

# Kenai Christian Church

# *News*

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CELEBRATING  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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# FREEDOM

By Adam Meyers

## *The Blessing of Freedom*

Freedom is such a blessing, isn't it? From the time we are born and going through our adolescent and teen years we seek to have more and more freedom. Freedom feels great when we get the opportunity to make our own choices and are in charge of our own lives. Freedom tastes sweet when we can speak freely, worship freely, and seek our own path of life freely. I mean, who wants to be controlled by someone else and be subject to their desires and wishes for their life? Without freedom, we are in essence slaves.

## *The Cost of Freedom*

The old saying rings true, "Freedom isn't free. It comes at a price." For us here in the U.S.A. it came by the blood of the men and women who served our country AND by the blood of our enemies. On each side of that battle were humans, all who were made in the image of God though not all of them adhering to His word. Because of their sacrifice we have freedoms here for which the rest of the world longs. But our ultimate freedom comes from the defeat of sin in our lives. Our freedom from sin didn't come just from our repentance or asking for forgiveness, no, it came by the blood of Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God. Our freedom, physical and spiritual, came at a great cost.

## *The Response of Freedom*

"For you were called to be free, brothers; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13) This what Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia which continues to apply to us today. Our freedom is a blessing and has many personal benefits, but our freedom was never meant to be a self-indulgent experience. Our freedom in Christ came at a cost and our response should be to glorify Him because of it. How do we glorify Jesus in our response? By living our life as if His death matters. By living for others instead of ourselves. By looking around at those who are still trapped in the slavery of sin and sharing with them the freedom that comes in Christ. We glorify Jesus by loving others, no matter who they are or where they've been. We love others because God loved us "while we were still sinners."

So, celebrate your freedom with great rejoicing and praise! But remember that you are surrounded by those who are yearning for that same freedom. Let them see and experience the freedom only found in Jesus Christ through you.

# SUMMER CAMP!

Camp is happening July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and will be for students coming into 6<sup>th</sup> grade through people who just graduated in 2018. Sign up sheets are in the youth/teen room by the church office. Be sure to fill one of those out and hand it to me or Adam!

## Upcoming Stuff

**TUESDAY FUNDAYS** are in full swing! Every Tuesday from 3-5PM we will meet at Kenai Central High School for fun and games with other youth groups in the area. If you have any questions, contact Caleb at [caleb@kenaichristianchurch.org](mailto:caleb@kenaichristianchurch.org)

Currently we have 13 Middle school and High school students from KCC signed up for camp! About 50 students altogether are signed up to go to camp this summer!

# Friendship Mission

Ministering to the homeless men of the Kenai Peninsula



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## Basic Supplies

The Mission regularly needs supplies of the items on the following list. If you can help with any of these please bring them to the Friendship Mission from Monday through Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Your generosity is appreciated!

**Coffee, creamer, sugar, Toilet paper, Cleaning supplies, Trash bags - 40 gallon size, Paper towels, Disposable Razors, Shampoo (Larger size), & Deodorant**

A group of young people came from the Alaska Christian College to help around the Mission. The girls worked in the clothes closet we have in the basement. Sorting clothes that people have brought for our residents. What we can't use we give to other organizations that give clothes to people that need them. Also, the girls ironed the curtains that had been washed, but were too wrinkled to hang up in the rooms. The boys helped Skipper in the shop. They worked 3 or 4 hours and were a big help. We showed them the movie about the beginning of the Mission and Skipper talked to them about how God got us up here and all the work that has been done to make the building the place it is today.



**Alaskan Christian College Workers**



**Our Local Missionaries**

**Skipper**

**Mary Anne**



**The KCC Mission Team sponsors a 1st Friday Dinner at the Friendship Mission. Come join us.**



**Friendship Mission grows much of it's produce in the high tunnel.**

**\*If you know of work for the men at the mission contact the office @ (283-5277)\***

# Calendar

**7.4**

Independence Day  
(Evening Services Dismissed)

**7.6**

1st Friday Mission Dinner  
Fried Chicken & Trimmings

**7.9—7.13**

Middle & High School Camp

**8.19**

Last Small Group

**8.24**

Promotional Pool Party



**8.26**

Promotion Sunday & Church Picnic



# Our Regular Services & Classes

## Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship 11:00am

Small Groups (Check on times)

## Wednesday

Soul Café 5:45pm

Bible Study 6:30pm

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the O'Brien Family  
on the birth of their new baby boy!!!

Michael James O'Brien III  
was born on June 5th, 2018

