



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

The Life of Gratitude

If your life was on video and the video was the after-turkey entertainment on Thanksgiving, would the viewers be encouraged because they saw a real life of gratitude in you? Would viewers know that you are thankful since the Lord has become your salvation (Psalm 118:14)?

We give up some things up to give thanks. We give up sexual immorality, impurity, greed, and talk that bump out words of praise. We also change our direction for the future. We respond to the mercy that we have received by living a new kind of life – a life abstains from evil desires and that will influence others to glorify God (1 Peter 2:11-12). Peter addresses a number of positive changes in the life of one who formerly had not received mercy, but now has. Gratitude for being saved from the consequences of past sins is seen in the determination to fight the evil desires that “war against the soul.” A thankful person submits to others so that their needs are met. We can do that since our greatest need has been fulfilled. The life of gratitude also makes every effort to live in harmony with the rest of the church family. Jealousy, selfish ambition, and malice aren't the fruit of our lives because we have all received the mercy of God.

What else shouts out the message of gratitude in your life? Do your words of confidence regarding your relationship with God speak of thanksgiving? Does the praise offered in the assembly flow from your heart and roll off of your tongue? Do you offer thanksgiving in your prayers in gratitude for what you've already received as you make your requests known to God? Do you crave to give the message about what you have received to others, believing that you've never received anything better?

Make your life a video of gratitude to God! Let everyone who sees you know that you're not going to die! God has become your salvation! Let your thanksgiving direct others to the source of your salvation!

That's Life at Work!

Richard

2008/09 Winter Directory

Pictures will be taken, Sunday, December 7th and 14th for those who would like to update their directory picture. Meet in room 48, across from the office, immediately following morning services.

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.



Sunday
Bible Class
Worship Service

Monday
Elders Visit in Homes

Tuesday
SNL/Teen Grub Night

Wednesday
Office Closed at Noon
Devo

Thursday
Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed

Friday
Office Closed

Blood Drive



Sunday, December 7th
11:00am - 2:00pm
Fellowship Hall
Sign up on the bulletin board.

Thanksgiving Devo

Classes will be dismissed Wednesday evening and a Devo will be held for all, in the auditorium at 7:00pm.

Prayer Requests

Carolán Bledsoe saw a GI specialist and is being treated for diverticulitis.

Chuck Bledsoe will have eye surgery December 18th.

Larry Bledsoe has completed treatments on his bladder at this time.

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

Neil Cosgrove is in room 483 at Mercy hospital recuperating from surgery.

Kristi Finefrock requests prayers for the following: A baby boy was born to **Erica Davis**, who was only 29 weeks along yesterday. He weighs 1 lbs 9 oz. He is breathing some on his own but needs our prayers.

Reta Garrin, sister of Pat McIntyre, had Thyroid surgery Friday in Illinois.

Don Kilmer's newborn grandson Keeton has pneumonia, but is improving.

Judy Lamkin, sister of Pat McIntyre, is going through tests, they suspect cancer.

Emily McCoy requests prayers for friends **Jana Boren/ Ruth Scheroff** who have cancer.

Brenda Myers had an arteriogram and it showed 80% blockage, so they inserted a stent and she is home recuperating.

Roy Nusbaum is in Mercy Hospital room 463 with a staph infection in his foot.

Yvonne Reville and Cindi Stump requests prayers for the **family of Cecile Dell Miller** (aunt of Glen Davis) who passed away. A Memorial Service will be held today at 2:00 at the Edmond church of Christ.

Marlo Roddy will have knee surgery Tuesday, at 9am at the Yukon Hospital.

Earline Shriver, Gary's mom, had a biopsy on her kidney and is waiting on results.

Tracy Tess had a CT scan on her sinuses and will be having allergy testing soon.

Paul Trammel had some tests with good results.

Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Shyree (Mike and Cathy Morris' Foster child), **Eric Bejcek, Chuck Bledsoe, Linda Bratcher, Merv Deason, Brenda Gunter, 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), **Wrestling Team from Sloan Iowa.**

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), **Madison Evans** (B. Gunters niece), **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)

ctivated 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).



Victory! "...Be transformed by the renewing of your minds" (Romans 12:2) was Paul's plea to those who have received God's mercy. It really is a reason to celebrate victory when someone makes determined effort to refuse conforming to the world and experience a godly metamorphosis!

Sunday night, nine Teams of Two, celebrated with facilitators, friends, shepherds, and church family the metamorphosis of their marriages. These couples completed the Dynamic Marriage class: Chris and Joni Beck, Rod and Ardith Sheaffer, Tommy and Renee Middleton, James and Cathy Montgomery, Mike and Sara Clark, Corey and Ronda Vanover, Jason and Phyllis Cox, Clint and Jerri Elston, and Peggy and Dennis Hudson. Congratulations to all these couples for the recent, tremendous attention to their relationships.

There is another Dynamic Marriage Class beginning January 10, 2009. Look for more details in the bulletin and at the Marriage Ministry table in the foyer.

See the information in the bulletin about the upcoming Couples Christmas Party!

What do you know that you need to do today to show your love for your spouse?

Do it this week!

Richard and JeannaLynn

On Wednesday nights, the WGHJ ("What God Has Joined") class will begin again in room 49. The WGHJ class, taught by Richard and JeannaLynn, inspires couples to develop a true covenant relationship and then equips you to do that. You'll learn and practice good communication skills, a great conflict resolution method, and how to use those skills and method in issues related to finances, sexuality, families of origin, roles in the home, goals, and spiritual intimacy. This class is limited in size, so registration is required (see Richard and JeannaLynn or call the office). You don't have to be struggling to join the class, you just have to want to grow and help others grow! If you've taken this class before, it's experienced a metamorphosis itself. Join in again!



