



The Messenger

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SOUTH YUKON

While You're Waiting to Convert a Muslim

Leadership Journal reported on the results of a survey of 750 converts from Islam to Christ. Here are the top 5 reasons they said that they turned to Jesus:

1. The love that Christians exhibited in their relationships with non-Christians and their treatment of women as equals.
2. The power of God seen in answered prayers and healing.
3. Dissatisfaction with the type of Islam they had experienced, particularly the emphasis of punishment over love.
4. The spiritual truth in the Bible.
5. The love expressed through the life and teachings of Jesus.

Since Muslims are now twenty-one percent of the world's population and have grown to being just short of one percent of the American population, the likelihood of using that information to convert a Muslim is growing for all of us.

In the meantime, write those 5 reasons down and keep them in mind as you influence your non-Islamic friends. The love of Christians, the power of God, the truth of scripture, and the love of Jesus are the reasons nearly all Christians have decided to follow Jesus. All other paths do lead to ultimate dissatisfaction. Only Jesus saves!

That's Life at Work.

Richard

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.

Ladies Retreat April 24th-25th.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule (March)

Day	New Testament	Old Testament
1	Mk. 6:30-56	Nu. 5-6
2	Mk. 7:1-23	Nu. 7
3	Mk. 7:24-37	Nu. 8
4	Mk. 8:1-21	Nu. 9-10
5	Mk. 8:22-38	Nu. 11-13
6	Mk. 9:1-29	Nu. 14
7	Mk. 9:30-50	Nu. 15-16
8	Mk. 10:1-31	Nu. 17-18
9	Mk. 10:32-52	Nu. 19-20
10	Mk. 11:1-14	Nu. 21-22
11	Mk. 11:15-33	Nu. 23-24
12	Mk. 12:1-27	Nu. 25-26
13	Mk. 12:28-44	Nu. 27-28
14	Mk. 13:1-23	Nu. 29-30
15	Mk. 13:24-37	Nu. 31
16	Mk. 14:1-21	Nu. 32-33
17	Mk. 14:22-52	Nu. 34-35
18	Mk. 14:53:-72	Nu. 36
19	Mk. 15:1-20	De. 1-2
20	Mk. 15:21-47	De. 3-4
21	Mk. 16	De. 5-6
22	Lu. 1:1-25	De. 7-9
23	Lu. 1:26-56	De. 10-11
24	Lu. 1:57-80	De. 12-14
25	Lu. 2:1-24	De. 15-17
26	Lu. 2:25-52	De. 18-20
27	Lu. 3:1-18	De. 21-22
28	Lu. 3:19-38	De. 23-25
29	Lu. 4:1-15	De. 26-27
30	Lu. 4:16-44	De. 28-29
31	Lu. 5:1-16	De. 30-31

Possessions

Recently I read an account of missionaries in 1940's China. They received notice that they must leave the next morning. They would only be able to bring 250 lbs with them when they left the country. It took all night for them to go through their belongings and make the piles of the possessions they would be taking with them the next day.

Calendar

- Sunday**
Bible Study/Worship
Kindergarten Lunch
Helms/Ward Wedding Shower
SNL Live
- Monday**
Men's Bible Study
Elder's Meeting
- Tuesday**
Ladies PM Bible Study
- Wednesday**
Toastmasters
Ladies AM Bible Study
Midweek Bible Study
- Friday**
Church Lunch
Teen Lock-In
Memory Makers
- Saturday**
Men's Breakfast
Dynamic Marriage

With the morning came the soldiers to take them away. Entering the room, they looked around at the piles of possessions and asked, "Have you weighed your children yet?" Suddenly the pile of stuff in the living room became exactly that...stuff!

These people knew their most precious possession was their children. The same holds true for our congregation. Whether it is your child, a grandchild or any child in our mist, we do not want that child left behind. It is our charge to teach them about God and help their parents in growing their children spiritually.

