

## CALENDAR UPDATE

### ONGOING EVENTS

Sunday Evening	Home Group at the Munsell's— Pot Luck Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm
Monday Evenings	VBI Class—Hebrews, 7:00pm, at the Williams' Home Next Class January 18
Tuesday Evenings	Men's Bible Study —7:00PM, <b>Dec 8 at the Crockett's</b> — Next Bible Study will be January 12
Wednesday Evenings	VBI Class—Revelation, 7:00pm, at the Williams' Home Next Class January 13
Wednesday Evenings	Knik Goose Bay Home Group at the R. Kuenning's— 6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7:00pm Devo, Group will not meet December 22 and 29
Wednesday Evenings	Home Group at the Scott's—Meal at 5:30pm, Bible Study to Follow
Thursday Evenings	Home Group at the B. Kuenning's—6:00pm, Group will not met December 17,24,31

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6	TNT at the Kinney's—Boys Drinks, Girls Snacks
December 12	Kids Craft Day—See Insert
December 12	Ugly Sweater Christmas Party—See Insert
December 13	Bridal Shower for Amanda Beam—See Insert
December 20	TNT at the Gardner's—Gift Exchange

Our sympathy goes out to Cynthia Street. Cynthia's husband Michael passed away on November 26. Please keep Cynthia and children Michael and Mason and the entire family in your prayers. A memorial service is scheduled for December 7, 1:00pm at Janssen's Mat-Su Funeral Home, small reception to follow.

### ALASKA BOOK

Please take a few minutes to sign the Alaska Book for **Joe and Kathleen Godsoe** which is on the table in the foyer. The Godsoe's have sold their house and are living in Anchorage. December 20 is their last Sunday with us.

*"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests". Ephesians 6:18*

### PRAYER REQUEST

As you pray, please remember those listed below:

- Please pray that the completion of the church building on E Majestic View Circle progresses in a timely manner and for the Church Expansion effort.
- **Derek Berg's** wisdom teeth extraction went smoothly.
- **LE Wyrick** health concerns.
- **T.J. Reichel** and the **AIM Team** in Utah.
- **Diane Wise** continuing problems with her eye.
- **Bea Long**, Karen Williams' mother, recovering from heart valve surgery.
- Perry Pruitt's mother, **Sherry**, recovering from surgery in New Mexico.
- **Ansley Miller**, infant son of Michael and Josie Miller, is continuing his recovery.
- **Marie Elnan** and **Tammy Hess** recovering from surgery.
- **Larry Golden** recovering from a 4-wheeler accident.
- Please keep **Sandy Baldwin** in your prayers. She is visiting family. Stay in touch via Facebook or Cell.
- Please keep **David and Kristine Nelson and baby Bjorn** in your prayers. Bjorn is in NICU at Providence and is expected to be there for some time. The Nelsons are friends of the J Gardner's.
- **Greg Niesen** as he deals with cancer.
- **Steven Baldwin, Isaac Niesen** as they serve our country.
- **George Katkus** and **Kayla Caraway** in the AIM program.
- **Loren and Penny Hollingsworth** and **T.J. Reichel** mission field.
- **Brandolynn Collins; Kristina Collins; Brianna Forbis**, daughter-in-law of Nate and Natalie Forbis that they have safe pregnancies and deliver healthy babies.
- **HEALTH CONCERNS:** Members of Bonnie B. family, **Nathan, Kyle and Jason; Joy Bowlus**, Bob's mother, congestive heart failure; Lauri Bower's brother, **Rob Rettke; Shawna Barnes**, friend of Carol Bradley, cancer; **Hanna Cross**, Tim Caraways niece, degenerative joint disease; **Alyssa Ferguson**, friend of the Crockett's, cancer; **Wilma Habig; Rick Hess**, Bruce's father, heart problems; **Dean Johnson; Hans** and **Donna Becker**, Julie Kirn's brother-in-law and sister cancer; **Martha Lewis; Bonnie Murrill, Mark Seidl, Lincoln Weaver, Chester Webb.**
- We have many **members of our family** traveling.
- Pray for our **family members** to walk worthy of our calling.
- Pray for our **Country and its leaders** that they may lead us in a way that is pleasing to God.



### SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

	December 6, 2015	December 13, 2015
Opening Prayer	Shaphan Collins	Jeff Reichel
Song Leader	James Smith	Jason Dowdy
Scripture Reading	Chuck Sutton Hebrews 8:1-13	Brady Kuenning Hebrews 9:1-14
Prayer	Jim Cato	Adam Hanshew
The Lord's Supper		
In Charge	Jud Scott	Kirklin Kinney
Assist	Ron Burkhardtsmeier	Ahanu Kinney
Assist	Tom Freeman	Etienne Kinney
Assist	Paul Boquet	Scott Williamson
Assist	Bill Hales	Jarrett Finley
Scripture Reading	Riley Scott	
Lesson	David Shipley	David Shipley
Closing Prayer	David Elledge	Rick Collins
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

### PRISON MINISTRY

**December 6** Bob Bowlus **December 13** Stephen Teamer

**WEDNESDAY Home Groups—See Calendar Update**

### ATTENDED NURSERY



For your convenience we offer an "as needed" attended nursery downstairs for children age 2 and under and a nursery/training room to the left of the baptistery.



### DEACONS

Scott Crockett—Fellowship  
Robert Bowlus—Prison Ministry  
Jason Gardner—Youth  
Adam Hanshew—Advanced Bible Education  
Mark Keller—Education  
Barry Munsell—Church Expansion  
Rocky Murrill—Services  
Jud Scott, James Smith—Missions  
Chuck Sutton—Business/Finance  
David Wolfe—Benevolence

- Continue to pray for **Derek Berg, Hannah Filopvich; Audrey Maze, and Dorothy**, Julie Kirn's sisters; **Angelica Haakenson, Tevin Payne; Patty Paris**, Dana Keller's cousin, cancer; Jeff Reichel's father, **Clark; Lillian Schoonmaker, Jayden Scott, Michael Street** and the **Wyrick Family and loved ones.**


**Welcome to our Guests !**  
**We are honored to have you join us as we worship our heavenly Father in “spirit and in truth”. Your visit is important; so, stay around and fellowship with us. If there is anything that we can do for you, let us know. Come again soon!**

**Visitors. Please fill out one of the visitor cards that are on the table in the foyer. After you have filled out the card please put it in the contribution plate or in the basket on table.**

**The Lord’s Supper is available after the service for those who may not have had the opportunity to partake earlier.**

**BUILDING**  
 Due to the generosity of the new owners of the Blue Lupine property, we will be able to continue to meet in the building on Sunday mornings. Services will be 10:00-11:30am. Classes will be 12:00pm to 12:45pm. No other events or activities will be held at this property.

**REMINDER:** As a courtesy to others  
 PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE.



<u>“I will show my faith by my works.”</u>		
For the Week Beginning	11-22-2015	11-29-2015
Service	168	185
Bible Class	112	118
Weekly Contribution	\$3897	\$6497
Budget	\$5937	
Wednesday	Home Groups	Home Groups

... .. One Baptism ... (Eph 4:5)  
 (Part III)

**What do we do with “FAITH ONLY” teaching?**

Many teach today that “FAITH ONLY” is what saves us from our sins and brings us into Christ. Let’s look a bit at the “faith only” idea from the Bible.–

- > Jesus taught that Faith leads to Obedience - **Matt 7:21**
- > Jesus taught that Baptism must follow Faith for salvation to occur – **Mark 16:16**
- > Peter taught that once you know who Jesus is (faith), you must “repent and be baptized” to have your sins forgiven – **Acts 2:36-39**
- > Philip was teaching the Ethiopian about Jesus and when he wanted to be baptized, Philip checked his faith AND baptized him. – **Acts 8:35-38**
- > Paul told the jailer that he must have FATH and then he IMMEDIATELY baptized Him and his family.–**Acts 16:30-33**
- > The STRONG faith, and accurate knowledge of Apollos & the 12 Ephesian Disciples was NOT enough. They had baptism wrong and needed to be taught “the way of God more accurately” and be correctly baptized. – **Acts 18:24-19:5**
- > In Romans, Paul describes Baptism as something that they all did (**Rom 6:3**). When he later says salvation is for those who “*confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead*” in ch 10, he is comparing faith to following the Old Testament Law, not to being baptized.
- > James tells us plainly that faith MUST be active and obedient (**James 2:14-26**) or it is DEAD. It is clear that an obedient, active faith is not “earning salvation” but rather necessary to please God. (**Heb 11:6**)
- > One of the SIMPLEST and CLEAREST teachings on faith & baptism is found in Paul’s letter to the churches in Galatia (**Gal 3:26-28**):  
**“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed your selves with Christ.”** This straightforward explanation is EXACTLY what Jesus taught in **Mark 16:16**.

