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NEWS

John 11:25

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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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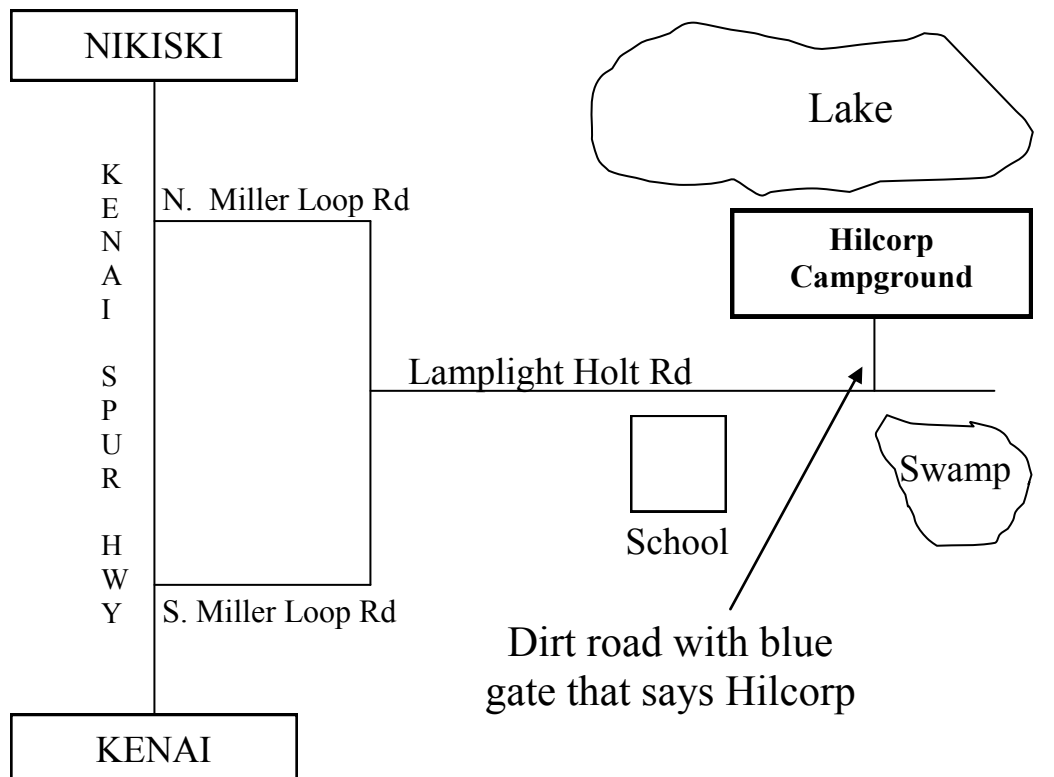
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KCC Annual Picnic + 50 years of ministry in Alaska = PICNIC CELEBRATION!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH 3:00 PM

A basket will be available for cards



Minister's Outlook

Partly cloudy and 57°
(06-21-17) 2:00 p.m.

Back To School

The start-up of school is in the air. Yellow school buses are traversing the highways and side roads of the Kenai Peninsula as new and seasoned drivers learn new routes and additional responsibilities. Teachers are returning to their classrooms. Extracurricular activities are already under way. School supplies and new clothes are being purchased for the occasion. And our older youth are packing for college or vocational instruction.

Good education is an essential ingredient for a productive society. In the case of Christianity, it is a must! Of the many things God hates, ignorance and lack of knowledge rank very high! God places a premium on being well educated. Note these verses:

“My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.”

—Hosea 4:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it.”

--Proverbs 22:6

“Give diligence to show yourself approved unto God, --a workman who needs not be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

--II Tim. 2:15

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

--Proverbs 1:7

We have a rich range of choices for the education of our children: home schooling, private schools, public schools, colleges, on-the-job training, etc. We should consider these carefully and select wisely. It makes a huge difference in the long run.

Sometimes, I am concerned when I observe both the example and teaching of parents who place little or no premium of the education of their children in spiritual matters. From God's perspective, the most handicapped youth in the world is the one who has not been taught to first and foremost honor God. Jesus himself would say, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, then lose his own soul.” Teaching children that family play comes ahead of commitment to the Lord; that making money comes ahead of the Lord; that spending money on physical things comes ahead of generously giving to the Lord's work; that being in the Lord's house with the Lord's people is not really too important; and that not taking a responsible position in the kingdom of God is okay.

Do we ever look into the eyes of our little child, and ask “. . . do I realize this precious soul may one day be in hell, and it may be in part because I never taught him/her through example and word that real life is in serving God?

Consider these words: “But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand; since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, I in turn, will laugh at your disaster; I will mock when calamity overtakes you—when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. Then they will call to me, but I will not answer, they will look for me but will not find me.” --Proverbs 1:24-28 (Wisdom speaking)

--Robert

Encouragement Corner

Sunday School Substitute

Over the course of my education, I was provided with an opportunity to interact with a handful of substitute teachers. Whether our regularly scheduled teacher was away on vacation, or simply called in sick for the day, these brave souls took a hold of the reigns in their absence. Some of these substitutes were amazing, as they kept the class pointed in the right direction, while others were a complete disaster, as the class ran amuck due to their lack of organization and oversight.