The Spring Sunday School Quarter begins next week. This is your opportunity to show God's love to a child by teaching a class. There are many classes that do not have a teacher or co-teacher. Please contact Cindi Stump or Nina Moates to help.

God bless our children,

Nina

Prayer Requests

Carolán Bledsoe is still recuperating from her fall.
Virginia Cox, the mother of Terrie Wooldridge, is suffering with the shingles.
Bobbie Day, sister of Nina Moates, is recuperating from heart surgery.
Conner Deal, 12 year old son of Ron Deal and friends of Richard and JeannaLynn, passed away last week. Please remember this family in your prayers.
Mary Fritts, sister in law of Thelda Watson, has colon cancer and is on Hospice Care. Thelda's brother **Jerry** fell and injured his shoulder. They live in Houston, TX.
Dean Hill was hospitalized last week and is now home.
Gordon Leaman will have shoulder surgery, Thursday, March 5th at the Yukon hospital.
Jim Linam is in Mercy Hospital room 439 and is doing much better.
Elsie Moore, the mother of Paula Leaman, had surgery last week for a broken hip and is in rehab in Wichita, KS.
Shirley Pershall, Kevin's mother, has pancreatic cancer and is in Mercy room 403.
David Reece is recuperating from stomach surgery.
Marlene Wadkins, Debbie Warden's mother, is in the Kindred Hospital at 2129 SW 59th Street, room 207, OKC, 73119, 713-5955. No visitors at this time but cards would be welcome.
Debbie Warden is having a hard time with her gout/cellulites.
Jack Womack is recuperating from foot surgery.
Please continue to pray for our South Yukon Family: Eric Bejcek, Carolán Bledsoe, Chuck Bledsoe, Linda Bratcher, Merv Deason, 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, Debra and Michael New, Roy and Edna Nusbaum, Sandra Schoolcraft, TC & Lylia Seitz, Bette Sharp** (3109 Wimberley), **Cobey Walters, 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, 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 Wimberley), **Marlene Wadkins, Daisy Valliant** (POBox 850403, Yukon 73085)
On Hospice Care: Don and Veda Morris

Family and Friends: Juanita Bennett (D. Watsons daughter), **George Bryan** (Joy Wallace's dad), **Margaret Bryson** (Newberry's aunt), **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), **Judy Lamkin** (P. McIntyre's sister), **Wayne Mashburn** (E. Reece's father), **Amy McCathran** (B&M Stump's daughter), **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), **Lucille Ballard** (D. Beshears mother), **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), **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), **Bobby Shook** (brother of Myrtle McCathern), **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), **Marilyn Tulley** (cousin of Ken Bennett), **Elise Vega** (friend of C&J Beck), **John Walker** (A. Williams dad), **Daniel Yancey** (Scroggins nephew).

Activated Military Personnel: Daniel Alvarez (cousin to K. Finefrock), **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).



Valentine Team of Two

"This is hardest thing I ever had to do." Those were the words that Matt Bonnette remembers hearing just before he heard that he was being laid off. Maybe one of the hardest things a wife ever has to do is keep her husband feeling loved and respected when he has lost his job. Melaney determined that over Valentine's Day she was going to make sure that Matt knew that he was not alone. He was on a Team of Two, and his team loved him.

Matt sent us this description of what Melaney did for him (with a little editing for space):

"She got me a glass jar, but this glass jar is special. It is filled with 365 small cards with typed sayings / quotes / Bible verses / "invitations" (for our eyes only), etc. in it. Melaney typed every single one of these up, printed them out, cut them with those little, funky scrapbook scissors, pasted them on another, different colored piece of paper, cut THOSE out, and placed them in the jar. My job is to draw one card out every day & read it, and know just how much Melaney loves and thinks about me every day. When I asked when in the world she did this, since I had not seen her do any of this, and it obviously took a lot of time - she said that she did it at work on her breaks and in her car on her lunch hour! Oh, and by the way - the little cards are my two favorite colors, just another little minor detail to let me know that she pays attention - TO EVERYTHING! I definitely have the best wife in the world!"

