

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**January 4, 2026**

Song: **141** – *Blessed Assurance*

Song: **233** – *Footprints of Jesus*

First prayer: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **89** – *'Tis Set, the Feast Divine*

Communion servers: **Chrishawn Thompson & Larry Simmons**

Prayer for giving: **Adam Bentley**

Song: **271** – *Faith is the Victory*

Sermon: *“Paul’s Conclusion” (2 Cor. 13)* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **420** – *Come to the Feast*

Closing song: **187** – *I Want to be a Worker*

Closing prayer: **Mark Brandt**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue’s siblings) – health concerns
- Jerry – surgery recovery
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Kevin Lively (Mark’s friend)
- Mernie’s sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

**Please continue to remember:** Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin and India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren ([www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495](http://www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495))
- [www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist](http://www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist)

**RECORD FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Bible Class – 13    AM Worship – 13    Sun PM – 10    DBR – 7    Wed (12/31) – 13

Contribution – \$1475

# Yukon Church of Christ

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**Sunday Bible class:** 9am    **Worship** 10am & 12:30pm    **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

**Matthew 9:37-38** *“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”*

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## WHEN THE BODY BETRAYS ITS HEAD

The psalmist exclaimed to God, “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psm. 139:14). The psalmist understood that God’s creation of humankind was an unparalleled achievement. The human body works together in amazing harmony, as brain impulses are sent throughout the body to control movement, breathing, and heartbeat. The way in which the body functions is so wonderful that God compares the relationship of the human head to its body with the relationship of Christ to His beloved bride, the church (Ephesians 5:22-32).

Sometimes the human body does not work in perfect harmony with itself, and sometimes the spiritual body does not work in perfect harmony with itself. And what if different parts of the body were to rebel against each other? We would have the frenzied state of chaos warned against in I Corinthians 12:12-27. How much more is this true when the body betrays its **head**? The New Testament warns against traitors from within who would betray the body and its Head (Matthew 24:10; Acts 20:30; II Timothy 4:3). The body’s betrayal of its head is currently taking place.

The preaching of false doctrine is one area in which the betrayal of the Head is seen. Jesus promised, *“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:31-32). Yet as Jesus seeks to make mankind free with the truth, certain

members of His body have sought to keep mankind in bondage with false doctrine. In order to bring themselves crossover appeal, these men intentionally leave out essential requirements of salvation from their “preaching,” and replace them with others of their own choosing. It is as Paul warned, *“Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them”* (Acts 20:30).

Another way the betrayal is seen is in the changing of the Head’s plan of work and worship for the body. There are churches of Christ (or so they profess to be) who have changed the mission of the church from seeking and saving the lost to providing them “jazzercise classes” and serving them with a country club atmosphere. The holy worship of God has been transformed into entertainment for the masses.

A third way the body has betrayed the Head is by becoming friends with the world. In some places, there is no distinction between the church of Christ and the rest of the community. They dress the same, talk the same, and live the same. These “Christians” do nothing to indicate that they are *“a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”* (1 Peter 2:9). To such the Lord’s reply is, *“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God”* (Jam. 4:4).

A body is designed to be controlled by its head. The current betrayal is causing the body to lose any control of movement. This betrayal is causing the body to gasp for air. This betrayal will eventually remove the heart from the body. But know this—a body is identified by its head. Those who continue to hold fast to Christ as their head will continue *“having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God”* (Colossians 2:19).

Lee Moses

### [What Must I Do To Be Saved?](#)

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#) Romans 10:17
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#) John 3:16; 8:24
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#) Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#) 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10

# GIVING UP

The surest way to fail is to give up. Just quit. Stop. Cease and desist. That removes all danger—danger of succeeding, anyway. Many people quit every day. They just give up. They decide that things are too tough that times are too hard, that it is not worth the effort. Why? What is it that makes so many give up on the right way of living and turn to an inferior life?

What if Moses had quit? Would we be studying the Law of Moses today? And what about Daniel? If he had taken the pragmatic course and prayed to the king as well as Jehovah, would his story be inspiring our young people in Bible class today? What if Ruth had gone her own way? What if Noah would have found so great a task unworthy of the effort? What if Joshua had turned back at Jordan? What if Solomon, in a moment of remorse for his wickedness, had abdicated? What if Jesus would have been thwarted by the Sadducees and Pharisees? What if Peter would have quit over the guilt of denying His Lord?

Those men and women had it bad, but they did not quit. I look to them for inspiration often. Given all the facts, quitting looks good sometimes. Discouragement sets in and takes root and hope seems slim and help is hard to come by and many times I have almost thrown up my hands and walked away. Then I think of those who went before and wonder how many of them stood where I stand and decided not to quit. I think sometimes of those who did quit—but, of course, we know nothing of most quitters, for they leave no noteworthy mark behind them.

When you are standing on the brink of defeat know this: the world appreciates one who loses with class much more than one who tucks tail and runs from the confrontation. I am familiar with the old axiom, “Discretion is the better part of valor,” but I also know that he that is faithful unto the end shall receive the crown (cf. Rev. 2:10). Which will it be for you? Will you quit or will you finish? May God Bless You as You Study and Obey His Word.

Tim Smith