



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Faith & Joy

Paul had developed an illness, most likely involving his eyes. If he hadn't gotten sick, he probably wouldn't have preached to these people. He needed healing and they needed the gospel. They welcomed him as if he had been Jesus. They were so joyful and filled with love for the one who brought them the gospel; Paul knew that they would have torn their eyes out and given them to him. They were believers because of Paul's message. They were sons of God because of their faith. They had been given the Spirit because they were sons. The Spirit in them cries "Daddy! Father!" and they know they are no longer slaves, but they are not just free. They are children of God and heirs of his promises! Of course they were joyful! Joy is fruit of the Spirit!

Now, however, they have rejected the message of faith! They turned from justification by faith to justification by circumcision! They are trying to attain their goal by observing law. They have put their faith in human effort rather than trusting in the power of the message that had been clearly preached to them: Christ was crucified for you!

When they turned from their faith, they lost their joy. Turning back to an emphasis on human effort turned them from people who would have torn their eyes out into people who wanted to tear his eyes out. Paul knew that their hostility was a result of their change. "Have I become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" Paul asked.

Nobody hates the messenger of grace more than the person whose focus is on his own effort instead of the justifying nature of faith in Jesus. When you turn to slavery, joy is gone. Stick with faith and joy remains!

That's Life at Work!

Richard

Today's Schedule

- 9:00 - Bible Study
- 10:00 - Worship
- 11:00 - All church fellowship; a catered lunch for everyone to enjoy.
- 1:00 - Afternoon worship.

LTC Performances

Due to the large number of people staying for our church luncheon, our performances are timed so we can entertain the people during the lunch split.

Our schedule will be as follows:

- 11:15am**
- 3-6 Chorus
- 7-12 Chorus
- 3-12 Signing
- 3-6 Drama
- 7-12 Drama
- 3-6 Puppet
- 7-9 Puppet
- 10-12 Puppet 1
- 10-12 Puppet 2

LTC Meeting

We will have a meeting in the fellowship hall immediately following the 1:00 service to make our final travel plans to Arkansas. For questions, contact Rick or Sherri Marcotte

Calendar

Sunday
Bible Study/Worship
All Church Fellowship
LTC Performances
LTC Meeting

Monday
Elder's Meeting
Can-Do Cancer Support Group

Tuesday
College Care Packages
NAMI Support Group
Funtimer Lunch

Wednesday
Toastmasters
Sonshine Stitchers
Egg Hunt
Midweek Bible Study

Thursday
Foster Care Support Group

Friday
LTC

Saturday
LTC

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"
- Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul**
"Thailand"
- Pat & Malissa Sheaffer**
"Aim Students"
- Kent & Sharla Marcum**
Julio Perez
Luis Andrango
Armando Troya
"Quito School"

- Mel & Marly Latorre**
"Brazil"
- Al & Donna Horne**
"South Africa Bible School"
- Corey & Toni Burns**
"Guadalajara"
- Kelliann Hale**
"Come Before Winter"
- Austin Chitsukwa, Gabriel Betha,
Lucky Nwoko**
"World Bible School"

