



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Faith and Practice

Why did God make mosquitoes? What was he thinking when he made fire ants? Even God doesn't speak fondly of snakes. Why did he make snakes? And for that matter why did God give "The Law."

That last question, "Why did God give the Law?" is a reasonable question to ask considering what Paul wrote about the Law to the Galatians. "All who rely on observing the law are under a curse," he wrote. In that immediate context, he further affirmed, "Clearly, no one is justified before God by the law..." (Galatians 3:10,11).

Paul even confirmed that the law did nothing to replace or change the covenant God made with Abraham to bless all the nations of the world through his seed. So why did God give the Law? The answer: To show us our need for Jesus the Savior.

We have a way of thinking that we're pretty good people. Whether we lower the standards, overlook our shortcomings, or both we aren't likely to admit our spiritual bankruptcy. The truth is, none of us are righteous. We have all sinned and we all deserve death. Without Jesus, our account is loaded with shame, not goodness. Having a law and comparing us to that standard, makes it more than obvious that we are not good at all. And then the attention turns to Jesus.

In our age, we don't look to the law to see that we need Jesus. We look at Jesus. We hear his prayer in Gethsemane and know that he is much more loyal to God than we have been. We hear him confess, "Zeal for my Father's house consumes me" and we can't help but be aware that our zeal is typically focused in other directions. We hear his words of forgiveness from the cross and know that we miss the mark horribly.

Compare yourself to Jesus, see your depravity, and then come to Jesus for a wealth of righteousness.

That's Life at Work!

Richard

"Free To Be Me" Ladies Retreat 2009 April 24th-25th

Sign up begins today,
at the table in the foyer!



Calendar

Sunday
Bible Study/Worship
Teachers' Meeting-Preschool-6th Grade

Monday
Elder's Meeting

Tuesday
Autism Support Group
Ladies PM Bible Study

Wednesday
Toastmasters
Ladies AM Bible Study
Midweek Bible Study

Thursday
Foster Care Support Group

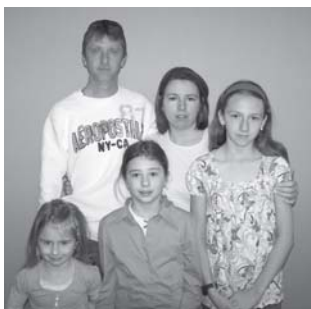
Friday
Church Lunch

Saturday
M.I.R.R.O.R. Ministry

Teacher's Luncheon/Meeting

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

Welcome to our Family



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Prayer Requests

Nyalese Atkins, newborn great-niece of the Mulkeys, is in a neonatal unit in Ft. Collins, CO with pneumonia and a hole in her lung. She is improving.

Zelta Bennett is recuperating from foot surgery.

Larry Bledsoe had a bladder scope and it went well. **Carolann** is still home recuperating from her injuries.

Tamra Bledsoe, Larry and Carolann's daughter, had shoulder surgery.

George Bostick is in the Yukon Hospital room 211.

Jalene Davis, will have out-patient bladder surgery Tuesday, at 2:00 at Deaconess.

Marion Ginn, brother of Sherri Marcotte, had complications and seizures following heart surgery and is in the hospital in Amarillo, TX.

Brenda Gunter will have out-patient surgery Friday, March 13th.

Dean Hill is in Baptist hospital room 820 and is improving. Short visits are welcome.

Gordon Leaman is home recuperating from Shoulder surgery.

Oliver Mastin, 7 month old grandson of Tim and Karla Mize has spinal muscular atrophy and will have surgery soon. Remember his parents Rebekka and Neil in your prayers too.

Elsie Moore, Paula Leaman's mother is in rehab in Wichita, Kansas.

Shirley Pershall, Kevin's mother, is staying with her daughter on Hospice Care.

David Reece is in Baptist hospital room 572 with an infection due to his recent surgery. He is improving. He may get to go home Monday, but will still be down for 10 weeks.

Bette Sharp is still experiencing health issues and undergoing PT related to a recent fall.

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.

Debbie Warden is having a hard time with her gout/cellulites.

Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Eric Bejcek, Carolann 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, Walt McGaugh, 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, Lucille Ballard (D. Beshears mother), **Shirley Pershall** (Kevin's mom)

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 Daugherty** (Daugherty's son), **Altus Davidson** (Ken's father), **Renee Davis** (Brian Martinez mother), **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 nephew), **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad), **Erica Heldreth** (N. Heldreth's granddaughter), **Judy Lamkin** (P. McIntyre's sister), **Wayne Mashburn** (E. Reece's father), **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), **Jerry Maddox** (M. Roddys dad), **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), **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), **Andrea Steward** (Sheaffers friend).



Grow Old Along With Me

GROW old along with me!

The best is yet to be,

The last of life, for which the first was made:

Our times are in his hand.

Those are great words from the poet Robert Browning in "Rabbi Ben Ezra." We love to see people committed to each other as the years stretch on. There are few things as beautiful as vows kept for a lifetime. Young people making promises to grow old together and then doing it – that's just what this world needs so that all of us can trust in the value of commitment again.

A number of years ago we were recognizing and honoring the long lasting marriages represented in our assembly close to Valentine's Day. We knew who the longest married couple among us was: Roy and Edna Nusbaum wed each other in October of 1945. This year Roy and Edna will celebrate their 64th anniversary! On that day, however, we had some guest in our assembly. Joe Wallace's mom and dad were here and their anniversary was in October too; but they said their vows in 1935! This year, Julian and Coy Wallace celebrated 73 years of marriage!

Dream that dream! Dream that you and your spouse will grow old together always believing that the best is yet to be. The first of life was made for the last, Browning asserted. There is truth in that poem! A great ending is made by the earlier choices – including the early choice to grow old together.

