### **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>
Thursday Evenings	Palmer Small Group—The group will meet at 6:30pm and have rotating locations. Jeff Porter is the contact—907-290-0870
Thursday 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 On Hiatus for the Summer	Sunday Small Group—5:30-7:30pm—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
May	Youth Schedule—See insert for QR code to stay connected
May 24	Send off for the Aimers going to their Mission Assignments—VCOC Fellowship Hall—6:00-9:00pm—This is a Potluck—Contact Cheril Gardner
May 31	<b>Teachers Work Day</b> —9:00am until Contact Shaphan or Autumn Collins
June 2	Elders and Deacons Meeting—8:00am —VCOC Teen Room
June 8	<b>Mattson and Kammermeyer Wedding</b> —See invitation on the table in the foyer
June 15	Donuts for Dad—VCOC Fellowship Hall—9:00-11:00am
June 17-21	Vacation Bible School (VBS)

- 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 and 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:

- Please keep Marie Elnan in your prayers. She is scheduled to have complete knee replacement at Mat-Su Regional on May 21.
- Beatrice Ingram requested prayers for her brother, Sam, who is suffering from serious medical conditions and for a friends infant child who also has serious medical conditions.
- Betty Carrington requested prayers for two of her friends:
   John Mears is currently hospitalized with very serious medical issues.
   Pray for recovery and his family's strength and faith and Tanya Mitchell is going through serious challenges. Pray that Tanya and her loved ones find the right choices and answers.
- Please continue to keep Penny Hollingsworth and family in your prayers.
- Please keep Jason Gardner's parents, Robert and Ruth, in your prayers.
   Robert continues to recover from a stroke and has been diagnosed with lung cancer. They live in Centerville, TN.
- Please keep Mark and Dana Keller in your prayers. Dana is scheduled to have a heart procedure on May 24.
- Bonnie Burkhardsmeier, Jessica Gipson, Tiffany Noe and Margaret
   Parker continue their recovery from surgery.
- Betty Carrington, Carol Kuenning are having health issues. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.
- Please keep Tim and Kelly Caraway in your prayers. Tim is receiving treatment for cancer. He is doing much better.
- Please keep Glenn and Sally Smith in your prayers. Glenn's care is at Fred Hutch Cancer Center. He is continuing treatment for cancer and is making progress.
- 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 that she has a safe pregnancy and delivers a healthy baby.
- 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 as they prepare for their Mission Assignments..
- 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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A SECOND	May 19, 2024	May 26, 2014
Opening Prayer	Rocky Murrill	Sawyer Collins
Song Leader	Adam Kuenning	John Teamer
Scripture Reading	Sawyer Collins	Daniel Noe
	Acts 15:22-41	Acts 16:1-21
Prayer	David Elledge	Matt Paine
The Lord's Supper		
In Charge	John Teamer	Chuck Sutton
Assist	Randy Tyler	Jason Murphy
Assist	Bruce Hess	Shaphan Collins
Assist	Jerry Berg	Ben Rorman
Assist	Logan Decker	Russ Bunyard
Assist	Daniel Gipson	Jerry Berg
Scripture Reading	Ben Rorman	Luke Gardner
Lesson	Michael Katkus	Robert Kuenning
Closing Prayer	Daniel Gallegos	Michael Rosebeary
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

### **WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY**

	May 22, 2024	May 29, 2024
Opening Prayer	Rocky Murrill	Matt Price
Song Leader	Luke Gardner	Craig Elledge
Devo (5 Min)	Cale Garrett	Craig Elledge
Class Lesson	John Teamer	Jeff Smith
Closing Prayer	Daniel Noe	Jarrett Finley



#### 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

May 19—Galbier, Gallegos, Gardner J—Kitchen; Gardner N, Garrett—
Fellowship Hall

May 26—Hanson, Hess A, Hess B—Kitchen; Katkus J, Kuenning A—

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



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 May: TNT hosted by the Dowdy's at VCOC building from 3-6 PM. Girls bring drinks, guys bring desserts.
- 22 May: Meet at Blaze Pizza (across from VCOC building) immediately following Wednesday evening assembly (~8:15PM) to celebrate Luke Gardner's graduation from high school.
- \*\* The may 22nd event is an open invite to the church.
- 22 May: Come join the youth group as we celebrate Luke Gardner's graduation from high school! The entire congregation is invited to join us at Blaze Pizza (across the street from the VCOC building) after assembly on Wednesday (~8:15 PM). This would be a great opportunity to congratulate Luke or give him a note of encouragement. Thanks!
- 2 June: Teen Area-Wide at Anchorage church of Christ ~3-6 PM. Food provided. Bring your bible and a notebook. We'll leave from VCOC building immediately following bible class and return ~7PM.



### **Sunday Small Group**

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



### **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.



## June 14-24

Discipletrips will include 13 adults..several being married couples that would be hosted together.

### June 21

Heritage Place church of Christ needs a good night of sleep before driving to Homer the next day. Includes 27 Teens/Adults

# June 29-July 7

Dalton Gardens church of Christ will be working in Eagle River and we would like to have homes ready to assist in housing if needed.



If you are able to host or provide vehicles to be used for transportation, please contact Addie Williams 256-443-8656 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	05-05-2024	05-12-2024			
Assembly	220	235			
Bible Class	138				
Weekly Contribution	\$7343	\$6759			
Weekly Budget Goal \$7711					
Wednesday	145	120			
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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 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 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



May 19, 2024

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:6-8

### **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