



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Keeping it Clear

Alvey Augustus Adee served for forty-seven years in the US State Department. Between 1886 and 1924 he was actually second assistant Secretary of State. On Adee's watch, President McKinley was approached by six European ambassadors who wanted him to act to prevent a war against Spain. McKinley wanted to say, "no" but felt that a direct "no" would not be received kindly. He asked Adee how to say it. Adee wrote on the back of an envelope:

The Government of the United States appreciates the humanitarian and disinterested character of the communication now made on behalf of the powers named, and for its part is confident that equal appreciation will be shown for its own earnest and unselfish endeavors to fulfill a duty to humanity by ending a situation the indefinite prolongation of which has become insufferable.

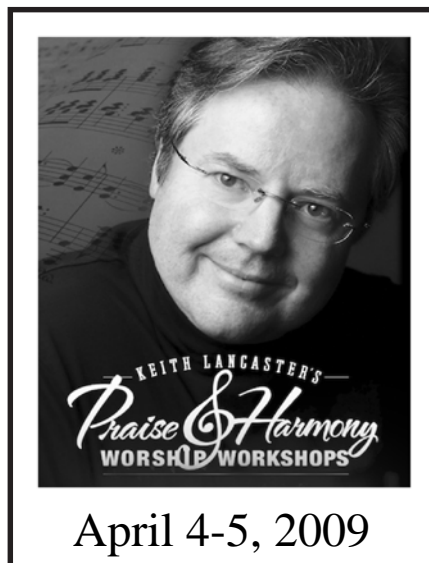
Can you believe that? Can you understand that? I doubt it! I had to read it four times before I even got a hint of what it was saying.

I don't believe any of us would deliberately hide the good news about Jesus in any way that would make the message impossible to hear; but we need to do all we can to make sure that the message of "Christ crucified" as clear to the people around us as Jesus intends it to be. Here are a couple of important things:

1. Keep the message clear by talking first about scripture specifically dealing with God's love, Jesus' death and resurrection, and our faith, repentance, and baptism. Use that information as you tell your own story of salvation.
2. Live your faith. As those you talk with so the purity and reverence in your life, the will be much more in tune to the message as you tell them the good news!

That's Life at Work!

Richard



Blood Drive, Sunday March 29th Signup!

Special Mission Sunday, May 3rd

The elders have set aside May 3rd as a special contribution day for our missionaries. A special contribution will be taken above and beyond what you normally give to the church for our missionaries. This will go towards offsetting some of the loss of support and funding they have recently encountered. Listed below are the Missionaries we support:

- Darrell & Jean O'Rourke**
Fishers of Men
- Al & Donna Horne**
South Africa Bible School
- Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul**
Thailand
- Pat & Malissa Sheaffer**
Aim Students
- Kent & Sharla Marcum**
Quito School
- Mel & Marly Latorre**
Brazil
- Corey & Toni Burns**
Guadalajara
- Kelliann Hale**
Come Before Winter
- World Bible School**

Calendar

Spring Break Begins!

Sunday
Bible Study/Worship
Ladies' Unity Team Meeting

Monday
"Can-Do" Cancer Support Group
Elder's Meeting

Tuesday
NAMI Support Group
Ladies PM Bible Study

Wednesday
Toastmasters
Ladies AM Bible Study
Midweek Bible Study

Thursday
Foster Care Support Group

Saturday
Breakfast w/Ross and Allison Harmon

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

Sign up today,
at the table in the foyer!

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.

Prayer Requests

Mike Anthis is in OU Presbyterian Tower, room 507 after being in a car accident.
Zelta Bennett is recuperating from foot surgery.
Yvonne Birley, sister of Dorine Watson, is in critical condition. The removed life support.
Larry Bledsoe received good news from his biopsy, the treatments are working. **Carolann** has begun therapy and will continue for 4 weeks.
Chuck Bledsoe will have eye surgery Thursday, March 26 to correct his double vision.
Matt Bonnette had an EGD last week and is waiting on results of a biopsy.
George Bostick is in Select Specialty Hospital room 316. (3524 NW 56, OKC 73112)
Debbie Brown is undergoing tests.