Where is God?

Try to imagine yourself blindfolded. The object is for you to find God by asking anyone and everyone if they are God. During this process everyone else is also blindfolded. Now things are getting chaotic and confusing.

This game is played everyday by somebody without even realizing that God is nearby whispering "come to me, all you who are weary, and heavy-laden. . .". Those who choose not to listen to that soft voice, are continually looking to fill their void with so many different distorted ideas where God can be found. Some look for God in the almighty dollar, while others look for Him in themselves.

In Jeremiah 29:13 God stated, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." God does not want a small part of you, it is all or nothing.

So how do we find God? Take time this week searching, with all of your heart, in

His word, spending time in prayer, being active in His church and you will find Him. Once you find God then you can partake of His promise, "and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28).

Stay true and stay strong South Yukon.

Gene

Teen News

Grub Night Devo - Tuesday, from 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

SNL - Next Sunday at the Aaron and Rhonda Brown's home, 937 Justin Drive. Bring \$3.

All Teen Families - If you were involved in the 30 day Bible Study, please turn in your Burlap bags of money asap to Gene. The deadline is Sunday, December 7th.

Fellowship and Devo - With the Clark's Home Group on Wednesday, December 3rd.



Dare To Be Different

I remember shortly after my conversion, reading a verse that caused me some confusion. It said, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar** people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2.14, KJV, emphasis added). I thought calling us "peculiar people" was peculiar in itself. The newer versions of the Bible clarify the issue. The idea is that we are uniquely God's people.

We do not live by the world's standards. So, to the world, we may appear to be odd, but we are uniquely God's. He has always intended for his people to be different from the world in which they live. Jesus says that we are "salt and light." Paul said that we shine like stars in the universe.

One of the great stories that illustrates, "Daring to be Different," is that of the young man Daniel. Daniel and his friends found themselves in Babylonian captivity. They had choices as how they would act in a difficult setting. Daniel made up his mind to honor God with his life. He took all of the risks associated with being different, including putting his life on the line.

Every day we have opportunities to stand up and stand out for God. Let's *Dare to Be Different!* Let's honor him who blesses us.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry



Growing churches have exceptional Ministries for children. This makes sense on a lot of levels. It provides an opportunity to assist concerned parents in the spiritual formation of their children in order to pass on the "baton" of faith. As well, young families are looking for churches where they can entrust their kids for Bible classes and activities.

This includes the children in the Nursery through the 6th Grade. This Ministry directly or indirectly impacts literally hundreds of people. It is a huge and important Ministry. Nina Moates coordinates the Children's Education, Carol Marcum supervises the Workroom, and Barry Stump provides the Elder support for this work.

This Ministry staffs our classes with teachers, coordinators, and helpers. It equips them with practical curricula for each developmental level of our kids. It maintains a quality workroom to assist in the Biblical education of children.

Take a minute to thank the men and women who are ministering to our children. Better yet, volunteer to help out in this work. You never know whom you will impact in the years to come.

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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Ecuador

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Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Cory & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 372
 Worship A.M.: 545
 Worship P.M.: 185
 Home Group 77
 Worship P.M.Total 262
 Wednesday 321
 Daily Bible Readers: 737
 Present Membership: 617

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,775
 Budget Requires: \$15,922

Family Matters



Thank You

Dear Christian Friends - Thank you for the contribution for the turkeys for our Thanksgiving boxes. We could not make it without help from our Christian friends. Luther Community Service Center, Luther church of Christ

Dear Church - Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and flowers during the time before and after my surgery. A special thank you to Walt and Yvonne McGaugh for their calls and concern. Philip Driskill

Thanks everyone for the beautiful gift box. This must have been Christmas in October. Such a great surprise!
 In Christian love, Bobby McWilliams

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.

Romans Ladies Bible Study

Will resume meeting on January 7, 2009.

Ladies Unity Team

Meets next Sunday after morning services in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Patty Booker.

Affirming the Faith Seminar

February 20-21 at North MacArthur church of Christ. More information on the bulletin board.

Westview Gifts

If you are purchasing Westview Boy's gifts, please have them wrapped and labeled and to the church office by Sunday evening, November 30th for the December 1st pickup. For special needs or arrangements, see Amber Garner

Church Lunch Need

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

Communion Prep and Greeters Needed

Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board if you can help for the new year.

Dynamic Marriage Course

The next Dynamic Marriage Course is filling up! There are only 4 spaces remaining.

Intro Class is:

Saturday, January 10, 2009
 3:30pm-6:00pm

The course lasts 8 weeks.
 Childcare will be provided.

No matter how your marriage is currently (great or not so great) this course will make it Dynamic! Enroll now at the marriage table or see Jeremy and Kristi Finefrock, Richard and JeannaLynn May or any of the Dynamic Marriage graduates for more info!

“Change” a Child’s Christmas this Year

Donate your pocket change to the kids at Captial Hill church of Christ. All donations will go to fill the wish lists of each child which contain clothes, necessities and at least one toy. See Kristi Finefrock, Mary Sue Sanders, Cristi Killian or any of the 9th-12th S.O.S. girls for more information.

Couples Christmas Party

A Christmas Party for ALL COUPLES.
 Saturday, December 6th
 6:00pm
 South Yukon Fellowship Hall

Dinner will be catered; cost \$15/couple. Bring your favorite holiday dessert and one nice gift per couple (max \$25). Dress is holiday casual.

You will need to provide your own childcare.
 Couples of all ages welcome!

Invitations and signup are on the Marriage Ministry table.