



# The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST SOUTH YUKON

## The Law was Kind of a Supernanny

The Law was kind of a supernanny. The law kept a very close watch, taught what needed to be known, protected and guarded; and since it had no relationship (the Law is not a person nor God), it offered no mercy.

At the end of the day with this guardian we realized one thing – we are far from being pleasing to God. Whatever pride I had because of my own personal excellence was unwarranted. My cleanest clothes were filthy rags. My best efforts were complete failures. My straightest aims missed the mark.

Why in the world, then, did God make this law? Truth be told, humans couldn't even keep one rule: "Don't eat from the tree of Knowledge." Why give us a thousand more? He gave us the Law to drive the point home. Our Sonship isn't based on lawkeeping; it's based on God's promise. It can't be on law keeping, we're too pitiful. The enormity of our sin problem leads us straight to this conclusion: We must have Jesus! And Jesus takes us straight to the blessing promised to Abraham.

The Law of Moses and the covenant associated with it neither cancelled the covenant with Abraham to bless all nations through his seed nor changed it. Though the covenant with the Israelites was related to the covenant with Abraham, it was an additional covenant, not an amendment.

All the time that the Israelites were responsible to the Law of Moses, they were like children with a supernanny – under strict training, feeling much like being under arrest. Now, however, with the arrival of faith all of us have come of age and we can take our places as sons with full rights. How have we become sons. It's not by law keeping – even keeping the commands of Jesus. It is though faith in Jesus.

That's Life at Work!

*Richard*



**Hosted by the South Yukon church of Christ, is quickly approaching.**

Plans are being finalized for the April 4th & 5th event held Saturday night and Sunday. Bring a friend, lots of visitors are expected to be joining us for this event. Please remember to bring a case of bottled water prior to that weekend for the Saturday night singing, if you are able.

**The following is a schedule of events for the weekend:**

**Saturday Night, April 4th**  
6-8:00pm Singing workshop; designed for our congregation, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

**Sunday, April 5th**  
10:00am Keith Lancaster will direct our worship.  
11:00am All church fellowship; a catered lunch for everyone to enjoy.  
1-2:00pm Afternoon worship.

\*During lunch and following the afternoon worship, the LTC groups will be presenting their talents, i.e. chorus, puppets, drama, singing, etc.

### Calendar

- Sunday**  
Bible Study/Worship  
Holton/Kidwell Shower
- Monday**  
Elder's Meeting
- Wednesday**  
Toastmasters  
Midweek Bible Study
- Friday**  
Life Line Screening  
Memory Makers
- Saturday**  
SNL

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

Sign up today, at the table in the foyer!

## Welcome to our Family!



**Jason and Glennette Koon**  
Nollan, Emily  
10640 NW 34th Terrace  
Yukon, OK 73099  
308-3154

## Prayer Requests

**Mike Anthis** is out of the hospital.

**Chuck Bledsoe** will have eye surgery Thursday to help correct his double vision.

**George Bostick** is in Select Specialty Hospital room 316. (3524 NW 56, OKC 73112)

**Debbie Brown** will require surgery soon to repair an ulcer and scar tissue.

**Virginia Bryant**, the cousin of Ken Davidson, is undergoing more chemo.

**Mark Chastain**, friend of Phyllis Cox, had a lung transplant with complications.

**Marion Ginn**, brother of Sherri Marcotte, is still having complications following heart surgery and is in the hospital in Amarillo, TX.

**Brenda Gunter's** biopsy was benign.

**Oliver Mastin**, 7 month old grandson of Tim and Karla Mize has spinal muscular atrophy and had surgery recently. Learn more about him at [www.olliestale.blogspot.com](http://www.olliestale.blogspot.com)

**Tim Mize** had a heart attack and a small stroke last week. He is at home on medication. Please remember Karla as well, as she cares for Tim. (108 Snowmass, 354-2113)

**David Reece** remains in Baptist Hospital room 776 with kidney failure. 945-5776

**David Reiter** left Saturday for a Medical Mission with the Reserves to Honduras. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Joe Shriver**, Gary's dad, will be having gallbladder surgery soon.

**Paul Trammel** is improving.

**Marlene Wadkins** is in the Grace Living Center/The Bridges, 7000 NW 32nd St., room 321b, Bethany, 73008. 834-1511. Continue to remember **Debbie and Mel** as well.

**Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Zelta Bennett, Eric Bejcek, Carolan Bledsoe, Linda Bratcher, Jesse Clemmons, Merv and Sue Deason, Stefanic Grantello, Brad Hudson** ([bhudson16@cox.net](mailto: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, 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), **Cristi Killian** (August)

**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, 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. Gunters niece), **Billie Ferrell** (D. Cassel's mother), **Noah Givens** (Coles's nephew), **Buddy Glass** (V. Bonny's dad), **Erica Heldreth** (N. Heldreths granddaughter), **Judy Lamkin** (P. McIntyre's sister), **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. 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).

## Our Sympathy

To **Dorine Watson and family** on the passing of her sister Yvonne Birlaw.

To **Doris Beshears and family** on the passing of her mother Lucille Ballard.



## Life is a Vapor

During Spring Break Richard and Brad went striper fishing with a guide on the War Eagle River in Arkansas. They road with a guide to the Beaver Lake area and the trip took about 45 minutes – good time for guy talk.

It wasn't long before jobs and interests became the topics of conversation. Brad talked about what he does. The guide talked about himself. Richard talked about being a preacher and about the significance of marriage ministry. And it wasn't long before struggles and pain, hopes and dreams became the topics of conversation.

The guide has been married for thirty-seven years. He and his wife reared a son and daughter together, and worked on making their marriage great. The guide said, however, that three years ago, he and his wife could have really used some help. That was when their 24 year-old, soon to be married son, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

"Most marriages don't survive that kind of tragedy," Richard told the guide.