Jesse Clemmons is recuperating from surgery for a torn tendon in his shoulder.
Jalene Davis had out patient bladder surgery and is home doing well.
Marion Ginn, brother of Sherri Marcotte, is still having complications and seizures following heart surgery and is in the hospital in Amarillo, TX.
Brenda Gunter had outpatient surgery Friday and is recuperating.
Kenneth Hild, father of Debbie Newberry, had a pacemaker put in Friday.
Dean Hill is in Baptist hospital room 717.

Mendy Holcomb, the Rackley's daughter had surgery to remove a tumor on her leg.
Gordon Leaman is home recuperating from Shoulder surgery.
Oliver Mastin, 7 month old grandson of Tim and Karla Mize has spinal muscular atrophy and had surgery last week. Remember his parents Rebekka and Neil in your prayers too.
David Reece is at home with home health care. He will be down for about 10 weeks.
Bette Sharp is having health issues and could use our encouragement. (3109 Wimberly)
Paul Trammel is home from the hospital and is doing some better.

Marlene Wadkins, Debbie Warden's mother, is in SW Medical Center room 503 at 44th and S. Western. Please continue to remember **Debbie and Mel** as well.
Daniel Yancey, the Scroggins nephew is improving and still receiving chemo.
Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Eric Bejcek, Linda Bratcher, Merv and Sue Deason, Stefanie Grantello, Brad Hudson (bhudson16@cox.net) Piper Station Apartments #232, 5223 Gallant Fox Way, Charlotte, NC 28277), **Don Kilmer, Emily McCoy, Debra and Michael New, Roy and Edna Nusbaum, Sandra Schoolcraft, TC & Lylia Seitz, Mel and Debbie Warden, Mike Wilhite, Cecil Wilson, Billy Woods. South Yukon Family with Cancer: Larry Bledsoe, Neil Cosgrove, JC Hastly** (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 Wimberly), **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 Daugherity** (Daugherity'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), **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. Hughes' 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).



“Team of Two” Norman and Juanita

It was a six-week courtship that became a 51 year marriage! Last year, to celebrate their April 5th, 50 year anniversary, we got to participate in a renewal of vows between Norman and Juanita Bean. They promised to continue the love that they had for each other until parted by death. They got to eat the wedding cake that they did not have at their 1958 wedding. They got to rejoice with their children, extended family, and friends because of their steadfast love. That was a great day!

Norman and Juanita were baptized as adults, being influenced by some Christian relatives and a welcoming church. They became Christians on the same day in fact. Norman and Juanita endured difficulties together, chased dreams together, overcame their pasts together, cried and laughed together, Sojourned together, reared children together, and loved their grandchildren together.

We mentioned the story at the memorial service on Friday about the 16 year-old boy at the youth camp in Colorado who discovered in Juanita and Norm some loving adults. He desperately needed that in his life, and for a short time, he experienced it! We're confident that their impact on him did not disappear as their vehicle left his sight. God has a way of helping powerful influences last.

They lived in nearly a dozen different places, and faced a thousand different obstacles; and as a Team of Two they achieved great things. We need some loving adults around us – couples who celebrate the good times, help each other through the bad, and keep going strong. Just because she is out of sight doesn't mean that the impact of this marriage has disappeared. God has a way of helping powerful influences last.





At the Very Center

I had read once before that the Bible has 1,188 verses. The very center of the Bible is Psalm 118:8, coincidental I think not. The verse reads, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." I would like to thank the person who took the time to discover this and share it with us. This verse is so needed today. At some point in our lives we have been disappointed by someone, but when we rely on God we are never disappointed. When we are struggling with something in our lives, take refuge in the Lord. When we have been hurt by someone, take refuge in the Lord. It is my prayer you will take this verse and post it at every door of your home and remember it wherever you go. May God be with you.

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

Gene

Teen News

Reminder - Ross and Allison Harmon, one of our youth minister applicants, will be here next weekend.

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.

Saturday Night Live for Youth and their Families will be at 7:00pm, March 21st in the Fellowship Hall with Ross Harmon (Youth & Family Minister Applicant). For more info, see Tim Holt.

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.

2009 Couples Retreat Team

Had its first meeting Tuesday night. If you would like to be part of this team, we will meet on the last Tuesday night of each month (beginning March 31). Please let Richard and JeannaLynn know if you would like to join the team before the next meeting.