Prayer Requests

Irma Bartodej is home recuperating from surgery.
Carolán Bledsoe received good news. She is healing well and will continue Therapy.
George Bostick is in The Fountains at Canterbury at 1400 NW 122, room 303B, OKC 73114 (751-0350)
Mark Chastain, friend of Phyllis Cox, has taken a turn for the worse. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.
Orpha Dean, Andy's mom, is out of the hospital and has returned to her home.
Stefanie Grantello had an MRI and is waiting on results.
JC Hasty is still very weak; however pneumonia is gone. Chemo is postponed.
Doretha Koon, Jason's mother, is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.
Gordon Leaman's arm is not healing properly and he will see the surgeon again soon.
Richard May had a colonoscopy checkup and his health has improved since the scope 3 years ago.
Howard McCorkle is in room 225 at the OK Heart Hospital. He will have surgery to repair the aneurysm around his kidney in about 4 weeks.
Pat McIntyre is in room 202 at the Yukon hospital with pneumonia in both lungs.
Virginia Rackley is recuperating from gallbladder surgery.
David Reece is now at home.
Mildred Riebe, Rick's mom, is now at Gran Grans.
Sandra Schoolcraft had triple bypass surgery and is in SW Medical Center.
Joe Shriver, Gary's dad, is recuperating from gallbladder surgery.
Stuart Stephens injured his knee and will have surgery Tuesday morning at the Surgery Center of Oklahoma, on Broadway Extension.
Debbie Warden has a possible pinched nerve in her back and will see a Neuro surgeon.
Bobby Williams will have his pacemaker battery replaced Tuesday at 4:00 at the OK Heart Hospital.
Chris Wood, Anita Readnour's son, had an appendectomy and is now home doing well.
Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Zelta Bennett, Eric Bejcek, Carolán Bledsoe, Chuck Bledsoe, Linda Bratcher, Jesse Clemmons, Sharron Davidson, Merv and Sue Deason, Bill and Melody Dixon, 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, Roy and Edna Nusbaum, Sandra Schoolcraft, TC & Lyliá Seitz, Paul Trammel, 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) **Sylvia Sterling** (August)
Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Cannon, Marie Cox, Audrey Gray, Liz Knight, Buck Buchanan, Alice Ralls, Mildred Riebe, Bette Sharp (3109 Wimberley), **Ila Thomas** (Ranchwood, 2730 N. Mustang Rd #512), **Marlene Wadkins** (Grace Living Center/The Bridges, 7000 NW 32nd St, #321b, Bethany 73008, 834-1511), **Daisy Valliant** (POBox 850403, Yukon 73085)
On Hospice Care: Veda Morris, Shirley Pershall (Kevin's mom), **Bette Sharp**
Family and Friends: Juanita Bennett (D. Watsons daughter), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Virginia Bryant** (K. Davidsons cousin), **Margaret Bryson** (Newberry's aunt), **Virginia Cox** (T Wooldrige's mother), **Chris Daugherity** (Daugherity's son), **Altus Davidson, Renee Davis** (Brian Martinez mother), **Matthew Dobbins, Madison Evans** (B. Gunter's niece), **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), **Oliver Mastin** (www.olliestale.blogspot.com), **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 W. 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/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. Stephens'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** (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).



Becoming the Right Person

Barnaby Gaitlin, The main character in Anne Tyler's *A Patchwork Planet* lamented his own failings while noticing the power of hanging on:

"I knew couples who'd been married almost forever – forty, fifty, sixty years. Seventy-two, in one case. They'd be tending each other's illnesses, filling in each other's faulty memories, dealing with the money troubles or the daughter's suicide, or the grandson's drug addiction. And I was beginning to suspect that it made no difference whether they'd married the right person. Finally, you're just with who you're with. You've signed on with her, put in a half century with her, grown to know her as well as you know yourself or even better, and she's become the right person. Or the only person, might be more to the point. I wish someone had told me that earlier. I'd have hung on then; I swear I would."

Couples who are starting out, and facing that first seven years of adjustment and family formation, need to hear from Teams of Two who have "put in a half century" and teamed up with who they were with. Many husbands and wives spend so much of their emotional energy over the years mourning about failing to marry the right person.

Of course, as you date, picking a partner for your life, you should consider Christ-like character, wisdom, stability, kindness, and compatibility. Every young person should make a list of the qualities he or she wants in a mate and refuse to compromise in the choice.

Even when we have chosen carefully, however, most of us face those days of doubt in our marriage relationships – and too many give up in those days. Don't give up. Husbands, love the wife you are with. Wives, respect the husband you are with. Care for each other. Pursue the dream together. Fight the battles as one. Run the

Richard and Jeanna Lynn



Turn On the Light

Many of you, like me, have probably made the trek across your house in the dark to get that drink from the kitchen just before going to bed, and thought that since you know the lay of the land there is no need to turn on the light. Before you know it the couch has moved three feet forward so that it is in your path to strike that one toe that would give you the most pain. While you are hobbling on one leg holding that hurt toe, you strike your knee against the coffee table and now you are lying on the floor screaming in pain. Remember, you do not need to turn on the light because you know your own house like the back of your hand. Walking in the dark is never easy, even if we think we know where we are going. Spiritually speaking, Christians have no need to be in the dark, because we are children of the light. The light exposes all the pitfalls and snares so that we can have fellowship with our Lord and Saviour. "but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon

Gene

Teen News

Junior/Senior Banquet - April 18th - Sign up now, money is due next Sunday. Details are on the teen board.

SNL - April 19th - Sign up on teen board.

Areawide in Tecumseh - April 26th - Volleyball tournament. Sign up.

Annual Spring Retreat - May 1-3 - Sign up on teen board so we can get t-shirt sizes. There will be a surprise guest this year. Bring a friend (they will not have to pay). Signup ASAP.

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.

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

Today is the last day to sign up. Please register at the table in the foyer.



