

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mission of Valley church of Christ

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



December 14, 2025

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
Romans 12:4-6NASB

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.”

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| For the Week Beginning | 11-30-2025 | 12-07-2024 |
| Assembly | 215 | Cancelled |
| Bible Class | 127 | Cancelled |
| Weekly Contribution | \$6662 | Severe Wind Storm |
| Weekly Budget Goal | \$7711 | |
| Wednesday | 107 | 120 |

CALENDAR UPDATE

ONGOING EVENTS

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| Monday Evenings | Valley Bible Institute—Sunset Class, Via Zoom—Study on Apologetics 2—7:00-8:00pm—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 Break |
| 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 |
| Thursday Evenings | Eagle River Small Group—The group will meet 5:30pm-7:30pm and have rotating locations. William Long is the contact 281-723-6000 |
| 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

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| December | Youth Group Schedule—See Insert |
| Dec 7-20 | VCOC Youth Events—See Insert |
| December 24 | No Service or Classes —This is a family night |
| December 31 | New Years Eve regular service followed by a fellowship game night and devotional |

BAPTISM

Blessing Lui was baptized into Christ on Sunday November 30, 2025. We thank God for her decision to obey and follow Him. Congratulations!

POTLUCK DISHES NEED TO BE CLAIMED

If you are missing serving dishes, towels, cups and other items. Please check stand with the red table cloth located inside the fellowship doors. These items need to go home with their owners. We do not have room to store all these items. If items are not claimed by next Wednesday they will be donated.

“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 pray for **Karen Long, William Long’s mom**. The doctor found a 5cm mass by her thyroid. Good news. The biopsy doesn't suggest cancer.
- Please keep the **Jeremiah Collins Family** in your prayers. The children **Keith, August and Fletcher** are having difficulties.
- 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. **Marcia Ames, Pam Aviza, Bonnie Burkhardsmeyer, Patti Decker, Sandi Dobberke, Daniel and Jessica Gipson, Josephine Goyer, Maggie Kofstad, 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.
- **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 **Katherine Mattson** that she has a safe pregnancy and delivers a healthy baby.
- Please be in prayer for **Kyah Morris**. She is at her Mission assignment with AIM (Adventures in Missions). Her newsletter is on the 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.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to **Barry Munsell and family**. His mother, Betty, passed away on November 28, 2025. She was in Nebraska. Please be in prayer for the entire family.



SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

| | December 14, 2025 | December 21, 2025 |
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| Opening Prayer | Alex Hess | Jeff Porter |
| Song Leader | Stephen Teamer | John Teamer |
| Scripture Reading | Daniel Gipson John 13:21-38 | Brady Kuenning John 14:1-15 |
| Prayer | Daniel Moseley | David Desjarlais |
| The Lord’s Supper | | |
| In Charge | Joseph Potter | Alex Galbier |
| Assist | Mogans Tyler | Ben Rorman |
| Assist | Kolten Morris | Logan Decker |
| Assist | Wilson Hess | Josh Gardner |
| Assist | Hulon Hess | Drew Hanson |
| Assist | River Mahugh | Shaphan Collins |
| Scripture Reading | Dieter Schlemper | Stephen Teamer |
| Lesson | Robert Kuenning | Mike Katkus |
| Closing Prayer | Bart Daniel | Hulon Hess |
| Announcements | Scott Crockett | Scott Crockett |

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

| | December 17, 2025 | December 24, 2025 |
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| Opening Prayer | Matt Paine | No Service or Classes |
| Song Leader | Adam Kuenning | This is a night to enjoy |
| Devo (5 Min) | Michael Rosebeary | your family at home |
| Class Lesson | Joseph Potter | |
| Closing Prayer | William Long | |



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

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| Dec 14—Gardner N, Hollenberg, Hanson—Kitchen; Hess A, Hill—Fellowship Hall |
| Dec 21—Houser P, Houser S, Kuenning A—Kitchen; McGill, Lee—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

14 December, 5-8PM: Teen Christmas Party hosted by the Dowdys (5371 E Portage Dr, Wasilla, 99654). More details to follow.

19 December, 9PM-midnight (tentative): Shooting Range Outing, We will meet at the Mat Valley Shooting Range (2450 Glenn Highway, Palmer, AK, 99645) where we will get firearms instruction from our very own Scott Crockett followed by shooting practice and competitions. The range time will be 9-11PM and we will get dessert at the Valley Hotel Restaurant in Palmer, where we will end at approximately midnight. Bring money for dessert.

21 December: Tentative Area-Wide (or TNT). More details to follow.

28 December, 6:30-8:30PM: The Chosen Movie Night in the VCOC Teen Room. We'll be watching Season 3, Episode 7 & 8. Dinner provided. Feel free to bring a snack, drink, or dessert (optional).

31 December: Church-wide New Years Eve Fellowship. More details to follow.



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



Sunday Small Group

Use the QR code to the left to stay connected with the Sunday Small Group on WhatsApp. Contact The Reichel's—The group meets every other Sunday 5:00-7:00pm—Group will be at rotating locations

| VCOC YOUTH EVENTS | | | | | | | WEEK : DEC 7TH - 20TH |
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| SUN 7th | MON 8th | TUE 9th | WED 10th | THU 11th | FRI 12th | SAT 13th | |
| Kristina Elliott Ice Skating Performance 8:00 AM Brett Memorial Ice Arena | Cana Porter Christmas Concert 5:30 PM Pioneer Peak Elementary | | | | | | |
| SUN 14th | MON 15th | TUE 16th | WED 17th | THU 18th | FRI 19th | SAT 20th | |
| | Norah & Owen Long Holiday Program 6:30 PM Chugiak High School | **Longs Holiday Program moved to Dec 16** | | | | | |

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