# **CALENDAR UPDATE**

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

Monday Evenings		Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—Next class Epistles of Peter, Starting 9-16-24—Contact Adam Hanshew		
Tuesday Evenings		Men's Bible Study—7:00pm—VCOC building—Teen Class Room		
Tuesday Evenings		Ladies Bible Study—7:00pm —VCOC building—Ladies Classroom— <b>See Insert for QR code</b>		
Thui	rsday Evenings	Palmer Small Group—The group will meet at 6:30pm and have rotating locations. Jeff Porter is the contact—907-290-0870		
Thu	ırsday Evenings	Big Lake/Wasilla Small Group—The group will meet at 5:30pm and have rotating locations. Ben Rorman is the contact for this group 701-818-7532		
Sunday Evenings		Sunday Small Group—530-7:30pm—This group will meet every other week at rotating locations. Contact The Reichels.  See insert for QR code		
Sunday Evenings		Young Adult Group meets at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings with rotating locations. Mike Katkus is the contact.		
		UPCOMING EVENTS		
April-May		Youth Schedule—See Insert Use QR code to stay connected		
April 7		VBS Meeting after class in the Auditorium		
April 8		"The Playdate" group meets in the Teen Room and Fellowship Hall 9:00am-12:00pm—Contact Amber Smith.		
April 12-13		<b>Spring Family Share Event</b> -Please put your items for the event in the VBI Room-Contact Tamika Dowdy		
April 19-21		<b>Lectureship</b> —Navigating Culture in Christ Northern Lights church of Christ, Fairbanks		
Apri	l 27	Wedding Shower for Emily Serrano at Sierra Paines home. 9:00 -11:00am. More information to follow.		
Apri	27 CANCELLED	Ladies Craft Day at the VCANOEVLEDHall-11:00am-3:00pm		
Apri	l 29	"The Playdate" group meets in the Teen Room and Fellowship Hall 9:00am-12:00pm—Contact Amber Smith.		
May 4		Spring Family Breakfast—VCOC building—9:00am-12:00pm		
June 17-21		Vacation Bible School (VBS)		

# **SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy goes out to Robert McIver and family. His brother, Mike, was killed in a car accident Monday near Bib Lake. Please keep Robert, Lauren and the families involved in this tragedy in your prayers.

"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:

- Jessica Gipson fell while in Deering and broke her lower leg. She is now waiting to see if there is more damage.
- Please continue to pray for Sheila Collins, Kim Delph, Carol Kuenning and Bonnie Murrill as they are experiencing health issues.
- Please continue to pray for Loren and Penny Hollingsworth. There has not been much change to Loren's condition.
- Jason Murphy's mother, Margaret Parker, is now out of the hospital and doing better.
- Please keep Glenn and Sally Smith in your prayers. Glenn's care has been transferred to Fred Hutch Cancer Center. At this time he is in UW Medical Center with an infection that has delayed his treatment.
- Please keep Tim and Kelly Caraway in your prayers. Tim is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Please keep Monte and Janet Grow in your prayers. Monte is having health issues.
- Fletcher Collins ongoing health issues.
- Michael Street ongoing medical and health issues.
- Brent and Brenda Noe and Patricia Houser are in Deering for the school year.
- Please be in prayer for Kimberly Keller and Karli (Murrill) Sherk that they have safe pregnancies and deliver healthy babies.
- 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. This group will be coming home for a short time before going to their Mission assignments.
- Please keep Loren and Penny Hollingsworth in your prayers as they are in the Mission Field.
- 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; Hanna Cross, Tim Caraway's niece, degenerative joint disease; Jean Hess, Bruce's mother; Aspen Kuenning. The following are suffering from cancer; Jackie Dowdy, Jason's mother; Dean Johnson; Maggie Kofstad's brother Gary; Richard Lawson; Laurie Rose, Bonnie Burkhardsmeier's niece; Alice Thorne, Gary Skan's sister.
- Continue to pray for Derek Berg, Jayden Scott.

# SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

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	April 7, 2024		April 14, 2024
Opening Prayer	David Desjarlais		Jeff Porter
Song Leader	Bruce Hess		Logan Decker
Scripture Reading	Stephen Teamer		Jason Dowdy
	Acts 11:19-30		Acts 12:1-25
Prayer	Layne McDowell		Alex Galbier
The Lord's Supper			
In Charge	Mark Keller		Chuck Sutton
Assist	Cale Garrett		Elijah Naler
Assist	Jerry Berg		Wilson Hess
Assist	Scott Williamson		Bruce Hess
Assist	James Cato		Jeff Reichel
Assist	John Katkus		Tyler Williams
Scripture Reading	Michael Miller		Craig Decker
Lesson	Michael Katkus		Jeff Smith
Closing Prayer	Alex Galbier		Michael Rosebeary
Announcements	Scott Crockett		Scott Crockett

## **WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY**

April 10, 2023	April 17, 2024
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Stephen Teamer	Drew Hanson
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Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett
Chuck Sutton	Rocky Murrill
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#### 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**

April 7—Kuenning A, Kuenning I, Lee—Kitchen; Lynch, McGill—

Fellowship Hal

April 14—Miller, Moen, Munsell—Kitchen; Murphy, Murrill—Fellowship Hall

#### **DEACONS**

Advanced Bible Education—Adam Hanshew
Benevolence—Jason Gardner
Education—Shaphan Collins
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

# **LECTURESHIP**

Registration for the Lectureship is still open. It's not too late to register. Please register at https://www.nlcoc.com/lectureship-2024
Leadership Seminar April 18-19 and Lectureship April 19-21.



Use the QR code to the left to stay connected with the **Valley Youth Group** events on WhatsApp—Contact—Alex Hess for more details 850-381-4907

**19-21 April: Alaska Statewide Lectureship,** Northern Lights church of Christ, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**28** April, **5-7:30PM, TNT hosted by Craig Decker family**. More details to follow.

**3 May, 6-9 PM, Basketball at Pioneer Peak Elementary** (1959 N Stringfield Rd, Palmer, AK, 99645). Bring a ball (if you have one) and water.

**5 May, 5-7:30PM, TNT hosted by Jason Gardner family**. More details to follow.

**19 May, 5-7:30PM, TNT hosted by Jason Dowdy family**. More details to follow.



# **Sunday Small Group**

Use the QR code to the left to stay connected with the Sunday Small Group on WhatsApp. Contact the Reichels.



# **Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Use the QR code to the left to stay connected in all things regarding Bible studies and prayers for one another.

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	03-24-24	03-31-2024				
Assembly	245	239				
Bible Class	152	111				
Weekly Contribution	\$5374	\$6101				
Weekly Budget Goal \$7711						
Wednesday	89	93				
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# ... ... 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 <u>faith</u> 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

# **VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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



April 7, 2024

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

### **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