



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Turn Around to Turn Around

"In the newly released directory [*Churches of Christ in the United States*], 21st Century Christian identifies 12,629 a cappella Churches of Christ with 1,578,281 adherents nationwide. Those figures represent 526 fewer churches and 78,436 fewer people in the pews than just six years ago" (Bobby Ross, "Church in America Marked by Decline," *Christian Chronicle*, February 2009).

We can survey, surf blogs, and guess at what has brought about the decline? We might discover what causes people to leave and churches to permanently close their doors. We might find 2,009 reasons. But what can be done to reverse the trend beginning this year?

Here's what I believe we must do turn things around. We must repent. Turn around to turn around.

Jesus entrusted us with good news to share, and we don't share it enough. We do not tell our friends about Jesus' death for their sins and how they, by grace through faith, can be saved. We talk about sharing it. We believe "the church" ought to share it. Yet, days pass, then weeks, and we cannot name one person to whom we have deliberately revealed "What Jesus has done" for us. Turn around to turn around.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you repent, you too will perish."

Our silence about the good news has caused us to look like we have already perished. We've got to repent of our silence or we will die. Who will you tell about the goodness of Jesus this week? It's not likely that this call to repent will get 1.5 million to tell it this week; but maybe it will impact six hundred in this room. Turn around to turn around.

That's Life at Work.

Richard

Welcome to our Family!



**Jamie and Shilo Taylor
Caylin, Seth, Courtney**
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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. Some of our elders, and members of our Guest Connections Team will be there to greet you.

The OC Music Department Presents The 20th Annual Valentine Cabaret

"And the Oscar Goes to..."

Music from the academy awards.
February 12, 13 and 14
Dinner at 6:00pm
Show at 7:00pm
425-5530

Join us for the Cabaret this year.
We will go as a group on
Friday, February 13th.
Tickets are \$15/person.
Please sign-up on the Marriage table.

Calendar

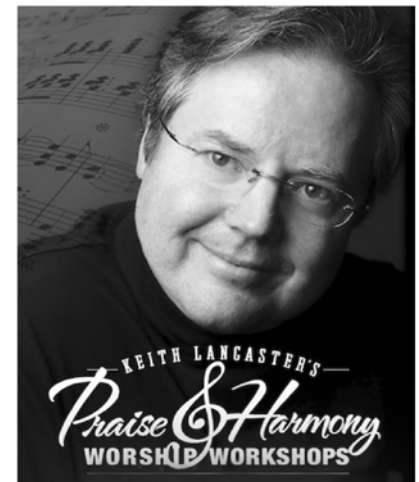
- Sunday**
Bible Study/Worship
Parents of Teens Luncheon
- Monday**
Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting
Can-Do Cancer Support
- Tuesday**
Nami Support Group
Ladies PM Bible Study
- Wednesday**
Toastmasters
Ladies AM Bible Study
Midweek Bible Study
- Friday**
Church Lunch
- Saturday**
Dynamic Marriage

"Can Do" Cancer Support Group

Monday at 6:30pm in the Parlor

N.A.M.I. Support Group

Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parlor



April 4-5, 2009

Prayer Requests

Carolán Bledsoe is in Baptist hospital room 754 with a torn ligament/rotator cuff in her shoulder and two broken bones in the bones leading to her knee - one above and one below. All injuries will have to heal on their own.

Chuck Bledsoe had an MRI and will follow-up with the doctor tomorrow for results.

Larry Bledsoe will have another BCD treatment Thursday, February 5th.

Matt Dobbins, the son of Greg, has been undergoing tests for seizures but they came back inconclusive. He will have another EEG on February 12th.

Donna Eades will have colon surgery, Wednesday, at 1:00 at Baptist Hospital.

Kathy Fisher's procedure was postponed until Friday, February 6th.

Rusty Garner, son of Jarenda, is recuperating from knee surgery.

Chloe Guin, Tammy Beshears 9 month old niece, had surgery for a staph infection.

Bryan Hartman's sister Jessie had major surgery at MD Andersons and it went well.

JC Hasty will begin chemo again in February.

Harry Meadows had a kidney stone removed and is recuperating. **Beverly** is also still healing from whiplash and contusions from a car accident.

Tegan Schoolcraft requests prayers for her grandmother, **Sandra Schoolcraft**.

Annabelle Tess, daughter of Joe and Tracy, is recuperating from surgery.

Cecil Wilson was hospitalized last week and is now home.

Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Eric Bejcek, Carolán Bledsoe, Chuck Bledsoe, Linda Bratcher, Merv Deason, Stefanie Grantello, Brenda Gunter, 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, Jack Womack. Remember their spouses & families as well.

