



Saved by Faith

God gave me his life-giving Spirit on March 27, 1977. It was on that day that I publicly proclaimed my faith in Jesus and was baptized calling on the name of the Lord. My sins were washed away that day, not because of the flowing, clearing, cold water in that chest deep creek outside of Florence, Alabama; but because of the resurrection of Jesus. "My sins, which were many, were washed away and gone."

I died to sin that day. I certainly will never return to what previously brought me shame and death. That would be nothing less than rebuilding what was torn down. I will not rebuild what killed me. The works of the flesh are obvious, Paul asserts. I will not live in them and give life back to that old man.

I determined to put the new man on that day. As a student of Jesus, I had come to know what he is like. As a follower of Jesus, I have determined to live like him. Paul said there is no law against love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. He called living like that "walking in the Spirit." Those great characteristics are the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5). Any follower of Jesus will make every effort to live like him.

To be honest, though, even on this side of washing of rebirth, I'm still pitiful compared to Jesus. My best efforts fall woefully short of the mark. I couldn't be saved by my own human effort. I can't stay saved by my own effort either. My faith and Christ's love compels me to be like him; but I lose many battles in this war to do the right thing with my eyes, ears, hands and feet. I have a strong desire to do what's right, but my flesh is weak. Too weak to save me. Thank you, Jesus. I am saved by faith.

That's Life at Work!

Richard

The Messenger

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SOUTH YUKON

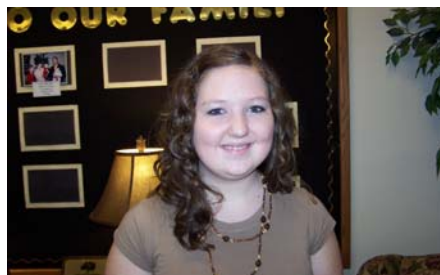
Ladies Retreat April 24th-25th



Teacher's Luncheon/Meeting

Sunday, March 8th
after morning services
in the Fellowship Hall.
All Past, Present and/or Future
Preschool and Elementary teachers,
please plan to attend.

Baptized



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Calendar

- Sunday**
Bible Study/Worship
- Monday**
Elder's Meeting
Can-Do Cancer Support
- Tuesday**
Funtimers
Ladies PM Bible Study
NAMI Support
- Wednesday**
Toastmasters
Ladies AM Bible Study
Midweek Bible Study
- Friday**
Church Lunch
- Saturday**
Dynamic Marriage

N.A.M.I. Support Group

Tuesday at 7:00 in the Parlor

"Can Do" Cancer Support Group

Monday at 6:30pm in the Parlor

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. Some of our elders, and members of our Guest Connections Team will be there to greet you.

Prayer Requests

Lucille Ballard, mother of Doris Beshears, has been placed on Hospice Care.
Ginger Baxter, coworker of Teresa Harris, has breast cancer.
Erica Heldreth, Granddaughter/Niece of Norma Heldreth and Teresa Harris is leaving for Korea for one year to teach English at the University and requests prayers.
Gordon Leaman will have shoulder surgery, Thursday at 8:30am at the Yukon hospital.
Jim Linam is now at home and improving.
Jerry Maddox, Marlo Roddy's dad, is recuperating from prostate cancer surgery.
Walt McGaugh has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
Lois Miles, coworker of Don Hoggatt, has terminal cancer.
Shirley Pershall, Kevin's mother, has pancreatic cancer and is in Mercy room 214 in serious condition.
Bette Sharp is still experiencing health issues and undergoing PT related to a recent fall.
The Sheaffer's request prayers for **Andrea Steward**, who is leaving for Iraq and is dealing with personal problems also.
Earline Shriver, Gary's mom, had a mild stroke last week. She is home feeling better.
Marlene Wadkins, Debbie Warden's mother, is in the Kindred Hospital at 2129 SW 59th Street, room 207, OKC, 73119, 713-5955. No visitors at this time, cards welcome.
Cheryl Wall, Don Roddy's sister, is recuperating from thyroid surgery.
Kathy Wallace requests prayers for her daughter Melanie's son **Matthew**, who has had a couple of seizures lately. He is undergoing tests.
Regan Walters, daughter of Cobey and Diane, spent Wednesday night at the Children's Hospital because of her asthma. She is now home, but is still not feeling well.
Debbie Warden is having a hard time with her gout/cellulites.
Joanne Wrights sister died suddenly last week. Services were in Woodward, OK.
Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Eric Bejcek, Carolan 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, David Reece, Sandra Schoolcraft, TC & Lylia Seitz, Bette Sharp** (3109 Wimberley), **Cobey Walters, Mel and Debbie Warden, Mike Wilhite, Cecil Wilson, Billy Woods.**
South Yukon Family with Cancer: Larry Bledsoe, Neil Cosgrove, JC Hasty (chemo), **Dean Hill, Bea Johnson, Bob Kelly, Jim Linam, Shelli Vang, Jack Womack.** Please remember their **spouses & families** as well.
Our Expectant Mothers: Amy Ritchal (May), **Cassie Sturgeon** (June), **Amber Garner** (July), **Kristina Beshears** (July)
Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Cannon, Marie Cox, Audrey Gray, Liz Knight, Buck Buchanan, Alice Ralls, Bette Sharp (3109 Wimberley), **Marlene Wadkins, Daisy Valliant** (POBox 850403, Yukon 73085)
On Hospice Care: Veda Morris, Mary Fritts (T. Watson's s-i-l), **Lucille Ballard** (D. Beshears mother)
Family and Friends: Juanita Bennett (D. Watsons daughter), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Margaret Bryson** (Newberry's aunt), **Virginia Cox** (T Wooldrige's mother), **Chris Daugherity** (Daugherity's son), **Altus Davidson** (Ken's father), **Renee Davis** (Brian Martinez mother), **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 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), **Coy Wallace** (Joe's mother), **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), **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).
Activated Military Personnel: Robert "Butch" Crain (brother of S. Easter), **Ricardo Curbelo** (cousin to K. Finefrock), **Jeremy Lassiter** (J. Mayhan's friend), **Chan Aaron** (M. Hughs' brother), **Rick Conradi** (K. Reiter's nephew), **Chris Harrell** (son of P. Hayes), **Leesa Sheaffer** (d-i-l of R&A Sheaffer).



