



## He Came to Be Light

Jesus said that he came as a light into the world so that those who believed in him would not stay in darkness. Some of the Jews wouldn't believe in Jesus because they had been blinded by God so that they wouldn't believe. John wrote that Isaiah had prophesied that would happen.

Others, even among the leaders, saw the miracles of Jesus and did believe; but they would not confess their belief because they loved praise from people more than praise from God.

Being blind about the truth of the identity of Jesus is not all there is to being in the dark. In other words, the light came to get us out of the darkness. Our trust in the light enables our release from the darkness. Jesus wanted people to know God, and we can see God clearly because Jesus is the light. Ignorance isn't bliss, it's darkness. No more of that since for those who follow the light! Division is darkness, and because of the light, all believers can be one as Jesus and God are one. Sin is certainly darkness, but because the light shows us the way to eternal life, we don't have to suffer the consequences of sin!

Knowing God, overcoming sin, and unity with love are powerful results of the light in the life of a believer. The stories that John tells about people like the blind man, the invalid, Mary and Martha, and the apostles are testimonies to the incredible impact of the light!

But some of the saddest stories in John's gospel account are about those who should have believed, could have believed, or did believe, yet did not come out of the darkness. Some loved the darkness, some were too prideful, and others were focused on the flesh.

Are you letting your belief in Jesus have the effect on your life that the light should have? Repent of the darkness that keeps you from eternal life. Live in the light of unity with your fellow believers! Know God as if he actually lived among us for a while because he did! The light that gives light to YOU has come into the world!

*Richard*

# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

## Blood Drive



### Today

11:00am - 2:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

Sign up on the bulletin board.

## 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.

## Teachers Needed for the New Quarter

Several teachers and assistants are still needed for the new quarter in the Preschool Department. If you would like to help, please see Cindi Stump today.

## Calendar

**Sunday**  
Bible Class & Worship Service  
Blood Drive  
Areawide/Blanchard

**Monday**  
Men's Bible Study  
Elders Meeting

**Wednesday**  
Toastmasters  
Bible Study

**Thursday**  
Foster Care Group

**Friday**  
Church Lunch

**Saturday**  
M.i.r.o.r. Ministry - GiG/G3G

## 2008/09 Winter Directory

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

## Mini Directory

The Mini Directories are in and available in the foyer to be picked up. One per family please.

## Prayer Requests

**Granton Bayless**, infant nephew of Karen McKeever, is now home after being in the Ronald McDonald house for quite a while.

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

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

**Neil Cosgrove** is in Mercy Hospital with pneumonia.

**Dean Hill** is in Baptist hospital room 717 to find the source of the pain she is experiencing.

**Steve Hodkison**, Loy & Elaine Smiths daughters friend, has a staph infection on his face.

**Katy Hoggatt** is waiting on tests results. She will have surgery Monday, December 15th.

**Marie Kee**, sister of Jeanette Schoof, had surgery last week for Melanoma.

**Jim Linam** has been very anemic and had 2 units of blood last week.

**Debra New** is home recuperating from back surgery.

**Gene Newberry's mom** had surgery to repair a hole in her colon and it did not go well. She is in ICU in Paragould, Arkansas.

**Sue McDonald**, cousin of Jalene Davis, has cancer and is going for treatments.

**Veda Morris** is now home from the hospital.

**Earline Shriver**, Gary's mom, kidney biopsy showed a slow-growing cancer.

**Yvonne Reville** was in the ER last week some dizziness but is doing better.

**Doris Rimel** (mother of Steve) has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

**Glenda Tate** (guest of Pat McIntyre's) will have surgery, Wednesday. (Carotid Artery)

**The Thorpe Family**, friends of the Killian's, request prayers as they are dealing with the sudden loss of their son.

**Markus Truelove** would like for us to pray for his brother Daniel, who just gave his life to Christ, that he can remain strong in God.

