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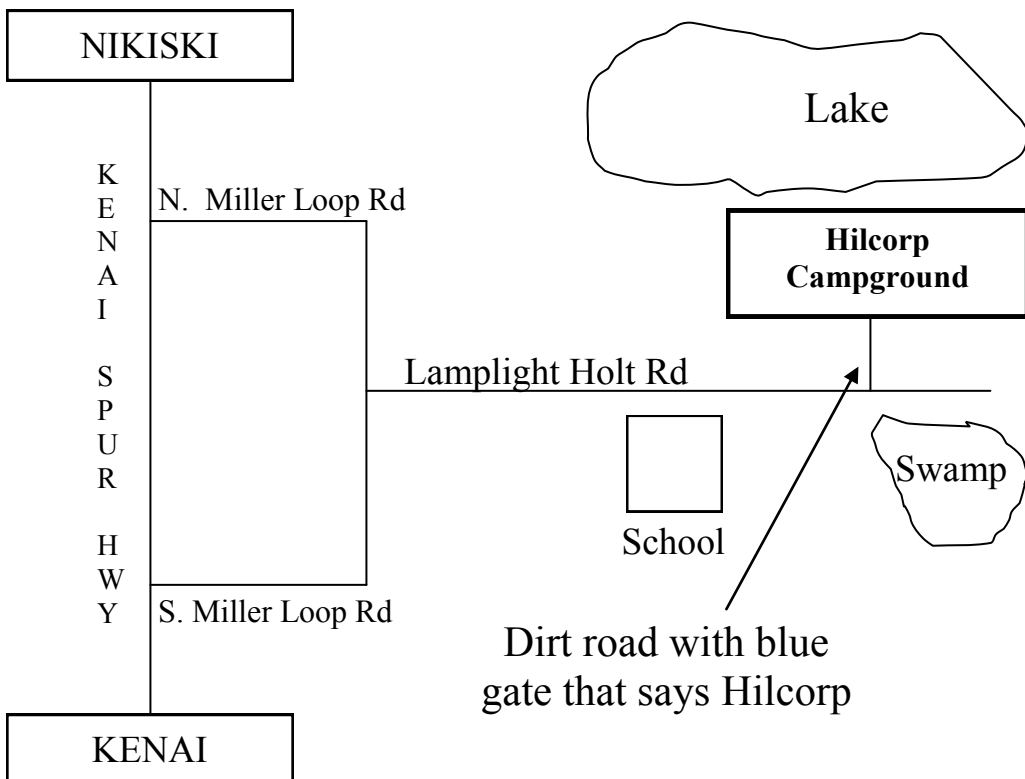
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KCC Annual Picnic + 50 years of ministry in Alaska = PICNIC CELEBRATION!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH 3:00 PM

A basket will be available for cards



Minister's Outlook

Cloudy and 53°
(08-21-17) 7:00 a.m.

This will be my last newsletter column. I have either written a column or produced a complete newsletter for the past fifty three years. This column is a mixture of some previous thoughts coupled with my assessment of myself as a minister. I have spent 23 years as a school teacher and 76 years as a classroom student with God as my instructor. Whatever I have become, it has been because I wanted to emulate my Father. Please forgive me when I did not measure up to the task. In the song below, I view myself as "Joe."

School Days

Somewhere hidden in my fifty three years of newsletter files, I am sure I have quoted the lines from the song, "School Days." It was taught to me by my father, but this beautiful song even pre-dates his education experiences. I like the song because of its spiritual values and also because it is a practical and realistic assessment of a young boy's favorite school days memories. It is still applicable today.

School days, School days, Good old
Golden Rule days,
Readin' and writin', 'rithmetic, --Taught to the
tune of a hickory stick.
You were my queen in calico. I was your bashful
bare foot beau.
You wrote on my slate, "I Love You, Joe."
When we were a couple of kids.

The writer's first memory of his school days is the guiding philosophy of the school itself. He remembers his core subjects and two authorities he respected—the Golden Rule and the hickory stick.

Most schools still uphold the "Golden Rule" concept, but sadly, the concept has lost its sense of under-girding authority. When the song was written, every pupil knew that the "Golden Rule" was applicable because it came from God. If a young man loved God he obeyed the Golden Rule. On the other hand, if a young man did not love God, he still obeyed the Golden Rule because of his FEAR of both the "hickory stick" and God.

Though some of the above thoughts may be in conflict with present day thinking, it is still essential that growing children obey a principled standard because it is right—either out of love and admiration for the principle itself, or because they know beyond a shadow of a doubt that they will experience dire consequences administered in love if they disobey. This is one of the most helpful gifts we can bequeath to our children. School ought to be an exciting place of learning.

Finally, the song teaches that school is a place where social norms are shaped. Once having been a boy myself, I can only imagine the excitement of finding written on my slate by the girl of my youthful dreams, "I Love You, Joe." Though my name is not Joe, I have always concluded that Joe was a most fortunate young lad who undoubtedly hurried to school every morning thereafter.

--Robert

Encouragement Corner

Story Time

"Tell us a story daddy...tell us a story." If I had a dime for every time my children have approached me with that request, I could hire a full-time story teller to keep them entertained. It doesn't matter if it's a story about my childhood, or one that I make up on the spot, my kids love a good story...and who can blame them?