Julian passed away just a month ago. Pray for Coy, but be thankful for her and others like her. Be thankful that there are couples among us who will keep their promises and show all of us that "marriage for a lifetime" can happen!

Richard and Jeanna Lynn





You Choose...

Sibling rivalry is an absolute. Many siblings fight for attention of Mom or Dad. I am sure this was not a part of your home. (Ha) We here at the Newberry house will have overcome a dilemma this past weekend involving Spring Sing at OC. Each of our kids attending OC will have competed not only for Mom and Dad's attention, but also those who are in attendance, for which club has the best show. As a parent that is a decision we do not relish. When it comes to choosing the path your child takes in life it should not be difficult. In Deut. 30:19-20, Moses instructed the Israelites to "choose life in order that you may live." Being in a relationship with Jesus will give us life. So, as Moses said, let's choose life. But, you choose.

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

Gene



LTC News!

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

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, TODAY Cherokee Hills. The bus will leave at 4:15. Meal served afterwards.

Parents of teens meet in the H.S. Teen room following morning services for a short meeting.

SNL is March 29th.

Can-Do Cancer Support Group

Dr. Kiran Prabhu, M.D. will be our guest speaker at the Monday, March 16th 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. She will talk about the new Proton Cancer treatment Center as well as answer questions regarding cancer treatments. Everyone - survivor, caregiver, family, friends or just those interested in learning about cancer and its treatment, are invited to attend from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Parlor. For info, contact Jim Linam or Stefanie Grantello.

Perry's Scope



Why Do We Believe in Small Groups

Whenever I start a church endeavor, the first thing I do is look for the biblical validity for the effort. If I cannot find it, I move on to other things. However, I agree with what one preacher said, "If it is in the word it should be in the world." God's ways are far superior to ours. What is the biblical foundation for establishing a ministry of small groups within a congregation? Consider the following biblical examples as we begin our HOME Groups Ministry.

Small Groups are a way to nurture and care for each other. (Acts 2.44-46; 1 Thessalonians 2.7-12; 1 Peter 5.1-5)

Small Groups were Jesus' primary means of training his 12 disciples. (Matthew 17.1; Mark 3.13-14)

Small Groups were part of the first century church. (Acts 2.42-47; 5.42; 20.20)

Small Groups provide an effective environment for instruction, encouragement, prayer support, and accountability. (Ecclesiastes 4.9-12; 1 Corinthians 12.24-26; Colossians 3.16; Hebrews 10.24- 25; James 5.16)

Small Groups promote spiritual multiplication (2 Timothy 2.2; Exodus 18.13-27)

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry

Ministry Spotlight

Visitation

Deacon – Stuart Stephens Elder – Lloyd Stephens

Visitation is a key Ministry for both Outreach and In-reach. This Ministry recruits Visitation Teams to encourage our local guests to become part of our congregation. This is done through personal visits, phone calls, and cards.

Members of this Ministry also visit those of our congregation who are ill, ensuring that their needs are being met. They visit shut-ins to encourage them and check on special needs. They also e-mail and write letters to our missionaries to encourage them in their work.

Perry

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.



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Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Ecuador

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Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Cory & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes 405
 Worship A.M. 555
 Worship P.M. 135
 Home Group 109
 Worship P.M.Total 244
 Midweek 317
 Daily Bible Readers 70
 Present Membership 618

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,394
 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.

Guest Connections Volunteers

We are in need of additional workers to welcome our Guests on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to serve in this Ministry, please see Bill Graham or sign the list on the bulletin board by the office.

Relay for Life - Friday, June 5th

See Linda Perry for information

Our Sympathy

To the Viers family on the passing of Michelle's brother in law.

To Sid and Thelda Watson and family on the passing of their sister in law, Mary Fritts.

To Myrtle McCathern and family on the passing of her brother.

Wedding Shower

For Bryce Tidwell and Susanna Holton (former minister Kerry & Becky's daughter) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22nd in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Dillard's, and Target.

Ladies Retreat Help Needed

Do you have a knack for talking? Then put your talents to good use. We are still looking for 1 lovely lady to lead a 20 minute mini-talk on Saturday morning for this years Ladies Retreat. Please see Shelly Hudson for further details.

WE NEED JEANS! If you have old, worn out jeans or any you've outgrown, we would appreciate the donation. We could use all sizes except kid's sizes. Just drop them in the laundry basket in the foyer, and remember you will not get them back.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS! If you have an air mattress we can borrow for the ladies' retreat, please sign the sheet on the board by the office. We need as many as possible. Thanks for all your help, The Ladies Retreat Committee

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support of the Fishers of Men Ministry in 2009. Remember, all that we do is a result of your love, prayers and financial help. We are now in our 32nd year of training and you have helped make that possible. Love in Jesus, Darrell and Jean O'Rourke

A big thank you for the wonderful shower for Kyle and Tricia. It is encouraging to know so many care. We are blessed to have such a caring church family. Sharon Helms

Dear Church family, Thank you so much for remembering me in your prayers. Thanks for the visits and cards. I hope to be back soon. I've missed you all. Continue your prayers. In christian Love, Daisy Valliant

Mirror Ministry Info

Girlfriends in God (K-3rd grade girls)

Remember to bring the money you've been collecting to help stock the pantry to our meeting on Saturday March 14th from 10:00 to Noon in the Conference Room.

Girls Giving God the Glory (4th-8th grade girls) - Watch for details in the mail about our next service project on March 14th. For questions see Tammy, Amber, Melanie or Lorie.

Sisterhood of Service (9th-12th grade girls) - Due to Spring Break, the SOS will meet Saturday, March 28th.

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

This Week's Pantry Need

- Dry Pinto Beans
- Canned Beans
- (please place in basket in foyer)