Our Expectant Mothers: Maria Clark (March), **Amy Ritchal** (May), **Cassie Sturgeon** (June), **Amber Garner** (July), **Kristina Beshears** (July)

Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Cannon, Marie Cox, Audrey Gray, Liz Knight, Don and Veda Morris, Buck Buchanan, Alice Ralls, Bette Sharp (3109 Wimberley), **Marlene Wadkins, Daisy Valliant** (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), **Altus Davidson** (Ken's father), **Renee Davis** (Brian Martinez mother), **Orpha Dean** (Andy's mom), **Matthew Dobbins** (Greg's son), **Madison Evans** (B. Gunters 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), **Elsie Moore** (P. Leaman's mother), **Tim Newby, Ben Sharp** (Bette's grandson), **Lillie Schockley and family** (Harris' friends), **Joyce Sisson** (E. Logsdons sister), **Janette Smith** (V. Lemons daughter), **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), **Roy Ethridge** (S. Vang's uncle), **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), **Clint McCutchen** (Cassel's b-i-l), **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), **Earline Shriver** (Gary's mom), **Ralph Sisson** (E. Logsdon b-i-l), **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. Hughs' brother), **Chris Harrell** (son of Pamela Hayes).



Team of Two

Cecil and Pansy Wilson were not the original Team of Two, that honor belongs to Adam and Eve; but they have been a great team for fifty-six years. Pansy passed away this week, and we wanted to share with you some details of a marriage that provide a great example for us.

The Wilson home was not the first blended family, but they successful blended and the marriage and children thrived. Pansy had been a widow for five years before she married Cecil. The children that she brought to their marriage were quite determined that she would marry Cecil and not some of the suitors. They humbly admit that they made a great decision.

Pansy was a great friend, but she was determined that she was going to be the best wife. There were times that her friends might have liked more time with her, but Cecil didn't lack for quality time with his wife. Their children remember that Pansy expressed that Cecil was her priority.

Cecil and Pansy made it a point to provide great care for their family who struggled with health difficulties and their teamwork is notable. In recent years, that tender caring nature has been revealed in their attention to each other.

At 1:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, Pansy called to Cecil and he responded quickly. She suffered what would be a fatal hemorrhage and in his concern he suffered a mild heart attack. When we got the call about them, they were both patients at St. Anthony's. Pansy's respirator was removed Wednesday afternoon and she passed peacefully about fifteen minutes later.

The hope that Cecil has in his heart exists because he and Pansy were a Christian Team of Two. In fact, Pansy was the primary influence for Cecil becoming a Christian early in their relationship. Their spiritual oneness was critical to the relationship and that oneness brings peace to Cecil's heart today.

Blending successfully, long term commitment, marital priority, tender care, and spiritual oneness are some of the best visuals we got watching the relationship of the Wilsons. Thank you, Cecil and Pansy, for your example.

Richard and Jeanna Lynn



Just One of Those Days

I am sure many of us have heard or even stated it has been “just one of those days”, where everything we did or said went wrong. The day began with me running over my son’s football with the car then it continued downhill when I hit the stop sign ran through two ditches then I lost control of my car (not really). It felt like it was going that direction when I stubbed my toe against the foot of the bed and spilled my breakfast on my shirt while driving to work. Even though, the day may have started with some mishaps it does not compare to the smiles I receive when I get to see the kids at school during lunchtime and sharing some laughter about the day’s miscues. It led me to think that Christians are not exempt from “one of those days” either. In our spiritual walk we may stumble and trip up and the harder we try the worse we do. These kinds of days will really try our patience. Paul gives us some encouragement in his letter to the Romans, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” (Romans 8:18) Do not let the devil fool you into thinking that there is no hope from the mishaps and miscues, because there is and his name is Jesus Christ!

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

Gene

Teen News

Parent of teen meeting today following morning services, please meet in the fellowship hall for food, fellowship and up to date events.

Wednesday, February 4 - 1st Wednesday of the month devo. All teens meet in the big teen room.

Valentine Banquet is just around the corner, start making your plans now to attend. Sign up sheet is on the teen board for Saturday, February 14th at 6:00pm. Volunteers are welcome to help in the planning and/or setting up, please let us know during the meeting today.



LTC News!

Service and Devotional challenge forms are available on the table in the foyer. If you have any questions see Jennie Lockhart. Completed forms are due by February 18th.

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

Practice schedules are on the LTC bulletin board.

Perry's Scope



What Do You Want To See?

Behavioral scientists have discovered that we usually see things that we are prepared to see. This is all centered in a network of nerve cells called the “Reticular Activating System.” Everybody has this system. The “Reticular Activating System.” works like this:

Once something has been brought to our attention, and we have been prepared to see it, we’ll see it virtually everywhere we go. For example, you decide to buy a new car. You make up your mind that you are going to buy a certain brand, a certain body style, and a certain color. Now, you’ll see those cars everywhere. You’ll see them on the roads, in TV advertisements, in newspapers and magazines. They’re everywhere. Now what has happened? They were always there, but the moment you were prepared to see them, your Reticular Activating System kicked in, and suddenly you saw them everywhere.