The Bible and HOME Groups

As I mentioned last week, I believe that it is important to have a biblical basis for what we do as followers of Jesus. It has been said that a good rabbi learns the text; lives the text; teaches the text; prays the text; and dies the text. Jesus did these perfectly. We also need to learn and live the text in our lives. The following is a list of ideas regarding HOME Groups and supporting scriptures. Take a few minutes and prayerfully read these scriptures. Can you see your place in the HOME Group Ministry?

Scriptures Supporting HOME Group Ministry

1. God values relationships – Genesis 1.26; 2.18
2. Moses' use of the "Jethro Model" for Ministry – Exodus 18.13-26
3. Jesus' Use of the Rabbinical Model – Mark 3.14
4. The Early Church's Use of Jesus' Model – Matthew 28.18-20; Acts 2.41-47; 5.42
5. Churches in Homes
 - a. The Example of Philippi – Acts 16
 - b. The Example of Rome – Romans 16.3-15
 - c. The Example of Corinth – 1 Corinthians 16.19
 - d. The Example of Colossae – Colossians 4.15
6. Paul's House – Acts 28.30-31
7. The 20/20 Vision – Acts 20.20

Scriptural Values for HOME Groups

1. Discipleship – Matthew 28.19-20
2. Outreach – Matthew 9.17; 9.37-38; John 4.35; 2 Timothy 4.5
3. Mutual Encouragement and Relationships – John 17.3; 1 Peter 2.5; Ephesians 4.16
4. Ministry Opportunities – John 14.12; Ephesians 4.11-12; 2 Timothy 2.2
5. Spiritual Multiplication – Genesis 1.28; Acts 6.1, 7; 9.31
6. Mentoring – 1 Corinthians 4.15-17; 1 John 2.12-14

Keep the Light Burning!

Perry

Ministry Spotlight

Website

Deacon - Glen Davis
Shepherd - Marvin Keele

In this day and time, any uses of technology can be helpful to churches. Often guests will look at a church website in order to get information about the congregation. It can be as simple as finding the location of the church building and its meeting times. Or, it can be a little more complex in a search to find out a church's beliefs and mission.

Our site address is <http://southyukon.org>. It includes elder and staff information, our missionaries, our bulletin and sermons. We anticipate using the website for HOME Group, Careline, and Involvement information in the near future. What a great tool!

Perry



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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 337
 Worship A.M. 608
 Worship P.M. 110
 Home Group 133
 Worship P.M.Total 243
 Midweek 317
 Daily Bible Readers 79
 Present Membership 618

Contribution

Last Week: \$14,452
 Budget Requires: \$16,772

**Family
Matters**



Ladies AM Bible Study

Wednesday at 10:00am in the Conf. Room.

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study

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

Relay for Life - Friday, June 5th

See Linda Perry for information

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.

Our Sympathy

To Norman Bean and Kim Reiter and family on the passing of Juanita. Her services were Thursday.

Dear church family, Thank you so much for your love and support during the illness and passing of my wife, our mother and grandmother. We appreciate your prayers, kind words, food, flowers and plants. We love all of you! The Norman Bean Family

Breakfast Saturday

Breakfast will be served Saturday morning the 21st at 9:30, for all members interested in meeting Ross and Allison Harmon (Youth and Family Minister Applicant).

Attention Ladies

The school year is fast approaching completion for our college students. So, to help them during finals, we are putting together "College Care Boxes", Tuesday, April 7th. If you can help with this project, please sign the list on the Women's bulletin board by the parlor. A basket for the snack items is in the foyer for your convenience. Please have your items to the building by Sunday, April 5th. For more info contact Vicky Sterling.

Ladies Retreat Help Needed

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!

Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous gift towards my trip to Honduras. This not only benefits me, but hopefully those we come in contact with while serving there. Thank you for all the support and love you have given me over the years. In Him, Erin Newberry

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.

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

"There's No Place Like Home"

The ladies of Garriott Road Church of Christ in Enid are hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Speaker will be our own Peggy Hudson. More details on the bulletin board by the office.

Area-Wide Singles Retreat

At Quartz Mountain Christian Camp hosted by Memorial Road Church of Christ and Prestoncrest Church of Christ on March 20-22, 2009. Guest speakers will be Kerry and Becky Holton. For additional information go to www.mrcc.org. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Address & Phone Corrections

Chris and Joni Beck, 1421 Camber, Yukon, OK 73099

Emily Meniffee, 474-0366

This Week's Pantry Need

Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
(please place in basket in foyer)