Bridge Building

Last week I attended a presentation by Phil Carson, Canadian County District 1 Tax Commissioner. He showed slides of the work being done on our roads and bridges. He also showed pictures of bridges which were constructed during the Depression by the CCC and WPA. The bridges were small and narrow because the traffic was much lighter then and vehicles were smaller.

Mr. Carson then showed us bridges that his crew is currently constructing. Each bridge is at least thirty feet wide. This is larger than what is currently needed by our traffic. He stated his reason: "You build bridges for the future, not the present."

I thought this was a terrific statement, especially in light of the times in which we live. The government is placing a debt on future generations that will likely never be paid. There is despair on every side, and the predictions are that it will get worse. That is where we come in. We have the privilege and responsibility of building bigger and better bridges into the future – with the gospel. After all, where is the real hope? It is not in a government; it is not in money; it is not in influential people. It is only in Jesus.

What happens to future generations begins with us. Will our children, grand-children, and great-great-grandchildren know Jesus? They will if we build bridges to the future.

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry

Ministry Spotlight

Youth

Deacon – Gene Newberry
Elder – Rick Riebe

Statistics have proven that the most likely group of individuals to leave a church is teenagers. The next group is the young adults in their early twenties. This is why it is important for us to nurture our young people.

The Youth Ministry is charged with providing a safe haven for our kids, offering them unconditional love and support. In addition to helping the young people in their relationship to God, the Ministry works on building relationships between the youth and their parents and intergenerational relationships within the church. In addition to Bible classes, the Youth Ministry provides a number of activities to promote spiritual growth. These include:

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| Leadership Training for Christ | Camp |
| Shut-In Visitation | Lock-ins |
| Youth Rallies | Family Fellowships |

Perry

"Can-Do" Cancer Support Group

Monday at 6:30pm
Parlor

"N.A.M.I." Support Group

Tuesday at 7:00pm
Parlor

"Mike McDonald"

Fun Run

April 11th
More info on bulletin board.



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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 378
 Worship A.M. 532
 Worship P.M. 112
 Home Group 69
 Worship P.M.Total 181
 Midweek 296
 Daily Bible Readers 69
 Present Membership 620

Contribution
 Last Week: \$16,650
 Budget Requires: \$16,772

**Family
Matters**



KFC Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 8th
Pictures with Bunny - 6:00pm
(bring your own camera)
Egg Hunt - 6:30pm

The Egg Hunt is in 10 days and **We Still Need Lots of Candy** to stuff in the eggs. If you can donate, please place in the basket in the foyer. For more info see Marlo.

College Care Box Items are Due!
 We are putting together "College Care Boxes", Tuesday Morning at 9:30 a.m. A basket for the snack items is in the foyer for your convenience. For more info contact Vicky Sterling.

Today is the Last Chance to Sign-Up for the Ladies Retreat!

Air Mattress - If you have an air mattress we can borrow for the Ladies retreat, please sign the sheet on the board by the office. Thanks for all your help!

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.

Camp Applications are 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.

International Students coming
 There are teenage boy and teenage girl international students coming to Yukon High School and Mustang High for the 2009-2010 school year. We are looking for host parents. If you are interested in hosing an international student at the High School level for the 2009-2010 school year, contact jack and Donna Hough at 324-5590. Host families can include singles, single parents, two parents or grandparents. This is a real opportunity to experience missions.

Mirror Ministry
 Will not meet in April due to LTC.

Annual Corporation Meeting
 April 18th, 2009
 8:30am in the Parlor

Thank You
 We just wanted to thank everyone that gave us support during Kim's surgery. She is doing pretty good now and healing up well. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and food. We are so blessed to have church family that is as great as South Yukon. Thanks! Chad and Kim Adams

Thank you so much for remembering me in your prayers. Thanks for the visits, cards and food during my hospital stay. David Reece

VBS July 13th - 16th!
 Items needed. Basket provided in the foyer See Sherri Marcotte for questions. Pickle Jar Lids, FUZE Plastic Bottles, Plastic Liquid Measuring Cups, Large Ceramic Floor Tiles, Spray Water Bottles, Detergent Boxes with Handles on Top. (No more water bottles, please)

Area Church Activities
 There are many upcoming activities at area Churches. Please check the Bulletin board for more information.

Diapers and Wipes Shower
 For Joe and Amy Ritchal, Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are having a girl.

Sonshine Stitchers
 Meet Wednesday from 9:00 to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. See Florine for info.

Funtimers Luncheon
 Tuesday at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Lunch
 Pop is needed for the Church Lunch on Fridays. No diet please.



**This Week's
Pantry Need**

Cake, Cornbread, Muffin &
 Pancake Mixes
 (please place in basket in foyer)