"That's what I've been told" was the reply.

Life is just a vapor, you know. And when that vapor disappears with tragedy like a child dying far short of a full life, it multiplies the tragedy when the marriage of the parents evaporates, too. Couples with struggling marriages can and have survived through hardships like this, but they are much more likely to endure when their oneness is strong. Your hopes and dreams can thrive even after tragedy like the death of a child, but don't take living nor your marriage for granted. Hold tighter, pull closer, love deeper, and forgive faster right now.

*"To him who knows to do good and doesn't do it, sins"* (James 4:17). James wrote that in the context of assuming everything will be tomorrow just as it is today. Don't pass up the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your spouse!

*Richard and JeannaLynn*

**2009**

## Couples Retreat Team

Had its first meeting. 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.



## Where Are You Working?

Have you ever had the occasion of needing help while shopping at a store and seeing someone who appeared to be an employee and after asking them if they worked there, only to find out they did not? How frustrating. They were working with the merchandise and wearing a store uniform but were not an employee. Jesus experienced this same frustration when He cursed the fig tree. You see, the fig tree was in bloom but was not bearing fruit; because a fig tree is suppose to be bearing fruit when there are blooms. The Israelites were showing all the signs of being true followers of Christ but were not bearing fruit. What about us? Do we have all the makings of being true followers of Christ but lack the heart to do so? Therefore, let's take the word of Jesus and obey His commands and be the true followers He desires. A true worker for the Lord will not only be busy doing the work but will be bearing fruit. (Matt. 21:18-19) Where are you working?

Remember, what is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right.

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

*Gene*

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## Teen News

**Juniors and Seniors** be on the lookout for your invite to this year's Jr/Sr Banquet. We will need your RSVP by Wed., April 8th.

**SNL** - Saturday at 7pm at the building. See Tim Holt for more info.

**April 26th** - Areawide at Tecumseh/Volleyball tournament.

### 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.

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## 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.

**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**



## Why Does South Yukon Need HOME Groups?

- Family structures are changing.
- Neighborhoods are changing.
- We are experiencing a mobile lifestyle.
  - We are experiencing isolation.
    - Values are changing.
    - We need community.
    - We need a place of support.
- There is a danger of complacency in the church.
- There is a danger of spiritual deficiency in the church.
- We need a place to learn how to apply Biblical truth.
- We need a context for person to person evangelism.
  - We need a context to discover and exercise spiritual gifts.
  - We need a context for leadership training.
- We need to incorporate new members into the church quickly.

We will register for HOME Groups next week. I hope you will seriously consider being part of this effort to participate in Hospitality; Outreach; Ministry; and Encouragement.

Keep The Light Burning!

*Perry*



Elder – Lloyd Stephens

*"Because I studied WBS lessons, I was baptized! Praise God! I was soon enrolled in the school of preaching. I have been a gospel preacher ever since. I have planted 14 congregations." John Nat Kissi*

This testimonial is indicative of the impact of WBS in the world. Currently there are two million people in the world studying the scriptures through WBS. People are being converted and congregations are being established through this great effort. If you are interested in international evangelism, WBS is for you. You can teach people from your home with these timely correspondence courses. You can impact the lives of individuals with the gospel who can, in turn impact others. It just takes some time, effort, and postage!

*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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 Wednesday Evening ..... 7:00 pm

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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 ..... 383  
 Worship A.M. .... 548  
 Worship P.M. .... 81  
 Home Group ..... 95  
 Worship P.M.Total ..... 176  
 Midweek ..... 260  
 Daily Bible Readers ..... 68  
 Present Membership ..... 619

**Contribution**

Last Week: ..... \$14,061  
 Budget Requires: ..... \$16,772

**Family  
Matters**



**Relay for Life - Friday, June 5th**  
 See Linda Perry for information

**Wedding Shower**

For Bryce Kidwell and Susanna Holton (former minister Kerry & Becky's daughter) at 2:00 p.m. Today in the Parlor. They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond, Dillards, and Target.

**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. We are also in need of 10 shoe boxes. (medium size) 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 adult sizes. Just drop them in the 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 retreat, please sign the sheet on the board by the office. Thanks for all your help!

**Elder/Deacon/Preacher Meeting**  
 Sunday, March 29th at 3:00

**Memory Makers Meet Friday**

March 27th at 6:00pm in the Conference room. Bring your scrapbooking supplies. For more info, see Micha Hughs.

**T-shirts and Hats**

Kyle Holton has made available a limited amount of t-shirts and hats that promote his work in Africa. If you are interested in acquiring one of them see Barry Stump.

**VBS July 13th - 16th!**

Items needed. Basket provided 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

**Blood Drive, Sunday  
March 29th Signup!**

**Thank You**

Charles and I have been humbled with all the care we have received during the last month. The prayers, food, calls, visits and cards meant so much to us. We love all of you! Charles and Jalene Davis

Thank you for the visits, cards, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. Thanks also for the delicious meal that Mallory brought over. It was very thoughtful. Shirley Pershall (Kevin's mom)

To my church family...Thank you so much for all the phone calls, prayers, cards, and acts of kindness during the loss of my sister. You all mean so very much to me. It's such a blessing to have such a wonderful and caring family. I love you all so much. Thank you, Dorine Watson and family

**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.

**Egg Hunt for KFC**

Wednesday, April 8th

**We need candy!** If you can donate, please place in the basket in the foyer. For more info see Marlo.

**Missing Crockpots**

If you have borrowed a crockpot from the kitchen, please return as soon as possible.

**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.

**This Week's Pantry Need**

Peanut Butter/Jelly  
 (please place in basket in foyer)