I can still remember some of the stories that my dad shared with me as a child, as they transported me to another place and time. Whether they were stories about his time in the Navy or of some adventure that he experienced in the outdoors, his stories captured my attention as they imbedded themselves within the deep recesses of my mind. In fact, in those moments when my children demand more, and the well of my own experiences runs dry, I often rely on his stories to get me through.

If there's one thing that many preachers are guilty of, it's that they're often great story tellers, who possess the ability to entertain the masses week after week, while at the same time leaving their listeners spiritually empty due to their lack of scriptural content. If there was ever an area where Jesus excelled as a teacher, this was it, as he had mastered the ability of communicating spiritual truths through cleverly contrived stories.

These stories (more appropriately referred to as "parables") comprised much of Jesus teaching. Through them, he instructed the masses, individuals and even his disciples on a whole variety of topics. Though their deeper meanings were not always understood, such tales held his listeners interest and often sparked their curiosity to listen to him all the more.

Over the course of the next three months (mid-September - November) Adam and I will be teaming up to explore many of these parables with you on Sunday mornings. Although we will be unable to explore all of Christ's parables during this timeframe (given the vast amount of stories that Jesus shared throughout his earthly ministry) our goal is to expound upon as many as possible.

So if you're up for a good story, that's packed with spiritual truths, then join us this fall as we explore some of the greatest tales ever told. It's bound to make for a great study!

Because He's the Truth,
Bryan

Mission Spotlight



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a christian church



Michael, Rosalind, Charis, Micah and Josiah Trusty love the New Zealand people and culture. Rosalind is a native New Zealander and Micah was born there while the Trusty's ministered in an established church from 2000 - 2003. New Zealand is a land of incredible beauty and diversity, calling itself "God Zone" although, sadly, only 5-10% of the population attend church of any kind. The Trusty's are now following God's call to plant an effective, evangelistic, Bible-centered church in the

fast growing city of Tauranga, New Zealand. This is named "A Current Church". They have ministered in Alaska (at Kenai Christian Church), Canada, New Zealand and Indiana. They love adventure and the outdoors and are excited on this adventure in faith as missionary church planters to New Zealand. Their love and knowledge of New Zealand people and culture make them uniquely qualified to plant a Biblically sound church in New Zealand.

New Zealand is a land of unsurpassed beauty. From spectacular mountains to majestic fjords, sparkling beaches to rolling farmland, rainforest, desert and thermal areas all declare the glory of God. In fact, the country describes itself as 'God Zone'. However, God is neither worshipped or even acknowledged by most of the population. New Zealand is a highly secular, humanistic culture. Approx 95% of the population do not attend church of any kind. The good news is that New Zealanders are warm, friendly, witty and inviting! They are quick to see through things that are fake and appreciate people who are real. While results happen slower than in the United States, New Zealanders do respond when they hear the Gospel and lives are transformed.



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*Thanking God for the growth of
His Kingdom
Joining in Baptism:*

*Tommy Mathis &
Riel Castillo*

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



COLLEGE NEAR?
Consider 1 year at Boise Bible College!



CHURCH PICNIC
August 27th, 3pm

IN PURSUIT

Continuing a Legacy:

We must not stop.



As a congregation at Kenai Christian Church we have been part of something incredibly special and rare. Robert and Sheila DeVold saw the need 50 years ago to leave their comfort zone, their families, and their home to share Jesus Christ with the people of Alaska. God blazed a trail for them to follow, but don't miss this: Robert and Sheila had the option to accept this mission or to stay where they were. They took the risk and said, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). And so their legacy began...

This wasn't the beginning of THE legacy, but only a branch of the legacy that began the moment that humanity chose to walk away from God in the garden

of Eden. God was not satisfied to let humanity waste away, so he sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save humanity from itself. Jesus taught 12 men and empowered them with the gospel message of God's unfailing love, and they taught others until history met up with Robert and Sheila. Responding to the command to "make disciples of all nations" the DeVolds found themselves in a far away, cold, and much different land than they had ever experienced. For 50 years they both labored in ways that is uncommon today, carrying the pack the extra mile. They found a few who partnered with them in ministry and began to share the message of the cross here in Kenai. Eventually those dedicated few grew and grew to the point that 50 years later I am typing a newsletter in my office and YOU are reading it. Are you following? Literally thousands of people have been taught the redeeming words of Jesus Christ because Robert and Sheila faithfully served for 50 years in Alaska.

So now it is our responsibility to continue the legacy that has been established. We must not stop! Our roles may change and our responsibilities may increase, but if we truly want to honor the mission that began with Jesus Christ then we will take the baton from Robert and Sheila and RUN with it. Thank you Robert and Sheila for your example of sacrifice, love, and faithfulness. We are eternally changed because of it!

KNOW

GROW

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September 2017

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Adam Meyers 953-0102

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Elders: David Daniel 283-3990

Deacons: James Spinka

Adult Education: Dave Daniel 283-3990

Children's Ministry: Karlene Meyers 953-0101


Music Ministry: Elizabeth Ross 260-6939

Wednesday Events/Classes:

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

Sunday Services:

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

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Remember to pray for the children, teachers and families!!



**EVENING CLASSES WILL
BE DISMISSED!!**

Kenai Christian Church
Women's Ministry
Presents:



2017 Women's Retreat
October 5, 6, 7

Guest Speaker:
Erika VanHaitsma

Solid Rock Bible Camp
Mile 90.5 Sterling Hwy
Soldotna, AK

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