



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SOUTH YUKON

## Faith and Practice

Do you believe that it is important for unbelievers to hear the good news about how Jesus can take their sins away? What is more important for them to hear, do you believe?

Do you believe it is important for Christians to feed the hungry, care for the oppressed, and take care of orphaned children? What is a better use of our time and money, do you believe?

Do you believe that it is important for Christians to stand up for the principle of the impartiality of God – the truth that God does not show favoritism and all people are invited to enter the kingdom?

That last question was the one that Paul and Peter grappled with in Jerusalem. Peter, talked the talk of impartiality, but when Jews and Gentiles were in the room together, he favored the Jews. His reputation with the other Jews suddenly became more important than the truth that God does not play favorites with the nations. Paul, in his argument to the Galatians (chapter 1) that he is not out to please men, used his reaction to Peter to make a powerful point. He knew that his approval rating among the Jews was low, but his message of impartiality that he believed was from God was more important than his reputation; so he confronted Peter the apostle face-to-face about his hypocrisy.

Our actions show what we believe the most. If racism that keeps the gospel out of the hearts of people of other groups around us goes unchallenged, we might believe racism is wrong; but the need to get along is a deeper conviction.

If we do not do all we can to feed the hungry we may be telling the truth when we say it's important; but we believe something else more deeply.

What do we really believe? *Watch us and see.*

That's Life at Work!

**Richard**

## Pray for Our New President

Whether we are Democrats or Republicans, Conservatives or Liberals, the Bible gives us a clear directive to pray for our political leaders (1 Timothy 2.1-8). Tuesday is Inauguration Day for our new President. We will have a special time of prayer on his behalf and on behalf of our country that evening. Please invite your friends to this special prayer event – **Tuesday, January 20, 7 PM.**

## 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.

## Calendar

- Sunday**
- Bible Study/Worship
- Matt & Maria Clark Baby Shower
- SNL at Hartman's
- Monday**
- Men's Bible Study
- Elder's Meeting
- "Can-Do" Cancer Support Group
- Ladies Bunko Night
- Tuesday**
- NAMI Support Group
- Pray for Our President
- Wednesday**
- Toastmasters
- Ladies AM Bible Study
- Midweek Bible Study
- Thursday**
- Dale Robertson Sr Citizen B-day Party
- Friday**
- Church Lunch
- Saturday**
- Dynamic Marriage

## Teacher's Banquet

Have you taught a Sunday or Wednesday night class, adult Bible study, hosted home group or worked at VBS?

**If you answered yes, you are invited!**

We are rounding up all teachers to honor them with an Old West Meal and some fun. The Old West Teacher Roundup will take place on Sunday, January 25th after Sunday night services. There will be baby-sitting for little buckaroos but parents will need to provide a sack lunch. Sign up for the Old West Teacher Roundup on the bulletin board by the office. See Nina for more details.

## Identified



**Brett and Kari Bailey**  
Kayla St.Clair, Broc, Chance  
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## Baptized



**Sharyn McKeel**  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73132  
728-2206

## Prayer Requests

**Altus Davidson**, father of Ken, has the shingles.

**Renee Davis**, mother of Bryan Martinez, is having some health and personal issues. Please keep her and Bryan in your prayers. (Bryan visits here with the Harris')

**Audrey Gray**, fell and has a fractured/compressed vertebra. She is home but has been in a lot of pain. She could use encouragement. (900 E. Vandament #115, Yukon)

**Norma Heldreth's son-in-law, Tom** had an MRI and will wait for 2 more weeks and then have his condition reevaluated.

**Dean Hill** is home from the hospital.

**Emma Logsdon** requests prayers for her sister **Joyce Sisson** who is recovering from a stroke and also for her brother in law **Ralph Sisson** who has pancreas and liver cancer. She also requests prayers for Ralph's spiritual health.

**Clint McCutchen**, the brother in law of Dianne Cassel, had a cat scan and will soon begin 5-8 weeks of radiation treatment for prostate cancer. Please pray for him and her sister, Barbara, as this is the 3rd family member to go through treatment for cancer in the last few years.

**Jim McIntire**, father of Kathy Kuhlman, received good results on his stress test. He is on new meds and is feeling better. Kathy thanks everyone for your prayers.

