



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

Too Many Words, Too Little Understanding, To the Wrong People

I wish that I always fully appreciated the proverb of Qohelet: “As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool when there are many words” (Eccl 5:3). The number of bad dreams you have is directly proportional to the number of worries you’ve got. Like that, the number of boneheaded comments you’ll make is directly proportional to the number of words you say.

Some of the most foolish comments I’ve ever made, I made to people about other people when I didn’t really understand what the other people had done. I had failed to remember the significance of two other proverbs, “He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame” (Prov. 18:13); and “The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him” (Prov 18:17). When I have talked first, and have talked without listening, I’ve said some pretty dumb things. Sorry about that.

Most often in my life, this happens when I talk with someone among my friends,

my family, my co-workers, and my church about someone else instead of talking to the person about whom I am talking. In other words, I’m telling Jimmy what Sally did instead of talking to Sally about what I’d heard she did. That’s foolish according to the proverbs and the more I do it only increases the number of foolish words I say. It also flies in the face of what Jesus commanded, “...go to him privately and show him his fault” (Matthew 18:15).

Let’s all do a better job of talking with each other, confronting each other in love, understanding each other, forgiving each other where we need to, but dwelling together in unity. That’s such a beautiful thing – and the first thing that happens to turn our relationship ugly often is too many words with too little understanding, spoken to the wrong people.

That’s Life at Work!

Richard



- Sunday**
Bible Study/Worship
Home Groups
Cassie Sturgeon Baby Shower
VBS Meeting
- Monday**
Elder’s Meeting
- Tuesday**
Couples Retreat Team Meeting
- Wednesday**
Toastmasters
Midweek Bible Study
- Friday**
Church Lunch
Youth Spring Retreat
- Saturday**
Youth Spring Retreat

Special Mission Sunday, May 3rd

The elders have set aside this date 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.

Envelopes will be passed out before the Shepherd’s prayer with each Missionary’s name and their work on the envelope. There will be a check box, by each name for you to mark, if you so choose to designate your contribution to a particular mission. Contributions will be collected after the Shepherd’s prayer.

- 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”

From The Elder’s Table



We realize many people in the congregation have been both disappointed and confused over the hiring of a Youth and Family Minister. Our prayer is that everyone be at peace with one another and a healing process begin immediately. We as a congregation need to be united and refocus on our task of hiring a Youth and Family Minister. We as a group of elders are committed to finding this family to serve our youth and families. We plan to vigorously pursue this family in the coming weeks and months. What we need from the congregation are names of individuals that you feel would be great Youth and Family Ministers. Simply give your recommendation to any one of the elders. Please pray that the right family be found and brought to South Yukon. Continue to also pray for the elders.

Prayer Requests

Dana Avants, cousin of Linda Perry, had a CT scan and the results were not good. She has been told that she would not make another 6 months. She will have heart valve surgery May 1st at 8:00am, this will be a serious surgery and the family requests prayers.

Barbara Ervin, Gary Baumwart's secretary, is having complications from knee replacement surgery.

Harold Golden, coworker of Jim Terrell, lost his home and everything in it, in a fire.

Eric Gray, friend of Sue Deason, had a major heart attack and is in OK Heart Hospital.

Alicia Hanes, daughter of Mel and Debbie Warden, is recuperating from Sinus Surgery in Germany.

Howard McCorkle is in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in room 229. He will have serious aneurysm surgery this week. They request no visitors at this time.

Joe Middleton, Tommy's father, is having health problems and undergoing tests.

Elsie Moore, Paula Leaman's mother, is in the hospital in Wichita, KS with pneumonia. Paula will be bringing her mom back to Yukon to live with her when she is released.

Rex Swaim had eye surgery and is doing well.

Cobey Walters' brother will have back surgery soon and requests our prayers.

Debbie Warden will begin physical therapy for a spur, degeneration of the bones and a sprain in her back.

Judith Watts is home recuperating from eye surgery. She had a macular hole repaired in her eye and must remain face down for 2-6 weeks.

Charles Yarbrough, Linda Perry's dad, is in Deaconess for testing.

Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Zelta Bennett, Eric Bejcek, Carolan Bledsoe, Chuck Bledsoe, Linda Bratcher, 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, Howard McCorkle, Emily McCoy, Pat McIntyre, 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 Hastly, 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), Kristi Finefrock (Nov)

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), Margaret Bryson (Newberry's aunt), Virginia Cox (T Wooldrige's mother), Altus Davidson, Renee Davis (Brian Martinez mother), Orpha Dean (Andys 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), 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), Virginia Bryant (Davidson's cousin), 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), Cecil May, Jr (Richard's dad), Marvin McCathern (Floyd's brother), Clint McCutchen (Cassel's b-i-l), Sue McDonald (J. Davis' cousin), Vonda McPherson (N. Heldreth's cousin), Andi Reuter (Kyle's 4 yr old niece), 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).



Teams and Teens

Maturity in the marriage relationship goes beyond each individual looking more to the interest of their spouse than they do their own interests (Phil 2:1-4). The greatest maturity in a marriage relationship is seen when the couple is able to look to the interests of others as a team of two. Looking outside ourselves to the needs of others, and then acting to fill those needs together, is a great sign that a marriage is built on the Rock.

A night in Bricktown with some bowling and strolling was just part of the fun that a number of our young people experienced on the recent Prom Alternative. We were glad to see a good representation of young people who are part of our family, and some of their friends, enjoying a night out together. We hear that they had a great time.

Part of the fun was the getting to be out with two Teams of Two. Jeremy and Kristi Finefrock and Marcus and Shannon Truelove were the volunteer escorts for our Juniors and Seniors and their friends. Each of those couples have taken advantage of some of the growth opportunities available here through the marriage ministry. And having grown, they look for opportunities to serve together in the other significant ministries of this church family – specifically on this occasion, the Youth Ministry.

Take advantage of the growth opportunities available for you as a couple – the upcoming 1-2-3 Date Night, Quest at OC, and the Couples Retreat in September. Then, as you grow as a couple, keep your eyes open to see how as a Team, you can serve others!

Richard and JeannaLynn





Teen News

Areawide in Tecumseh - Has been Cancelled for today.

Annual Spring Retreat - May 1-3 - The cost for the retreat is \$25 and must be turned in TODAY. Please give your money to Rick Riebe, Tracy Watson or Lorie Mulkey. The buses will leave Friday at 6:00pm and will return Sunday afternoon. Please eat Friday evening before you come. **YOU MUST HAVE A 2009 MEDICAL RELEASE FORM ON FILE WITH THE OFFICE, BEFORE RIDING THE BUS TO THE RETREAT.**

Attention Seniors and Parents - Senior Sunday has been changed to May 17th. All pictures, bio's and display boards need to be turned in to the office by Sunday, May 3rd. For questions, see Sherri Marcotte.

Area Events

30th Annual Bible Teacher's Workshop - Eastside church of Christ/Duncan - May 2nd

Oklahoma Christian Academy's Dinner and Auction - May 2nd

Dinner honoring Bear Valley Bible Institute - Cherokee Hills cofC - May 22nd

Oklahoma Christian University Quest - Vision and Vitality - Keynote Speakers: Ken Jones, Richard May, Rich Little - June 4-6th

Oklahoma Christian University Rejuvenate Women's Day - Speakers: Kathy (McDonald) Wright, JeannaLynn May, Allison Garrett, Molly Martin, Phyllis Allen - June 6th

Detailed information of each event is posted on the Bulletin Board.

Ministry Spotlight

Benevolence

Deacons: David Reiter and Rick Willingham
Shepherds: Mel Schaefer and Ken Davidson

Benevolence is one of the most gratifying and challenging Ministries one can be involved in. It is a challenge to get the right resources to the right people. When you do, good is accomplished and you experience a deep sense of satisfaction.

The primary function of this Ministry is to provide immediate assistance to members and local non-members to alleviate undue hardship and suffering. This can be done through the Food Pantry and limited financial considerations.

This Ministry has literally helped hundreds of people over the years. Not only have we helped the local community through this Ministry, we also provide funding and food for Children's Homes.

Currently Russell and Jeanette Schoof interview clients for assistance on Mondays. Leroy and Dianne Cassel interview clients on Fridays. They are in need of additional couples to help with the interviews. Please volunteer your time to help in this Ministry.

