



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

He Came to Bring Life

The Jews told Jesus that they did not understand why he spoke to them about freedom (John 8). They had never been slaves to anyone, they thought. They were so wrong! They had been slaves to sin, after all, everyone who sins is a slave to sin!

Jesus said a lot about bringing life to us. He said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). John summed up what he wrote about Jesus with these powerful words, "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:30-31). I haven't ever been dead. Why do I need life?"

Just as the slavery of the Jews was more significant than what they imagined, so is our deadness – and Jesus knows that. There is nothing more catastrophic for us than the impact of sin in our lives, now and in eternity. Nothing.

God can't even look on sin. Our iniquities have separated us from him, and he is the source of life! The wages of sin is death. That death and separation will continue into eternity if our sin debt remains at the coming of Christ!

So, he brings life. He came to his creation and brought what we need the most – even though we might have denied that we needed it. He brought us life so that we could have life to the full. There is no greater life than the life immersed in Jesus. We don't just do what Jesus did to be right. We do what Jesus did to have the greatest life. He brought us life so that we could have life eternally. The abundant life continues beyond this world. It is life without end – full life without end.

That's Life at Work!

Richard

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.

Wanted: 2009 Mission Statement

We would like your suggestions for a mission statement for 2009. It needs to be no more than one sentence in length.

Our current mission statement is:

For the Glory of God, We Will Go, Be Prepared, and Grow

Another example: Our prayer is that each member of the South Yukon family will utilize their talents to God's glory by finding their place, in service to God and each other.

Please give your suggestions to Barry Stump no later than Wednesday, December 31st.

The Elders

Calendar

Sunday
Teen Christmas Party

Monday
Men's Bible Study
"Can-Do" Cancer Support Group
Elders Meeting

Tuesday
NAMI Support Group

Wednesday
Toastmasters
Bible Study

Friday
Church Lunch

Holiday Schedule
Tuesday, December 23
Midweek Devo
Tuesday, December 30
Devo at Lakehoma

Office Closed
December 25th, 26th

2008/09 Winter Directory

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

"Can Do" Cancer Support Group

Meets tomorrow from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parlor. For questions see Jim Linam or Patty Booker.

Prayer Requests

Mandy Berry, daughter of Dennis/Peggy Hudson, is having difficulties with her pregnancy. **Chuck Bledsoe** will have eye surgery Thursday, December 18th at 4:00 at Dean McGee. **Morgan Clemmons** had her tonsils and adenoids out and is home recuperating. **Neil Cosgrove** is home from the hospital.

Phyllis Cox requests prayers for her co/worker Julie Chastain and family. Julie's husband, Mark, has pulmonary fibrosis and is in desperate need of a lung transplant. Julie and Mark's 17 year old daughter Jordan had to have a mastectomy and may be going through reconstruction surgery soon.

Jalene Davis has a compression fracture in her neck.

Matthew Dobbins, son of Greg, is going through medical testing.

Dean Hill is in Baptist hospital room 717.

Katy Hoggatt had good results on her tests and will have outpatient surgery Monday, December 15th at 1:30 at Deaconess Hospital.

Jim Linam's test results were all in the normal range. Praise God! The cause of the anemia is still a mystery and he may undergo further testing. He and Billie appreciate all the prayers and thoughts in their behalf.

Gene Newberry's mom is in a hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas and is improving. The family thanks you for your prayers.

Bette Sharp is staying with her son at 3109 Wimberley, Yukon.

Earline Shriver, Gary's mom, will have the spot on her kidney removed January 21st.

Glenda Tate, guest of Pat McIntyre, had Carotid Artery surgery last week and is home doing well. (400 S. Ranchwood, Lot 105, Yukon, 350-6725).

Betty Watts, sister in law of Wayne and Judy, has been suffering with bedsores, however, they are improving. She also has an infection in her bones.

Debbie Warden is home recuperating from her cellulitis and doing some better.

