

Kenai Christian Church

news

104 MCKINLEY ST
KENAI, AK 99611

March 2019

Youth Dinner & Dodgeball Night!

March 7th from 6pm-11pm

Please come join us at KCC
for a night of fun and food!
6th grade—12th grade are
welcome.

Boys bring drinks &
Girls bring breakfast snacks.

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March Forth

Because We've Been Commanded

Some may argue that Matthew 28:18-20 gets overused within the Christian "circle" but I would argue that we cannot be reminded of these verses enough. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Jesus wasn't suggesting that we tell the lost world about His saving grace, He was commanding that we do this. According to dictionary.com, command means "to direct with specific authority or prerogative; order" and "to require authoritatively; demand." This explains why Jesus starts His statement with establishing his credentials or authority. How much authority does Jesus possess? All authority in heaven and earth.

Respond to Jesus' Command

Often at the end of service we expect someone to respond to the invitation to name Jesus Christ as Lord of their life. We wait and watch in hope of seeing someone take that first step of faith. But something happens after we make our confession of faith and are baptized: we feel as if we have arrived. Like, that's it, that's the totality of our response. But actually, we haven't arrived when we give our lives to Jesus. In fact, we are just getting started. We have placed our lives, our everything at the feet of Jesus in submission to His authority. And He has commanded that we share Him with others. We must take a self-evaluation and ask, "What am I doing each day to respond to Jesus' command?" When we gather together in the church building and notice that there are empty seats, let that be a reminder of someone hasn't yet given their life to Jesus.

Time is Not Our Friend

The excuse that I use most to dodge my response to Jesus' command is that time is on my side. The older I get, the more I realize that this can't be farther from the truth! Regardless of our background, our economic status, our race, our gender, or our geographic location, and especially our age, we all have something in common: our bodies will not last and we will stand before God in judgement one day. When we feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit to share the love of Jesus with someone, let us remember Jesus command to do just that. Don't delay. Often, we think we have tomorrow to share with that person, but that just might not be the case. When you feel afraid or are nervous to share Jesus, remember that He is right there with you encouraging you along. On this March 4th, remember to march forth in the continual spread of the Good News that Jesus has saved us all from our sins!

Under His Command,

Adam

YOUTH

NEWS

CELEBRATIONS

- ⇒ Students have been doing well with taking steps meeting new people and spending time with students who have never been to church before. It's been really cool seeing students push themselves to not only meet the new people who come to check out group, but also spend time WITH the students.
- ⇒ Our Game Day on Feb. 16th went well! We had a handful of students show up and had a blast eating pizza, while playing some classic games on some of the most classic consoles.

COMING UP

- ⇒ We have a couple new Series coming up in youth group! We just kicked off a series called "Game On" where we take spiritual elements from popular video games and apply them to our faith. In March, we'll also kick off another 3 week series called "Together," where we'll discuss unity and working/sticking together in a world that seems so divided today.
- ⇒ March 7th, there will be a Dinner Dodgeball Party from 6PM-11PM for all students in 6th – 12th grade. There will be LOTS of good food and even MORE fun playing dodgeball!
- ⇒ 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 8th – July 12th. 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!

Friendship Mission

Ministering to the homeless men of the Kenai Peninsula



Happenings in 2018

As we come to the end of the year, we look back on the things that have taken place. The most important is that six men came to know Jesus as their Savior. They all have been baptized and are attending church with us at Kenai Christian Church or a church of their choice. Again, I want to thank our Bible Study leaders for their dedication to telling our residents about how Jesus loves them and wants them to accept His

free gift of salvation and learn to make better choices in their lives.

Graydon and Mary Anne Cowgill were honored in December by the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature for their dedication and devotion to the Friendship Mission and the Kenai Peninsula. The award was presented by Rep. Gary Knopp, Prime Sponsor.

A young man named Jacob came with his father and some of his friends to make a donation to the Mission. It was his 10th birthday and he had asked his friends to bring items for the Mission, instead of gifts for him. This is the second year he has done this. We are so proud of him.

Then the last week in July, the work team from Oklahoma came with 16 members. They painted the main building, refurbished 4 of the bedrooms upstairs and built a fence around the high tunnel, to keep the moose away. They all worked really hard to get everything done and they did. They were a great bunch of people. It was so good having them here. They visited with the residents and new friendships were made.



Graydon (Skipper) Cowgill
Director



Mary Anne Cowgill
Secretary

Skipper and Mary Anne Cowgill

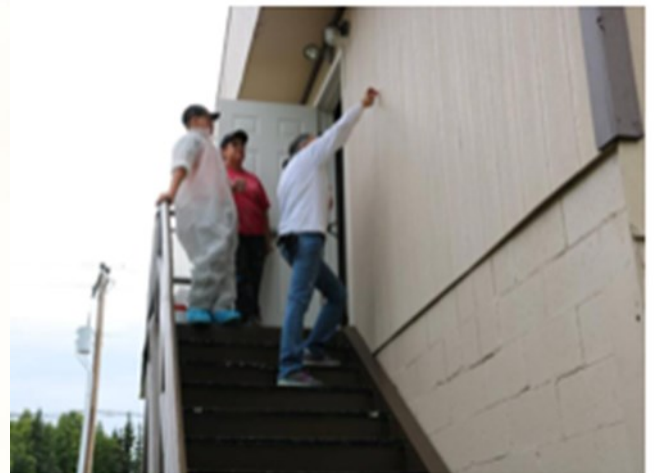
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March 2019

3.3 Sunday Sundaes

3.7 Youth Dinner and Dodgeball

6pm-11pm Middle and Highschool welcome. Girls bring breakfast snacks and boys bring drinks. See Caleb for more info.

3.14 Women's am Bible Study Dismissed

3.31 Family Sunday



Regular Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Soul Café	5:45pm
Bible Study	6:30pm

Thursday

Women's Bible Study	9:30am
Men's Bible Study	12:00pm
Women's Bible Study	6:00pm



Announcements

*Our deepest condolences to
Braxton and Brenna Cox. Their grandmother
Mary Ruth Cox went home to be with the Lord on
February 15th, 2019*

Praising God for the growth of His Kingdom!

**Michael Dominic was baptized
on February 24th, 2019**

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