, Jack Womack

Dear church of Christ, I wanted to write to you and let you know how much me and my 2 girls appreciate all your help in paying our electric bill cut off notice. I just cannot thank you enough. I have enclosed a picture of us, so you can remember how much we thank and love you for just being you. Carrie, Hope and Kalee (pictures on bulletin board by office)

South Yukon - Words cannot express how grateful I am that my dad and Kathy have such a wonderful church family. You have been a blessing and comfort to me and my family thru this horrible tragedy. Thank you for the wonderful meal you all provided after the funeral. Thank you and God Bless You! Melanie and Michael Moore (Bill Wallace's daughter)

**"Can Do" Cancer Support Group**

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

**Memory Makers**

Will meet Friday night at 6:30pm in the conference room. See Amber Garner for questions.

**South Yukon t-shirts**

If you ordered t-shirts this last go round. Your t-shirts are available to pick up in the office.

**LTC Note**

Service and Devotional challenge forms are available on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions see Jennie Lockhart.

**Men's Monday Morning Bible Study**

6:45am in the conference room.