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Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 PM

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**CALLING ALL
SUPER HEROES,
VBS IS ALMOST HERE!!**

**JULY 10TH 14TH
6PM 8:30PM**

SIGN UP ONLINE OR AT INFO DESK



Minister's Outlook

Clear and 64°
(06-21-17) 2:00 p.m.

Encouragement Corner

Transition

Words Have Meanings

Several years ago, I found the following material on my desk. I have to admit that I do not know who gave it to me, but I am relatively certain that the person who shared it, gave it directly to me. I apologize to that person for not remembering. However, I do thank him/her for the good thoughts.

The article was entitled, "13 WAYS TO MINISTER TO VISITORS." The emphasis was upon ministering to visitors while they are in the building. We know this is but the first step in drawing people to Christ via the cords of love, but it is an important step.

- Guesterize the Congregation
- Give Guests Your Best Attitude
- Give Guests Your Best Communication
- Give Guests Your Best Welcome
- Give Guests Your Best Smile
- Give Guests Your Best Childcare Guidance
- Give Guests Your Best Service
- Give Guests Your Best Assistance
- Give Guests Your Best Seats
- Give Guests Your Best Time
- Give Guests Your Best Friendship
- Give Guests Your Best Follow-up
- Sit with the Guest(s) if they are alone

If our focus is fixed on Jesus, then it will be fixed on bringing Eternal Life to the lost and wandering.

If our focus is fixed on Jesus, it will be fixed on shepherding and teaching the new lambs who have come into the body of Christ.

If our focus is fixed on Jesus, we will be so fixed upon the challenges of teaching, mentoring, ministering, praying, and sharing, that we will want only unity of the Spirit to abound so that new lambs will find a place of safety and service.

Indeed, it is a most remarkable blessing to have been set apart by the blood of Christ for service in His Kingdom. What a privilege! What joy! Why not join me in the following prayer--which is also a hymn. "Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care . . ."

As many of you know, this past May, Robert announced his plans to step away from the pulpit effective September 1st. Although he will continue to serve as an elder and teach his Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes, his portion of the preaching will now fall to Adam as the two of us plan to continue to split that responsibility.

Fifty years in ministry is certainly an amazing feat that is worthy of our honor and respect as we consider all that Robert (and Shelia) have accomplished through the years on the Lord's behalf here in Kenai. Few congregations are afforded the opportunity to experience the sort of comfort and stability that such faithful consistency has brought KCC, even in the most tumultuous times.

As such, a question that has often come up in my conversation with others since Robert's announcement is... "What are your thoughts on the transition?" "What are you concerned about?" "Are you scared?" So here in a nutshell are some of my thoughts!

First of all, let me say right up front, that in regards to the task that lies ahead, I believe I am up to the challenge. Now don't get me wrong, I know there is a tremendous learning curve that lies ahead, but I believe that with the Lord's help I can face those difficulties head on. Besides, Jesus himself specifically instructed us as his followers not to worry about what the future holds. So who am I to defy his instructions in light to the situation that I now find myself in.

If there is one thought that bothers in regards to the future though, it's the awesome responsibility that I've been entrusted with to properly communicate the truth of God's Word every time I step into the pulpit. This is a fear that was pounded into me by a couple of dearly loved professors at Taylor University. It's also a concern that I know has weighed heavily on Robert's mind through the years, and as such I hope it continues to haunt me in the days to come.

In addition to my personal confidence, I also have a tremendous amount of confidence in my fellow staff members. Dave and Leslie Daniel, Karlene Meyers and Elizabeth Ross are not only incredibly skilled and passionate in regards to their various areas of oversight, but I have no doubt that they are deeply committed to the future success of the congregation here in Kenai as well. I count it a blessing to work side by side with such fine folks and appreciate their patience in regards to my many faults.

You may have noticed that I left one particular individual off of the above list, and for good reason, as I especially want to emphasize the complete confidence that I have in Adam Meyers as we face this time of transition together. Not only do I count Adam as a personal friend, but his skill set and heart for ministry in many ways are a perfect complement to that of my own as he tends to excel in areas where I am lacking. I look forward to seeing how God continues to use him in the days ahead as he steps into his new role here at KCC.

Continued...

In addition to my fellow staff members, I am also comforted in knowing that the congregation is overseen by a Godly group of men who seek to faithfully shepherd the Lord's flock here in Kenai. Though their work often goes unnoticed, the elders of KCC have worked diligently behind the scenes for years, to ensure that the Lord's Church here in Kenai has been provided with everything it needs to thrive. Scripture) that we are not a minister led congregation, but rather we are an elder led congregation, as these men seek to follow Christ themselves.

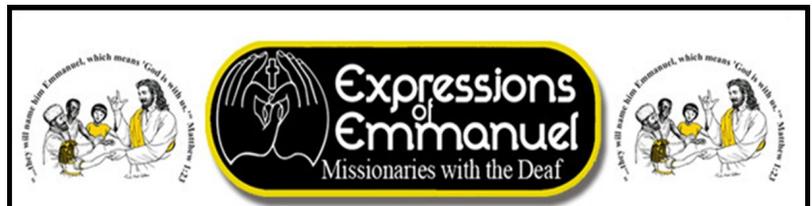
Once again, one needs only to consider the sacrifices that these men have made (largely in regards to the time that they have devoted their job) to understand the manner in which they are deeply committed to seeing the Gospel advanced under their care. With this in mind, we must never forget, (in keeping with In light of the confidence that I possess in the leadership here at KCC, I also possess a tremendous amount of confidence in the congregation itself. I have yet to see this body be presented with a challenge that it didn't meet to the fullest extent of the need. This is certainly a quality that will prove invaluable in the days ahead as this transition will require more of each of us.