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**, **Emily McCoy**, **Debra and Michael New**, **Roy and Edna Nusbaum**, **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 Daugherty** (Daugherty'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. 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), **Sue McDonald** (J. Davis' cousin), **Gerald Morgan** (b-i-l of A. Morgan), **Vonda McPherson** (N. Heldreth's cousin), **Doris Rimel** (Steves mother), **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), **Jeremy Lassiter** (J. Mayhan's friend), **Chan Aaron** (M. Hughs' brother), **Chris Harrell** (son of Pamela Hayes).



Team of Two

Their efforts demonstrated true commitment! Patrick and Mary Brawner were signed up as a Team of Two to decorate for the Christmas Party last Saturday night. After the date for the party was set, we learned some things about the timing. For one thing, we learned that we were having the party at the same time that the Big 12 Championship was airing. The second thing we learned is that Mary had an obligation that was going to keep her from coming to the party.

Here's the commitment part. Mary didn't pass off the decorating to others who were going to be at the party. She stayed on the team that she built. She decorated on Thursday because she was going to be gone Friday and Saturday. And then, when she was done with her other obligation, she came to the fellowship hall and helped clean up because she and Patrick had signed up to do that, too. So she decorated with Patrick and cleaned up with Patrick for a party that she didn't even get to share in.

Patrick knew that there would be some people at the party who were really interested in the Big 12 game. He got real determined that he was going to get the game on the big screen in the fellowship hall, which isn't easy because there is not cable access in there. He worked hard with the decorating team and when the moment arrived, the game was on, bigger than life. Here's the commitment part. Patrick is an OSU fan. He didn't want the game for himself. He knew others would enjoy seeing it.

When Jesus said that he did not come to be served, but to serve; he placed before his disciples a high calling (Matthew 20:28). It is a calling to which Mary and Patrick (with some great help from Matt and Melaney Bonnette), responded last weekend and many of us received a blessing! Thanks, Patrick and Mary!





Redeeming the Time

We have had the fortunate blessing that our children do not like to be late wherever they need to be. Our youngest is the most notorious for being on time more than any of us. He has a rigid schedule he likes to keep for preparing for school; any deviation from this schedule will create havoc in his day.

I am sure we can all relate with our own experiences when this trait of timeliness was put to the test. There was one day that everything our youngest did to be on time did not work and every step he took just put him further behind. When this trial reared its ugly head and our youngest left for school less prepared than he liked, only the Boston Strangler could have rivaled the disposition.

The next day brought peace to the home and happiness to his disposition because of him leaving in the time frame that allowed him to get to school on time and fully prepared. What made the difference? You guessed it. . .he did! He got up a few minutes earlier, did what had to be done and his day started with a whole different outlook.

I think we could all learn from this experience the importance of this lesson. Too often we oversleep on Sunday morning and then throw ourselves together to make

it to service before the last “amen”. This stress from being late creates a mood that is contrary to any meaningful worship.

On the other hand, if we would exercise a little discipline and get up a few minutes earlier it would make a tremendous (and much needed) difference in our worship experience. What will it take to make this change? You’ve got it!

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon!

Gene

Teen News

Teen Christmas Party - Tonight after services, bring your gift uniquely wrapped and \$5 for dinner.

Carolling and Lights in the Park - Sunday, December 21. More info will follow.

Keith Lancaster’s “Praise & Harmony Workshop” April 4-5, 2009



Avoiding the Void

Have you ever thought about what our society would be without the influence of the Bible? Imagine a country with no compassion. Imagine a nation filled with people who only care about themselves.

Many organizations exist in the US because of the influence of the Bible. There are hospitals and benevolent organizations that exist for the legitimate care of others. Our military goes throughout the world with the latest, greatest weapons and display the hearts of servants, not conquerors. Even common (or maybe uncommon) courtesy is practiced because of the Bible.

When the Communists took over Russia, one of the first things they did was to prohibit churches from helping people – that was the government’s job. Churches slowly dried up and that society lost any Bible influence. Misery followed.