**Daisy Valliant** is out of the hospital and back at the Belleview Skilled Nursing Facility.

**Debbie Warden** was hospitalized last week with Cellulitis in her feet.

**Daniel Yancey**, 21 year old nephew of Judy Scroggins, has cancer and started chemo.

**Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family:** **Shyree** (Mike and Cathy Morris' Foster child), **Eric Bejcek**, **Carolan Bledsoe**, **Chuck Bledsoe**, **Linda Bratcher**, **Merv Deason**, **Brenda Gunter**, **Jack Hicks**, **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net) Piper Station Apartments #232, 5223 Gallant Fox Way, Charlotte, NC 28277), **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**, **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:** **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Margaret Bryson** (Newberry's aunt), **Chris Daugherity** (Daugherity's son), **Erica Davis' Baby** (K. Finefrock's friend), **Renee Davis** (friend of Harris), **Orpha Dean** (Andy's mom), **Pam Ferguson** (coworker of B. Gunter), **Billie Ferrell** (D. Cassel's mother), **Reta Garrin** (P. McIntyre's sister), **Noah Givens** (Coles's great nephew), **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad) **Sue McDonald** (cousin of Jalene Davis), **Barbara Johnson** (coworker of T. Harris), **Judy Lamkin** (P. McIntyre's sister), **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), **Daniel Yancy**, (21 year old great nephew of Judy Scroggins), **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), **Ron Clemmens** (Brian's dad), **Wilbur Cravey** (C. Mayhan's father), **Madison Evans** (B. Gunter's 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. Hughes), **Ricardo Curbelo** (cousin to Kristi Finefrock), **Jeremy Lassiter** (J. Mayhan's friend), **Chan Aaron** (M. Hughs' brother), **Chris Harrell** (son of Pamela Hayes).



## Leaving and Cleaving During the Holidays!

The "Teams of the Week" are not known by name, but by what they do to live the command to "leave your father and mother and be united to your wife" (Genesis 2:24).

Right now, families are deciding what they will do over Christmas and the New Year together. Many couples are having a hard time getting along. Stress is high. Words are sharp, and feelings of closeness are few and far between. Other couples are avoiding the discussion because it leads to fights every year. Still others are contemplating going separate directions for the end of the year celebrations.

Let's all determine that this year, beginning today, is going to be different. Determine as a "Team of Two" right now that you are going to put your marriage first. Determine that though you will do nothing to dishonorable as a son or daughter, you are going to live in your priority role as a husband or wife. Leave, cleave, and be united.

Some of us have married children who we know are really struggling over how to please us over the holidays. We know that the stress level is high, fatigue is going to consume them, and the New Year will have to begin with "making up" because of the fighting at the end of 2008. We need to realize that the greatest gift we can give our children is the freedom to obey the command of God to leave, cleave, and be united to their spouses! We should never put our kids on a guilt trip so that we can enjoy seeing them! Honor their marriage! (Heb. 13:4)

Where should you spend Christmas and New Years? Where ever is best for your family! What should I encourage my son or daughter and his or her spouse to do over the holidays? Whatever is best for their family! Leave, cleave, and be united!

*Richard and Jeanna Lynn*



## Be Hopeful

There is always someone asking for something, rather it be a group looking for donations, or a child wishing for that special gift for their birthday. In each case these people are hoping their requests will be answered. Where would we be if there was no hope to keep us going? Hoping for things on this earth can be met with disappointment, but on the other hand, once one receives the very thing they hoped for, will no longer need hope. When it comes to our spiritual walk, we need hope to drive us, to keep us steady when things are difficult. Romans 5:5 states, "... and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." This is a hope that will not fail. As long as we keep focused on our calling and the goal of heaven before us, then we will not be disappointed, because God is faithful and will give us what He has promised. What is it that you hope for? Keep God at the forefront and press on to that heavenly goal.

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

*Gene*

## Teen News

**All Teen Families** - If you were involved in the 30 day Bible Study, your Burlap bags of money are due today. Please give them to Gene.

**Area Wide at Blanchard** - The bus will leave today at 3:30pm. I need everyone to sign up today to determine if another bus is needed.

**Teen Christmas Party** - Is Sunday, December 14th. Hopefully everyone has received their letter in the mail from the Marcottes describing it all. See Gene or Sherri if there are any questions.

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*You are invited  
To attend the wedding of...*

*Darcee Kaye Simoneaux  
and  
Andrew David Schwarz*

*Saturday, December 27th  
at 2:00 pm  
North MacArthur  
Church of Christ*



## Lasting Impressions

"Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba and called there on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. 34And Abraham sojourned many days in the land of the Philistines" (Genesis 21.33-34).

Abraham and Abimelech make a covenant. As soon as they do, Abraham plants a *tamarisk* tree. He then lives in their land for a long time. Perhaps it was here that Isaac was born.

