## **CALENDAR UPDATE**

#### ONGOING EVENTS

Home Group at the Munsell's—Pot Luck Fellowship Meal. Sunday Evening Monday Evenings VBI Class—Psalms—7:00pm, at the Valley church of Christ building Men's Bible Study —7:00pm—Valley church of Christ building Tuesday Evenings **Tuesday Evenings** Ladies Bible Study at the Valley church of Christ building— 7:00pm—December 6 Last Study Wednesday Evenings VBI Class—2 Corinthians, 7:00pm, at the Valley church of Christ building—Class begins on January 4, 2017. TBA Knik Goose Bay Home Group TBA Thursday Evenings Home Group at the B. Kuenning's—6:00pm

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 4	Elders, Deacons Meeting, 2:00pm VCOC Building
December 4	TNT at the VCOC Building, 5:00PM
December 10	Kids Craft Day, VCOC Building 10:00am—See Insert
December 10	Gingerbread House Contest, VCOC Building, 4:00pn See Insert
December 11	Pre-TNT at VCOC Building, 5:00pm
December 16	Ornament Exchange, 6:30pm at the Delph's—See Insert
December 17	Holiday Shopping (Youth) 10:00am
December 18	TNT Christmas Celebration, J Gardner's, 5:00pm

### **BAPTISM**

Riley Cook was baptized on Sunday, November 27. We praise God for Riley's decision to obey and follow Him. Congratulations!

Continue to pray for Church in Kodiak, Derek Berg, Hannah Filopvich;
 Audrey Maze, and Dorothy, Julie Kirn's sisters; Bonnie Murrill; Tevin
 Payne; Patty Paris, Dana Keller's cousin, cancer; Wendy Pruitt; Jeff
 Reichels father, Clark; Lillian Schoonmaker, Jayden Scott.

"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:

- Glen Fryfogle, a visitor, came forward Sunday with prayers of thanks.
   His grandson Noah has been found safe.
- Virgie Kilgore, Lindsay Teamers grandmother, continues to be in the hospital.
- Greg Niesen cancer, not doing well.
- Continue to pray for Michael and Carita Rosebery that they may have strength and peace.
- Marie Elnan's recovering from surgery.
- Continue to pray for the family of David Grunwald, a Wasilla teen who has been missing since November 13.
- Barry Munsell recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Michael Street extreme hip pain. Waiting for appointments and surgery to be scheduled.
- Continue to pray for **Fletcher Collins**, ongoing health issues.
- Daniel Gipson requested prayers for his mother, **Linda**. She is in hospice care in Arkansas.
- Please keep Breanna Baldwin and Karli Murrill in your prayers.
- Loren and Penny Hollingsworth mission field in Thailand.
- **Dorothy O'Neill** Adventures in Missions.
- Kayla Caraway and George Katkus Mission assignments in Northern Ireland, Phoenix, Arizona respectively.
- Autumn Collins and Lindsay Teamer that they have safe pregnancies and deliver healthy babies.
- We have many **members of our family** traveling.
- Pray for our family members to walk worthy of our calling.
- HEALTH CONCERNS: Members of Bonnie B. family, Nathan, Kyle and Jason; David Baldwin, Sandy's father-in-law, health; Joy Bowlus, Bob's mother, congestive heart failure; Bea Long, Karen Williams' mother; Hanna Cross, Tim Caraways niece, degenerative joint disease; The following are suffering from cancer Earlene, Oletta Spurlin's sister; Alyssa Ferguson, friend of the Crockett's; Xavier Freelon, Stephen Teamer's Cousin; Kristin Halsell, friend of Bruce Hess; Renee Haggen, friend of the Murrill's; Dean Johnson; Hans and Donna Becker, Julie Kirn's brother-in-law and sister; Leilani McElhaney Blake and Malaki Murrill's mother; Jill Mullins, Bobbie Brophy's daughter and Beth Shipley, David's mother; Rick Hess, Bruce's father, heart problems; Doreene, Julie Kirns sister; Wilma Habig; Martha Lewis; Alan LeMaster, brother from Gakona; cancer; Mark Seidl, Chester Webb.