Let No One Separate

God saw that loneliness was not a good thing. He gave Adam the incredible gift of the woman he created and commanded, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). God's intent was that we must not recreate the loneliness.

Adam and Eve messed things up badly by their sin, but they did not compound their sin by separating. Adam blamed Eve initially, but he didn't leave her. However, the Jews didn't follow his example. Eventually they had such hard hearts; many began divorcing their wives for nearly any perceived failure. Jesus reminded them of God's intent for marriage when he said, "What God has joined, let no one separate" (Matthew 19:6).

America failed to see the wisdom of God's command to be one flesh, letting no one separate what God has joined. Many among us, because of the hardness of our hearts, have encouraged divorce for nearly any perceived failure. We call these failures "irreconcilable differences."

Finally, in the last couple of years, America has woken up. The corporate world has felt the financial loss associated with divorce and has begun encouraging reconciliation for employees. One of the most amazing changes in recent months is the attention the media is giving to relationships. Recently, we read an article on www.msnbc.com by Shana Aborn from *Family Circle* magazine titled "4 Common Marriage Problems – And Solutions." Two important principles Aborn addresses are seeking your spouse's good before your own and deciding to be totally committed to your marriage. That's good advice!

It's great that businesses and the media are finally addressing the problem of failed marriages in our culture. The church must lead the way in our teaching, ministry, and example. Let's teach the truth, help the hurting, and stop divorce among us. If you are married to your first spouse, commit to the principles that lead to lifelong togetherness. If you've divorced in the past, determine that you will commit in this relationship to those principles.

How can we help? *Richard and Jeanna Lynn*



What Do You Think

I had an occasion to talk with an individual and listen to the complaints this person was determined to share. Once the conversation was over, I could not help but think of the following story. The story is as follows, a young man was being transferred to a new town and decided to stop for gas. While standing there waiting for the tank to fill, he asked the station attendant what this new town was like, he was moving to. The station attendant asked the young man what the town was like he was moving from. The young man stated that the people were rude, inconsiderate, loud and unfriendly. The station attendant replied to the young man that this new town would be pretty much the same. The next day, a different young man stopped for gas and asked the station attendant what the town was like, since he too was moving to the town. The station attendant asked the young man what the town he came from was like. The young man replied that the people were friendly, happy, and considerate of others. The attendant replied to the young man that the town would be pretty much the same. So, what do you think? How do you see people? Just remember the proverb, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Do your best not to think negatively of others but instead look for the good in them.

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

Gene

Teen News

Medical Release Forms

Must be filled out for you and your child before riding the buses to LTC. The appropriate forms are in the box by the Teen Room. Please fill out your form and bring to Karla or Lorie to be notarized.

Camp Applications are now available in the boxes by the Teen bulletin board. Remember, the church will pay for half of one camp fee, per child, in our congregation. Please fill out an application and mail it in with your half, or give to Lorie and she will mail it in along with the churches portion. If you choose to mail yours in, just be sure and let her know, so she can mail the other half in.

Area Wide, Sunday, March 8th at Cherokee Hills. The bus will leave at 4:15.



LTC News!

All LTC Money for the trip to Rogers, Arkansas is now due. Please turn in to Sherri Marcotte.



HOME Group FAQ

The pilot period for our HOME Group experiment has come to a close. We will have an open registration for the congregation on March 29 for anyone who would like to participate. During the next few weeks, I will use this column to answer some questions about the groups.