I mean, let's be honest...there's an awful lot of things that Robert has done through the years (construction / building maintenance) that has relieved the congregation of an awful lot of physical and financial burdens. While such needs will remain, these tasks will now fall to those who possess the skill set and willingness to see them through to completion. This will demand additional oversight by our deacons and those men and women who are not only willing to recognize the need (which will demand continual vigilance on our behalf) but to step up and meet that need.

And last, but certainly not least, I can't even quantify the amount of confidence that I have in the Lord as we continue to seek to fulfill the great commission here on the Kenai Peninsula. When you consider how far we've come as a congregation (from a small group of people meeting in a trailer to what we've become today) I have a hard time believing that the Lord has brought us this far to simply drop us on our face now.

Yes...transitions can be scary, as they're often accompanied by uncertainty, but one thing that we can be certain of (as we face this transition together) is that we truly have nothing to fear as long as we allow the Lord to lead us into our future.

Because He's the Truth,
Bryan



Expressions of Emmanuel is a Christian Deaf ministry organization that strives to bring the Word of God to the Deaf community. There are approximately 250 million Deaf people in the world. Only two percent of the world's Deaf population are Christians. Our mission is to take action to reach the Deaf population with the Word of God. We do this in three ways:

- **Video projects** – Praise and worship songs, Bible lessons and devotionals in sign language.
- **Outreach** – Visiting individuals or groups of Deaf people in Deaf/hearing camps, churches and Vacation Bible Schools.
- **Writing Projects** – Writing and targeting Christian lessons, stories and movies towards the Deaf community.

Steven and Vonda are the missionaries. Vonda has been a full time missionary since 1988. Steven joined Vonda in her mission work in 2006. An extremely talented videographer, Steven has worked in television and advertising for more than fifteen years. He has also written, directed and produced his own short films. A marvelous writer, Steven has wanted to be a full time missionary for many years and now his dream is being actualized.



This past year has been a very difficult one for the Hamiltons as Steve has been battling cancer and the associated pain. As they have pursued a cure, they have continued the ministry of producing DVD's for the deaf and visiting churches and schools for the deaf throughout the USA and most recently in the Philippines.

Please keep the Hamilton family in your prayers and the continued outreach for Expressions of Emmanuel. Expressions of Emmanuel appreciate all the support in prayers and finances, they still have a mission to support and keep going for the Lord— even with illness.

GOD IS GOOD —ALL THE TIME!

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Congratulations to
Nate & Jill Craig
on the birth of their baby girl!
Abigail Ruth Craig
Was born on
June 13, 2017

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.

FILL THE BUS

INVITE A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, OR RELATIVE TO CAMP!



SUMMER CAMP
July 31st-Aug 5th



LEARN ABOUT VISION BEYOND BORDERS AT SUMMER CAMP!

IN PURSUIT

A Camp Reflection:

A True Life Tale of Church Camp



It was the summer between my 4th and 5th grade year and I had just recently moved from Kentucky, where I spoke with a Southern accent, to Indiana, where apparently people didn't. I hadn't made many friends at the time with the exception of one who became my best friend throughout middle school. Many of my peers found the way I talked funny, and they also enjoyed the fact that I had to wear the size of pants that were affectionately labeled "Husky." To put it bluntly, I felt so out of place without a chance to fit in.

I came home one day and found out that Barb and Denny had registered me for Summer Church Camp.

It wasn't a question that was asked of me, but an encouragement from them to get me connected to people and mostly connected to God. Honestly, I was scared to death to go to camp all by myself, but I trusted Barb and Denny so I did not put up a fight. What I discovered at camp was that other campers could still be mean and pick on you for your accent or the size of your pants (though not all of them), but there was a common thread that pulled us all together: We are all created and loved by God. I was a bit terrified that first summer camp, but I survived. What I loved about it was that the adults who were there invested in my life. They took the time to open the Bible with me and help me hear and understand the words of our Savior, Jesus. They played games with me, ate with me, sang with me, and simply was there so that I could see Jesus lived out in their lives. That's why I love camp and why I hope you will consider going this summer. I know that people are going to invest quality time making sure you see Jesus.

When I went back to camp the summer between 5th & 6th grade, I gave my life to Jesus and was baptized in the pool at Camp Allendale. I am so thankful for the teachers, leaders, cabin dads, and sponsors that gave me a chance to make the most important decision of my life!

Adam

KNOW

GROW

GO

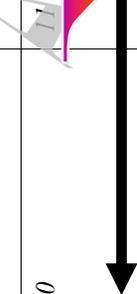
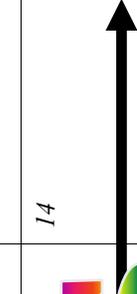
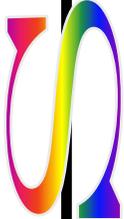
July 2017

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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!

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

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YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND
HIGH SCHOOL KIDS
WELCOME!!!**

JULY 31ST—AUGUST 5TH

(Early bird registration due by July 9th)