

Our Services

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Evening 6:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 PM

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*June 3rd
Beatification
Day!*

10:00am-12:00pm

*June
4th*

SMALL
gr:ups

FATHER'S DAY

June 18th

Eve Services Dismissed



Minister's Outlook

Clear and 48°
(05-20-17) 7:00 a.m.

Words Have Meanings

I recently concluded reading a book entitled, *Alexander Hamilton*. It was well written and I gained substantial knowledge about the early development of the United States. I learned numerous matters about those days that I had not previously known. *What was both unexpected and disconcerting was the author's use of dozens of words I did not recognize nor had ever seen in print.* At times, I was border-line stunned by my insufficient vocabulary! I believe the author did this, not to be a purveyor of multi-syllable words, rather, he was determined to use the precise word to convey a precise meaning that no other word in the English language could better convey.

I sometimes fret when language gets watered down to the extent that a lesser word is substituted to convey an important concept when there is a more specific word available to convey the meaning in a more precise way. Thus, much more clarity is gained and much better understanding is more likely to take place.

For example, the original New Testament books are written in a form of the Greek language that is no longer spoken today by the Greek people. It is now called a dead language. However, the definitions of the words have been "locked in" forever. That is why science, medicine, and hopefully Christianity uses the older language to specifically identify a term of science, medicine, or Christianity. The old Greek words are always precise and carry the same constant meaning.

At times, I get a bit distressed with some of our newer New Testament translations. In an attempt to present the Scripture in a more easily understood format, hundreds of key words have been removed or replaced by general terms that strive to be equally modern, gender specific, politically correct, and equal in meaning. Words such as . . . propitiation, atonement, fellowship lasciviousness, and virtue. . . are being defined by substitute words that are woefully lacking in conveying the author's original intent. As a result, we have a lesser understanding of God's Word.

Last week my five year old grandson was assisting me on a home project. To do so, he needed to descend a three-step, step ladder. As he considered this, he said, "Grandpa, is this ladder *stable*"? I was impressed. The word, *stable*, defines an abstract concept. He had gained an insight into a concept that could probably not easily have been described by another word of equal value.

The more we develop our vocabulary, the better opportunity we will have to say precisely what needs to be said, and to understand what needs to be understood.

--Robert

Encouragement Corner

Small Groups

As the weather begins to warm, like many of you, I find myself anticipating the joys that summer brings. For the past couple of weeks now, I've been slowly replacing the tools of winter with the toys of summer. The boat has immersed from storage along with my fishing rods and tackle. Within another week or two, I should be rigged and ready to go for another summer's worth of battling my finned foes.

Another joy of summer is bound to arrive in another couple of weeks as well. Small groups are slated to kick off on Sunday June 4th. If you attended one of the small groups last summer, then you know what a blessing they can be. If you didn't, then be sure to get in on the action this year.

Over the years, Veronica and I have been fortunate enough to be part of several small groups here at Kenai Christian Church. Although the make-up of these groups have been drastically different, our experience has always been a positive one as each small group has provided us with an opportunity to get to know individuals from the congregation on a much deeper basis.

Unfortunately, because of the number of folks who attend here at Kenai Christian Church, it's really difficult to get to know everyone. Sure we may know one another by name, but how much do we really "know" our brothers and sisters in Christ? Small groups provide us with an opportunity to create a more intimate setting where we can move beyond the superficial Sunday morning greeting of... "Hi, how are you?... and engage individuals on a much deeper level. If your experience is anything like mine, then what you'll discover is that you'll not only begin to look forward to these weekly meetings, but you'll go out of your way to seek out the members of your small group here at the Church building.

In addition to this intimacy, small groups also provide an excellent environment for interactive Bible studies. This year the elders have approved several such studies to fit the needs of a variety of individuals here at Kenai Christian Church. These studies are designed in such a way as to encourage the participation of all who attend. You'll be amazed how much you can learn from your brothers and sisters in Christ when you open up Scripture and discuss it together.

Who knows, if your group is anything like the one that I attended last year, you might just get to sample a handful of delicious meals along the way. Food, fellowship and a quality Bible study... if that's not something that excites you as you anticipate this summer, then you better check your spiritual pulse!

