CALENDAR UPDATE

ONGOING EVENTS

Tuesday Evenings Men's Bible Study—7:00pm—VCOC building—Teen Class Room Tuesday Evenings Ladies Bible Study—7:00pm —VCOC building—Ladies Classroom Palmer Small Group—The group will meet at 6:30pm and have Thursday Evenings rotating locations. Jeff Porter is the contact—907-290-0870 McGill/Reichel Small Group—530-7:30pm—This group will be Sunday Evenings at rotating locations. Contact Troy McGill or Beth Reichel. Starts September 17 at the Reichel's home **Sunday Evenings** Young Adult Group meets at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings with rotating locations. Mike Katkus is the contact. **UPCOMING EVENTS** September 18-2023 Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom— Acts of the April 1, 2024 Apostles, September 18, 2023-April 1, 2024—On Mondays— 7:00-8:00pm—Contact Adam Hanshew September 27-30 **Fall Family Share Event**—More information to come Actual Share Days September 29 and 30— Contact Tamika Dowdy October 15-18 A Bible Seminar, Healing Hurting Families, East Homer church of Christ—Guest Speaker: Donnie Bates, Bear Valley Institute October 20-21 Men's Retreat Anchorage—More information to come October 27-29 Ladies Retreat VCOC—More information to come

- Brent and Brenda Noe, Patricia Houser and Tim and Kelly Caraway are in Deering for the school year.
- Please be in prayer for Mykaela (McMullen) Lee that she has a safe pregnancy and delivers a healthy baby.
- 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.
- Please be in prayer for our four young adults, Kyah Morris, Makenna Paine, Joseph Potter and Joshua Gardner, in the AIM (Adventures in Missions) program at Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas.
- We have one young adult in the Mission Field: Kinley Scott, Apaxco, Mexico. Please keep her in your prayers as she spreads God's word around the world.

"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 keep Artem Vinogradov's family in your prayers. Artem was a youth minister in the church in Poltava. He lost his life defending his country (Ukraine) against Russia at the front lines.
- Gary Elmore, former member at the Valley, is in the hospital with a serious blood disorder and may need a bone marrow transplant. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Shirley LeMaster asked for prayers for her family. **Daughter Evette** was taken to Providence on Thursday and daughter **Michelle and her husband John, who live in Dillingham,** are both suffering from cancer.
- Please keep Dorothy O'Neill's mother Christy in your prayers. As of Wednesday she was in ICU. Mat-Su Regional.
- Please keep Scott Crockett's friend, Mark Hibma, in you prayers. He has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Russ Bunyard's father is suffering from cancer and is in the last stages of life. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Nathan Gardner's mom, Lorraine, has been diagnosed with cancer and is expected to have surgery in two weeks. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Please keep Taffina Katkus' mother, Luella Thomas, in your prayers. She is fighting covid.
- Please be in prayer for Lauri Bowers brother, Tom. He is suffering from cancer and now has severe radiation burns.
- Please be in prayer for Brent Noe's father. He continues to have strokes and body and memory are failing quickly.
- Please keep Monte and Janet Grow in your prayers. Monte is having health issues.
- Please keep Sandy Shacklett and her family in your prayers. They are having some particularly difficult situations in their lives.
- Please keep John and Betty Carrington in your prayers. John is having health issues. He is at home gaining strength.
- Lee and Marcia Ames are in Colorado. Lee developed a dangerous medical combination and is now on dialysis and in a rehab center. Lee and Marcia will be in Colorado indefinitely.
- Kim Delph requested prayers for her Brother's family for a very serious on going situation.
- Please be in prayer for Bonnie Burkhardsmeier. She is having severe back pain.
- Please be in prayer for **Mike Riner** as he has many challenges.
- Josephine Goyer is in need of encouragement and motivation. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Fletcher Collins ongoing health issues.
- Michael Street ongoing medical and health issues.



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	Opening Prayer	Harrison McGill	Rocky Murrill	
	Song Leader	Rocky Murrill	Logan Decker	
	Scripture Reading	Luke Gardner	Chuck Sutton	
		Matthew 24:1-28	Matthew 24:29-51	
	Prayer	Monty Howes	David Desjarlais	
	The Lord's Supper			
	In Charge	Alex Galbier	Michael Rosebeary	
	Assist	Grayson McDowell	Landon McDowell	
	Assist	Jerry Berg	Drew Hanson	
	Assist	Jeff Porter	Scott Williamson	
	Assist	David Elledge	Patrick Naler	
	Assist	Tyler Williams	Russ Bunyard	
	Scripture Reading	Jason Dowdy	Jeff Smith	
	Lesson	Robert Kuenning	Loren Hollingsworth	
	Closing Prayer	Jason Gardner	Alex Galbier	
	Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett	

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

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	September 6, 2023	September 13, 2023				
Opening Prayer	Jeff Porter	Rocky Murrill				
Song Leader	Rocky Murrill	Adam Kuenning				
Devo (5 Min)	Logan Decker	Drew Hanson				
Class Lesson	Jeff Smith	Jeff Smith				
Closing Prayer	Chuck Sutton	Michael Rosebeary				

ATTENDED NURSERY

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

FELLOWSHIP MEAL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Sept 3—Lynch, Kuenning I, Kuenning A-Kitchen; McDowell, McGill—

Fellowship Hall

Sept 10—Munsell, Murrill, Naler—Kitchen; Murphy, Noe D—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

PRAYERS CONTINUED

- 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.
- 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; 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.**

FOOD ALLERGY—REMINDER

Some members of our church family are allergic to peanuts, and tree nuts (all nuts) and their oils, any kind of fish including salmon and all seafood (shellfish etc.) and exposure to them can be seriously dangerous. It is requested that any fellowship meal items containing any of these items be clearly marked with a card so that the item can be avoided. Thank you



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	08-20-2023	08-27-2023		
Assembly	256	253		
Bible Class	161	150		
Weekly Contribution	\$4572	\$4539		
Budget \$7832				
Wednesday	105			

... ... 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 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 <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 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 resurrectionRom 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



September 3, 2023

"Elijah went before the people and said, 'How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him." 1 Kings 18:21

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