## CALENDAR UPDATE

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

Contact Mckenna Paine

**Tuesday Evenings** Men's Bible Study—7:00pm—VCOC building—Teen Class Room Ladies Bible Study—7:00pm —VCOC building—Ladies Tuesday Evenings Classroom Thursday Evenings Palmer Small Group—The group will meet at 6:30pm and have rotating locations. Jeff Porter is the contact—907-290-0870 **Sunday Evenings** McGill/Reichel Small Group—530-7:30pm—This group will be at rotating locations. Contact Troy McGill or Beth Reichel **Sunday Evenings** Young Adult Group meets at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings with rotating locations. Mike Katkus and/or Makenna Paine are the contacts Next Class Begins in Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—Acts of the Apostles. On Mondays 7:00-8:00pm—Contact Adam Hanshew September April 29 Ladies Spring Brunch—10:30am—-VCOC building—



- HEALTH CONCERNS: Sandra Crockett, Scott's mother; Catherine Endersby, Shannon Ross' grandmother; Jessica Gipson; Hanna Cross, Tim Caraway's niece, degenerative joint disease; Jean Hess, Bruce's mother; Aspen Kuenning; Margaret Parker. The following are suffering from cancer; Jackie Dowdy, Jason's mother; Xavier Felon, Stephen Teamer's Cousin; Nancy Hanshew continuing cancer treatment; Dean Johnson; Maggie Kofstad's brother Gary; Richard Lawson; Alice Thorne, Gary Skan's sister.
- Continue to pray for Derek Berg, Ed Cook, Bonnie Murrill, Jayden Scott. Monte Grow.

"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:

- Jim Cato requested prayers for his brother Mitch. He is in the hospital in Vancover BC for a heart valve replacement.
- Please be in prayer for Lesa O'Hara. She is Mat-Su Hospital with heart difficulties.
- Please be in prayer for Marlene Munsell and family. Her father is in the hospital with stage 4 cancer.
- Please be in prayer for John Carrington. He continues to be in Providence Hospital with health issues.
- Be in prayer for those who are scheduled for surgery. CK Kinney, back surgery, April 17; Carmon Rorman, kidney surgery, April 18; Rob VanDussen, surgery April 19; Lee Ames and Lori Cato will be having wrist surgery.
- Please continue to pray for Arline, Cheril Gardner's mom, as she recovers from an unexpected surgery and regains her strength.
- Please keep in your prayers.
- Please be in prayer for **Don and Billie Collins**, Rick's parents. They are experiencing health issues. They continue to improve.
- **Stephen Spurlin** continues to recover from a fall that required surgery.
- Please be in prayer for Mike Riner as he has many challenges.
- Keep Josephine Goyer in your prayers. She is experiencing health issues and has a fear of losing her faith. She could use encouragement with cards, letters and phone calls.
- Fletcher Collins ongoing health issues.
- Michael Street ongoing medical and health issues.
- Please be in prayer for Brent and Brenda Noe, Patricia Houser and Tim and Kelly Caraway. They are teaching in Deering.
- Please be in prayer for the Safe Families Ministry, for those serving, and for those who need its service.
- Please keep the Smith Family, James, Andrea, Clara, Lydia and Gideon, in your prayers as they are in the Mission Field in Albania.
- We have three young adults in the Mission Field: Trisha Gardner, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kinley Scott, Apaxco, Mexico and Rebekah Blain, Mexico City, Mexico. Please keep all in your prayers as they spread God's word around the world.
- Please be in prayer for our Mission Team as they spread Gods word in the Valley and around the State.
- 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

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Opening Prayer	Rocky Murrill	Jarrett Finley	
Song Leader	John Teamer	Logan Decker	
Scripture Reading	Alex Galbier	Sawyer Collins	
	Matthew 10:1-25	Matthew 10:26-42	
Prayer	Loren Hollingsworth	Layne McDowell	
The Lord's Supper			
In Charge	Craig Decker	Alex Hess	
Assist	Cale Garrett	Wilson Hess	
Assist	Jerry Berg	Hulon Hess	
Assist	Jeff Reichel	Tyler Williams	
Assist	Landon McDowell	Jason Murphy	
Assist	Drew Hanson	Matt Paine	
Scripture Reading	Ben Rorman	Michael Rosebeary	
Lesson	Tony Cloud	Loren Hollingsworth	
Closing Prayer	Michael Rosebeary	Troy McGill	
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett	

#### **WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY**

	April 19, 2023	April 26, 2023
Opening Prayer	Randy Tyler	Ian Keller
Song Leader	Alex Galbier	Sawyer Collins
Devo (5 Min)	Sawyer Collins	Jeremiah Collins
Class Lesson	Craig Decker	Craig Decker
Closing Prayer	<b>Howard Blaine</b>	Ben Rorman

ATTENDED NURSERY

For your convenience we offer an attended nursery in room #3 for children age 2 and under. There is a training room for older children at the back of the auditorium.

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

April 16—No Fellowship Meal April 23—Skan, Williams, Spurlin—Kitchen; Berg, Blaine—Fellowship Hall

## **DEACONS**

Advanced Bible Education—Adam Hanshew
Benevolence—Jason Gardner
Education—Shaphan Collins
Building and Grounds—
Business/Finance—Layne McDowell
Fellowship—Scott Crockett
Missions—Jason Gardner
Online Ministry—Brady Kuenning
Prison Ministry—
Seniors—Jarrett Finley
Services—Rocky Murrill
Youth—Alex Hess

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 found in the pocket on the backs of the chairs or 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 in foyer.

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

#### **BUILDING**

If you are planning a meeting or an event and want to use the building PLEASE see Nancy 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.



# "I will show my faith by my works."

For the Week Beginning	04-02-2023	04-09-20223
Assembly	233	248
Bible Class		149
Weekly Contribution	\$7400	\$6324
Budget \$7832		
Wednesday	115	153

# ... ... 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 <u>Baptism</u> 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 <u>faith AND baptized him</u>. Acts 8:35-38
- > Paul told the jailer that he must have FATIH and then he IMMEDIATELY <u>baptized Him and his family</u>.—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 <u>baptized</u> 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 <u>Grace</u> 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

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



April 16, 2023

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

1 Peter 5:10

#### **SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES**

Sunday:

> Office Hours 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday Church Office—907-357-3011 Email: church@akvcoc.com Website: www.akvcoc.com

> Ministers: Robert Kuenning —907-354-3011 and Michael Katkus—907-521-1326

Elders: Rick Collins, Kirklin Kinney, Robert Kuenning