

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



April 6, 2025

“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:
Assembly.....10:00AM—11:30AM
Fellowship Meal.....11:45AM—12:30PM
Bible Classes.....12:45PM—1:30PM

Wednesday:
Bible Classes.....7:00PM

Office Hours 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday
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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 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

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 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.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

For those that give via online contributions, please ensure that any PayPal transfers to the church are set to a transaction type of “Donation” and NOT “Goods and Services”.

To ensure you have the correct transaction type selected, you can use the “PayPal Giving” button provided on our church website at <https://www.akvcoc.com/member-resource/contribution#paypal> which will automatically default to “Donation” as the transaction type.

Please **DO NOT** use the PayPal Mobile App when giving to the church since it defaults to “Goods and Services” and has no “Donation” option. We are currently searching for a better online contribution method and will let the congregation know of any future changes. Thank you.

“I will show my faith by my works.”

For the Week Beginning	03-23-2024	03-30-2025
Assembly	224	234
Bible Class	121	107
Weekly Contribution	\$8664	\$7724
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday	95	127

VCOC YOUTH EVENTS							WEEK : APR 6TH – 19TH	
SUN 6th	MON 7th	TUE 8th	WED 9th	THU 10th	FRI 11th	SAT 12th		
					<div>Hulon Hess - Basketball TIME TBD - Grizzly</div> <div>Julia Dowdy - Basketball 8 & 9 PM - Grizzly</div>	<div>Jada Dowdy - Basketball 8:45 AM - Grizzly Family Fitness</div> <div>Fletcher Collins - Wrestling 9 AM - Big Lake Lions Club</div> <div>Keith Collins - Wrestling 1 PM - Big Lake Lions Club</div>		
SUN 13th	MON 14th	TUE 15th	WED 16th	THU 17th	FRI 18th	SAT 19th		
			<div>Aubrey Hess Track Meet 3:30 PM Palmer High School</div>		<div>Hulon Hess - Basketball TIME TBD - Grizzly</div> <div>Aubrey Hess - Track Meet TIME TBD - Homer H.S.</div> <div>Julia Dowdy - Basketball 6 & 9 PM - Grizzly</div>	<div>Jada Dowdy Basketball 8:45 AM Grizzly Family Fitness</div>		
NOTES <div> There can often be changes to schedule and location. Check with parents if you plan to attend. </div>								



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

YOUTH GROUP

6 April, 5-7PM: TNT hosted at the VcoC building by Jeremiah and Brandolynn Collins.

10-12 April: Alaska Statewide Lectureship hosted by the Anchor Point church of Christ in Homer. This is not a Youth Group trip, but it is highly recommended that you attend if able.

13-19 April: F.A.M Group Week.

27 April, 6-8PM: The Chosen Movie Night at VcoC. Season 1, Episodes 7 & 8. Food provided. Bring drinks or snack to share.

2 May, 6-9PM: Volleyball & Basketball at Colony Middle School (9250 E Colony Schools Dr, Palmer, AK). Bring water and a ball (if you have one).

4 May, 2:30-5PM: Teen Area-Wide at Anchorage church of Christ. We'll depart immediately after class and return to the VcoC building at 5:45PM.

11-17 May: F.A.M. Group Week.

25 May: 6-8PM: The Chosen Movie Night at VcoC. Season 2, Episodes 1 & 2. Food provided. Bring drinks or snack to share.



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.



Sunday Small Group

Use the QR code to the left to stay connected with the Sunday Small Group on WhatsApp. Contact The Reichel's

CALENDAR UPDATE
ONGOING EVENTS

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Event Description. Rows include Monday Evenings, Tuesday Evenings, Thursday Evenings, and Sunday Evenings with details about Bible studies and church activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event Description. Rows include Apr-May, Apr 6-Apr 19, April 6, and April 10-13 with details about youth schedule, vacation Bible school, and lectureship.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our directory is in need of updating. Please fill out a directory update form (forms are on both tables in the foyer and todays insert) and put completed form in the basket located on the foyer table by the office door.

“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:

- Fletcher Collins is scheduled for MRI (3) on April 7. Please pray for good results.
- Please be in prayer for Marie Elnan’s sister, Dawna, She is 90 years old and in the hospital again. Also pray for her family who are taking care of her.
- Bonnie Burkhardtsmeier, Pam Elledge and Tammy Hess recovering from surgery.
- Cheril Gardner’s mother, Arline, continues to be in the Native Hospital. She will be there for some time.
- Please be in prayer for those that are having health issues and other struggles. Betty Carrington, Josephine Goyer, Daniel and Jessica Gipson, Joan Kistler, Lee and Marcia Ames, Bonnie Murrill, Margeret Parker and those who are struggling in silence.
- Please keep Tim and Kelly Caraway in your prayers as Tim continues treatment for cancer.
- Please keep Glenn and Sally Smith in your prayers. Glenn had good scan results for cancer but he needs to be careful about being exposed to sickness.
- Please keep Monte and Janet Grow in your prayers. Monte is having health issues.
- Michael Street ongoing medical and health issues.
- Please be in prayer for Helen Hanson and Catherine Stefan 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. Newsletter on mission table in the foyer.
- Please be in prayer for Kyah Morris, Makenna Paine and Joseph Potter. All are at their Mission assignments with AIM (Adventures in Missions). Newsletters on mission table in the foyer.
- 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: Hanna Cross, Tim Caraway’s niece, degenerative joint disease. The following are suffering from cancer; Maggie Kofstad’s brother Gary; Richard Lawson, Meredith Porters father; Alice Thorne, Gary Skan’s sister.
- Continue to pray for Derek Berg and Jayden Scott.



SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

Table with 3 columns: Date, Roles, and Names. Rows for April 6, 2025 and April 13, 2025 listing roles like Opening Prayer, Song Leader, Scripture Reading, etc., and the names of the participants.

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

Table with 3 columns: Date, Roles, and Names. Rows for April 9, 2025 and April 16, 2025 listing roles like Opening Prayer, Song Leader, Devo, etc., and the names of the participants.



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 6—Stefan, Berg, Bowers—Kitchen; Cato, Crockett—Fellowship Hall
April 13—Decker C, Decker L, Dowdy—Kitchen; Desjarlais, Elledge—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