

VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Mission of Valley church of Christ

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



January 18, 2026

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."
Galatians 2:20 KJV

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 CLEARTEST 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	01-04-2026	01-11-2026
Assembly	229	229
Bible Class	131	154
Weekly Contribution	\$8131	\$7300
Weekly Budget Goal	\$7711	
Wednesday	105	Cancelled

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 Afternoon	Adult Small Group—Every other Thursday at 12:30—Regular place for meeting will be the Deckers home. From time to time the location will rotate. The meeting for Jan 22 will be at Julie Kirn’s
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 18-31	VCOC Youth Events—See Insert
	Elders Information Email—See insert

Plans for meetings: **Adult Afternoon Small Group**

Light snacks & fellowship, Prayer Time, Bible Study

We are going to utilize a chronological daily bible reading plan “Blue Letter Bible”. The plan will be to read whatever days fall within the two-week time frame and then discuss our reading, things that piqued our interest and/or questions that arose from our readings.

What is pending is a determination of where to start in our reading. Start with the gospels? The New Testament? Start in the Old Testament? The Psalms (note that the Psalms, in the chronological plan have readings from 1&2 Samuel, Kings and Chronicles imbedded within them)? What a blessing to have such a group meeting together with such desire to spend time in God’s word. We look forward to our fellowship and our study.

“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:

- **Carolle Daniel’s** hip replacement surgery was rescheduled to February 4th.
- Please keep **Margaret Parker**, Jason Murphy’s mother, in your prayers. She is recovering from a fall..
- Please keep **Tom Freeman** in your prayers. His shoulder replacement surgery went well. He is home recovering.
- Please keep **Cari Kuening** in your prayers. While visiting family in Texas she fell and broke her leg (compound fracture). Cari had surgery on her leg and is recovering.
- Please keep **the Jeremiah Collins Family** in your prayers. The children **Keith, August and Fletcher** are having difficulties.
- 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, Brady King, 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 18, 2026	January 25, 2026
Opening Prayer	Hulon Hess	Troy McGill
Song Leader	Rocky Murrill	Quentin Altman
Scripture Reading	Sawyer Collins John Chapter 17	Ben Rorman John 18:1-24
Prayer	David Desjarlais	Titus Caraway
The Lord’s Supper		
In Charge	John Teamer	Michael Rosebeary
Assist	Joshua Gardner	Shaphan Collins
Assist	Elijah Goddard	Alex Hess
Assist	Cale Garrett	Wilson Hess
Assist	Ethan Wolfe	Hulon Hess
Assist	Evan Goddard	River Mahugh
Scripture Reading	Jeff Reichel	Daniel Gipson
Lesson	Mike Katkus	Robert Kuening
Closing Prayer	Howard Blaine	Ian Keller
Announcements	Scott Crockett	Scott Crockett

WEDNESDAY ASSEMBLY

	January 21, 2026	January 28, 2026
Opening Prayer	Joseph Potter	Rocky Murrill
Song Leader	Isaac Kuening	Logan Decker
Devo (5 Min)	Jeff Reichel	Titus Caraway
Class Lesson	Craig Decker	Craig Decker
Closing Prayer	Shaphan Collins	Randy Tyler



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 18—Spurlin, Teamer, Williams—Kitchen; Stefan, Sherk—Fellowship Hall
Jan 25—Moseley, Schlemper, Pirkle—Kitchen; Long, Butler—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 Kuening
Prison Ministry—
Seniors—Jarrett Finley
Services—Rocky Murrill
Youth—Alex Hess

ELDER NOMINATIONS

Dear Valley church family,

On Sunday we announced the names of the men who are being nominated to serve in the role of elder, as we have been seeking to add elders to the three who are already serving in that role. We have met with each of these men and now bring forth their names for the congregation to consider. As Rick mentioned on Sunday, we want to provide the names and contact information of these men and their wives, so that you may get to know them better and ask any questions you may have of them. We ask that if you have concerns about whether any of these men should fill this role, that you make that concern known to Rick, Robert or Kirklin before Sunday, February 1st. Please pray for all aspects of this selection process and pray for each of these men as we consider them for the role of elder of this congregation of the Lord's Church.

Craig and Patricia Decker

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Troy and Marci McGill

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Layne and Jolene McDowell

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Jolene: jolene.mcdowell@yahoo.com / 907-315-5664

In Christ's Love,
your elders



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 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 provided. Feel free to bring a snack, drink, or dessert (optional).

VCOC YOUTH EVENTS						WEEK : JAN 18 TH - 31 ST
SUN 18th	MON 19th	TUE 20th	WED 21st	THU 22nd	FRI 23rd	SAT 24th
		Aubrey Hess Basketball - 3 PM Palmer High School Wilson Hess Basketball - 7:30 PM Palmer High School		*For Aladdin Play, tickets need to be purchased prior! Aubrey Hess - Basketball - Times TBD - Palmer High School	Scarlett Collins Aladdin Play 7PM - Glenn Massay Mckenzie Hess Basketball 7PM - Grizzly	Scarlett Collins Aladdin Play 2PM & 7PM Glenn Massay Mckenzie Hess Basketball 2PM - Grizzly
SUN 25th	MON 26th	TUE 27th	WED 28th	THU 29th	FRI 30th	SAT 31st
		 Wilson Hess Basketball 7:30 PM Palmer High School		 Wilson Hess Basketball 7:00 PM Palmer High School	 Scarlett Collins Aladdin Play 7:00 PM Glenn Massay Theater	 Scarlett Collins Aladdin Play 2PM & 7PM Glenn Massay Theater
NOTES There can often be changes to schedule and location. Check with parents if you plan to attend.						



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