

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



February 23, 2025

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:11-14 NASB

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 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 yourselves 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	02-09-2025	02-16-2025
Assembly	205	249
Bible Class	125	133
Weekly Contribution	\$6182	\$9121
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday	108	116

CALENDAR UPDATE

ONGOING EVENTS

Monday Evenings	Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—Epistles of John— Jan 13-Mar 31 —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

February/March	Youth Schedule —See Insert
Feb 23-March 8	Valley church of Christ Youth Events —See Insert
February 28	Teachers Work Day 9:00-Noon—Contact Shaphan or Autumn Collins
Saturday March 1	6-9PM— Basketball at Colony Middle School. Bring water and a ball (if you have one)
March 7-9	Creation vs. Evolution Seminar—Hosted by East Homer church of Christ— See Insert
March 8	Ladies Craft Day—VCOC Fellowship Hall, 9:00am-2:00pm—Please bring your lunch—We need old costume jewelry and buttons –Put these items in the box in the Ladies Class Room—Contact Bonnie B
March 9	Daylight Saving Time begins
March 21-22	Young Adult Retreat—Anchorage church of Christ—Ages 18-42—Schedule on table in foyer
March 28-29	Family Share Event—Drop off begins March 18—Multipurpose Room—Contact Tamika Dowdy
April 10-13	2025 Alaska Statewide Lectureship—April 11-13 Leadership Seminar—April 10-11—Hosted by the Homer and Anchor Point congregations. The theme is “Harvest of Righteousness” (From the book of James).

“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 all the children in Albania in your prayers. They are having a flu outbreak that is hitting children hard.
- **Elizabeth Kasayuli**, our sister from Scammon Bay, fell and broke her hip and is Alaska Native Hospital.
- **Jessica Gipson** will be traveling to Portland at the end of this month for a second opinion about her health issues.
- Please keep **Jayden Scott** in your prayers he has the cast off but continues to recover from a broken leg.
- Please be in prayer for those that are having health issues and other struggles. **Betty Carrington, Josephine Goyer, Daniel and Jessica Gipson, Lee and Marcia Ames, Bonnie Murrill, Margeret Parker (Continues to be in Hospital) 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 **Helen Hanson** and **Addie Williams** 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.
- 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

	February 23, 2025	March 2, 2025
Opening Prayer	John Katkus	Jason Gardner
Song Leader	Isaac Kuenning	John Teamer
Scripture Reading	Luke Gardner 1 Thes Chapter 3	Brady Kuenning 1 Thes Chapter 4
Prayer	Craig Decker	John Katkus
The Lord’s Supper		
In Charge	Bob Bowlus	Chuck Sutton
Assist	Jerry Berg	Jerry Berg
Assist	Hulon Hess	John Katkus
Assist	Kolten Morris	Drew Hanson
Assist	James Cato	Howard Blaine
Assist	Cale Garrett	Kolten Morris
Scripture Reading	Wilson Hess	Daniel Gipson
Lesson	Robert Kuenning	Jeff Smith
Closing Prayer	Ben Rorman	Shaphan Collins
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

	February 26, 2025	March 5, 2025
Opening Prayer	Jeff Porter	Grayson McDowell
Song Leader	Rocky Murrill	TBD
Devo (5 Min)	Daniel Noe	Stephen Teamer
Class Lesson	John Teamer	John Teamer
Closing Prayer	Grayson McDowell	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

Feb 23—Elledge, Ezell, Finley—Kitchen; Gardner J, Gardner N—Fellowship Hall
Mar 2—Hanson, Hess A, Houser—Kitchen; Hess B, Katkus J—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

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

23 February, 6-8PM: The Chosen Movie Night at the VcoC building. Season 1, Episodes 3 & 4. Food provided. Bring a drink or snack to share.

1 March, 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: Teen Trip to Homer for Apologetics Press Lectures by Eric Lyons. Cost is \$50 (scholarships available); cash, check, or Venmo to Alex. Departure time is TBD on 7 March. Plan to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and cot if you have one. More details to follow.

10-15 March: F.A.M Group Week

15 March: Bible Marking Event hosted by Craig and Patti Decker (1061 E Mcadoo Way, Wasilla, AK). There will be breakfast and a hands-on lesson about Bible marking using Bible Talk. Please acquire a wide margin Bible before 15 March. Reach out to the Deckers for specific ideas. If you need help with the Bible purchase, let Alex know.

16 March, 2-5PM: Area-wide Teen Event hosted at the VcoC building.

30 March, 6-8 PM: The Chosen Movie Night at VcoC. Season 1, Episodes 5 & 6. Food provided. Bring a drink and/or snack to share.

4 April, 6-9PM: basketball at Colony Middle School (9250 E Colony Schools Dr, Palmer, AK). Bring water and a ball (if you have one).

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



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



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

VCOC YOUTH EVENTS							WEEK : FEB 23RD – MAR 8TH	
SUN 23rd	MON 24th	TUE 25th	WED 26th	THU 27th	FRI 28th	SAT 1st		
 Julia Dowdy Soccer 9:00 AM Fox Hollow		 Wilson Hess Basketball 6:00 PM Palmer High School	 Ni'a Dowdy Soccer 8:30 PM Menard Sports Center	 Wilson Hess Basketball 4:30 PM Wasilla High School	Wilson Hess - Basketball - Time TBD - Soldotna		August Collins Volleyball Tournament Time TBD, Wasilla Middle School	
					Keith Collins - Wrestling Tournament, Time TBD, Fairbanks			
SUN 2nd	MON 3rd	TUE 4th	WED 5th	THU 6th	FRI 7th	SAT 8th		
			 Ni'a Dowdy Soccer 9:30 PM Menard Sports Center					

NOTES



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

CREATION VS. EVOLUTION

A SEMINAR THAT EXAMINES THE
CREATION/EVOLUTION CONTROVERSY
 IN LIGHT OF REASON AND REVELATION

Hosted by East Homer church of Christ
2879 Little Fireweed Ave, Homer AK
 March 7th-9th, 2025
 Friday - 7:00pm
 Saturday - 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm
 Sunday: 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:30pm
Speaker: Eric Lyons of Apologetics Press

- Creation Makes Sense (Parts 1 & 2)
- Alleged Proofs of Evolution—Exposed
- Dinosaurs: The Poster Children of Evolution (Parts 1 & 2)
- Creation: In Six Days or Six Billion Years?
- Wonders of God's Creation