

# VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



January 19, 2025

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”  
Galatians 2:20 KJV

## 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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Elders: Rick Collins, Kirklín Kinney, Robert Kuenning

## ... .. 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 FAITH 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 CLEARTEST 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 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 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	01-05-2025	01-12-2025
Assembly	230	175
Bible Class	Not Taken	111
Weekly Contribution	\$7561	\$6146
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday		113

# CALENDAR UPDATE

## ONGOING EVENTS

Monday Evenings	Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—Epistles of John— <b>Class begins January 13, 2025</b> —Contact Adam Hanshew
Tuesday Evenings	Men’s Bible Study—7:00pm—VCOC building—Multi Purpose Room
Tuesday Evenings	Ladies Bible Study—7:00pm —VCOC building—Ladies Classroom—Use WhatsApp QR code to stay connected
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	Sunday Small Group—5:00-7:00pm—This group will meet every other week at rotating locations. Contact The Reichel's. Use WhatsApp QR code to stay connected
Sunday Evenings	Young Adult Group meets at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings with rotating locations. Mike Katkus is the contact.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January	<b>Youth Schedule</b> —Use WhatsApp QR code to stay connected—See Insert
January 12-25	Valley church of Christ <b>Youth Events</b> —See Insert
February 2	Budget Presentation Meeting—12:45pm in the Auditorium (in place of the adult Bible Class), and is open to everyone
February 7	6-9pm—Basketball at the Borough Gym—350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer—Bring water and a ball (if you have one)
February 7-8	Ladies’ Retreat—Anchorage church of Christ—Theme “Living in Your Season”—There is a flyer on the table in the foyer—Please register at <a href="http://www.ancoc.org">www.ancoc.org</a>
February 15	Mission Breakfast—Zoom with the Smith’s in Albania—See Insert
Feb 28-March 2	Winter Retreat Midnight Sun Bible Camp—More Information Coming

“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:

- **Gary Lee** is out of the hospital and doing well.
- Dora Teamer’s mother, **Julia**, is in hospice care and her time appears to be short.
- Please be in prayer for **Salem**, baby daughter, of Chris and Karli Sherk. She is recovering from viral pneumonia. **Chris** has also been ill.
- Please keep **Jayden Scott** in your prayers as he recovers from a broken leg.
- Continue to pray for the **Galbier family** as they have had some health challenges.
- Please keep **Maggie Kofstad** in your prayers. She is having some struggles.
- Please be in prayer for those that are having health issues and other struggles. **Betty Carrington, Sandi Dobberke, Josephine Goyer, Daniel and Jessica Gipson, Lee and Marcia Ames, Bonnie Murrill, Margaret 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.
- **Fletcher Collins** ongoing health issues.
- **Michael Street** ongoing medical and health issues.
- Please be in prayer for **Addie Williams** 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. 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.
- Please keep **Craig Elledge** in your prayers. He is in Lubbock TX in the AIM (Adventures in Missions) program. Newsletter on mission table in 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**.



## SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

	January 19, 2025	January 26, 2025
Opening Prayer	Layne McDowell	Rocky Murrill
Song Leader	Logan Decker	Bruce Hess
Scripture Reading	Daniel Noe	Ben Rorman
	2 John	3 John
Prayer	Jarrett Finley	Jason Murphy
The Lord’s Supper		
In Charge	John Teamer	Sawyer Collins
Assist	Mogans Tyler	Mogans Tyler
Assist	Bruce Hess	Grayson McDowell
Assist	Wilson Hess	Howard Blaine
Assist	Ben Rorman	Cale Garrett
Assist	James Cato	Luke Gardner
Scripture Reading	David Desjarlais	Alex Galbier
Lesson	Jeff Smith	Mike Katkus
Closing Prayer	Ian Keller	Ian Keller
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

## WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

	January 22, 2025	January 29, 2025
Opening Prayer	Grayson McDowell	Rocky Murrill
Song Leader	Logan Decker	Luke Gardner
Devo (5 Min)	Evan Naler	Alex Galbier
Class Lesson	Layne McDowell	Layne McDowell
Closing Prayer	Sawyer Collins	Ben Rorman



