



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Slave for Free?

Who would think that Paul would compare the child of the slave-woman Hagar to the “Mount Sinai” crowd? Mount Sinai was major! Mount Sinai was about power, heritage, and pride! “We are the chosen ones” could be the theme-chant for the people at Sinai!

Paul’s words for Sinai have more to do with isolation and slavery than power and pride. It wasn’t as if Paul was embarrassed of his heritage. He told the Philippians that if anybody had reason to boast in the flesh, it was him. Paul realized, however, that Sinai was about commands he couldn’t keep. When he was reminded of the demands of the law, he came face to face with his failures. When Paul considered Sinai, his reaction was the same as the Hebrews at ground zero – he was fearful! Sinai was awesome, but Sinai lead straight through Jerusalem and on to slavery to the consequences of sin.

“But the Jerusalem that is above is free!” (Galatians 4:26) This Jerusalem began with a woman who was unable to have children until God gave her a promise. She is our mother. She is our heritage. The child born because of the promise is the real child of power, and the inheritance that was promised regarding him leads straight to us and justification by faith.

This free person would never return to the works of the flesh that led to death. Those works are obviously wrong. You can’t be in kingdom and be that kind of person. We wouldn’t consider our freedom as a license for sin.

This free person, since he has the Spirit of God because of his faith, will walk in the way of the Spirit. Love, joy and peace are characteristic of Jesus and his followers will produce that kind of fruit in their lives. Forgiven people, free people, respond that way. We love being saved and we love the one who saved us!

That’s Life at Work!

Richard

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”

Calendar

Sunday
Easter Sunday
Bible Study/Worship
Home Groups

Monday
Elder’s Meeting

Tuesday
Autism Support Group

Wednesday
Toastmasters
Midweek Bible Study

Friday
Church Lunch

Saturday
Jr/Sr Banquet
Corporation Meeting

“Free To Be Me” Ladies Retreat 2009 April 24th-25th 5:30pm

Welcome!



Steven and Katrina Heitmann
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Prayer Requests

Matt Bonnette's grandmother is recuperating from back surgery.

George Bostick is now at home.

Mark Chastain, friend of Phyllis Cox, passed away, please remember his family.

Mischelle Creager's hand surgery went well.

Orpha Dean, Andy's mom, continues to need our prayers for her illness.

Melody Dixon has a couple of tumor in her lower abdomen and is undergoing tests.

Stephanie Easter requests prayers for her co/worker Carly, who is having health issues and suffering with a lot of unexplained pain.

Stefanie Grantello had an MRI and is waiting on results.

Please remember Erica Heldreth, granddaughter of Norma Heldreth, niece of Teresa & Bill Harris. Erica's boyfriend, David DelGado of 7 years was killed in a car accident on Friday. Erica has taken a teaching position for the rest of this year at the College in South Korea and will be leaving on April 16th. Please pray for her safety.

Wanda Lowder a member at Putnam City has brain cancer, please remember her.

Richard's Dad, Cecil May, Jr. was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will have a CT this week to see if the cancer has spread anywhere else.

Howard McCorkle has an aneurysm around his kidney and will have surgery in 4 weeks.

Pat McIntyre is home recovering from pneumonia.

Tom Rains, Steven Rains' cousin is dealing with some health issues and request prayers.

Andi Reuter, Kyle's 4 year old niece had surgery to remove her kidney and a malignant tumor. She will begin chemo soon.

Sandra Schoolcraft remains in SW Medical Center after bypass surgery.

Bette Sharp's health is continuing to decline. She is on Hospice Care in the home of her son Rodney at 3109 Wimberley Drive in Yukon.

Stuart Stephens is recuperating from knee surgery.

Markus Truelove requests prayers for his co/worker Andrea Torallba and her daughter who is in the hospital with blood loss.

Debbie Warden will have an MRI on her back Wednesday, April 22nd.

Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Zelta Bennett, Eric Bejcek, Carolan 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, David Reece, Sandra Schoolcraft, TC & Lylia Seitz, Paul Trammel, Mike Wilhite, Cecil Wilson, Billy Woods.

South Yukon Family with Cancer: Larry Bledsoe, Neil Cosgrove, JC Hasty, 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), Jerri Elston (May), Cassie Sturgeon (June), Amber Garner (July), Kristina Beshears (July), Cristi Killian (August) Sylvia Sterling (August), Emily Atchison (Oct)

Our Shut-ins: Evelyn Cannon, Marie Cox, Audrey Gray, Liz Knight, Buck Buchanan, Alice Ralls, Mildred Riebe, 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 (Davidsons cousin), Margaret Bryson (Newberry's aunt), Virginia Cox (T Wooldrige's mother), Altus Davidson, Renee Davis (Brian Martinez mother), Matthew Dobbins, 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. 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. 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&PCox'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. 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).



Remember this is as easy as 1-2-3!

One time per month, on Saturday number **two** of the month, couples are invited to come to the fellowship hall for **three** hours.

Beginning in May (May 9th), couples of any age are getting together to eat, connect, learn, and have fun. On that second Saturday, bring your own food to the church building at 6 p.m. You will need to have arranged for your own babysitting. Guys it would be great if you would take care of that for your wives! We'll eat our food and have some fun joking around and connecting with new and old friends for a while. Then we will check out some of the really encouraging and enlightening videos so that we can help our marriages mature and help us develop a better mindset for being the husband or wife we should be. We'll play some games, too, just for the fun of it; and before you know it (or want it) the three hours will be over.