With this in mind, you can imagine the fear the gripped me when I was first approached to serve as a substitute teacher for the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class here at KCC. Of course being the brave soul that I am, I tried not to let that fear show as I stepped into the classroom, but it's amazing how intimidating a room full of 4th and 5th graders can be. Sure they may look cute, but I'm here to tell you that if you give them an inch (in regards to tolerating nonsense / misbehavior) they will take a mile. (as my friends and I clearly demonstrated during our grade school years)

And yet I can honestly say, that which I once dreaded, has become a joy over time as I find myself looking forward to teaching the 4th - 5th grade Sunday School class in their teacher's absence. The curriculum that's provided is well laid out and easy to follow. The kids are eager to learn and to participate in the activities and lessons. And to top it all off, as I prepare and present their lesson, I often find myself learning in the process.

I write all of this to encourage you to consider the possibility of teaching one of our children's classes here at KCC for yourself. Sure it may be scary prospect at first, but I bet that if you were to give it a try, your fears would quickly dissolve. (as mine did). The curriculum is in place, the kids are eager to learn, all that is missing is an individual who is willing to come prepared in order to pour the truth into their little lives.

As the Apostle Paul pointed out in **Romans 10:13-15**...

“...everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. 14 But how can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the gospel of good things!

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved in children's ministry here at Kenai Christian Church, I would encourage you to speak with Karlene Meyers and let her know that you are willing to assist. May you and I be those beautiful feet who are willing to walk into classrooms filled with little children each week here at KCC in order to share the good news of Jesus Christ with them.

Because He's the Truth,
Bryan

Mission Spotlight

LATM What books can do

LATM stands for Literature and Teaching Ministries.

1. *Why does LATM specialize in books?*

There is such an abundance of books in English that in the United States we forget, or we don't realize that books are a rarity in most countries of the world. A church leader is fortunate to have even a handful of books in his own language. While there are many existing agencies that focus on medical needs, food distribution, Bible translation, etc., few are attempting to help produce books in other languages, which is why we make it our specialty. LATM has nearly 1000 book projects, over two million books in 70 languages. That means that LATM has an enormous mission footprint. However, the list of requests from missionaries and national church leaders for reliable Christian books in their language grows faster than we are able to respond.

2. *Pray with us* for people and churches who will join the effort to publish culturally relevant, Christ-centered books in the heart languages of people throughout the world.

Those who have used the books LATM has helped publish respond with marvelous testimonies of the power of these books in their lives and ministries. They are reminders that good Bible teaching works powerfully in the growing church, and they feed our enthusiasm to do more.

3. *Pray with us* that these books serve their purpose to deepen and enrich the church's knowledge of God and Christ, and strengthen the leaders' ability to carefully handle the Word.

The need for Christ-centered books in heart languages has **not stopped**, of course. Our 2017 goal is to help publish **100** strategic book projects that will help people **Find, Follow** and **Serve** Jesus!

Did you join a book club that sent you books you didn't really want, or didn't have time to read? Join the book club that will never send you a book! Instead of **receiving** a book each month, you will help **LATM** give a book every month to someone across the world who needs it! The July Book Club donations will help publish three books in Spanish, to be printed and used in Cuba. There are no Christian bookstores and very few if any books on Christian doctrine in Cuba.

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2 Timothy 2:22

FLEE 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.



PROMOTION POOL PARTY:
August 25, 5pm-6pm



BIKE THE LOOP
August 8, 1pm-5pm



CHURCH PICNIC
August 27th, 3pm

IN PURSUIT

Time for Jesus:

May we always have it!



It seems like we just started Summer, and here we are staring down the final weeks before Fall. Alaskan summers seem to go by especially fast leaving us all with the question, "Where did time go?" If you are anything like me your list of projects only increased and you're still trying to figure out how to get the most out of what is left of this season. Here's a question I had to ask myself the other night when I was doing an objective evaluation of my time: have I spent enough time with Jesus?

During each day this summer, I was running 100 miles per hour in about 15 different directions. So, at night I could justify "vegging out" my down time on

some Netflix binges. One night it dawned on me, I hadn't spent any quality time with my Savior that day (or even that week). Being aware of this dilemma I now had a choice to make. Was I going to ignore the revelation I just had or do something about it? Do I get a "pass" just because I'm a minister? Of course not!

I took that moment to spend some serious prayer time with God acknowledging my sin and asking for forgiveness. Then I made a plan: make time for Jesus. I didn't come up with a formula or algorithm of "Jesus time" versus iPad versus family versus work, etc. Instead I concentrated on this familiar passage from God's Word: "Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Because I do have the time...

KNOW

GROW

GO


August 2017

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 Youth Minister: Adam Meyers 953-0102 **Women's**
 Ministry: Leslie Daniel 283-4559
 Elders: David Daniel 283-3990
 Deacons: James Spinka

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday Services	Sunday Services	Wednesday Classes	Wednesday Classes	Middle School & High School Camp	First Friday at Friendship Mission	
Small Groups	Small Groups	Wednesday Classes	Wednesday Classes	CareShare	CareShare	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday Services	Sunday Services	Wednesday Classes	Wednesday Classes			
Small Groups	Small Groups	Wednesday Classes	Wednesday Classes			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday Services	Sunday Services	Wednesday Classes	Wednesday Classes			
LAST Small Group	LAST Small Group	Wednesday Classes	Wednesday Classes			
27	28	29	30	31		
			Wednesday Classes			



“Promotion Pool Party”

August 25th
from 5pm-6pm
@ Nikiski Pool

This is for the whole
congregation to celebrate our youth promoting up.

Children 12 and under and
non-swimmers who want to swim must be
accompanied by a parent in the pool.