## 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

Jan 19—Mahugh, Miller, Murrill—Kitchen; Munsell, Murphy—Fellowship Hall  
 Jan 26—Naler, Noe, Porter—Kitchen; Reichel, Rosebeary—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—

### YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- 19 Jan, 5:30-8PM: Porter-hosted TNT at the VcoC building.
- 26 Jan, 6-8PM: Tentative Movie Night at the VcoC building.
- 2 Feb, 2:45-5:30PM: Area-wide Teen Event at Anchorage church of Christ. We'll depart after class around 1:45PM and return around 6:30PM.
- 7 February, 6-9PM: basketball at the Borough Gym (350 E Dahlia Ave, Palmer, AK). Bring water and a ball (if you have one).
- 16 Feb, 5:30-8PM: TNT hosted by the Mike Katkus family (8080 W Swan Drive, Wasilla, AK).
- 23 Feb, 6-8PM: Tentative Movie Night at the VcoC building.
- 1 Mar, 6-9PM (non-standard on Saturday): basketball at Colony Middle School (9250 E Colony Schools Dr, Palmer, AK). Bring water and a ball (if you have one).
- 7-9 March: Tentative Teen Trip to Homer for Apologetics Press Lectures by Eric Lyons. More details to follow.
- 16 Mar, 2-5PM: Area-wide Teen Event hosted at the VcoC building.
- 30 Mar, 6-8 PM: Tentative Movie Night at VcoC.
- 4 Apr, 6-9PM: basketball at Colony Middle School (9250 E Colony Schools Dr, Palmer, AK). Bring water and a ball (if you have one).



**Ladies Tuesday Evening Bible Study**  
Use the QR code to the left to stay connected



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

### WATER BOTTLES, POT LUCK DISHES AND CLOTHING ITEMS (Items not claimed will be donated.)

Are you missing a water bottle, serving dishes, books or even an Instant Pot?  
Please check the stand just inside the Fellowship Hall doors and the Lost and Found Cabinet. We do not have storage for all these items. The **coat racks** are also **overflowing** with coats, sweaters, sweatshirts and other items. Some have been here for over a year. **There is not enough room for folks to hang their coats on Sunday!!**

VCOC YOUTH EVENTS							WEEK : JAN 19TH - FEB 1ST
SUN 19th	MON 20th	TUE 21st	WED 22nd	THU 23rd	FRI 24th	SAT 25th	
<b>Scarlett Collins</b> Frozen Jr. Theater Performance (Tickets Need to be Purchased Prior) Fri, Jan 24th 7:00 PM Sat, Jan 25th 7:00 PM Fri, Jan 31st 7:00 PM Sat, Feb 1st 2:00 PM Sat, Feb 1st 7:00 PM Fri, Feb 7th 7:00 PM Sat, Feb 8th 2:00 PM Sat, Feb 8th 7:00 PM Glenn Massay Theater		<b>Wilson Hess</b> Basketball 4:30 PM Palmer High School	<b>Nia' Dowdy</b> Soccer 8:30 PM Menard Sports Center	<b>Wilson Hess</b> Basketball 3:00 PM Bettye Davis East Anchorage H.S. 7:30 PM Palmer High School	<b>Wilson Hess</b> Basketball 7:30 PM Palmer High School	<b>Jada Dowdy</b> Basketball - 8:30 AM Grizzly Family Fitness Wilson Hess - Basketball 2:30 PM - Palmer H.S. Jada Dowdy - Basketball 5:00 & 6:00 PM Grizzly Family Fitness	
SU	MON 19th	TUE 28th	WED 29th	THU 30th	FRI 31st	SAT 1st	
			<b>Nia' Dowdy</b> Soccer 9:30 PM Menard Sports Center		<b>Scarlett Collins</b> Theater Performance 7:00 PM See full schedule on left	<b>Jada Dowdy</b> Basketball 8:30 AM Grizzly Family Fitness	

### NOTES

There can often be changes to schedule and location. Check with parents if you plan to attend.

## MISSIONS BREAKFAST: ZOOM WITH THE SMITHS

SATURDAY, FEB. 15TH, 9:30 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

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COME ENJOY A TIME OF  
FELLOWSHIP WITH THE  
SMITHS TO HEAR ABOUT  
THE WORK IN ALBANIA &  
ENCOURAGE THEM WITH  
PRAYER.