It happens in other areas of life, too. We see what we are prepared to see. If we are prepared to see doom and gloom this year, then that’s what we’ll see. If, on the other hand, we have prepared ourselves to see sunshine and opportunities, then that’s what we are going to see.

Take a few minutes to meditate on the following verses: Matthew 6:28-34; Colossians 3:16; Philippians 4:8; and 1 Peter 2:12. Now that you have these words of God in mind, what do you see?

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry

Congratulations

To Jason and Phyllis Cox on the birth of “Brayden Lewis”
9 pounds, 10 ounces
Born: Friday, January 23rd

To Louis and Mary Daugherity on the birth of a new grandson,
“Ian Maxwell”
7 pounds, 2 ounces
Born to Michael and Beth, Wednesday



You may have noticed that certain people in the section where you sit during worship are wearing silver stars on their lapels. No, they have not been promoted to “General.” Neither have they been in serious combat. The stars designate them as “Section Leaders.”

Our Section Leaders are playing a significant role in welcoming our members and guests to worship. Their job is to greet everyone in their section and make them feel at home. They have an eye out for special needs of our members as well as a special welcome to our guests. We want to be sure that everyone attending our services know that they are welcome and that we are grateful for their presence.

Our current Section Leaders are: Billy and Barbara Woods; Nick and Shirley Kelly; Don and Dorothy Taylor; Britt and Jennie Lockhart; Clint and Debora Snyder; Carl and Donna Sterling; Evelyn Hughes; Florine Jones; Joe and Amy Ritchal. We are grateful to each of our Section Leaders for stepping up to the plate and making each of us feel at home and special.

If you would like to serve as a Section Leader, please see Lynn Groves or Perry Greene

Perry



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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: 355
 Worship A.M. 590
 Worship P.M. 221
 Home Group 51
 Worship P.M. Total 272
 Midweek 348
 Daily Bible Readers: 78
 Present Membership: 616

Contribution

Last Week: \$13,899
 Budget Requires: \$16,772

Family Matters



Ladies AM Bible Study

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

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Begins Tuesday 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 be, please call the office to order a book.

Ladies Retreat is Coming!

Friday and Saturday, April 24th-25th.

Ladies Retreat Meeting

Anyone interested in helping plan the Ladies Retreat, please meet this morning after services in the Parlor or see Micha.

Valentine Banquet - February 15th

Attention all KFC (Kids For Christ) and Over 50! All kids thru the 5th Grade are invited to help prepare and serve lunch to anyone over 50 on Sunday, February 15, immediately following morning services in the fellowship hall. Please contact Marlo or Don Roddy for questions.

Still Missing

A Dell laptop computer and power supply have gone missing from the church office. If you have borrowed this or have knowledge of its whereabouts, please call the office or see Fred Broach.

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 bulletin board or see Rick Marcotte.

Pre-Marital Workshop

Westside Church of Christ, Saturday, February 7th, from 9:00-3:00pm. For more details, see the bulletin board.

Our Sympathy

To Cecil Wilson and family on the passing of Pansy. Services were held Saturday.

Communion Prep/Greeters Needed

We need Greeters and someone to prepare communion for the month of April. Please sign up on the board if you can help.

Ladies Unity Meeting Next Sunday

Thank You

Thank you so much for the delicious meals, cards, calls and prayers during my cancer treatments. What a wonderful church family I have. With your support my treatment is not as difficult. I would like to give a special thank you to the SOS group. They came to my home with a delicious meal and a prayer. What a special group of young ladies. Please continue to pray for me and my family. Much love to all! Shelli Vang and Family

43rd Annual

Christian Women's Workshop

Southwest church of Christ

Tuesday, February 10th at 9:00am

He Gave Me a Song

Our Life in "Hymn"

More info on the bulletin board. If you would like to carpool to this event, meet at the church office by 8:30am on Tuesday.

GiG (Girlfriends in God, girls K-3rd and Parents):

We began a project at our January meeting of collecting change from allowance, etc in cans we decorated. This change is going to be used to purchase food for the church food pantry. Please continue to collect your change and plan to bring it to the **March** meeting when we will go as a group to purchase food for the food pantry. We will meet in February (more information to come) but will not be bringing our cans until March to give us more time to collect our change. If you were not able to come to the January meeting, you can go ahead and collect your change and bring it in March. Thanks so much for your help with this important way to serve others.

Hope Harbor Grocery Pickup

Items due: TODAY



This Weeks Pantry Need

Cereal

Powdered Milk Packets/Parmalat Milk
 (please place in basket in foyer)