Perry



The Church and the Culture

One of the things that struck me from church history and modern observations is just how the church reflects the culture in which it lives. Read about the seven churches of Asia in Revelation and notice how their culture impacted them. With that in mind, I thought about the influence of our current culture on us.

Two centuries ago, our country was governed by the Constitution. People knew and practiced its tenets. That mindset was reflected in churches, too. It was during this period when the American Restoration Movement began. People used the BIBLE as their basis for decision-making and practice. "Speak where the Bible speaks" was the mantra.

Have you noticed a distancing from our Constitution in America? Have you noticed a distancing from the Bible by its churches? Who knew the Constitution better – people of the late 18th Century or people of today? What about the Bible?

We may not be able to turn America back to the Constitution. We may not be able to turn Christendom back to the Bible. We can determine to take God at his word and let him direct our paths (Psalm 119:105).

Keep The Light Burning!

Perry

Vacation Bible School July 13-16th

“Who’s Your Hero?”

I can do everything through him who gives me strength.
Phil. 4:13

Easy as 1-2-3

Saturday, May 9th
6:00-9:00pm
Tuesday night at 6pm



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Fishers of Men

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Mack Lyon

Adventures in Missions

Pat & Malissa Sheaffer

Southern Africa Bible College

Al & Donna Horne

Malawi Africa

Austin, Gabriel and Lucky

Brazil

Mel & Marly Latorre

Thailand

Kim & Rebecca Voraritskul

Ecuador

Julio Perez, Luis Andrango, Armando Troya

Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Corey & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes 445
Worship A.M. 539
Worship P.M. 149
Home Group 125
Worship P.M.Total 274
Midweek 303
Daily Bible Readers 72
Present Membership 624

Contribution

Last Week: \$17,024
Budget Requires: \$16,772

Family Matters



Baby Shower

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

For Clint and Jerri Elston, May 3rd at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are having a boy and are registered at Target and Babies-R-Us.

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 and give to Lorie.

Quartz Mountain Christian Camp forms are due May 15th after that \$20 will be added to the fee. The church does not pay for late fees.

Fireproof DVD's

7 left - \$15 each. Available in the office.

Signup for Couples Retreat

Retreat is September 25-27th
Embassy Suites in Roger, AR

\$225 per couple

Sign up begins at the June 1-2-3 Date Night on Saturday, June 13th.

Metal Hangers

Are needed for the Youth Spring Retreat. If you can donate some, please bring them to the office or give to Diane Watson.

Special Olympics

Is in need of bottled water. If you would like to donate to this cause, see Brad May. Water needed by Sunday, May 10th.

Senior Sunday, May 17th

Our Graduating Seniors are...

Doug Broach
Kayla Cain
McKenzie Clemmons
Jed Davis
Matthew Hartman
Jill Holt
Matthew McKeever
Eric Partin
Koby Pascual
Shelby Rackley
Conner Stevenson

Thank You

Thank you so much for the care box full of goodies! It was very sweet of you all to think of us. Mail is always nice - especially food! Love, Austin

Thanks to all of you who visited me in the hospital, the cards, calls, and offers of help. Especially for Betty Fleharty and others who brought food. You are a special group of Christians. In Christian love, Pat McIntyre

A Thank You from the heart...remembering the thoughtfulness you've shown. Thank you so much for helping me with my rent this month. God Bless! Pat Toppings

Thank you so much for the care basket sent to me. Though I am not on campus, it was very nice to know that I am still thought of. I do have finals coming up and I will enjoy something to snack on as I study for those. Y'all are a wonderful group and again are much appreciated. God Bless, Brad May

Couples Retreat Planning Meeting

Tuesday evening at 6:00pm in room 49.

Items Still Needed for VBS

FUZE Plastic Bottles

Plastic Liquid Measuring Cups

Large Ceramic Floor Tiles

Spray Bottles

Detergent Boxes with Handles on Top.

(No more water bottles, please)

Basket provided in the foyer. See Sherri Marcotte for questions.

Westview Boys Home Fishing Trip

The Garners are out in the foyer today collecting money and people to sign up to help with this year's Westview Boys' Home Fishing Trip on Saturday, May 2nd. We had such a great time last year and hope to have many more join in the fun this year! See Amber for details (or with donations for prizes)!



This Week's Pantry Need

Canned fruits and vegetables.
(please place in basket in foyer)