

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mission of Valley church of Christ

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



January 4, 2026

*Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.
Hebrews 13:1-3^{ESV}*

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
Church Office—907-357-3011
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Ministers: Robert Kuenning —907-354-3011
and Michael Katkus—907-521-1326

Elders: Rick Collins, Kirklin Kinney, Robert Kuenning

THE BIBLE HAS MUCH TO TEACH THOSE

... One Baptism ...

(Part I)

In Ephesians 4:5 the Bible teaches us that for the church there is ONE BAPTISM. Lets learn what Baptism is and what it does. In Acts 8:36-38 we see that Baptism is immersion in water. The word Baptism in the original Greek means “immerse”. The Bible teaches a great deal about it.

- Jesus clearly taught that it was necessary – **Mark 16:16**
- Jesus taught His followers to perform it and teach everyone. – **Matthew 28:19-20**
- Jesus exemplified it – **Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11**
- The Apostles taught it at their first opportunity – **Acts 2:19-42**
- They taught that it would apply to everyone – **Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:38-39**
- They taught that its necessity would continue for all time – **Acts 2:39**
- It was applied in all conversions even when Apostles were surprised – **Acts 10:47-48**
- The History of Early church growth (Acts) gives many examples - **Acts 2:24; 8:12, 13, 38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5**
- Sometimes Baptism was commanded by the teacher – **Acts 22:16**
- Sometimes Baptism was requested by the student – **Acts 8:36**
- It was such a natural part of the teaching that sometimes it wasn’t even mentioned in the written Word; but it was obeyed - **Acts 8:12-13, 8:35-38; 16:15, 16:31-33, 18:8**

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.”

	12-21-2025	12-28-2025
For the Week Beginning		
Assembly	209	178
Bible Class	131	107
Weekly Contribution	\$7038	\$7095
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday	No Service	140

CALENDAR UPDATE

ONGOING EVENTS

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

January-February	Youth Group Schedule—See Insert
January 2-17	VCOC Youth Events—See Insert
Beginning-Jan 7	Wednesday Evening Class Information—See Insert

CELEBRATION OF LIFE — RHEA KALE

A celebration of life will be held for Rhea Kale Today, January 4, 2026 from 2:30-4:30pm at Janssen’s Mat-Su Funeral Home, 6901 E Blue Lupine Drive, Palmer. All are welcome.



“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 **Tom Freeman** in your prayers. He is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Please keep **Cari Kuenning** in your prayers. While visiting family in Texas she fell and broke her leg (compound fracture). Cari had surgery on her leg on last Sunday.
- Please keep **Karen Long**, Williams mom, in your prayers as she prepares for surgery on January 6.
- Please keep **Brady King** in your prayers. He has not been feeling well.
- 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. **Lee and Marcia Ames, Pam Aviza, Bonnie Burkhardmeier, 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 **Erin Galbier** and **Katherine Mattson** that they have safe pregnancies and deliver healthy babies. Both are due in May.
- 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.



SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

	January 4, 2026	January 11, 2026
Opening Prayer	Dieter Schlemper	Wilson Hess
Song Leader	Brent Noe	John Teamer
Scripture Reading	Jason Dowdy John Chapter 15	Brady Kuenning John Chapter 16
Prayer	Drew Hanson	Sawyer Collins
The Lord’s Supper		
In Charge	Bob Bowlus	Joseph Potter
Assist	Howard Blaine	Jeff Reichel
Assist	Joshua Gardner	David Elledge
Assist	Cale Garrett	Evan Goddard
Assist	Elijah Goddard	Craig Elledge
Assist	Joseph Potter	Ben Rorman
Scripture Reading	Harrison McGill	Daniel Gipson
Lesson	Mike Katkus	Robert Kuenning
Closing Prayer	Michael Rosebeary	Jason Gardner
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

	January 7, 2026	January 14, 2026
Opening Prayer	Elijah Goddard	Titus Caraway
Song Leader	John Teamer	Joseph Potter
Devo (5 Min)	Cale Garrett	Sawyer Collins
Class Lesson	Craig Decker	Craig Decker
Closing Prayer	Layne McDowell	Ian Keller



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 4—Murrill, Naler, Noe—Kitchen; Murphy, Porter—Fellowship Hall
Jan 11—Reichel, Rosebeary, Rorman—Kitchen; Potter, Scott—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

ADULT DAY TIME SMALL GROUP

Adults are invited to attend a planning/organizational meeting for the proposed adult small group on **January 8th** at Craig & Patti Decker's house. We will discuss preferred day of the week and time as well as the focus of the group.

The Decker's will provide snacks for this meeting. Our address is 1061 E. McAdoo Way, Wasilla. Please contact Craig (907) 382-0284 or Patti (907) 529-9081 with any questions.

Craig and Patti

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS

On **Wednesday January 7th** we will begin a four-part series I've titled "Kingdom Living: Gleanings from the Kings". The class contains four separate studies of teachings/applications that come from the period of the Kings.

January 7th The Rise and Fall of Kings – Ego & Humility

January 14th Beware – Sin Crouches at the Door

January 21st Becoming a man after God's Heart

January 28th Gleanings of God

The study will review the lives of a variety of some of the kings exploring the thoughts listed above. I will provide handouts of the class materials each Wednesday night. Please take some time the next few weeks to refresh your knowledge of the Kings in preparation for our study time together.

Craig Decker



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

9 January: 6-9PM: Basketball Night at Colony Middle School (9250 E Bogard Rd, Palmer, AK, 99645). Bring a ball (if you have one) and water. All ages are welcome!

11-17 January: F.A.M Group Week.

24 January: Tentative Area-Wide (or TNT). More details to follow.

25 January, 6:30-8:30PM: The Chosen Movie Night in the VCOC Teen Room. We'll be watching Season 4, Episode 1 & 2. Dinner provided. Feel free to bring a snack, drink, or dessert (optional).

6-9 February (tentative): Teen Retreat. More details to follow.

8-14 February: F.A.M Group Week.

13-16 February (tentative): Winter Retreat hosted by Anchorage church of Christ at Midnight Sun Bible Camp.

22 February, 6:30-8:30PM: The Chosen Movie Night in the VCOC Teen Room. We'll be watching Season 4, Episode 3 & 4. Dinner

VCOC YOUTH EVENTS							WEEK : JAN 4 TH - 17 TH
SUN 4th	MON 5th	TUE 6th	WED 7th	THU 8th	FRI 9th	SAT 10th	
				Wilson Hess Basketball 7:30 PM Palmer High School	Wilson Hess Basketball 7:30 PM Palmer High School	Mckenzie Hess Basketball - Time TBD Grizzly Fam Fit Wilson Hess Basketball - 6:00 PM Palmer High School	
SUN 11th	MON 12th	TUE 13th	WED 14th	THU 15th	FRI 16th	SAT 17th	
		Wilson Hess Basketball 7:30 PM Colony High School			Mckenzie Hess - Basketball Times TBD - Grizzly Fam Fit Aubrey Hess - Basketball Times TBD - Kodiak Wilson Hess - Basketball Times TBD - Kodiak		
NOTES There can often be changes to schedule and location. Check with parents if you plan to attend.							