We need some good friends. We need to learn a thing or two about marriage. We need to have some time when we can focus on somebody else and be an encouragement to them. We need to have some fun as Christian couples together. Easy as 1-2-3 will facilitate all of that and more!

One time a month. Saturday number two of the month. For three hours!

Richard and Jeanna Lynn

Easy
as
1-2-3



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.

Seniors - Tri-fold boards are now available in the copy-room next to the office for you to pick up for your senior display.

“Can Do” Cancer Support Group

Monday at 6:30pm in the Parlor

Because I’m young, I can read the Bible with a first look. I can think about what it says and decide for myself what it means for me. I can decide what Paul means when he tells young Timothy to “study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” ^{II Tim 2.15} and I can know that I’ll never be ashamed if I know why I believe what I believe.

Because I’m young, and a Christian, I can read what Jesus says in answer to the question, “**what must I do to inherit eternal life?**” And the answer is “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all of your soul and with all of your strength, and with all of your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.*” ^{Luke 11:25ff} and in another place Jesus says, Treat one another the way you want to be treated. **It’s an easy answer.** All I have to do is decide how I want others to treat me and just treat them that way. **How simple is that?** However, what it doesn’t say is that, at least at first, “others” will treat me that way. Maybe, what Jesus is telling us is - it’s not about me. Your actions tell people whether you believe Jesus or not.



Easter Weekly

Maybe you heard the joke about an atheist who complained to a friend because Christians had their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter, and Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. “But we atheists,” he said, “have no recognized national holidays. It’s unfair discrimination.” His friend replied, “Why don’t you celebrate April first?” The Fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus declare deity. These events display the sovereignty and compassion of God. They also declare our need for him.

In Churches of Christ, we take bread and fruit of the vine each week as reminders of those three unique days over 2000 years ago (Acts 20.7). They remind us of what Jesus did. They also serve as a reminder to God of the covenant he made with us through Jesus.

This is similar to the rainbow reminder after the flood. God told Noah that he would put a bow in the sky and when he saw it he would remember his covenant with Noah and the earth to never again destroy the earth by water (Genesis 9.8-17).

Every time we commune we affirm the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. This declaration goes to one another; to the world; to the heavenly host; and to the very throne of heaven. God will keep his covenant; will we?

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry

Ministry Spotlight

Adult Education

Elder – Barry Stump
Deacon – Glen Davis

As a church, we spend a great deal of time and energy focusing on our children at their various developmental stages. This is right and good. However, it is also important that adults continue their spiritual development as well.

Perhaps you have flown on an airplane and heard the flight attendant tell you that in the event of a loss of pressure in the cabin oxygen masks will fall from above. Adults are to put theirs on and **then** assist their children. If the adults are not cared for, the children may not be, either.

The same is true in the spiritual realm. Adults set the pace for their families. While it may be necessary to sacrifice for children from time to time, we must not forget about our adults.

Our Adult Education Ministry is tasked with assisting in their spiritual development. Part of that comes through having quality classes and study opportunities. The Ministry leaders, as well as all of the adult teachers, have a great responsibility to ensure that there is quality teaching for our adult spiritual development.

Perry

**2009 Couples Retreat
Team Meeting
Tuesday, April 28th
6:00 pm
Room 49**



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Fishers of Men
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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 460
 Worship A.M. 594
 Worship P.M. 207
 Home Group 27
 Worship P.M.Total 234
 Midweek 321
 Daily Bible Readers 64
 Present Membership 622
Contribution
 Last Week: \$14,711
 Budget Requires: \$16,772

Family Matters



Diapers and Wipes Shower

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

Baby Shower

For Steven and Cassie Sturgeon, Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are having a boy (Brody) and are registered at Babies-r-Us, Target and Walmart.

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.

New Songs to Practice

We will sing the following songs on Sunday, April 19th. Please review on your CD's.

Lamb of God
Lord Reign In Me

Church Lunch Need

We are in need of Dr. Pepper, Root Beer, Coke, Mountain Dew and Sprite for the Friday Lunches. (No diet pop, please) Please place donations in the kitchen.

Ladies Unity Team

Meets Sunday, April 19th after morning services in the Fellowship Hall. For more information see Patty Booker.

Gran Gran Song Service

Classes, Home Groups, or individuals are needed to host a song service at Gran Grans once a month. If you would be willing to serve in this area, please sign up on the bulletin board or see Rick Marcotte.

Annual Corporation Meeting

Saturday, April 18th, 2009
 8:30am in the Parlor

Thank You

Thanks to all for the prayers for my mother Doretha Koon. She is recovering well at home. Jason Koon

Thank you all for the prayers for my son, Chris, when he had his emergency appendectomy and for his quick recovery - he is doing very well - praise God!! A special thanks to Joe Wallace and Rick Riebe and Richard for the special prayers. It was so comforting. I am so blessed for my church family. In Christian love, Anita Readnour

I just wish to thank everyone for your wonderful warm welcome to the community and the congregation. Thank you! Helen Lyden

To our wonderful church family...Thanks for all the loving care shown to us during Virginia's recent out-patient procedure. We received many cards, lots of food and calls. Special thank you to those who sat with Tom during the surgery. We appreciate you all! In Christian Love, Tom and Virginia Rackley

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.



**This Week's
Pantry Need**

Graham Crackers, Animal Crackers,
 Vanilla Wafers, Popcorn
 (please place in basket in foyer)