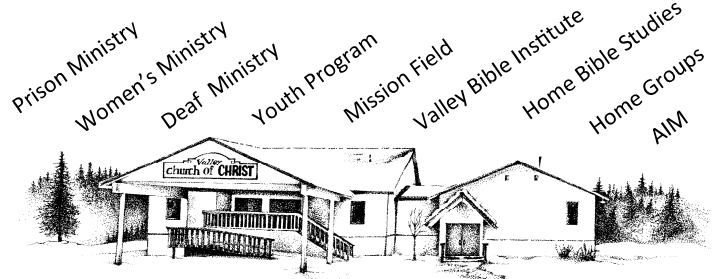
- Faith always leads the way and must bring Obedience.
- Baptism is our 1<sup>st</sup> step of obedience & completes our salvation by:
  - Putting on Christ – **Gal 3:27**
  - Having our sins forgiven – **Acts 2:38**
  - Having our sins washed away – **Acts 22:16**
  - Joining Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection- **Rom 6:3-7**
- > Peter was even more blunt: “...baptism now saves you...” **1Ptr 3:21**

And remember, it is only by God’s Grace that salvation is even possible:  
**“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”** Eph 2:8-10

# VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mission of Valley church of Christ  
**...Make Disciples...**  
 Matthew 28:19



December 6, 2015

*.....and I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*  
 Ephesians 3:14-19

**SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES**

Sunday:  
 Service.....10:00AM—11:30AM  
 Bible Classes.....12:00PM—12:45PM  
 Wednesday:  
 Home Groups

Office Hours 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday  
 Church Office—745-3011  
 Email: church@akvcoc.com  
 Website: www.akvcoc.com

Ministers: Robert Kuenning —354-3011, David Shipley —631-8990  
 and Michael Katkus—521-1326  
 Elders: Robert Kuenning, Dave Williams, Rick Collins  
 and Perry Pruitt

UPCOMING EVENTS  
and  
OPPORTUNITIES



**KIDS CRAFT DAY**

The Kids Craft Day is scheduled for **December 12** at the Home of the J. Gardner's. Tentative schedule :

**10-11:30am, ages 2-7.** Lunch for everyone 11:30am-12:30pm. Crafts for **ages 8-12, 12:30-2:00pm.** We will be focusing on holiday themed crafts and gifts for the family.



**BRIDAL SHOWER**

Beth Reichel is hosting a **bridal shower for Amanda Beam on Sunday, December 13 at 2:30pm** at the Delph's home. Amanda and Killian are registered at Amazon and Honeymoonwishes.com. Gifts from the Amazon Registry or Gift Cards are preferred. The couple will be living in Unalaska. Amanda's address is available if needed. Have questions, please contact Beth for more information.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

As construction proceeds on our building at 1125 E Majestic View Circle there are many opportunities for you to volunteer. There are both large and small jobs to be completed. Please, see Barry or Dave if you would like to help.

**CAMBODIA TRIP**

**Patricia Houser** arrived safely in Cambodia. She will be spending the month of December there working with Loren and Penny Hollingsworth's daughter. If you would like to help her monetarily, see James Smith.

❄️ **YOU'RE INVITED TO** ❄️

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**A FUN & CRAZY UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**DRESS TO IMPRESS IN YOUR HOLIDAY WORST**

WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED!

(UGLY TIE ACCEPTABLE IF SWEATER IS TOO HOT FOR YOU)

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 12TH  
@ 6:30PM**

**POTLUCK**

PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS TO SHARE



**HOT COCOA  
AND TEA  
PROVIDED**

**BARRY & MARLENE'S HOUSE**



**2468 N LARKSPUR HILL CIRCL E PALMER**



**CARPPOOLING SUGGESTED**



**WHITE ELEPHANT  
GIFT EXCHANGE**

Please bring a wrapped gift to participate.

For baby sitting **RSVP** BY DEC. 10th

CALL OR TEXT JENNIFER GARDNER

**907-223-1552**