What are HOME Groups? The HOME Group Ministry is our attempt to replicate the House to House Ministry of the early Christians. In it we encourage three to sixteen adults to meet on a regular basis for the purposes of Hospitality; Outreach; Ministry; and Encouragement. The Groups minister through Bible study, prayer, outreach, and a variety of Ministry projects.

What is the Purpose? The purpose is to encourage growth through study, prayer, fellowship, and service. It is an opportunity to participate in Ministry rather than observe.

How Large is a HOME Group? Ideally, our Groups aim for 12—15 adults. Some are smaller, some are larger. When they get too large, they multiply into two Groups.

Where do Groups Meet? Groups primarily meet in the homes of their members but can meet virtually anywhere.

When do Groups Meet? Most meet on Sunday evening as an alternative to the Sunday evening service. Other Groups may meet through the week in addition to the Sunday service.

What do the Groups Study? The Groups study, discuss, and apply lessons from the Sunday morning sermon each week.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry

Ministry Spotlight

Transportation - Vehicles

In this day and time we are dependent on transportation to accomplish many of the tasks we need to do. The Transportation Ministry is charged with the upkeep of the congregation's vehicles and the utilization of them. This Ministry maintains the vehicles in good operating conditions to meet all safety requirements. The Ministry recruits drivers and assists others in obtaining a Commercial Drivers License. They keep the registration and insurance up to date and work closely with the Transportation Ministry assisting those who may be in need of assistance.

Tom Rackley and Kevin Pershall serve this Ministry as Deacons. Rick Riebe is the supporting Shepherd.

Perry

Life Line Screening

Will be here Friday, March 27th, offering osteoporosis screening and ultrasound screening to help detect plaque buildup in the vascular system. There is a fee for this service. To preregister, call 1-800-653-6441 or contact Life Line at www.lifelinescreening.com



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Austin, Gabriel and Lucky

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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 356
 Worship A.M. 536
 Worship P.M. 224
 Home Group (1 group met) 13
 Worship P.M.Total 237
 Midweek 333
 Daily Bible Readers 68
 Present Membership 617

Contribution

Last Week: \$13,310
 Budget Requires: \$16,772

**Family
Matters**



Ladies AM Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Conference Room. Topic: book of "Romans".

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study

In the home of Vicky Sterling at 6:30pm.

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study Group is looking for a teacher. If you would be interested, please contact the office. Until a teacher is found, the Bible study group will be discontinued.

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 Retreat Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting immediately after services **TODAY** in the parlor for any ladies who would like to attend and help with the retreat. See Micha Hughs for info.

Help Needed

Do you have a knack for talking? Then put your talents to good use. We are looking for 5 lovely ladies to lead short devotional thoughts or 20 minute mini talks for this years Ladies Retreat. Please see Shelly Hudson for further details.

Funtimer Luncheon at Noon

Tuesday, March 3rd in the Fellowship Hall.

Capitol Hill church of Christ is in need of some volunteers to help in the nursery on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm. The kids are precious, just ask our high school girls. They have been helping every other Sunday evening since this summer. If you have any questions, or are interested, please see Debbie Newberry.

Our Sympathy

To the Morris Family on the passing of their husband, father and grandfather Don. Services are today at 2:00 at the building.

Congratulations

To Barry and Marie Stump on the birth of a new granddaughter Grace Marie. She was born last Monday to Ty and Amy McCathran and weighed 8 lbs 13 oz.

Relay for Life ~ Friday, June 5th

See Linda Perry for more information.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the meals, visits, cards, and mostly prayers on my behalf. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. In Christian Love, Bette Sharp

We want to thank you for all the many acts of kindness you showered on us while Jim was sick. The visits, food, cards, plant and especially the prayers made the difference. A special thanks to the many men who were willing to come to the hospital and sit with Jim so I could go home for a few hours. We are so lucky to have Christian friends and a wonderful Church family to depend on. We thank God for all of you. Giving Him the glory, Billie and Jim Linam

Daylight Savings Time

DST begins next Sunday. Don't forget to move your clocks forward 1 hour Saturday evening.

Vacation Bible School

Please mark your calendars for VBS, July 13-16. If you can donate some of the following items, please put them in the basket in the foyer. See Sherri Marcotte for questions.

- Pickle Jar Lids
- FUZE Plastic Bottles
- Plastic Water Bottles (clean and dry)
- Plastic Liquid Measuring Cups
- Large Ceramic Floor Tiles
- Spray Water Bottles
- Detergent Boxes with Handles on Top

30th Annual Bible Teachers Workshop

"Parents, Teach Your Children Well"

Saturday, May 2nd
 Eastside church of Christ
 Duncan, Oklahoma
 More info on bulletin board.



This Week's Pantry Need

Powdered or Parmalat Milk
 Cereal
 (please place in basket in foyer)