Because He's a Truth Worth Pursing,
Bryan

Mission Spotlight

Living Water Christian Mission

Serving Jesus in Gonaives, Haiti

Welcome to Living Water

Living Water Christian Mission is located in Gonaives, Haiti. Under the direction of Salonique Adolphe, the mission operates three churches and assist three others. They provide two elementary schools, one traditional high school and one high school for adults. They also operate a school to learn a profession and a farm. Eventually a seminary, will be built on the farm land. The seminary now meets at one of their other schools now.



You have the opportunity to sponsor a student in one of Living Water Christian Mission's schools. Living Water has about 750 students in grades PK-12th grade at two different schools. One school in the city of Gonaives and another in the rural town of Marmalade. Sponsorship of students at Living Water supplies the financial support for their education. This includes, but is not limited to, school uniforms, textbooks, student supplies, a hot meal each day and qualified teachers. To sponsor a student go to livingwaterchristianmission.org and select "Sponsor a Student".

How To Help

Things people can do to help Living Water

1. Pray earnestly and fervently for the mission
2. Sponsor a student of our school
3. Give a one time gift or a monthly support to LWCM
4. Take short term trips to Living Water Christian Mission to help in construction and other areas
5. Become a teacher at one of the educational institutions of Living Water Christian Mission
6. Supply the needs of Living Water Christian Mission: school & office supplies, food, clothing, musical instruments, etc
7. Fund one of our many projects

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*Thanking God for the growth of
His Kingdom*

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2 Timothy 2:22

FLY THE EVIL DESIRES OF YOUTH AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE AND PEACE ALONG WITH THOSE WHO CALL ON THE LORD OUT OF A PURE HEART.



JUNE 3RD
10am-Noon
Beautification Day
☒



SUMMER CAMP
July 31st-Aug 5th
☒



PRAY FOR NIÑOS TEAM
AS THEY ARE GONE
JUNE 2-JUNE 10
☒

IN PURSUIT

Spare Time?

Avoid the Boredom Excuse

**BORED OF BEING
BORED BECAUSE
BEING BORED IS
BORING**

And then Peter looked at Jesus and said, "You know, Rabbi, I'm bored." You don't find that passage anywhere in the Bible, and in fact you won't find the word bored at all. So why has this word so craftily infiltrated our vernacular at church or youth group? In reality, the only person who can create boredom is the individual (or group of individuals) who professes it.

I have a theory that I would like to expound upon: boredom in the "Christian circles" exists as it competes with the instant gratification provided by our modern day media. We have available what we want, when we want it, on instant demand. We can

yell across the room for "Alexa" to turn the lights on or play our favorite music. If a web page loads in 5 seconds or more, we think it is taking a long time. The movies and video games that tickle our ocular sensors are on overload with the lifelike images created by CGA (computer generated animation). I could go on with these examples for pages, but the reality is that our 5 senses are being overloaded nearly every second of the day with 3rd party stimuli.

Here's the surprise: the Bible won't compete with this scenario...because it doesn't have to. God's Word has survived literally since the beginning of time (and technically before that if you want to get theologically deep) and it will survive the influx of modern day media that's trying to draw our attention away today. My solution then if you find yourself or hear others talking about how God or church or the Bible is boring: try sitting down and reading the Bible. I guarantee you that it is the most intriguing, exhilarating, amazing Words that you will ever read or experience. Try reading it aloud or with a group of friends or family. The more you give this a try, the more you will find how awesome (and not boring) God is.

I dare you to try,

Adam

KNOW

GROW

GO

June 2017

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Sunday Services:

9:45 Am Sunday School
11:00 Am Worship
No Summer Evening Services—Ask About our Summer Small Groups!

Wednesday Events/Classes:

5:45 Pm Soul Café Supper
6:30 Pm Children's Program
6:30 Pm Bible Study

Adult Education: Dave Daniel 283-3990
Children's Ministry: Karlene Meyers 953-0101
Music Ministry: Elizabeth Ross 260-6939

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Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



June 2nd—10th

Youth Mission Trip to
Niños de Mexico!

Please, remember to pray
for the youth and sponsors
while they are away!!

June 4th

Small Groups
Begins!

July 10th—14th

VBS!

July 31st—
Aug 4th

Youth Summer Camp!