

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mission of Valley church of Christ

...Make Disciples...Matthew 28:19



August 24, 2025

Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourself to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. Philippians 2:14-16NASB

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, Kirklin 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 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	08-10-2025	08-17-2024
Assembly	275	280
Bible Class	123	Not Taken
Weekly Contribution	\$7894	\$8949
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday	Not Taken	109

CALENDAR UPDATE

ONGOING EVENTS

Monday Evenings	Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—Next class starts on Sept 15—Study on Apologetics 2—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—On Hiatus for the Summer
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—On Hiatus for the Summer
Sunday Evenings	Young Adult Group meets at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings with rotating locations. Mike Katkus is the contact.
UPCOMING EVENTS	
August-September	Youth Group Schedule —Use QR code to stay connected— See Insert
Aug 24-Sept 6	VCOC Youth Events See Insert
August 29	Teachers Work Day—9:00am until.....Contact Shaphan or Autumn Collins
Sept 5,6 and 7	Gospel Meeting, Men’s Breakfast and Ladies Day Hosted by the Soldotna church of Christ—flyer on table in foyer
Sept 19-20	Fall Family Share Event (Set Up 17-18)—Items can be dropped off in the multipurpose room beginning August 31st - Sept 18th. (We have 1/2 of this room for drop off—so please be neat and tidy)—Tamika Dowdy is POC
September 26-27	Valley Ladies Retreat—Birchwood Camp—Sierra Paine is the POC—See Insert for Details
Oct 10, 11 and 12	Seminar — Why Believe in God —Eric Lyons, Apologetics Press, at Valley church of Christ—See flyer on the table in the foyer—Registration forms for VCOC Members are also on the table. All others register on line at akvcoc.com—Alex Hess POC

“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 **Sandi Dobberke** in your prayers. She has some serious medical issues. She is having some important medical tests. Please pray for a good outcome.
- Stephen Spurlin’s brother-in-law, **Rob Edwards**, has been diagnosed with small cell carcinoma. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Please keep **Emery Schramm**, Randy Tyler’s daughter, in your prayers. She is recovering from surgery.
- Please keep **Tim and Kelly Caraway** in your prayers. Tim is dealing with cancer.
- Please be in prayer for those that are having health issues and other struggles. **Lee and Marcia Ames, Bonnie Burkhardtsmeier, Patti Decker, Daniel and Jessica Gipson, Josephine Goyer, Penny Hollingsworth, GK Kinney, Bonnie Murrill, Lesa O’Hara, Margaret Parker, Rob VanDussen (he is in Maple Springs and would like visitors), and those who are struggling in silence.**
- 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 **Catherine Stefan** 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 is on the mission table in the foyer. Also keep their AIM team—**Daniel Roland, Jayden Keene, Laney Ferguson and Chloe Dare** in your prayers.
- Please be in prayer for **Kyah Morris and Makenna Paine**. They are at their Mission assignments with AIM (Adventures in Missions). Newsletters on mission table in the foyer.
- Please keep **Grayson McDowell** in your prayers as he is attending the Naval Academy. Address is on the Mission table in the foyer.
- Please keep **Cruz Cannon** in your prayers as he is in the AIM program in Lubbock Texas.
- Please keep **Kane Morris** in your prayers. He is attending Bear Valley Bible Institute preaching school in Denver, Colorado.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for **Derek Berg** and **Jayden Scott**.
- **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.



SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

	August 24, 2025	August 31, 2025
Opening Prayer	Howard Blaine	Jeff Porter
Song Leader	John Teamer	John Teamer
Scripture Reading	Ben Rorman John 6:26-51	Jason Dowdy John 6:52-71
Prayer	Jason Gardner	Wilson Hess
The Lord’s Supper		
In Charge	Sawyer Collins	Randy Tyler
Assist	Mogans Tyler	Mogans Tyler
Assist	Jason Murphy	Josh Gardner
Assist	Cale Garrett	Elijah Naler
Assist	River Mahugh	Evan Naler
Assist	Drew Hanson	Hulon Hess
Scripture Reading	Daniel Gipson	Dieter Schlemper
Lesson	Robert Kuenning	Mike Katkus
Closing Prayer	Tyler Williams	Alex Hess
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

	August 27, 2025	September 3, 2025
Opening Prayer	Youth-led Assembly—No	Cale Garrett
Song Leader	Regular Classes	Adam Kuenning
Devo (5 Min)	See Insert	TBD
Class Lesson		John Teamer
Closing Prayer		Craig Elledge



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

Aug 24—Lynch, McGill, Mahugh—Kitchen—Miller, Moen—Fellowship Hall
 Aug 31—Munsell, Murrill, Naler—Kitchen; Murphy, Noe—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

YOUTH GROUP

24 August: Alaska State Fair (tentative). More details to follow.

29 August-1 September: Youth Retreat at Midnight Sun bible Camp. More details to follow. Matt Paine is the POC.

There is a change in the Youth Retreat. It is now open to all 6th graders. Please get word to all your 6th graders that they are invited to attend the end of the season camp session called the Youth Retreat and all the following activities throughout the year.

