

Kenai Christian Church News

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Matthew 18:20

Women's Retreat

October 4th - 6th, 2018

Friday Night Banquet
October 5th, 6-8 pm
"HOPELESSLY DEVOTED"



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W A I T I N G O N G O D

It is Hard to Wait

I'll be the first to admit that I have been corrupted by the culture. This corruption has ever-so-slyly eased its way into my life. The fast pace of our culture combined with the instant results driven mentality has taken a toll on my ability to wait. Ponder these scenarios for just a minute and see if you believe they are chipping away at your ability to wait as well: fast food; microwave dinners; insta-pot meals; 4G LTE; broadband; next-day or two-day shipping; Priority Mail; mobile apps; texting; FaceTime; QR codes; pay-at-the-pump gas; and the list goes on and on. When our expectations of having instant access and instant results aren't met, I believe it begins to change our expectations and ability to wait.

God isn't Defined by Culture

Now that we can see that our culture is shaping us in a fast-paced, instant-results direction, it is crucial to be reminded that God isn't defined by our culture. The only common thread between our culture and God is that He is instantly accessible. Each time that we pray or read His word, we are engaging God on a personal level that is immediate. Our prayers do not end up in God's Spam folder or voicemail. The main difference though is that He may not answer our prayers, desires, or wants in a time that seems or feels appropriate to us. This is where we have to separate God's timing from our cultural expectations. There will be times when God will answer your prayer immediately, and then there will be times where you will "feel" as if He isn't even aware of your request. This is where learning to wait and trust in the Lord becomes necessary in our walk with Him.

God's Timing is Always Perfect

If you want to trust in God's timing, just remember His word. Psalm 37:7 says, "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him." Psalm 130:5 says, "I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope." There are so many examples of believers who have gone before us in the Bible who had to wait. Moses left Egypt for 40 years before he returned to lead the Hebrews out of slavery. Those years probably felt like an eternity to him, and perhaps a waste of time. But God used those years to prepare Moses for the work he would do. And imagine how long the 40 years of slavery felt to the Hebrews who were still in Egypt waiting for God's deliverance. We may never understand God's timing. He is working out all things to the benefit of humanity, even when it seems as if evil is winning. Our job is to remain faithful to Him and never give up as we wait patiently on His timing instead of our own. So when it seems as if God has fallen silent, remember that He is actively involved in the complete restoration of humanity.

In Christ,
Adam

Youth News



Celebrations

- ⇒ We've had three baptisms this month! Raleigh Van Natta, Emma Beck, and Bridger Beck were all baptized within the month of August
- ⇒ New students are in! August 22nd was the first day the new 6th graders joined us for The Pursuit.

Upcoming Stuff

- ⇒ Our "New to Pursuit" meeting is happening Tuesday, August 28th. This meeting is for the students who are in 6th grade AND their parents who are curious about the things we do at The Pursuit. The meeting will be in the high school room by the offices from 6:30-7:30PM
 - ⇒ The annual church picnic is happening August 26th, starting at 3PM! There will be food and games!
 - ⇒ There will be a worship night for middle and high school students late in the month of September. More information about the event will be given later!
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Polish Christian Ministries

ABOUT PCM

We assist Polish Christians in becoming healthy, growing, self-supporting, and reproducing congregations. We do this by planting churches, providing resources and building friendships.

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Jude 20-21

Recent Events With PCM

UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S CAMP

What a great week with the children from Ukraine! We believe many young lives were forever changed. Twenty-two children made first-time decisions to begin a relationship with Jesus while another forty-one came forward to take a step closer to Him. We give thanks for the OceanPointe Christian Church in Middletown, RI, who provided a team to serve at this camp.

ENGLISH CLASSES IN CIECHANOW

It was such a joy partnering with Krzysztof Adamkowski and the church in Ciechanów to provide five days of English classes for children, teens, and adults. We were very happy that sixty students participated in this event. A big thank you to Steve and Courtney Shuster from the Bloomsburg Christian Church (Bloomsburg, PA) for leading the team and preparing the curriculum. So many new relationships were developed and God is already producing fruit as a result of this endeavor.

Poland Quick Facts:

A democratic republic
located in north central Europe
about the size of New Mexico
capital city – Warsaw
38 million people
87% Catholic
0.4% Protestant (evangelical)
EU member since 2004
official language: Polish
currency: “złoty”



For more info on Polish Christian Ministries: www.pcmusa.org

"For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:9-11



SEPTEMBER

REGULAR SERVICES & CLASSES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Soul Café 5:45pm
Bible Study 6:30pm

09.02 Evening Services dismissed

09.03 Labor Day

09.06 Women's Bible Study
(9-11:30am & 6-8pm)

09.13 Women's Bible Study
(9-11:30am & 6-8pm)

09.20 Women's Bible Study
(9-11:30am & 6-8pm)

09.27 Women's Bible
Study
(9-11:30am & 6-8pm)



Announcements

Thanking God for the growth of His Kingdom! Joining in baptism are our brothers and sister

Sam VanNostrand
Was Baptized
July 29th, 2018

Raleigh Van Natta
Was baptized
August 5th, 2018

Johnette Hedrick
Was also baptized
August 5th, 2018

Emma Beck
Was baptized
August 19th, 2018

Bridger Beck
Was also baptized
August 19th, 2018

Scott Ottinger
Was baptized
August 22nd, 2018

Todd Bashaw
Was also baptized
August 22nd, 2018

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27



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