**Bob O'Brien**, friend of Sherri Marcotte, is having heart problems and his wife Carol requested prayers.

**Dayna Roberts**, friend of Stephanie Easter, is undergoing tests on her colon. She also has nerve damage in her feet and is in a lot of pain.

**Earline Shriver**, Gary's mom, will have the spot on her kidney removed Wednesday at 1:30 at Baptist hospital.

**Janette Smith**, Velma Lemons daughter, is home recovering from a stroke.

**Larry Bledsoe** had another BCG procedure and is not doing well. He has been put on bed rest. his next treatment is scheduled for Feb.5 followed by a scope on Feb. 18.

**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**, **Stefanie Grantello**, **Brenda Gunter**, **Jack Hicks**, **Brad Hudson** (bhudson16@cox.net) Piper Station Apartments #232, 5223 Gallant Fox Way, Charlotte, NC 28277), **Don Kilmer**, **Gordon Leaman**, **Emily McCoy**, **Debra and Michael New**, **Roy and Edna Nusbaum**, **Sandra Schoolcraft**, **TC & Lylia Seitz**, **Bette Sharp** (3109 Wimberley), **Cobey Walters**, **Mel and Debbie Warden**, **Mike Wilhite**, **Pansy Wilson**, **Jack Womack**, **Billy Woods**.

**South Yukon Family with Cancer: 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), **Cassie Sturgeon** (June), **Amber Garner** (July)

**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: Juanita Bennett** (D. Watsons daughter), **Mandy Berry** (Hudson's daughter/expecting), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Margaret Bryson** (Newberry's aunt), **Chris Daugherty** (Daugherty's son), **Renee Davis** (friend of Harris), **Orpha Dean** (Andy's mom), **Matthew Dobbins** (Greg's son), **Madison Evans** (B. Gunter's niece), **Pam Ferguson** (coworker of B. Gunter), **Billie Ferrell** (D. Cassel's mother), **Noah Givens** (Coles's great nephew), **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad), **Judy Lamkin** (P. McIntyre's sister), **Wayne Mashburn** (E. Reece's father), **Amy McCathran** (B&M Stump's daughter), **Tim Mize** (108 Snowmass), **Tim Newby**, **Alline Pace** (K. Wallace's mother), **Delbert & Lillie Shockley** (friends of Heldreth/Harris), **Ben Sharp** (Bette's grandson), **Glenda Tate** (400 S. Ranchwood, Lot 105, 350-6725), **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), **Lucille Ballard** (D. Beshears mother), **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), **Norman High** (C. Montgomery's dad), **Don Hooper** (T. Addington's father), **Judy Hurt** (V. Stephen's sister), **Carol Karguth** (V. Stephens mother), **Sandra Leist** (P. McIntyre's sister), **Marvin McCathern** (Floyd's brother), **Sue McDonald** (J. Davis' cousin), **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** (cousin of Ken Bennett), **Elise Vega** (friend of C&J Beck), **John Walker** (A. Williams dad), **Daniel Yancey** (Scroggins nephew).

**On Hospice Care: Isabel Allen** (mother of Marilyn Dean), **Doris Rimel** (Steve's mother)  
**Activated Military Personnel: Daniel Alvarez** (cousin to Kristi Finefrock), **Robert "Butch" Crain** (brother of S. Easter), **Ricardo Curbelo** (cousin to Kristi Finefrock), **Jeremy Lassiter** (J. Mayhan's friend), **Chan Aaron** (M. Hughes' brother), **Chris Harrell** (son of Pamela Hayes).

## Time for Reflection and Promise

At the 2008 couple's retreat, husbands and wives were encouraged to sign Promises of Covenant. The promises filled a page founded on these principle promises:

- I commit to love you unconditionally.
- I will honor you.
- I will cherish you.
- I commit to keeping these promises in sickness and in health; for richer, for poorer.
- I will be faithful to you until we are parted by death.

Don and Marlo Roddy were one of the couples who came to talk with us at the retreat about their Promises of Covenant. Don signed his at the retreat, and Marlo explained why she was going to wait. She recognized that she had a tendency to feel driven regarding promises she made to Don while she was at retreats, but didn't follow through in the way she wanted once she was out of the retreat setting and back in a normal routine. She said that she wanted to sign hers when she was back at home so that she could know that the everyday stresses would not lessen her resolve. This week, she and Don came to the office so that Marlo could sign here covenant of promise.