What would our nation be without the influence of scripture? What would our laws be like? How would we treat others? Whether we think of great multi-million dollar enterprises or simple acts of kindness, we are a better nation when the Bible impacts us – even subtly. No wonder Satan has been working so hard to remove it from our families, schools, courts, and society.

We may be the only “Bibles” some people see. We have a great opportunity to be salt and light for others. Let’s let the words of God influence our world through us!

Keep the Light Burning!

Perry

All Church New Years Eve Party

Mark your calendars for an all church New Years Eve party in the fellowship hall, Wednesday, December 31. We will have games, crafts and lots of fun. Everyone bring your favorite snack, a 2 liter of pop and games. If you have ideas for games or activities or just want to help, please sign up on the teen board. More info to come! Contact Jennie Lockhart or Debbie Newberry.

**Ministry
Spotlight**

Finance

Deacons - Dennis Mitchell & Kyle Reuter
Elders - Ken Davidson & Mel Schaefer

Every organization at some point needs to deal with finances. Even Jesus and the twelve had a treasurer (John 12.6). While “making money” is not our purpose, we do need honest, dependable individuals to help us be responsible stewards of the contributions we receive. This involves accurate record keeping of contributions as well as how we distribute those funds. It includes budgeting monies to the various Ministries so that each can perform their tasks.

Because of the congregation’s heart, we have been entrusted with a generous amount of money that we are to use in spreading the good news throughout the world. We are grateful to Dennis Mitchell and Kyle Reuter for serving as Deacons in the Finance Ministry. We are also thankful for Mel Schaefer’s and Ken Davidson’s support as elders.

Perry



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Austin, Gabriel and Lucky

Brazil

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Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango, Armando Troya

Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Cory & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes: 361
Worship A.M.: 546
Worship P.M.: 190
Home Group 98
Worship P.M.Total 288
Wednesday 313
Daily Bible Readers: 71
Present Membership: 617

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,076
Budget Requires: \$15,922

Family Matters



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported me and my family during my recent knee surgery. I cannot tell you how much it meant to have you at the hospital and bringing food to my family. A special thank you to Doris and Mel Schaefer for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! We feel truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful church. In Christian love, Marlo and Don Roddy

God bless you for your generosity and for thinking about me. Thank you. In Christian love, Verlaine Cole

Dear Church Family, Your generosity is evident. Within two services, you donated more than enough to give each child in the nursery at Capitol Hill Church of Christ a Christmas package that not only meets many of their needs but allows them to have a toy under the tree that they otherwise would not have received. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The Sisterhood of Service (9th-12th Grade Girls)

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. God bless you all and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With Love, Don and Veda Morris

Congratulations

To Barry Stump for graduating from UCO with his masters degree in Adult Education.

Directory Change/or Correction

*Mel and Doris Schaefer, 2224 Falling Springs Lane, Yukon.
Dexter Webb, 1436 Von Elm Place.*

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.

12 Hours of Prayer

Your church family would like to rejoice with you. If you submitted a prayer request during our 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.

Communion Prep and Greeters Needed
Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board if you can help for the new year.

LTC Note

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

Mini Directory

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

Men's Monday Morning Bible Study
6:45am in the conference room.

Holiday Schedule

Tuesday, December 23rd - Midweek Devotional
(No services, Wednesday, December 24)

Tuesday, December 30th - We will meet with the Lakehoma and Soldier Creek Congregations, at the Lakehoma Church of Christ (2124 W. Hwy 152, Mustang) at 7:00pm, for an end of the year devotional.
(No services Wednesday, December 31)

Book Reading Club

Check out the Marriage Ministry table for information about a book reading club!

The Benevolence Ministry gave out approximately 75+ food boxes this year. It is important to keep our church pantry stocked up. If you could add the 3 items below to your shopping list this week, it would be very much appreciated. We will have a new pantry item each week. Thank You!



This Weeks Pantry Need

Canned corn, green beans and peas
(please place in basket in foyer)