

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



September 21, 2025

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

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

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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 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.”

	09-07-2025	09-14-2025
For the Week Beginning		
Assembly	249	278
Bible Class	159	162
Weekly Contribution	\$5485	\$11898
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday	136	136

CALENDAR UPDATE

ONGOING EVENTS

Monday Evenings	Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—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
Sunday Evenings	Young Adult Group meets at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings with rotating locations. Mike Katkus is the contact.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept-Oct	Youth Group Schedule—See Insert
Sept 21-Oct 4	VCOC Youth Events—See Insert
September 26-27	Ladies Retreat 2025 – Rooted Together At Birchwood Camp, Chugiak—Registration is closed. Join us for an overnight retreat full of worship, teaching, and fellowship as we grow together in Christ. Speakers: Ant Collin & Josie Miller. POC Sierra Paine
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
October 19	Short informational presentation about Safe Families for Children in the Auditorium right after announcements before potluck. Questions contact Chantal Kinney

“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 be in prayer for **Louise Burger**, former member, she is dealing with cancer.
- Please keep **Barry Munsell’s mother** in your prayers. She is 94 and in hospice care.
- 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. **Bonnie Burkhardtsmeier, Patti Decker, Sandi Dobberke, Daniel and Jessica Gipson, Josephine Goyer, Bonnie Murrill, Lesa O’Hara, Margaret Parker, Rob VanDussen 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 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. News letter is on missions table.
- 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:** The following are suffering from cancer; Maggie Kofstad’s brother **Gary; Richard Lawson**, Meredith Porters father; **Alice Thorne**, Gary Skan’s sister.

BAPTISM

Justin Bolte was baptized into Christ on September 7, 2025. We praise God for Justin’s decision to obey and follow Him.
CONGRATULATIONS!



SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

	September 21, 2025	September 28, 2025
Opening Prayer	Scott Crockett	Stephen Teamer
Song Leader	Logan Decker	Adam Kuenning
Scripture Reading	Jason Dowdy John 8:1-30	Daniel Gipson John 8:31-59
Prayer	Joseph Potter	Alex Galbier
The Lord’s Supper		
In Charge	Chuck Sutton	John Teamer
Assist	Josh Gardner	Kolten Morris
Assist	Cale Garrett	Elijah Naler
Assist	Elijah Naler	Matt Paint
Assist	Dieter Schlemper	Johnnie Hill
Assist	Jeff Reichel	Hulon Hess
Scripture Reading	Ben Rorman	Dieter Schlemper
Lesson	Mike Katkus	Mike Katus
Closing Prayer	Matt Paine	Rocky Murrill
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

	September 24, 2025	October 1, 2025
Opening Prayer	Titus Caraway	William Long
Song Leader	Rocky Murrill	Rocky Murrill
Devo (5 Min)	Cale Garrett	Wilson Hess
Class Lesson	Scott Crockett	Joseph Potter
Closing Prayer	Chuck Sutton	Luke Gardner



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

Sept 21—Schlemper, Long, Baldwin S—Kitchen; Berg, Bowlus—Fellowship Hall
Sept 28—J Collins, Sawyer Collins, Crockett—Kitchen; Daniel, Decker—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