We didn't have any doubt that she would do it, because since the retreat Don and Marlo have been a real Team of Two. They discovered that there are a number of people who are interested in a Financial Peace class and they determined that they would examine the material and facilitate a class. They also came to the office, then, to make some plans for that. Teams of Two make promises to each other and they serve together.

We encourage couples who signed the Promises of Covenant to come by the office for a check-up. Make an appointment through the office to share some accountability and prayer.

*Richard and JeannaLynn*



### OC Valentine Cabaret

Join us for the OC Valentine Cabaret this year. We will go as a group on Friday, February 13. Tickets are \$15/person. See the pre-worship slide show for more information.



## What is Your Perspective?

An employee shared a story with me earlier this week and I felt that it was worth passing it on, because so often we judge before we know all the facts. The story is called, "The Window".

A young couple moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were having breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang the wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comment. About a month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash. I wonder who taught her? The husband said, "I got up this morning and washed the windows." *This is so with life. Too many times we fail to see the blurred vision of our own windows of life. It would be a good thing to consider is we should check our state of mind and ask ourselves if we are ready to look for the good rather than to be looking for the bad in the person we are about to judge.*

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

*Gene*

## Teen News

SNL tonight at the Hartman's. Please bring \$2.00. Bus will be going.

**All teens** need to bring \$5 this Wednesday, Jan. 21 for a service project.

**The teacher's banquet** needs babysitters, please sign up on the teen board. Craft projects and meal will be provided.

**February 1** - Parents of teens meeting/ luncheon following morning services.



## LTC News!

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

**For practices all doors** will be locked except the door by the fellowship Hall.

**Practice schedules** are on the LTC bulletin board.

## HOME Group Mandatory Meeting

We will have a mandatory meeting of everyone who has been trained to lead HOME Groups on **Sunday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. in room 45**. The pilot period of the HOME Groups comes to an end in February. We need to make plans for our congregational **"Connection Day"** with open registration in March.

## Perry's Scope



## A Movie Experience

Recently a group of men from South Yukon enjoyed a night out to watch **Valkyrie** together. The movie was a mix of inspiration and sorrow. The best part of the evening, however, was the post-movie debriefing at Braum's where Brad Tipton (our resident WWII expert) explained some of the key elements of the story.

I used to think I knew a lot about history. I never thought I was an expert just that I knew stuff. In recent years some of the movies that have come out have been based on true events that I never had heard of. **The Great Raid** was one of these movies. This year **Valkyrie** also fits this genre for me. I feel enlightened and have enjoyed learning new, motivational stories of sacrifice and bravery.

This reminds me of my Bible knowledge. For many years I thought I knew a lot of Bible. I never thought I was an expert just that I knew stuff. Fortunately I have not stopped studying. I learn new, motivational things regularly. These things are motivating truths about the sacrifice and bravery of our God.

Maybe this is one of the reasons the Bible is called, "living" (**Hebrews 4.12**). Maybe this is one of the reasons we "search the scriptures" (**John 5.39**). Many subjects can be "conquered." Not the Bible. We can live a lifetime of study and never master it. The word of God is an amazing and challenging gift.

Keep the Light Burning!

*Perry*

## Ministry Spotlight

### Missions

God has given us our mission in Matthew 28.18-20 and other passages. He intends to impact the world and he intends to use his people to do it. Our Missions Ministry takes this task seriously. Gary Baumwart is the Deacon over this undertaking and Ken Davidson is his supporting Shepherd.

The Ministry is involved in regularly contacting and encouraging our Missionaries. It makes monthly congregational updates of each Mission Point and establishes an annual week of prayer for them. Our current Missionaries and Mission Points are:

AIM/Pat & Melissa Sheaffer; Ecuador/Kent & Sharla Marcum; Fishers of Men/ Darrell & Jean O'Rourke; Chemitz, South Africa/Al & Donna Horne; Thailand/ Kim & Rebecca Voraitkul; Brazil/Mel & Marly Latorre; Mexico/Corey & Toni Burns. Supported through World Bible School: Malawi, Central Africa/Austin Chitsukwa and Gabriel Betha; Abia State Nigerian West Africa/"Lucky" C.O. Nwoko

We also have the privilege of hosting the "Operation Ecuador" meeting this July. This will be a gathering of Ecuador missionaries and supporting churches for mutual support and encouragement.