### **SUNDAY ASSEMBLY**

A. C.	December 4, 2016	December 11, 2016
Opening Prayer	Kirklin Kinney	Gary Lee
Song Leader	Jason Dowdy	Isaac Kuenning
Scripture Reading	Brady Kuenning	Chuck Sutton
	Acts 21:1-26	Acts 21:27-40
Prayer	Alex Hess	Doug McMullen
The Lord's Supper		
In Charge	Gary Lee	Randy Tyler
Assist	Jeff Reichel	Adam Hanshew
Assist	Jud Scott	Daniel Morphew
Assist	John Katkus	Carter Thomas
Assist	Matthew Henry	Jerry Berg
Scripture Reading	Paul Boquet	Alex Hess
Lesson	Mike Katkus	Robert Kuenning
Closing Prayer	Jeff Porter	Dave Rambow
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

PRISON MINISTRY—Dec 4, Randy Tyler—Dec 11, Stephen Teamer

**WEDNESDAY** —7:00pm—Singing/devotional and Bible class.

December 07—Devo John Katkus, Song Leader Isaac Kuenning

December 14—Devo Shaphan Collins, Song Leader Stephen Teamer

### **ATTENDED NURSERY**

For your convenience we offer an "as needed" attended nursery for children age 2 and under and a training room for older children at the back of the auditorium.

### FELLOWSHIP MEAL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

December 4 December 11

J Katkus, M Katkus, Keller K Kinney, GK Kinney, B Kuenning

## **DEACONS**

Scott Crockett—Fellowship
Robert Bowlus—Prison Ministry
Jason Gardner—Youth
Adam Hanshew—Advanced Bible Education
Mark Keller—Education
Barry Munsell—Church Expansion
Rocky Murrill—Services
James Smith—Missions
Chuck Sutton—Business/Finance
David Wolfe—Benevolence

## **KIDS CRAFT DAY**

Kids Craft Day is on **Saturday, December 10**, 10:00am at the Valley church of Christ Building. Any youth or adults that can help with this event would be greatly appreciated. There are a lot of fun crafts being planned this year. The more help we have, the more glitter and glue we can use. Like to help contact Jennifer Gardner.

# **GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST**

A timed challenge for fun loving grown-ups! **December 10**, 4:00-7ish, Valley church of Christ building, Potluck crockpot soup and sides (Keep it simple)

## **Gingerbread House Contest Rules**

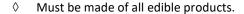
- ♦ Timed Decorating begins at 4:15pm and will end at 6:15pm. (unless there is a consensus to add more time!)
- ♦ Bring your own:

Prebaked house parts (walls may be assembled)

Transportable base

Frosting

Décor items



- Houses will be displayed and labeled with numbers for the congregation to vote Sunday, December 11th during pot luck. Winners will be announced at 12:30pm. There will be categories for Most Original, Best Traditional and Best in Show.
- This contest is for adults, but teens can also participate without help from parents.
- See Melinda for questions and to confirm participation.
- December 10, 4:00-7-ish, Valley church of Christ Building, Potluck: crockpot soup and sides

## **ORNAMENT EXCHANGE**

Kim Delph will be hosting a Ladies' "Ornament Exchange" at her home on Friday, **December 16th at 6:30pm**.

What to bring: Finger food snacks to share and a wrapped ornament (with no name on it) to exchange. The ornament can be homemade or store bought.

Kim's address: 5661 Cherry Circle, Wasilla

Home phone: 907-357-2628, Cell 907-727-0633. If you have questions, please contact Kim.



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 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.



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

For the Week Beginning	11-20-2016	11-27-2016
Service	201	208
Bible Class	123	140
Weekly Contribution	\$5915	\$5879
Budget \$6236		
Wednesday	87	88

## ... ... 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  $\underline{\text{Baptism}}$  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 <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

# **VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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



December 4, 2016

.....and I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

### **SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES**

Sunday:

Wednesday:

Bible Classes.....7:00PM

Office Hours 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday Church Office—907-357-3011 Email: church@akvcoc.com Website: www.akvcoc.com Ministers: Robert Kuenning —354-3011

and Michael Katkus—521-1326
Elders: Robert Kuenning, Dave Williams, Rick Collins

and Perry Pruitt