Congratulations on the new job, Matt. And thank you, Matt and Melaney, for this challenge: What special thing will you do this week to let your husband or wife know that you love him or her? "Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).

Richard and JeannaLynn





It Is By What We Do

The big talk this week has been the new mascot for Oklahoma City Thunder. The mascot if you do not know is a bison, because when a bison runs it makes a thunderous noise. What I found interesting is the similarity of the Thunder's mascot and the Supersonic's mascot. The mascot for the Supersonics was a Sasquatch and the outfit of this mascot is very similar to the Thunder's mascot. The other thing that was similar was the antics of this current mascot to the old mascot, come to find out the outfits may be different but the person on the inside is still the same. Now I have said all this to say this, people can say all they want about who they are but their actions will define who they are. The mascot may have changed its appearance but the actions tell who he is on the inside. Christians should not merely say who they are but let their actions speak for them instead. (cf. James 2:12)

Stay strong and stay true South Yukon.

Gene

Teen News

SNL at the Reuters tonight! Girls bring pop, boys bring dessert. There will be maps in the teen room.

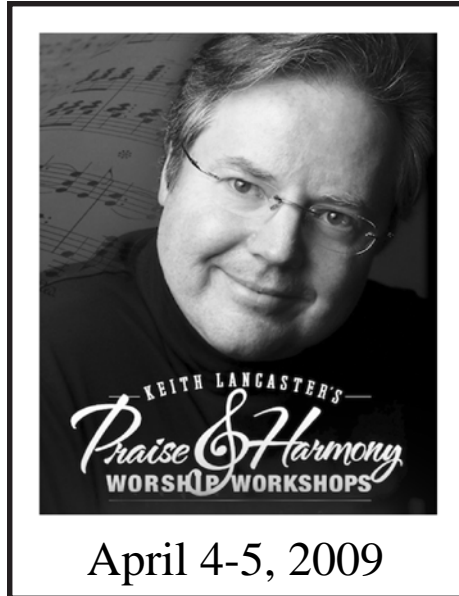
Teen Lock-in is this Friday! Bring \$10 for ice skating. Please meet at the building at 9:00pm. Teens there is a signup sheet for you on the teen board. **Parents**, help is needed for the Lock-in. Please see the teen board to sign up on which shift will work best for you.

OC's Spring Sing is coming! We have reserved a group of 20 tickets for the Saturday, March 7th afternoon show at 2:00pm so we can all sit together. There are a lot of Yukon kids in the show this year. The tickets are \$14. There is a signup sheet on the teen board. Please sign up as soon as possible. The money is due February 25th, please pay Gene or Debbie Newberry.

Capitol Hill church of Christ is in need of some volunteers to help in the nursery on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm. If you have any questions, or are interested, please talk to Debbie.

Lariat Creek Camp now has applications available online at www.lariatcreek.org

Area Wide, Sunday, March 8th at Cherokee Hills.



The Fight

Near the end of his life, the apostle Paul said that he had "fought the good fight" (2 Timothy 4:7). What makes a fight "good"? Here are a few thoughts:

The fight is good when we are victorious. We don't seem to mind the wounds, the pain of conflict, or the sacrifices – if we win. Athletes say, "No pain, no gain." Navy Seals in their training have the motto: "The only easy day was yesterday." On the other side of a victorious conflict we can look back and appreciate the pain of preparation.

Paul had wins and losses (2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10). Overall, however, Paul would say that victory was a "sure thing." We win because Jesus won the war in his resurrection. There are skirmishes along the way but if we remain faithful to Jesus we share his victory.

Throughout the history of God's people we see victories. These were not victories that came because God's people were smarter than the enemies; the victories came by trusting God. Moses raised his hands with the rod of God and Joshua's army defeated the Amalekites (Exodus 17). Of course, Aaron and Hur helped out a little. David won a victory over the giant with a sling, a stone and the blessing of God.