The Tamarisk tree is a hearty tree which is well suited for the desert climate. Its trunk grows about 12 inches every 500 years. It provides shade for travelers as it grows slowly in the desert. But, why do you suppose Abraham chose this tree to plant?

Perhaps one of the things that Abraham intended was to use the tree as a symbol of the "everlasting God" and of the oath between the Philistines and himself. This slow growing hard wood would last for generations. People would see the tree and remember their covenant and Abraham's God.

Perhaps Abraham leaves his legacy in the tree and his son. God had made a covenant with him that involved many years to come to completion. It was a covenant that involved blessings for others. We know that Messiah would come through Abraham to bless the world. It was not a short-term event; it took generations before the fullness of time came.

The covenant God has made with us is not an overnight process. The development of fruit in this covenant in our lives takes time. The good news is that it lasts for years. What seeds are we planting?

Keep The Light Burning!

*Perry*

## Ministry Spotlight

### Education 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Deacon – Gene Newberry  
Elder – Barry Stump

Another one of those Ministries that really makes an impact on people involves our Youth. The education of our young people has a "multi-faceted" effect. It encourages our students to live as Christians. It helps parents and families work together for Jesus. Ultimately, it assists teenagers in making Jesus their Lord. Imagine how many people THEY will in turn serve!

The major goal in this aspect of our youth work is to provide curricula that meet the spiritual needs of our young people. Spiritual development in Middle and High Schools is a defining moment for young people. This is a vital Ministry for South Yukon.

*Perry*

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



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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: ..... 380  
Worship A.M.: ..... 584  
Worship P.M.: ..... 226  
Home Group ..... 25  
Worship P.M.Total ..... 251  
Wednesday ..... 129  
Daily Bible Readers: ..... 61  
Present Membership: ..... 617

##### Contribution

Last Week: ..... \$14,748  
Budget Requires: ..... \$15,922

# Family Matters



### Thank You

Thank you very much for all your well wishes and prayers during my surgery and recovery. An extra special thanks to our home group! Julie Watson and family

Thank you for the flowers, phone calls, cards and prayers during my recent procedure. Brenda Myers

We want to thank our wonderful church family for the prayers prayed for my grandson's wife, Jennifer Clark, and the cards sent to me. I would like to ask for prayers for Jimmy and his little children as they adjust without their mother and wife Thank you so much for the love you have shown. Oren and Rosie Hinkle.

Dear Church Family, thank you for the calls, cards and prayers in our time of loss. Please continue to keep my mother in your prayers. Love, Renee Middleton

To Our Loving Church Family, We just wanted to thank everyone who has blessed us with prayer, supporting phone calls of encouragement and gifts of love. Without our loving church family it would be very difficult to get through these times, especially with the holiday coming up. We wish Gods blessings to all who have prayed and shared with us and hope God will continue to bless you and our church family. With humble thanks! Mike & Bobbie Watts

### 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.

### Affirming the Faith Seminar

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

### 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.

### Bring all old greeting cards

Jalene Davis asks that you please save all your used greeting cards (any occasion) and put them in the basket in the foyer to send to a children's home for their use.

### Congratulations

To Barry and Marie Stump on the birth of a new granddaughter, Gentry Rose was born to Ryan and Cris Stump. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy to Brian Clemmens and family on the passing of his grandmother. Services will be in Tipton, Iowa.

### Communion Prep and Greeters Needed

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

### 12 Hours of Prayer

Your church family would like to rejoice with you. If you submitted a prayer request during our last 12 Hours of Prayer and you feel your prayer has been answered and would like to share that answer with us, please contact Jason Engle. We would like to include this in the bulletin and/or relay it to the congregation, which ever you prefer.

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

**Girlfriends in God (GiG)** - K-3rd Grade girls will meet Saturday from 10:00 to Noon for Caroling and cookies. Meet at the church building and join us for Christmas caroling at Spanish Cove Assisted Living Center. When we return to the church, we will decorate (and maybe eat) cookies. There will be other fun activities, so come and bring your friends!

### Girls Giving God Glory (G3G)

- 4th-8th grade girls will meet Saturday from 10:00 to 1:00. We will be cooking up a little Christmas spirit and then recording our 1st annual Christmas CD. Lunch and Devo will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a canned good item and an extra dose of Christmas spirit!