5 September: Basketball Night, 6-9PM (Location TBD, but likely Colony Middle School). Bring water and a ball (if you have one).

7 September: The Chosen Movie Night, Season 2, Episode 7 & 8. Food provided. Bring drink or snack to share.

14-20 September: F.A.M. Group Week. Schedule will vary for each F.A.M. Group. More information to follow from F.A.M. Leaders/Coordinators.

28 September: The Chosen Movie Night, Season 2, Episode 9 and Season 3, Episode 1. Food Provided. Bring drink or snack to share.

August 27th Schedule - Last Wednesday of the Quarter Youth-led Service

Congregational Announcements: Made by Kirklin (or another elder)

Announcement: Shaphan (or Alex) makes an announcement reminding the congregation that the youth will be leading us in our assembly and we will not be having normal classes.

Opening Prayer: Keith Collins

Opening Song: Weldon Collins

Second Song: Jayden Scott (assisted by Eli Finley)

Third Song: Reece Decker

Scripture Reading (1 Corinthians 13) and **introduction of the 3x speakers and devo topics:** Colton Morris

5-min Devo #1 (Faith): Hulon Hess

Scripture Reading (Hebrews 11:6): Ansley Miller

5-min Devo #2 (Hope): Evan Naler

Scripture Reading (Romans 8:24-25): (Karter Morris)

5-min Devo #3 (Love): Wilson Hess

Scripture Reading (1 John 7-8): Fletcher Collins

Invitation: Cale Garrett

Closing Song: Kaiden Gardner

Closing Prayer: Eli Naler

Refreshments in Fellowship Hall: Prepared and served by Young Ladies. (Lead: Aubrey, Penelope, Abigail)

Bible Talk: Journey Into Foundational Biblical Principles Open Invitation—Explore. Question. Grow.

Join us for **Bible Talk**, a nine-month journey through the foundational principles of Scripture. Whether you are new to the faith or a seasoned Christian, you are welcome here. Together, we'll explore, share perspectives, and grow in Christ.

♀ **When & Where:** Sunday mornings, starting Aug 31st in the multi-Purpose Room.

Discover the Essentials

- **God and Me** – How do you fit into God's Kingdom?
- **The Supreme Authority** – Understanding how God's authority shapes our lives.
- **The Kingdom of God** – Exploring its meaning and implications.
- **The Church** – What is the church? How does it compare to the Kingdom? What happened to the Lord's church?
- **The Church of Christ** – What is the Church of Christ? Are we a denomination?
- **Basics About the Bible** – How is the Bible organized? Why only 66 books? Who decided what belongs? Old vs. New Testament.
- **Apologetics** – How do we defend the faith?
- **Deity** – The Godhead and the works of the Holy Spirit.
- **Spiritual Realms** – What is Satan's story?
- **Personal Development** – The power of prayer and Christian relationships.
- **Hermeneutics** – Can we understand the Bible? How should we interpret it?
- **Worship and Organization** – What is true worship? How should we worship?

Why Join Bible Talk?

- **Engaging Discussions** – Thought-provoking sessions designed to challenge and inspire.
- **Safe & Respectful** – A welcoming space where every voice is valued.

Instructors: Troy and Harrison McGill



Sunday Small Group

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

Ladies Retreat 2025 – Rooted Together

September 26–27 at Birchwood Camp, Chugiak

Join us for an overnight retreat full of worship, teaching, and fellowship as we grow together in Christ.

Speakers: Ant Collin & Josie Miller

RSVP by September 5 by using this link or log on to our web sight and register there

www.akvcoc.com—No Registrations Accepted after September 5

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWBM2HfkrfBt7c-GAxG3OgPjr_p7HraHoRZUUodWy0-JQ0ew/viewform?usp=header

Questions—Contact Sierra Paine

VCOC YOUTH EVENTS							WEEK : AUG 24TH – SEP 6TH
SUN 24th	MON 25th	TUE 26th	WED 27th	THU 28th	FRI 29th	SAT 30th	
		Elijah & Evan Naler Football 6:00 PM Palmer High School			Elijah & Evan Naler Football 6:00 PM Palmer High School	Aubrey Hess Cross Country Time TBD - Colony H.S. Eli Finley - Football 7 PM - Palmer H.S.	
SUN 31st	MON 1st	TUE 2nd	WED 3rd	THU 4th	FRI 5th	SAT 6th	
					Eli Finley Football 7:00 PM West Valley High School (Fairbanks)	Aubrey Hess Cross Country Time TBD Palmer High School	

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

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

LADIES RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 26-27

Rooted Together

EPHESIANS 3:17-19

BIRCHWOOD CAMP
17161 DAVID BLACKBURN RD, CHUGIAK AK, 99567

<p>RSVP BY SEPT 5 No Registrations accepted after September 5</p>	<p>CONTACT SIERRA PAINE FOR MORE INFO 907-388-0486</p>
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