What about you? What battles are you waging today? The Adversary will try to make you think that you can't win. He will try to inflict as much pain on you as possible BUT, he can't win and in Jesus, you can't lose. Fight the good fight.

Keep the Light Burning!

Perry

Transportation

The purpose of the Transportation Ministry is to provide transportation to those who have a need and are unable to provide it for themselves. This can include activities such as doctor appointments; grocery shopping; church attendance; and special trips. The Ministry develops a list of those with needs as well as those who are capable of providing the transportation.

Kyle Reuter is the Deacon assigned to this Ministry and Rick Riebe is the supporting Shepherd.

Perry

Life Line Screening

Will be here Friday, March 27, 2009, offering ultrasound screening to help detect plaque buildup in the vascular system, and osteoporosis screening. There is a fee for the screenings. To preregister, call 1-888-653-6441 or contact Life Line at www.lifelinescreening.com.



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Thailand

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Ecuador

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Kent & Sharla Marcum

Guadalajara

Cory & Toni Burns

Statistics

Attendance

Bible Classes 362
Worship A.M. 527
Worship P.M. 193
Home Group 90
Worship P.M.Total 283
Midweek 309
Daily Bible Readers 68
Present Membership 617

Contribution

Last Week: \$18,049
Budget Requires: \$16,772

Family Matters



Ladies AM Bible Study

Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Conference Room. Topic: book of "Romans".

Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study

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

Our Sympathy

To *George Bostick and Cathy Morris* and family on the passing of grandson and nephew, Daniel Bostick.

To *Ken Bennett* and family on the passing of his cousin, Marilyn Tully.

Communion Prep/Greeters Needed

We need Greeters and someone to prepare communion for the month of April. Please sign up on the board if you can help.

Ladies Retreat Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting immediately after services March 1st in the parlor for any ladies who would like to attend and help with the retreat.

Help Needed

Do you have a knack for talking? Then put your talents to good use. We are looking for 5 lovely ladies to lead short devotional thoughts or 20 minute mini talks for this years Ladies Retreat. Please see Shelly Hudson for further details.

Wedding Shower

Honoring Kyle Helms and Patricia Ward, **today** at 2:00 in the Parlor. They are registered at Target and Lowe's.

Funtimer Luncheon at Noon

Tuesday, March 3rd in the Fellowship Hall.

Teacher Luncheon Meeting

Sunday, March 8th, after morning services. All Preschool and Elementary teachers, please plan to attend.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 28th at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up.

Financial Statement

A copy of the monthly Financial Statement will be in the foyer each month.

Memory Makers

If you enjoy scrapbooking, bring your supplies to the conference room, Friday evening at 6:00. Info see Micha or Amber.

Thank You

We just wanted to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during Kathy's surgery and other procedures. Everything is going well and things seem to be on the up. Barry, Kathy, and Kayleigh Fisher

For you who prepared and sent the beautiful Valentine Box, we are so touched and thankful for each and every thing. We still say this church is tops, above all others, Love, Jack and Betty Womack

Thank you for the basket, cards, and prayers. We appreciate your kindness. J.C. and Mae Hasty

Thank you so much for the visits to the hospital, cards, calls, meal, flowers and especially the prayers for my surgery and recovery. It's nice to be a part of such a caring church. In Christian Love, Donna and Tom Eades

The church at Yukon will forever be loved by the Wilson family. We can not express all the love and appreciation we have for you. God has been glorified by your kindness, servant attitude, and love poured out on our family. Thank you, Dale, Brenda and Cecil Wilson

We want to let our church family know how much we appreciate all the love shown to us. Thank you so much for lifting us up with your prayers, hugs, calls, cards, food and your attendance at the funeral. From the bottom of our hearts we say thank you for all your acts of kindness. God bless you. Joe and Joy Wallace

Kyle Holton Mission Work

If you missed Kyle's presentation, you can go to the following for more information: www.kujilana.org
<http://chajila.blogspot.com>



This Week's Pantry Need

Boxed Potatoes
Jelly
(please place in basket in foyer)