

CALENDAR UPDATE

Monday Evenings	Valley Bible Institute (Sunset Class) Gospel of John 7:00-8:30pm at the Building-Next Class January 14
Tuesday Evenings	Men's Bible Class at the Crockett's 7:00pm -Next Class Jan 8
Tuesday Evenings	Ladies Bible Class at the William's 6:30 pm - Next Class Jan 8
Wednesday Evenings	Valley Bible Institute (Sunset Class) Jeremiah 7:00-8:30pm at the Building-Next Class January 9
Dec 23	Christmas Caroling
Dec 31	New Years Eve Get Together
January 6	Baby Shower for Kristina Collins 5:00pm at the Schramms
January 6	TNT at the Katkus', Boys Drinks, Girls Snacks
January 20	TNT at the Hales', Boys Snacks, Girls Drinks
Feb 15-18	Winter Retreat Midnight Sun Bible Camp
March 1-2	Anchorage Ladies Retreat

AIM SUPPORT

Our AIMers and Missionaries in the field need your help. They need your prayers as well as monetary support. If you would like to help monetarily. Please see Scott Crockett, Jud Scott or James Smith.

A thank you goes out to all of you who support and have supported the AIM program and our Missionaries. If not for your generosity our young adults could not participate in AIM and our Missionaries could not go out and spread the word of God to the multitudes.



CAROLING

Everyone is invited to go Caroling on Sunday, December 23. **Meet at the building at 4:00pm. Contact the Reichel's for more information. Get together at the Lee's after caroling.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Annabella May arrived at 11:55pm on Saturday, December 15 she weighed 6lb 9 1/2ounces and is 19 inches long. The proud parents are Jake and Kristina Collins, Grandparents are Rick and Antoinette Collins and Perry and Wendy Pruitt.

NEW YEARS EVE GET TOGETHER

You are invited to attend a New Years Eve get together, December 31, at **the church building, 7:00pm until.....Please bring finger food and your favorite table games.** Come join in the fellowship and pray in the New Year.

"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 continue to pray that the Church Expansion Project progresses smoothly.
- Dean Johnson requested prayers for his cousin Leona May who has cancer.
- Bill and Carolyn Allen requested prayers for their granddaughter, Kiley Lang, she is scheduled for cancer surgery.
- Loren and Penny Hollingsworth in the mission field.
- James Hanshew, **Adam's brother, recovering from second surgery.**
- Glenn Bradley, **John's brother, serious health issues.**
- Carol Seidl continues her recovery.
- **Jessica Cook's brother-in-law, Eric Wroe, ALS.**
- **Jessica Gipson's** health concerns and treatment.
- Lauri Bowers mother, Florence, is in a nursing facility.
- **David Wolfe's sister, Joyce Jordan, is in hospice care with lung cancer.**
- Steven Baldwin, Isaac Niesen as they serve our country.
- HEALTH CONCERNS: Chuck Ermi, Linda Gipson, Daniels mother; Wilma Habig, Jodi Kaczynski, sister of Dana Keller; Chloe Littlefield; Jeff Reichel's father, Clark; Elizabeth Wallace.
- Kiera, granddaughter of Dave and Karen Williams, as she is in her new home waiting for adoption.
- Raechel Gondek, sister of Jessica Gipson; Jenny Shipley that they have safe pregnancies and deliver healthy babies.
- Beta, Mike and Maria Katkus, Ben and Jazmin Baker serving God in their respective fields (i.e. Utah, Sunset, South Africa, Mexico).
- 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.
- Continue to pray for Derek Berg, Hannah Filipovich; Aspen Kuenning; Audrey Maze, Lois Straight and Dorothy, **Julie Kirn's** sisters; Jase Meyer, Bonnie Murrill, Tevin Payne, Robert Richerts, **Brandolynn Collins' grandfather;** Ruth and Pat Riley, Teri Rush Karen William's sister; Lillian Schoonmaker, Jaden Scott, Milorad Stojanovich, Michael Street.



SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

Opening Prayer	December 23 Jake Collins	December 30 Jason Gardner
Song Leader	Scott Crockett	Rick Collins
Scripture Reading	Frank Houser Matthew Chapter 1	Jarrett Finley Matthew Chapter 2
Prayer	Jeff Reichel	Jud Scott
The Lord's Supper		
In Charge	Michael Salyer	Chuck Sutton
Assist	Mark Seidl	Jerry Berg
Assist	Jud Scott	Jim Nelson
Assist	Perry Pruitt	Brady Kuenning
Assist	Greg Niesen	Gary Harris
Scripture Reading	Etienne Kinney	Isaac Kuenning
Lesson	Robert Kuenning	David Shipley
Closing Prayer	Jeremiah Collins	Robert Hoagland
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

PRISON MINISTRY Dec 23 Baldwin Cato Dec 30 Tyler, Cato

WEDNESDAY

Song Leader	December 26 Riley Scott	January 2 George Katkus
Song Leader	Rocky Murrill	Rocky Murrill
Devo	Jeff Reichel	Riley Scott

CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Upstairs (Tables, Coffee and Dessert Areas)	Downstairs
December 23 Gardner N, Hales	Harris, Hartley D
December 30 Hess, Houser P	Kale, Katkus
(Downstairs clean-up people need to be downstairs by 12:15pm to have enough time to clean-up)	

ATTENDED NURSERY



For your convenience we offer an "as needed" attended nursery downstairs for children age 2 and under, a **training room to the left of the baptistry and a mother's room at the back of the auditorium.**



DEACONS

Jim Cato—Prison Ministry
Scott Crockett, Jud Scott, James Smith—Missions
Adam Hanshew—Advanced Bible Education
John Katkus—Fellowship
Mark Keller—Education
Barry Munsell—Church Expansion
Rocky Murrill—Services/Fellowship
Jeff Reichel—Youth
Chuck Sutton—Business/Finance
David Wolfe—Benevolence

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.** Please plan on joining us for lunch. 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 found in the pocket on the back of each chair. After you have filled out the card please put it in the contribution plate.

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

BUILDING
 The building is being used more and more. If you are planning a meeting or an event and want to use the building PLEASE see the secretary to schedule. This includes Saturday and Sunday as well as week days. **You don’t want to be disappointed when you arrive and someone else is already using the building.**

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	12/9/12	12/16/12
Service	199	185
Bible Class	113	116
Contribution	\$6710	\$3848
Budget \$6408		
Wednesday Evening	Cancelled	99
Building Contribution		

... 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.–

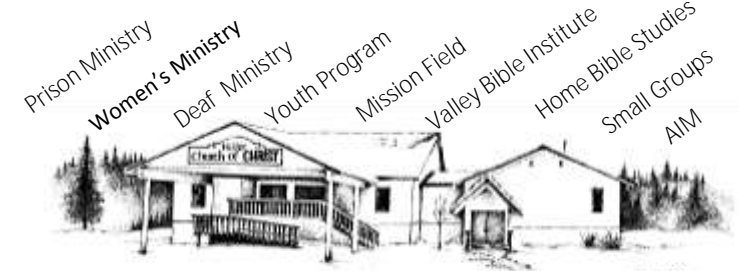
- > Jesus taught that Faith leads to Obedience - Matt 7:21
- > Jesus taught that Baptism must follow Faith for salvation to occur – Mark 16:16
- > Peter taught that once you know who Jesus is (faith), you must **“repent and be baptized” to have your sins forgiven** – Acts 2:36-39
- > Philip was teaching 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 1st 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 23, 2012

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages.”
 Matthew 28:18-20

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday:
 Service.....10:00AM—11:30AM
Fellowship Meal11:30AM—12:30PM
Bible Classes..... 12:45PM—1:30PM
 Wednesday:
 Bible Classes..... 7:00 PM

Office Hours 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
 Church Building—745-3011, Fax—745-3012

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