

# *Kenai Christian Church* **NEWS**

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*January 2019*

*Save the Date:*

*Women's  
Kick-Off Party  
will be on  
February 1st.*

*More information will  
be coming soon.*

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# Be An Overcomer

## Jesus Knew Our Need to Overcome

Not long before Jesus was going to be crucified, He had a very strong message of encouragement for His disciples. You could sum up Jesus' challenge with one word: overcome. Jesus knew that His time with the disciples was drawing to an end and that they would struggle with many doubts, fears, and difficulties. After all, their mentor was about to be publicly humiliated and killed as a criminal. He knew their journey was just beginning, and that it would take a miracle to keep them on task. And what was the disciples' task? To teach the world about who Jesus really was, the Savior of the world. A miracle is just what they got. Jesus not only was crucified in front of them, He came back to life after being dead for three days.

## Troubles Will Come

Imagine being one of the disciples who was eating breakfast with the risen Savior on the shoreline after fishing all night. Do you think you would stare in disbelief, or have to pinch yourself to make sure that you weren't hallucinating? I'm sure the words that Jesus used just days before that meal suddenly felt real to the disciples. In John 16:33 Jesus said to the disciples, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." I'm sure when these words were initially uttered to the disciples, it must have been frightening or confusing. They signed up to be disciples, not suffer the inconvenience and pain of trouble. But as they sat there eating, looking at the nail-scarred hands that passed out the food, overcoming the world must have felt very attainable. If the trouble of death couldn't keep Jesus down, then what kind of trouble would now keep them from their purpose in life?

## We Shall Overcome

The disciple John clearly grasped onto this idea, and he faithfully lived his life in a way to encourage all of Jesus' followers to do the same. He wrote in 1 John 5:4-5, "everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." John experienced many troubles as he faithfully followed Jesus, but he never forgot that this world's challenges could be overcome through His Savior and Friend. I'm thankful that John recorded these words of encouragement for us. I have no idea what 2018 threw at you. I'm not sure if troubles, or death, or hardship lurked around you this past year. But what I am confident in is this: we shall overcome if we stay faithful to Jesus. This is a promise that was sealed when Jesus came walking, fully alive, out of a tomb that held His once dead body. Walk faithfully in confidence with Jesus, and you will overcome the troubles of this world!



## *Celebrations*

- ⇒ HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
- ⇒ Sara Gottschalk was just recently baptized on 12/19/2018
- ⇒ We've had some new additions to our teen band that leads praise worship on Wednesday nights. Shannon Murphy has been playing the box drum the past couple weeks!
- ⇒ We had plenty of youth involved in our cookie theatre program this year. It was great getting to see youth jump in and help out with setting up, tearing down, or be a part of some act or video.



# Youth *News*

## *Coming Up*

- ⇒ We will not have any services Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to it being the day after New Year's. So use that time to spend with family and friends!
- ⇒ It's never too early to start marking dates for summer camp! This year, camp for middle school and high schoolers, is happening from July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>. More information will come up later about sign-ups and cost. But be sure to start marking those calendars to send your kids to camp this year!

# MISSIONS

## **International Disaster Emergency Service**

**IDES Mission Statement:** IDES exists to meet physical and Spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



Ides serves five main Focus Areas around the world:

**Evangelism:** There are many groups of people who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Disaster Response:** Many people around the world are affected by natural disasters.

**Hunger Relief:** About 795 million people are undernourished globally; 98% of the hungry live in developing regions.

**Development and Sustainability:** 767 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day.

**Medical Care:** More than 400 million people globally lack access to at least one or more of the essential health services.

**In January 2019, pray for these needs to be met by IDES."**

- ◆ Philippine Mission COC replacing the mission's hospital roof that was damaged by typhoons.
- ◆ Int'l. Bible School, Pakistan, drilling wells in 10 villages providing healthy, life-saving water to over 5,000 people.
- ◆ Hope for Haiti's Children providing seeds, saplings & livestock for 2 orphanages & a Christian School so they can find a sustainable way to provide nourishment.
- ◆ Rapha House, Thailand replacing homes for 26 refugee families who are being displaced and forced from their current homes.
- ◆ Continuing hurricane relief efforts as we begin repairing/rebuilding homes in the Carolina's & in Panama City, FL.

### Philippines; Medical Clinics



The purpose of the sheds is for affected families to store whatever belongings that can be saved or salvaged after an initial disaster has struck; and to be used as tools for the local church to reach out into its own community during a time of need in the name of Jesus Christ.

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# January 2019

- 1.2** *Evening Service Dismissed*
- 1.4** *First Friday Dinner at  
Friendship Mission @ 5:45pm  
(Polish Themed Christmas Dinner.  
Contact Mark Cialek for more  
info)*
- 1.6** *Sunday Sundaes  
(Following Eve. Service)*
- 1.10** *Women's Bible Study Begins*
- 1.19** *Mission Team Meeting 11am  
(Located in Activity Room. Visitors  
welcome @ 12 for lunch & to pray for  
our missions. Contact Randy if you'd  
like to attend 398-4563)*
- 1.20** *Congregational Vote*

## **Regular Services & Classes**

### **Sunday**

Bible Classes	9:45am
Worship	11:00am
Evening Service	6:30pm

### **Wednesday**

Soul Café	5:45pm
Bible Study	6:30pm

*-Praising God for the growth of His Kingdom.*

*Sara Gottschalk was baptized on  
December 19th, 2018*



***Announcements***

*“Save the Date”*

*Men’s Retreat is quickly approaching!*

*February 22nd–23rd*

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