*Perry*

## "Can Do" Cancer Support Group

Dr. Kiran Prabhu, M.D. will be our guest speaker at the Monday, January 19th Support Meeting. Dr. Prabhu is an Oncologist with an expertise in radiation treatments. She currently works for Integris and has treated several members of our congregation. Everyone - survivor, caregiver, family, friends or just those interested in learning about cancer and its treatment, is invited to attend from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Parlor. For info, contact Jim Linam or Stefanie Grantello.



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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.: ..... 545  
 Worship P.M.: .....183  
 Home Group.....118  
 Worship P.M.Total.....234  
 Midweek.....343  
 Daily Bible Readers:.....85  
 Present Membership:.....616

**Contribution**

Last Week: ..... \$13,845  
 Budget Requires: ..... \$15,922

**Family  
Matters**



**Attention Ladies**

**Let's get to know each other better!**

Learn How to Play Bunko, Meet New Friends and Get More Connected!

Join us at...

**Jennie Lockhart's  
9909 SW 35th**

**Monday, January 19, 2009  
7:00pm**

Jennie's house is located in Wimberley Estates Edition. (Two blocks West of Morgan Rd. on SW 29th.) Turn south on Wimberley Drive into the addition. Turn left and then directly right on SW 35th. Jennie's house is second house on the right. Sign up on the women's bulletin board today!

**Ladies AM Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Conference Room. Topic: book of "Romans", taught by Jeanette Schoof and Mary Sue Sanders.

**Dale Robertson Senior Citizen  
Birthday Party**

We will be sponsoring the Dale Robertson Senior Citizen Birthday Party, Thursday, January 22nd. We still need 8 pies and 2 angel food cakes. Please make pies large enough (9" pie plate) so they can be cut into 8 nice size pieces. Sign list on women's bulletin board by the parlor today. Please have pies to the church building kitchen by, Wednesday evening, January 21 or Thursday, January 22 by 10:00am. For more info - contact Vicky Sterling.

**Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Will begin February 3 in the home of Vicky Sterling at 6:30pm. We will continue our study of the "Names of God." If you have not been a part of this study and would like to join us, please call the office by Wednesday, January 21 to order a book. Looking forward to being together again in this new year.

**Ladies Retreat is Coming!**

Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, April 24th-25th.

**Communion Prep/Greeters Needed**

Sign up on the board if you can help.

**Picture/Mini Directory Correction**

*Gene and Pauletta Hill  
11712 Sagamore Drive*

*Loy and Elaine Smith, 265-2689*

**Thank You**

Your caring never goes unnoticed. Thank you for your Christmas kindness. Micah, Robyn, Hannah, Jonah and Abigail Keele

**Baby Shower**

Honoring Matt and Maria Clark, is today at 2:00 in the Parlor.

**Attention Funtimers**

There will be a reorganizational meeting in the parlor immediately following morning services on **January 25th**. Some very important decisions will be made. Please plan to attend!

**Gran Gran Song Service**

Classes, Home Groups, or individuals are needed to host a song service at Gran Grans once a month. If you would be willing to serve in this area, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

**Picture Directories**

The Winter 2009 Picture Directories are in and available in the foyer.

**Hope Harbor Grocery Pickup  
Items due: Sunday, February 1st**

*Bottled fruit juice, bottled water, gatorade, flavored waters, coffee, powdered sugar, brown sugar, ranch dressing, corn oil, canola oil, olive oil cooking spray, pineapple chunks, mandarin oranges, canned chicken, rice-a-roni mixes, nuts, sliced black olives, decaf tea/quart size, individually packaged snack items such as: cookies, beef jerky, cheese-it style crackers, trail mix, 100 calorie packs, etc. but not sandwich style crackers, flour/unbleached, antibacterial spray cleaner, liquid laundry soap, paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex, tooth paste, bath soap, shower gel.*



**Help fill our own food pantry!**

**This Weeks Pantry Need**

Tuna/Tuna Helper -  
 Chicken/Ckn Helper  
 (please place in basket in foyer)